

Ministers and Churches.

At its last meeting the Presbytery of Huron nominated the Rev. A. D. McDonald, of Seaford, for the Moderatorship of the General Assembly.

THE Rev. James Robertson, Superintendent of Missions for Manitoba and the North-West, purposes visiting Montreal next week in the interests of his work.

At Chesterfield Church, Mr. John Campbell, M.D., of Seaford, the author of "The Land of Burns," gave an admirable lecture a few days ago, on Scottish character.

THE annual missionary meeting of St. Andrew's Church, Huntingdon, took place on Thursday last. The Rev. J. B. Muir, M.A., presided, and addresses were delivered by the Rev. Messrs. Rowat, of Athelstone, and Barclay and Warden, of Montreal. This congregation raised \$201 last year for the Schemes of the Church.

THE Moderator of the Session of Keady and Desboro' will moderate in a call to a minister on the 16th inst. The people are said to be united on the Rev. Mr. Stewart. The Presbytery has been in despair almost over its great number of vacancies, and the great difficulty of getting them supplied. Hope is dawning, even for the Far North.

In reporting last meeting of the Presbytery of Toronto, the following was omitted:—On motion made by Rev. J. Neil, it was agreed to instruct him as Convener of the Sabbath School Committee, to use the register prepared by the Assembly's committee, and to recommend schools within the bounds to use the class register and school record prepared by said committee.—R. M.

THE Presbytery of Owen Sound, on the 2nd of February, sustained a call to Mr. A. J. Colter, M.A. from Meaford and Griesville—salary, \$1,000. The call was accepted, and the induction fixed for February 16, at half-past one p.m., in Meaford. Mr. Colter has been ill for some months, and retired from the regular work. It affords his former congregations very great pleasure to have him with them again.

LAST week the death of the Rev. P. G. McGregor, D.D., of Halifax, was announced. His health had been impaired for some time. Expecting to derive benefit from the change he went to Europe, from which he returned only a short time since. Dr. McGregor was the son of the late Dr. McGregor, of Pictou, and held successively the charges of Guysboro' and Poplar Grove. He was a devoted and faithful minister, and a man of amiable and Christ-like character. Since the Union of 1875 he held the office of Agent of the Church for the Eastern Section. Dr. McGregor was a zealous promoter of missionary enterprise.

THE annual congregational meeting of the Parkdale Presbyterian Church was held last week. It was very largely attended, and great enthusiasm and interest were manifested in the proceedings by those present. The pastor, the Rev. R. P. Mackay, B.A., occupied the chair. Mr. A. G. Gowanlock, secretary-treasurer, acted as secretary. The receipts for 1885 were \$2,446.69; expenditure, \$2,150.71. The stipend of the pastor was increased to \$1,400. Messrs. Wanless, Stewart and Clark were elected managers. A large committee was constituted to devise a scheme for the erection of a new church. Messrs. Crichton and McKinlay were elected auditors.

A LARGE number of ladies connected with Charles Street congregation, Toronto, met on Friday evening, the 22nd inst., for the purpose of forming an auxiliary to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Canada Presbyterian Church. Mesdames Harvie, Ewart and McLaren gave most interesting statements respecting the work which is being accomplished by the parent society; and the members of the congregation present resolved to form an auxiliary to be known as the Charles Street Auxiliary of the Woman's Foreign Mission Society. The membership subscription is fixed at twenty-five cents, so that every woman of the congregation may become a member—a result which is confidently expected.

THE annual congregational meeting of Geneva Church, Chesley, was held on the 21st ult., the pastor, Rev. J. Ferguson, M.A., B.D., in the chair. The Sabbath school report showed a large increase in the average attendance, as compared with any previous year. Session reported that fifty-one new names had been added to the communion roll during the year, and twenty-one removed, thus raising the number of communicants—after careful revision of the roll—from 253 at last annual meeting to 283 at this one. Nine teen new families not hitherto identified with the membership of the Church as communicants united with the congregation during the year. The year just closed has been one of the most prosperous in the history of the congregation.

