

Ministers and Churches.

AT the last public meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of North Bay congregation, the thank offerings amounted to \$19.50.

THE annual social of the Presbyterian Church, Gladstone, was held on Friday week, and was very successful both financially and intellectually.

THE Rev. Mr. McKillop, of Lethbridge, preached a powerful sermon on temperance on Sunday week. He also preached the annual sermon to the St. Andrew's Society.

THE Rev. R. G. MacBeth has been offered by the Foreign Missions Committee of the Presbyterian Church the position of principal of the new industrial schools at Regina. His people however are anxious to retain him.

THE Rev. A. F. Mackenzie preached very acceptably in Gaelic to a large congregation in Knox Church, Oro, on Sunday week. The text was, "Woe unto those who are at ease in Zion." The ancient language is not dying out in Oro by any means.

COMMUNION services were held on Sabbath last in Carlton Street Presbyterian Church, of which Rev. S. Acheson, M.A., is pastor. Fourteen new members were added to the roll on this occasion. Rev. J. Leishman, of Chester, conducted the preparatory services.

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THE North Bay Presbyterian Church congregation held a very enjoyable social recently. The pastor, Rev. J. Goodwillie, presided. Refreshments liberally provided by the ladies, music, vocal and instrumental, readings and recitations, filled up a delightful evening. The proceeds amounted to sixteen dollars.

AN interesting and successful musical and literary entertainment was given in the lecture-room of the East Presbyterian Church, Oak Street, Toronto, last week in aid of the Association of Christian work. Rev. J. M. Cameron, pastor of the church, presided. The programme was a good one and each number was liberally applauded.

THE Rev. Dr. Sexton has received a very pressing invitation to accept the pastorate of the "West Norwood Congregational Church," London, England, one of the largest churches in the south of the British Metropolis, but has declined the call mainly on the ground that he prefers to remain in the Presbyterian denomination, and has no wish to leave this country.

THE Rev. John Gray gave a pleasing retrospective view of the progress of St. Andrew's Church, Windsor, on a recent Sunday, which was carefully prepared, and evidenced exhaustive knowledge of detail. For twenty years he has been actively engaged in pastoral duties, and in 1879 officiated in a frame building to a membership of 300. To-day there are 1,300 members worshipping in the fine church in which this sermon was delivered.

THE Brampton Auxiliary to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society has just completed a most successful year. A great increase of interest has been shown by the attendance at the monthly meetings. With a membership of seventy the average attendance for the year was forty-eight. A special thank offering meeting was held in November which was largely attended. Excellent addresses were delivered by Mrs. Ewart, president of the Presbyterian Society, and Miss Smith, of Toronto. The officers for next year are: Mrs. Gray, president; Mrs. R. McClure, 1st vice-president; Mrs. Murray, and vice-president; Mrs. Corbet, treasurer; Miss Smith, secretary.

THE regular meeting of the Presbyterian Sabbath School Union was held in the lecture-room of St. James Square Presbyterian Church last Friday evening. Mr. D. Fotheringham presided. The report of the secretary, Mr. James McNab, showed that thirty-six schools are represented in the city, and in these there are 9,814 scholars. The officers and teachers number 1,020. These were the officers elected for 1891: Mr. Hamilton Cassels, Q.C., president; Mr. D. Fotheringham, first vice-president; Mr. Archibald MacMurchy, M.A., second vice-president; Mr. James McNab, secretary; Mr. William Kerr, treasurer. Messrs. Thomas Kirkland, John A. Patterson, R. S. Gourlay, D. T. McAinch and Rev. John McP. Scott, executive committee.

THE Rev. Dr. Torrance wishes to inform Presbyterian Clerks that, in the end of November, he mailed to them the slips for collecting the statistics of congregations and stations, and, on December 6, sheets for engrossing the returns when received for the use of the General Assembly's Committee on Statistics. He has also mailed a circular to each Clerk for other information than that asked from congregations, which he desires to have filled up and returned at the same time with the sheet for Presbyterian reports. The names and addresses of Clerks, with the exception of Chatham, have been taken from the rolls of Presbyteries in the appendix to the minutes of the General Assembly. Surplus papers have been included in each parcel, but if the number is not sufficient, or if there is any change of address, he would feel obliged for advice of the same as soon as possible. The returns should be forwarded to him at Guelph, Ontario.

