

building cost nearly \$5000 and reflects great credit on the congregation, which is as yet part of a mission charge, though it must soon become a self-sustaining congregation.

Bredalbane.—At this branch of the congregation of Virden, Manitoba, a commodious new church was recently opened by Professor Bryce of Winnipeg. The building is 30 by 50 feet in size, and is a conspicuous landmark, overlooking the Assiniboine Valley.

Sherbrooke, Quebec.—The twenty-fifth anniversary of the congregation in this thriving town was celebrated by the opening of a handsome new church, built at a cost of some \$20,000, and having seating capacity for 600. Principal Grant, Moderator of General Assembly, assisted by Professor Scrimger of Montreal, and Rev. Archd. Lee, pastor of the Church, conducted the dedicatory services. The contrast betwixt the old church and the new may be taken as an index of the steady and substantial growth of Presbyterianism in this part of the country.

W. F. M. SOCIETY, EASTERN SECTION.—The thirteenth annual meeting of this Society was held at Charlottetown on the 26th and 27th Sept. The society has made marked progress throughout the Maritime Synod. Two Presbyterian Societies have been organized, one in Sydney Presbytery, and the other in the Presbytery of Victoria and Richmond. Mrs. Ewart of Toronto was present and gave a most interesting account of the work in the Western Section. Mr. and Mrs. Morton, from Trinidad, spoke of the progress of the mission among the East Indian population there. The reports from auxiliaries showed excellent results during the year. The Pictou Presbyterian raised \$1,330.57; the Halifax Presbyterian, \$1,149; that of Truro, \$879; that of P.E. Island, \$201.27. The society, east and west, is evidently developing a spirit of liberality and a very warm and intelligent interest in the mission enterprise.

PRESBYTERIAL ITEMS.

MONTREAL.—At its last meeting made a new departure by setting apart a portion of its available time to the consideration, in an informal way, of a subject quite outside of the usual "routine"—"The Preaching needed for the Times" The result was a two hours, conversation, rather than a debate, which commended itself to the members as being much more to edification than a strife of words about matters of lesser importance, which not unfrequently occupy a deal of valuable time. The conference was opened by Dr. Campbell, who characterized "the Times" as being, for one thing, "a reading age." Ecclesiastical literature abounds and is read with avidity by those who occupy the pews as well as by preachers. The Times are sceptical. Hence the need of thoughtful and carefully prepared discourses. There is less religious enthusiasm

among the professors of Christianity than might be—comparatively few now-a-days are found crying out—"What must I do to be saved." What is most needed is a full and faithful proclamation of the Truth—due prominence being given to both the love of God and His justice in dealing with his creatures. The benefits arising from *Expository Preaching* were dwelt upon. Others claimed that a more specific preaching of Christ and Him crucified is what is most needed for the times. This subject is worthy the attention of all the Presbyteries.

The new MINNEDOSA PRESBYTERY has begun well in the same line by considering "How best to promote Spiritual Life." Several of the Presbyteries have given their attention to Mr. Fotheringham's scheme for promoting the "Higher Instruction of the Youth of the Church," while others have been setting forth the advantages of the "Christian Endeavour" movement, which is so largely endorsed in the United States.

PRICEVILLE, in the Presbytery of *Orangeville*, is vacant by the translation of Rev. D. Macleod to Kenyon, *Glengarry*. A handsome church was erected in 1888 at a cost of \$4,000. There is a good manse and a fine congregation of nearly 200 families—a "desirable" charge in all respects, but no candidate need present himself who is not skilled in the "Language of Paradise." The majority of the congregation are Highlanders.

SYDNEY.—Little Bras d'Or and Sydney Mines have been separated—Dr. D. MacMillan remaining in charge of the latter, and the former being erected into a new congregation. The remote congregation of Cape North has had a Presbyterian visitation.

PICTOU.—Resolutions in harmony with the Assembly's deliverance on the Jesuits' Estates Act have been passed, and pastors instructed to call the attention of their congregations to the matter.

MANITOBA ITEMS.

The following new churches have been opened recently: Gretna, by Rev. Dr. Duval; Bredalbane, by Rev. Dr. Bryce; Keewatin, by Revd's A. B. Baird, B.D., and J. K. Welch, Alexander; Martin Luther, Icelandic, Winnipeg, by Rev. Drs. Duval and Bryce. New churches are being built by North Church, Winnipeg, and Glenboro. There are still many vacancies in the North West: Fort William, Selkirk, Holland, Treherne, Manitou, Kildonan, Regina, and Carberry. Rev. W. J. Hall has been settled in Stonewall. Rev. A. Campbell, B.A., has been appointed to Wolseley; Rev. A. L. Logan to Selkirk; Rev. C. W. Bryden to Battleford, and Rev. A. Brown to Elkhorn. Rev. Mr. Rumball has accepted the call to High Bluff. Rev. P. Wright is doing a grand work in Portage la Prairie; and Rev. A. Urquhart has proved the very man