ST. JOHN'S Church, Brockville, Sabbath School had a most successful gathering lately, the basement being filled to its utmost capacity. After the refreshments, which were furnished with lavish hand, had been disposed of, Rev. Dr. Jardine took the chair, and a programme of readings, recitations and music was presented, which appeared to be fully appreciated. A pleasant feature of the evening was the presentation to Rev. Dr. Jardine, by Hon. W. J. Christie, on behalf of the congregation, of a cheque for \$100, as a mark of the esteem in which he is held and their appreciation of his services. Dr. Jardine was taken completely by surprise and made a brief reply. At the close of the evening each of the Sabbath school children received a present of fruit as they passed out.

THE annual meeting of Knox Church, Milton, was held lately—the Rev. M. C. Cameron, B.D., in the chair. The secretary read a carefully prepared report, which was received enthusiastically by the congregation. It showed a marked increase in every department of the church. The treasurer's report showed an increase in the Sabbath offerings of \$14, an increase of \$65 in the stipend account, and the large increase of \$286 in the building fund, chiefly owing to the activity of the ladies. Thirty-five new members were

added to the congregation, being the largest increase since the pastor's ordination. The pastor showed a falling-off in marriages, for which he was sorry. He could not explain why. The old managers were reappointed. Dr. Robertson was added to the staff of trustees. A hearty vote of thanks was tendered to the ladies. Their handsome new manse is now entirely free of debt. A harmonious meeting was brought to a close by the benediction.

THE following minute, relating to the loss sustained by the death of the Rev. P. S. Livingstone, was placed on the records of the Presbytery of Regina. As it has pleased God in His wise Providence to call from us the Moderator of our Presbytery, the late P. S. Livingstone, it is with feelings of heartfelt sorrow that we are this day called upon to record that sad event. We have lost in him a counsellor, a man whose place is not easily filled, one who was able to instruct us in the laws of the Church, and give wise and valuable suggestion in carrying out plans affecting the kingdom of our Master. As a member of Presbytery he was esteemed; as a brother, beloved, and as a co-labourer, earnest and energetic in the vineyard of our Lord. We feel our loss and are unable to express it in adequate terms. We also wish to convey to Mrs. Livingstone our heartfelt sympathy, and we pray that she may be able to realize in her dark and lonely hours that underneath are the everlasting arms.—A. URQUHART, Pres. Clerk.

THE twenty-sixth anniversary of the West Presbyterian Sabbath School was held Thursday evening, 4th of February. The large lecture or Sabbath school room was filled by the teachers, the young people, and their parents and friends. Several hymns and songs were sung by the Sabbath school choir, and in duets and triplets, and several recitations given in solos and duets; and a dialogue by a quartette of boys. The most marked feature of the entertainment was the singing and acting of Kindergarten songs and choruses. The report showed that there are forty-nine teachers and officers in the school, and 692 scholars on the roll, and that \$309.74 were raised by the school during last year. Between the Sabbath school and the congregation, nearly \$600 have been contributed to the Schemes of the General Assembly. The ordinary revenue of the church amounted to \$3,412. Besides this, the Sabbath school room was enlarged, costing nearly \$900—all paid. An excellent organ was placed in the church at an expense of about \$2,200, and also furnaces, being a total of over \$3,500 of extra expenses on improvements; which along with sums raised by Ladies' Aid Society, make the total amount raised about \$6,000. Thirty-two new members were added to the Church, at the communion on 31st of January, and the attendance is steady and increasing.

THE eighth anniversary of the dedication of Knox Church, Harrison, was observed on Sabbath, the 17th ult. The Rev. P. Wright, of Stratford, preached in the morning and evening to large congregations. On Monday evening a social was given, under the "Ladies' Aid Society," when 500 sat down to tea. The proceeds of the anniversary exceeded \$200. The congregation, since the opening of the church eight years ago, have paid yearly on an average over \$1,000 to the building fund. The annual meeting was held on the 26th ult. The reports submitted show the church to be in a very satisfactory state. The communion roll has increased during the pastorate of Dr. Campbell, which began soon after the dedication of the church, from 131 to 323, notwithstanding the large immigration to the North-West from the town and vicinity. The number of pupils attending the Sabbath school during 1885 has been nearly double that of any previous year. The only department in which the congregation does not make a creditable appearance and steady progress is that of the Schemes of the Church. The session deeply regret that more has not been done for outside work, and earnestly hope that, as the building debt is now reduced to a little over \$3,000, the congregation will soon be able to turn over a new leaf, so that they may realize the fact that "it is more blessed to give than to receive."