THE induction of the Rev. W. J. Mitchell to the pastorate of the Thorold Presbyterian Church, a very interesting event, took place recently. The large auditorium of the church was well filled by members of the various local denominations. Rev. George Burson, of St. Catharines, conducted the services very impressively. After the opening service, Rev. Mr. Crawford delivered a most eloquent and appropriate sermon, taking for his text Psalm xxii. Mr. Burson then put the questions of the formula to Mr. Mitchell, which having been satisfactorily answered, he was inducted into the pastoral

charge of the congregation. Rev. J. H. Ratcliffe, of St. Catharines, then addressed the minister, and Rev. J. A. Young, of Niagara Falls, the people. The service was closed by Rev. Mr. McQuag pronouncing the benediction, thereafter Mr. Mitchell received a cordial and encouraging welcome.

THE Rev. John Rennie, Spanish River, writes: Having charge of this outpost of the Home Mission field in the Algoma District I write this to say that I was much pleased to receive, about two months ago, from one of our city congregations, an excellent parcel of illustrated papers for distribution. It consisted chiefly of copies of the *British Workman*, *Cottage and Artisan*, *Band of Hope Review*, *Leisure Hour*, etc. As we had during the summer months about eighty men employed here in connection with the mill of the Spanish River Lumber Co., I distributed most of the papers among them. They were much appreciated. Permit me to point out that here is a method by which a vast amount of good might be accomplished. The mill here is now shut down for the winter, and most of our men have gone away to the lumber woods, thirty or forty miles distant, where they will have little or no reading matter of an elevating character, and where, for months, they will have no preached Gospel. Who will help to place some good and attractive reading matter among these men? If any other congregations have spare copies of any of the above or similar papers, and will send them to me by mail I shall be only too glad to forward them to such of the camps as I can reach. The address is Rev. John Rennie, Spanish River, Ont.

A MOST enjoyable concert and social meeting was given by the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavour last week in the spacious school-rooms of St. Paul's Church, Hamilton, and was attended by a large and happy gathering of the young people and their friends, to whom the reception committee extended a hearty welcome. After the Rev. Dr. Lidlaw had asked the divine blessing on the meeting, a delightful programme of vocal and instrumental music was rendered by the musical talent of St. Paul's, the vocalists being Mrs. McArthur, Mrs. Vallance, Miss Annie B. Osborne, Mr. Sydney Grant and Mr. Mark Wilson. The instrumentalists were Miss Darby, Miss Osborne, Miss Annie Vallance, Miss Anna Laidlaw and Mr. C. L. M. Harris, organist, as principal accompanist. Mr. T. Donovan also kindly contributed a piano solo, which was much appreciated. At the close of the programme the refreshment room was opened, when the members of the refreshment committee hospitably entertained their guests, and the evening concluded with pleasant social intercourse, making all who were present desirous of attending the next gathering of a similar nature. It is gratifying to see so much interest manifested by the young people in the work of their society, and such meetings cannot but be productive of good results.

MR. C. M. COPELAND, of Winnipeg, provincial secretary for the Young Men's Christian Association, spent a busy week at Regina. He arrived in time to be present at the opening of the splendid rooms of the branch of the association just organized at the North-West capital. On the following Sunday he spoke in the morning at Knox Church, and in the afternoon addressed a meeting of active members of the Young Men's Christian Association in the rooms; in the evening he assisted at the services at the Methodist Church, and at half-past eight addressed a large audience of young men at a Gospel meeting in the rooms. On Monday the Board of Managers of the Young Men's Christian Association were invited to tea with Mr. Copeland by Mr. W. J. Chisholm, principal of the public schools, when the future of the work in Regina was discussed; and a meeting with the like object was held in the rooms on Tuesday evening. On Wednesday evening Mr. Copeland seized a golden opportunity for sowing Young Men's Christian Association seed throughout the territories. Representative Christian people from all over the territories were attending a Sunday school convention at Regina, and Mr. Copeland gave a dinner at the Lansdowne to a large number of them, after which an adjournment was made to the drawing-room, and an admirable address given by the energetic secretary.

