

## Ministers and Churches.

In a paragraph which appeared last week relating to Calvin Church, Montreal, the number of members should have read 531.

The Rev. Dr. Duffield, of Detroit, lectured last week in Central Presbyterian Church, Hamilton, on the Catacombs of Rome.

THREE have been received per THE CANADA PRESBYTERIAN from W.S.J. the sum of twenty dollars for the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund.

A SERIES of special evangelistic services was held in Central Church, Toronto, last week. The Rev. William Meikle, who has been engaged in this work for several years, took an active part in the services.

THE Rev. T. F. Fotheringham, St. John, N. B., has a few copies left of the question papers for the recent examinations. He will be happy to send samples to any that wish them while the supply lasts.

THE largest Sabbath school in the Presbytery of Barrie, according to the Presbyterian Sabbath School Report, is that of Collingwood, which has a roll of 548 pupils. We congratulate the superintendent and teachers.

THE Session of Knox Church, Stratford, has invited Mr. D. M. Buchanan, B.A., student of Knox College, who assisted their recent pastor, Rev. Mr. Wright, during the holiday months, to return and take charge of the congregation for the months of April and May.

THE congregation of Knox Church, Woodstock, on March 16 completed by envelope its contribution to the Augmentation Fund, the amount being \$116. Its other contributions are: Knox College, \$80; Home Missions, \$400; Foreign Missions, \$425; French Evangelization, \$75; Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, \$52; Assembly Expense Fund, \$12. Total, \$1,159.

AT a congregational meeting held on Wednesday evening week the members of Charles Street Church, Toronto, chose the name Westminster for their new church about to be erected on Bloor Street East. Charles Street Church has greatly prospered under Rev. Mr. Neill's pastorate, and the accommodation of the present building has become too limited, so that the erection of a new church is a necessity.

THE attention of ministers and elders attending the closing exercises of Knox College, whether on Senate Board or Alumni, is called to the new railway regulations. If fifty or over attend, return tickets will be issued for one-third fare. Receipt on standard certificate must be obtained at starting point; these are furnished free by the agent. Immediately on arrival hand the certificate to Rev. W. Burns, who will sign and certify how many have attended.

THE Rev. Principal Caven preached in the West Presbyterian Church, Toronto, last Sabbath evening for Rev. Mr. Wallace, who is retiring from active service after a pastorate of nearly forty years. Mr. Wallace has built up a large congregation, and his labours and missionary work extend over nearly half a century in Ontario and Quebec. Dr. Caven referred in feeling terms to his long and arduous ministry in Canada, and paid a high tribute to his Christian patriotism.

A CROWDED house greeted the popular pastor of the Presbyterian Church, West Toronto Junction, Rev. James A. Grant, at the annual social given in the church Friday night. Every selection on the programme was well received. On the platform were seated Dr. Gilmore, M.P.P., His Worship Mayor St. Leger, ex-Mayor Clendenan and the local ministers, all of whom delivered short addresses. Refreshments were served and the well pleased company dispersed.

THE following gentlemen have been elected members of the university council of Queen's: Rev. Daniel McTavish, Toronto; Hon. M. Sullivan and Hiram A. Calvin, Kingston; D. T. Gibson, Belleville; Donald McIntyre, Rev. J. K. McMorine, Kingston; Alex. G. McBean, Montreal; Robert H. Preston, M.P.P., Newboro'; Dr. Connell, Kingston; John B. Dow, Whitby. The three first-named gentlemen are entitled to sit till 1896; the succeeding seven to 1895.

THE Rev. Donald Fraser Sage, of Keiss, died of inflammation of the lungs on Tuesday week. He was the only son of the late Rev. Donald Sage, of Resolis, whose autobiography, "Memorabilia Domestica," he prepared for the press last year. Ordained in Canada, where he had charge of the congregation of Parkhill for several years, he settled in Keiss ten years ago. He is survived by his wife, a daughter of Rev. Dr. Thomson, of Constantinople, and four young children.

THE Guthrie Presbyterian congregation of Harriston held their anniversary services on the first Sabbath of February, when the Rev. D. McGillivray, of London, preached two appropriate and acceptable discourses. On account of the prevalence of sickness, the annual social was not held until March 7, when an excellent lecture, which gave general satisfaction, was delivered by Professor Pantou, of Guelph Agricultural College, on the great "Mammoth Caves of Kentucky." Proceeds of all the services, \$206.

MR. SAMUEL CARR was recently waited on by a deputation from the members and adherents of Chalmers Church, Keady, and presented with a valuable fur overcoat and fur gauntlets as a slight token of the esteem in which he is held by the congregation. Mr. Carr has filled the office of precentor and treasurer for the last twenty years, or ever since the congregation was organized, during which time his place has seldom been found vacant. He has always been to the front in whatever concerned the welfare and progress of the congregation generally.