THE annual meeting of Stanley Street Presbyterian Church, Montreal, was held lately. The attendance was fairly large, and the reports submitted were, so far as regards the session and interests presided over by the pastor, most encouraging, showing a net gain to the membership during the year. Rev. J. McCaul, the pastor, reviewed the growth from the beginning in 1874 with a membership of seventy-five, many of whom had been removed, some by death, others from the city, while some had seen fit to remove to other churches, to a present membership of 272. During the seven years of Mr. McCaul's pastorate 350 had been added, an average of fifty per year; very encouraging, showing that there was spiritual life and growth manifested all through. The congregation has been largely composed of a class whose residence in the city is of a temporary nature, so that there is perhaps no congregation of its size and years whose membership can be traced from time to time to so many parts of the country and abroad. When Mr. McCaul took charge in 1879, the mortgage indebtedness was \$21,000, with a floating debt of nearly \$4,000, in all \$25,000. This has been reduced to \$3,700, a comparatively small amount. This reduction is largely due to the energetic, we might say herculean, efforts put forth by the pastor, associated with Col. A. A. Stevenson, the president of the board of management, and Mr. James Ross, the treasurer. The voluntary or weekly offering system is the one in use by this congregation. Non-church goers will find comfortable seats, to which they are made heartily welcome, and can give as much or as little as they see fit. The treasurer's report was as encouraging as could be expected, the last year having been a trying one for all the churches. Remarks were made by Sir William Dawson, Col. Stevenson, Messrs. James Ross, J. T. Henderson and W. Drysdale. The meeting finished up with refreshments, kindly furnished by the ladies of the congregation.

PRESBYTERY OF BARRIE.—This Presbytery met at Barrie on Tuesday, January 26; present twenty-three ministers and seven elders. Mr. David James was elected Moderator for