THERE was a fine gathering at the public meeting of Knox College Missionary Society in Convocation Hall last Friday evening. Mr. Robert Kilgour presided. After a few appropriate opening remarks by the chairman, Mr. Peter E. Nichol read a paper on "Our Society and its Work," in which he humorously described the experiences that a student undergoes in taking up work in a new congregation. Mr. Tozo Ohno, the son of a Japanese general, and a graduate of the university of Tokio, who is going back to his native country to engage in the work of the Gospel, contributed a paper on "Missionary Work in Japan," in which he referred to the many difficulties with which a missionary meets who enters a country where there are only 32,000 Christians, and where in days past foreigners had been expelled on account of the political interference of the Roman Catholic missionaries. After a quartette by Messrs. Nixon, Han-nahson, Grant and Mann, the address of the evening was delivered by Rev. D. C. Hossack, M.A., LL.B., of Orangeville. He spoke eloquently of "Missionary Incentives," the greatest of which was Christ's commission to carry the Gospel into every nation. He drew a striking contrast between the amounts raised for Foreign Missions and the sums spent on such paltry things as feminine cosmetics. He emphasized the need there was for the teaching and training of children in favour of missions. Then there was some striking statistics, such as that Europe maintained 12,000,000 of a standing army and only 6,000 missionaries. Christians throughout the world gave one cent a year for missions, while they gave nearly a dollar for warfare. The address ended with an eloquent appeal for greater liberality towards missions.

THE congregation of St. James' Presbyterian Church, London, is evidently in a prosperous state. They have added a lecture room to their present edifice, which will prove valuable for Sun-

day school and prayer-meeting purposes, the objects for which it was built. Its dimensions are 24 x 45 feet; it is tastefully finished and cost about \$1,000. Last week this new structure was formally opened by a pleasant gathering of a large number of members of the church and their friends who were first taken into the new hall and treated liberally to refreshments, served up by the young people, who all wore badges. Afterwards an adjournment was made to the church, where a programme of speeches and music was given. The latter part consisted of a solo by Mrs. Colwell, which was encored; also solos by Misses Hiscott and Raymond and Mr. Frank Soper, and a duet by Mrs. Colwell and Mr. Crone; also selections from the choir. Mr. Charles Wheeler, organist at St. Andrew's, was accompanist. The pastor, Rev. Mr. Talling, was chairman, and in a few words he told of the liberality he had met with from citizens generally in contributions to their new hall, for which he was very thankful. Rev. Mr. Murray said there were Presbyterians enough in the city, without the slightest attempt at sheep-stealing, to fill every Presbyterian church in the city, and he pointed to his Methodist friends as a body who knew what church extension meant. Rev. Messrs. A. C. Courtice, George Boyd, Mr. Ball and Rev. W. J. Clarke addressed the meeting.

"MANITOBA" writes: The recent visit to British Columbia and Manitoba of the Rev. Dr. Cochran, of Bantford, suggests a thought which your correspondent would like to give publicity to through the columns of your paper. Wherever Dr. Cochran preached he was greeted, I believe, with large congregations, those in Brandon I know being particularly large. New life seemed to be infused by his expected appearance in the churches as evidenced by the greetings with which he was met on all sides. This state of affairs was brought about not so much from the preacher's fame as an orator, though his pulpit ability was doubtless not lost sight of, but from the fact that it was known that the Doctor was one of the leaders of our Church, and has had not a little to do with the wise counsels that have prevailed in its courts in the past, and it seemed as if all who had any sympathy with Presbyterianism were anxious to hear and see "the little man." Dr. Cochran's sunny temperament contributed not a little to the favourable impression he made wherever he went, and we venture the opinion that his visit has given a lasting impetus to Presbyterianism in these portions of the Dominion. But what I wish to point out is that such visits from our prominent preachers might be more frequent than they are, and to this end let our city congregations exercise some self-denial and send out their ministers to re-preach some of their best sermons in some of the smaller churches, not necessarily in British Columbia and Manitoba, thereby infusing added life into those congregations that cannot luxuriate week in and week out listening to pulpit orators. Perhaps here our Church can learn from the Methodist Church which does not altogether permit the city churches to monopolize all their preachers of ability. These latter remarks are made with the greatest respect to the pastors of our smaller congregations.