ST. JOHN'S congregation, Brockville, held their annual meeting recently. The various reports showed a gratifying state of prosperity. There has been marked advance in every department of the congregation's work. The receipts for ordinary expenses were \$1,800; for church debt, \$1,800; for missionary purposes, \$550; for benevolence, \$120. One notable feature of the annual meeting was the adoption by unanimous vote of the "free pew system." That the trustees and congregation have faith in the voluntary system is evident from the fact that they have increased the stipend of their pastor, Rev. Alexander McGillivray, from \$1,000 to \$1,200.

THE annual meeting in connection with the congregation of Boston Church, Esquimaux, was held in the church recently. There was a good attendance of members and adherents. The various reports submitted were very encouraging, and show the congregation to be in a prosperous condition under the pastorate of Rev. Mr. Milne. The report of the Session showed that seventeen were received by profession of faith into the fellowship of the congregation. The treasurer's report showed a marked increase over previous years. The total amount contributed for all purposes was \$2,026, and of this \$890 was paid for stipend, to the Schemes of the Church, \$353, including \$73 for Women's Foreign Missionary Society, and \$600 for Manse Fund.

THE Strathroy Dispatch says: The Presbytery of Sarnia held their March meeting at the town by the river last week, when the call from the Strathroy congregation to Rev. W. G. Jordan, B.A., was dealt with. The commission appointed by the congregation to appear before the Presbytery to urge the call, consisting of George Thompson, W. H. Murray, William Geddes and James Noble, addressed the meeting, and after due consideration it was sustained unanimously. Mr. Jordan, in a few neat and appropriate remarks, accepted the call, when it was decided that the induction should take place on Good Friday. Rev. J. Thompson, D.D., to address the people, Rev. George Cuthbertson the minister, and Rev. J. Anderson acting as Moderator. The congregation are to be heartily congratulated in their choice, believing that in the reverend gentleman Strathroy secures a cultivated, refined and eloquent preacher of

God's Word. We trust his pastorate will be one of the most pleasant and successful kind, and that his residence in Strathroy will be in every respect happy and for the general good.

A MOST enjoyable evening was spent in the lecture room of the Presbyterian church, Strathroy, on Friday evening last, under the auspices of the young ladies of the congregation. The chair was very acceptably filled by Dr. A. Thompson, a large audience being present, who were instructed and entertained by the following ladies and gentlemen, each performing their parts with ability: Misses Martin and Pincombe, and Messrs. Bert Mitchell and J. J. Noble gave solos in excellent voice, while the reading of Miss Anderson and the recitation by Miss Robertson were of the highest order, and the address by Mr. P. H. Bartlett full of excellent hints as to the value of a church having an organization for the purpose of cultivating and developing literary aspirations. During the evening coffee, sandwiches and cake were partaken of, served in a very enticing way by the young ladies, the arrangements being unique and very complete, reflecting credit on those who looked after this relishable portion of the evening's enjoyment. The net proceeds, we understand, figured twenty-eight dollars, which goes to the worthy object of the Ladies' Aid Society.

THE annual meeting of the Brockville Presbytery of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was held at Spencerville on the 11th inst. There was a large attendance of delegates and the hospitality of the good people of Spencerville was unbounded. There are now within the bounds of the Presbytery of Brockville eighteen auxiliaries and nine mission bands, being an increase of five auxiliaries and six mission bands over last year. The receipts, too, show a gratifying increase for the same period, then the amount sent to the general treasurer was \$550; this year it will be \$750. In the course of the year an effort will be made to organize in every congregation and station a mission band. The following officers were appointed for the coming year: Mrs. Blair, Prescott, president; Mrs. Kellock, Spencerville, vice-president; Mrs. Gibson, Morrisburg, recording-secretary; Mrs. Dowley, Prescott, corresponding-secretary; Mrs. Alex. Macvillivray, Brockville, treasurer; Mrs. J. J. Bell, Mrs. J. M. Gill, Brockville, auditors. The next annual meeting will be held at Cardinal. Mrs. Dowley will represent the Presbytery at the general meeting in Hamilton.

THE Waterdown Auxiliary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church gave an At Home on Thursday, February 27. A large number of ladies attended. An excellent programme was prepared. After devotional exercises Mrs. E. H. Robson, president, gave an earnest and stirring address on the progress of the work during the past year, and urging all to greater zeal for the coming year. Miss Sarah Thompson, secretary, gave a full report of the work in our own auxiliary, also the great work that is being done in the general Society. Much personal good having arisen from intercourse with one another. A solo was then beautifully rendered by Mrs. Dr. McGregor—"Nearer my God to Thee." A most interesting paper was then read by Miss Forbes on the Annual Meeting held in Toronto, which should prove a stimulus in encouraging a large number to attend the coming annual meeting to be held in Hamilton. A solo, "One Sweetly Solemn Thought," was feelingly sung by Miss Jennie Wilson. A solo, "Memories of Galilee," was also sweetly sung by Miss Misner. An able and carefully prepared paper on "Women in India" was read by Miss Mary Wilson. The first part of the programme was brought to a close by Mrs. Sealey singing the beautiful solo, "God be with you till we meet again." A social tea was then partaken of, after which the ladies enjoyed looking at a number of curios from Japan and India, kindly loaned by Misses Wilson and Foster. The president then gave an urgent invitation to the ladies to join the auxiliary, after which they had the pleasure of adding ten new members. The Reception Committee were, Mrs. Bleakeley, Miss Mary Little and Miss Maggie Forbes. A vote of thanks was then moved by Mrs. George Forbes, and seconded by Mrs. Dr. McLaren, to the ladies for the pleasant entertainment provided.