the next six months. Several session records were presented and examined. The motion ament Professor in Knox College, notice of which was given at last meeting, was brought up, viz.: "That the Presbytery nominate Dr. Proudfoot for the new chair in Church History, Homiletics and Pastoral Theology for Knox College." An amendment was proposed as follows: "That the Presbytery deem it inexpedient at the present time to appoint an additional professor for Knox College, and recommend that lecturers be appointed to give aid to the present professorial staff as the College Senate may deem necessary." The amendment was carried by a vote of nineteen against six. The moderators of Rosemont, etc., and Singhampton, etc., were instructed to ascertain the wishes of these congregations as to separation from this Presbytery with the view of their incorporation with the proposed Presbytery of Orangeville. There was a committee appointed to examine four catechists now in the mission field in order that they may be recommended to the Home Mission Committee as approved catechists. In view of the necessity of aid being given to the stations in Muskoka and Parry Sound districts for the erection of churches, leave was given to Mr. Findlay to make an appeal; and sanction was given to a proposed effort of Mr. G. Paton, elder, Windermere, to obtain help in building a church in that locality. A grant of \$20 was made from the Presbytery's fund toward payment of the debt on the church at Gibraltar station. Mr. McLeod addressed the Presbytery on the claims of the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund. The following resolution was unanimously adopted: "That the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund is deserving of more adequate support than it has yet received from our congregations; and that this Presbytery urges on every session to make a special appeal in its behalf and endeavour to secure for it, in addition to the ordinary collection, special contributions from the wealthier members of our congregations; and, further, that sessions in dividing congregational contributions be requested to consider the necessities of this Scheme as compared with the other Schemes of the Church." Next ordinary meeting of this Presbytery will be held at Barrie on the last Tuesday of March, at eleven a.m.—ROBERT MOODIE, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF REGINA.—A *pro re nata* meeting of the Presbytery of Regina was held in Knox Church, Regina, on Tuesday, the 19th ult., at two o'clock p.m. Present, Revs. S. J. Taylor, A. Robson, Hugh McKay, Alexander Hamilton and A. Urquhart. The Moderator, P. S. Livingstone, having, in the providence of God, been removed by death, Mr. Hugh McKay, Superintendent of Indian Missions, was appointed Moderator pro tem. The Clerk read the report from the Presbytery of Brandon ament the death of Mr. P. S. Livingstone, whose decease occurred within the bounds of said Presbytery. The Presbytery having sustained the action of the Clerk in convening its meeting, Mr. Hugh McKay, upon motion duly seconded, was appointed Moderator for the present term. Mr. A. Hamilton, ordained missionary, labouring within the bounds, having presented his Presbyterial papers, the Clerk was instructed to add his name to the roll of the Presbytery. A report was presented from the Superintendent of Missions, which was received and the following recommendations adopted, viz.: Mr. Angus Robertson was appointed to Lethbridge in the meantime until a missionary is secured, and was asked to give such supply to Fort McLeod and Pincher Creek as is practicable. Mr. A. B. Davidson was appointed to Saskatoon and Mr. A. Hall to Whitewood. Members of the Presbytery agreed to supply Broadview until April, when it is hoped that permanent supply can be procured. The action of the Home Mission Committee in recommending grants for church erection at Lethbridge, Fort McLeod and a manse at Medicine Hat was sustained. Grants were also recommended for church erection at Long Lake, Carsdale and Kumbrae. Mr. A. Hamilton's name was added to the Home Mission Committee, and A. Urquhart was appointed Convener in place of Mr. Livingstone. Mr. Hugh McKay was appointed on the synodical committee in the place of Mr. Livingstone. On application the Clerk was instructed to grant Presbyterial certificates to Messrs. Sinclair and Cameron, and also to report to Boards of the Church the death of Mr. P. S. Livingstone, that his widow may participate in the benefits of the Widows' Fund or Funds. Four months' leave of absence was granted Mr. S. J. Taylor, of Moose Jaw. Several other items of business were transacted. The Presbytery adjourned to meet at Qu'Appelle, and within the church there, on the first Tuesday of March, at two o'clock p.m.—A. URQUHART, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF MIRAMICHI.—The Presbytery met in the hall of St. James' Church, Newcastle, on Tuesday week, and was constituted with devotional exercises by Rev. W. Aitken, Moderator. There were nine ministers and one elder present. The minutes of three previous meetings were read and sustained. Rev. James Murray was asked to sit as corresponding member. A petition was read from the Nelson congregation asking for regular supply. The Rev. Wm. Aitken and Messrs. John Fleit and James Robinson were heard in support of the same. Mr. Aitken reported that Douglastown congregation had agreed to give \$450 per annum for fortnightly afternoon service. The following resolution was adopted in reference to the supply of these two congregations: "That a committee, consisting of Messrs. Aitken, McKay and Waits, be appointed to visit Douglastown and Nelson, and make arrangements as to supplying these places with a preacher together, and make all necessary arrangements in connection therewith." Rev. Mr. Russell gave in the report of the Commissioners' Expenses Fund, and Mr. Aitken was appointed treasurer for the current year. The clerical commissioners to the General Assembly were appointed as follow: Rev. Messrs. P. Lindsay, John McCarter, Wm. Aitken and E. Wallace Waits. The following lay commissioners were appointed: Dr. Macdonald and J. Hutchinson, of Hamilton, Ont., Andrew Wilson, of Nelson, Ont., James Hamilton, of Stratford, Ont. The Clerk laid on the table a call from Bass River in favour of Rev. J. H. Cameron, moderated in by Rev. William Hamilton, on the 29th December: it was signed by eighty-three members and 475 adherents. The stipend promised was \$750 per annum and manse. Mr. Hamilton prosecuted the call, and said it