THE Hamilton Spectator says: The Presbyterian Church at Strabane is a substantial stone structure which was erected twelve years ago upon a beautiful elevation, on the west side of the Brock Road about ten miles north of Dundas. It will comfortably seat about 500 and has a commodious lecture room, vestry and kitchen, but no mortgage. While the congregation have worshipped for a decade in their Sunday home, they have been more or less annoyed by smoke caused by a defective flue. All attempts to regulate the furnace having failed to give satisfaction, the managers finally decided to build a new and larger outlet for the smoke. This was immediately followed by a thorough renovation of the building. The contract was awarded to Holcomb Bros., of Hamilton. The walls and ceiling, which formerly presented a rather dingy appearance, having received three coats of paint, with artistic blending of shade and ornamental work of colouring and gilt, are now in harmony with the rest of the structure and present a decidedly pretty appearance as the light falls upon them through the stained windows. The vestry has also been improved by the addition of some new furniture and a new carpet through the exertions of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavour. On Sunday, November 30, re-opening services were conducted, morning and afternoon, by the Rev. Principal Caven, D.D., of Knox College, Toronto. In the evening a consecration prayer-meeting was held, presided over by the pastor, Rev. D. G. Cameron, and assisted by Dr. Caven and J. Scott, B.A., of Knox College. Several of the young people of the congregation also took part. The services throughout were of a most delightful character, and we trust good and lasting impressions have been made. On the Monday evening following a tea-meeting was held, which was well attended. Mr. Smith, public school inspector of Wentworth, occupied the chair. Addresses by Revs. Gay, Conoe, Robertson, Athoe and the pastor; readings by Misses Mills and Murdoch; song by Mr. Scott; trio of Mrs. Williams and Mr. and Mrs. Johnstone, and choice selections by the Carlisle choir made up the programme. The proceeds amounted to over \$100.

THE London Advertiser says: Perhaps the most interesting event in the history of the Presbyterian Church of Ailsa Craig and Carlisle was the induction of the new pastor, Rev. D. L. Dewar, which took place last week, the Rev. W. S. Ball, Moderator of London Presbytery, presiding. Besides the chairman and the new pastor, there were present Rev. Mr. Talling, of London; Rev. Mr. Cameron, of East Williams; Rev. Dr. Thompson, of Bryanstown; Rev. Mr. Savage, and the resident ministers of the village. The gathering was so large that shortly after the time appointed for beginning the service standing room in the church could not be obtained. The entire service was very interesting and profoundly impressive. Rev. Mr. Ball opened the meeting with prayer, and after the usual preliminaries Rev. Mr. Talling addressed the congregation, taking for the subject of his remarks Isaiah lviii. 1. He very beautifully expounded God's

commission to minister to people, and clearly set forth the duty of the people to their pastor and of the pastor to his people. Rev. Mr. Cameron addressed the new pastor in words most suitable to the occasion. Rev. Mr. Ball, for the Presbytery, then charged the congregations in an instructive address, leaving no chance for the people to misunderstand their duty to their minister. The new pastor was welcomed by the Presbytery, the elders, members and adherents of the congregations in the usual way, after which the Rev. Dr. Thompson pronounced the benediction. A cordial invitation was extended to the whole assemblage to repair to the hall on Main street, where an elaborate feast had been spread by the ladies of the two congregations. Tea was served from five till eight, and fully 400 people must have partaken of the splendidly-prepared meal. The gathering then reassembled in the church, where addresses of congratulation and welcome were delivered by the visiting and resident ministers. Music was discoursed by the Union choir, a duet and chorus by the Misses Shipley and the choir, a quartet by the Misses Overholt and Messrs. McFarlane and Shipley were rendered and a short address was delivered by the new pastor, after which the proceedings of the day were brought to a close.

THE Rev. Joseph Johnston, formerly of Hornby and Omagh, was inducted to the pastoral charge of the Presbyterian Churches of Cayuga and Mount Healy by the Presbytery of Hamilton recently. The Presbytery met in Cayuga church at two o'clock. There were present the Rev. Messrs. Wells, Jarvis; Shearer, Caledonia; McQuarrie, Nelson; McKnight, Dunville; Mr. Parker, elder, and others, with whom were associated Rev. Mr. Kelly, Methodist minister, Cayuga. There was a large attendance, the church being quite full. The Rev. Mr. Wells, Moderator, presided, and constituted the Presbytery with prayer. The Rev. Mr. McQuarrie ascended the pulpit and delivered a most appropriate and practical discourse on "The Assurance of Eternal Life." Prayer having been offered, the Moderator gave Mr. Johnston the right hand of fellowship and formally inducted him as minister of the charge. Rev. Mr. Shearer then delivered a most solemn and impressive address to the new pastor. He was followed by Rev. Mr. McKnight who addressed the people in suitable terms on the duties of the congregation to their minister. After the induction the ladies of the Church in Cayuga and Mount Healy welcomed all to tea from five to seven p.m. in the basement of the Methodist church, which was placed at their disposal by the Rev. Mr. Kelly. At half-past seven the Presbyterian church was again crowded with an immense gathering of members and friends, happy in the possession of their new minister. Mr. James Mitchell occupied the chair. Of the speakers, Mr. Colter spoke in good form, pleasantly and in his soul-stirring words, of the influence of the Church from a moral and political standpoint. Rev. Mr. Kelly followed in ecologic strain, and in his genial, kindly way welcomed the new clergyman as a Christian co-worker, a man and a citizen. Rev. Mr. McKnight spoke very shortly of his good feeling from a personal standpoint. Mr. Goodman and the chairman then broke a lance in true knightly style. Mr. Kinnear spoke agreeably of "the spur of the moment," and other incentives to action, being especially effective in confusing the idea that the Church was losing hold, and in consequence the empire of which we are so proud already shows signs of decay. Rev. Mr. Wells at some length humorously described the starving-out process, and hoped the present enthusiasm would long continue. In the interval the choir rendered excellent music, being strengthened by the Fallis Brothers, of Jarvis. Then before closing the new minister was called upon and responded to the encouraging welcome tendered him.

PRESBYTERY OF COLUMBIA.—A special meeting of this Presbytery was held in the church, Kamloops, on the 26th of November for the induction of the Rev. Archibald Lee, B.A., late of Sherbrooke, Quebec, to the pastoral charge of the congregation of Kamloops. The Rev. J. K. Wright, of Spillamacheen, presided and addressed the minister. The Rev. P. F. Lanquill, of Vernon, preached, and the Rev. D. MacRae, of Victoria, addressed the congregation. Also at Vancouver on the 27th of Nov. for the induction of the Rev. G. R. Maxwell, late of Three Rivers, Quebec, to the pastoral charge of the First Presbyterian Church there. Rev. J. A. Jaffray, B.A., Moderator of the Presbytery, presided. The Rev. Alexander Tait, of Langley, preached; the Rev. J. M. McLean, of Vancouver, addressed the minister, and the Rev. E. D. McLaren, B.D., addressed the congregation.—D. MACRAE, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF LINDSAY.—This Presbytery met at Wick on November 25. A call to the Rev. T. A. Cosgrove, B.A., Port Hope, from Cambray and Oakwood congregation was sustained and the Clerk instructed to forward it. A call from Woodville was given in by Rev. R. Johnston, B.A., addressed to Rev. A. McAulay, B.A., of Kingston Presbytery, which was sustained and forwarded. The Rev. R. Johnston was appointed to prosecute the call at Kingston Presbytery, and Messrs. J. C. Gilchrist and John Gunn, commissioners from Woodville congregation. In the event of the translation being granted the following arrangements were made, viz: The Moderator to preside; Rev. W. Galloway to preach, Rev. D. C. Johnson to address the minister and Rev. J. Cameron the congregation. The Rev. W. G. Mills being appointed to a charge in New Westminster, Columbia, by the Home Mission Committee, the Rev. A. G. McLachlan pleaded for Mr. Mills' translation. Commissioners were heard from Sunderland and Vroomanton, and the translation of Mr. Mills was granted. Rev. P. A. McLeod, of Sonja, was appointed to declare the charge vacant on the 30th inst., and act as Moderator of the Session. The Rev. A. G. McLachlan's resignation of the pastoral charge of Leaskdale and Zephyr was taken up. Mr. McLachlan and commissioners from the