THE eighth annual meeting of the Montreal Woman's Missionary Society was held on Tuesday, March 18, at half-past two p.m., in the lecture hall of Crescent Street Presbyterian Church. There was an unusually large attendance of ladies and much interest manifested in the proceedings. After the usual devotional exercises, conducted by the president, Mrs. K. Campbell, an address of welcome to representatives of auxiliaries and visitors from sister societies was read by Mrs. Nicholls and responded to by Mrs. Ross, of Lachine, and Miss McKeracher, of Howick. The president's address was followed by the reading of the annual report of the Society by Miss S. J. MacMaster, recording secretary. It was very full and comprehensive, and gave minute details of all the operations of the Society for the past year. Madame Cote had continued her arduous labours from house to house, assisting the French pastors, bringing in children to the Sabbath schools, and helping the teachers who conduct the mission sewing schools. An average attendance of seventeen mothers and twenty-four children had been present at the meetings conducted in the Nazareth Street Mission room. Miss McSweeney, the trained nurse employed by the Society as a city missionary has paid 1,191 visits among the sick poor, including sixty-four nights spent with patients. Of this work the superintendent's report says: "While in employing a trained nurse our aim is to have the sick poor intelligently cared for, we are careful to employ in this capacity a truly Christian woman, who, while soothing their pain, will speak to them of the great Healer in whom she trusts for a blessing on her labours." The reports from auxiliaries were read by Miss Langrill, and short addresses were given by ladies representing the "Canadian Woman's Board," "Baptist Woman's Missionary Society" and "Congregational Woman's Board of Missions." The treasurer, Miss McIntosh, reported four new life members. The income of the Society for the year (apart from the Pointe-aux-Trembles Fund) amounted to \$1,615, of which about \$700 is spent on French and English city mission work. The contributions from nine auxiliaries were devoted chiefly to Foreign Missions. The Pointe-aux-Trembles Committee reported that their treasurer, Mrs. Paul, had received, up to January last, \$4,118, much of it from friends in Ontario, but that as \$9,000 was the sum required according to latest estimates, they had been seriously discouraged as to the prospect of being able to raise the balance, "an offer of help came to them in a manner that seemed to them the direct providence of God." This was in Mrs. Ross, of Brucefield, Ont., suggesting and offering to carry out what is known as the "Monthly Letter Scheme." The report continues: "Your committee cannot but express their deep sense of gratitude for the zeal and energy with which Mrs. Ross has devoted her time, thought and labour to this plan. It would be premature as yet to speak of results, but our earnest hope is that this effort, begun, continued and ended in faith and much prayer—in the conducting of which the divine guidance has been sought at every step—may be crowned with success." The office-bearers elected for the coming year were: Mrs. G. A. Grier, president; Mrs. R. Campbell, Mrs. J. Nichols, Mrs. J. Tasker, and Mrs. J. A. MacMaster, vice-presidents; Mrs. McIntosh, treasurer; Miss S. J. MacMaster, recording secretary; Mrs. A. C. Leslie and Miss Langrill, corresponding secretaries; with an executive board of twenty-one members. At the close of the afternoon session tea was served, to which the members of Presbytery and other gentlemen were invited; and a pleasant interval was spent, enlivened by choice musical selections rendered by Mrs. Dewey, Miss S. J. MacMaster and Rev. Mr. Heine. At eight p.m. the Presbytery of Montreal held an adjourned meeting in the same place, when, among other reports, they received and adopted the report of the Woman's Mission Society, and expressed their great satisfaction with the work done in several very complimentary speeches. A large audience was present during the discussion.

THE seventh annual meeting of the Lanark and Renfrew Presbytery of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was held at Perth, on Tuesday, February 25. A morning session was held at ten o'clock, for the election of officers, and transaction of business matters, Mrs. Irving, president, presiding. Almost all the auxiliaries and mission bands in the Presbytery were well represented. After prayer by Mrs. Milne, and reading the minutes of the last meeting, the first matter discussed was with regard to the letter leaflet which is now issued free to life members only. It was thought advisable that every auxiliary and mission band should take a magazine in order to keep abreast of the times, and foster a greater love for missionary intelligence. The following were highly recommended by some of the auxiliaries: *Woman's Work for Woman*, *Missionary Review of the World*, and for mission bands, *Mission Studies*. Invitations were then extended to the society by the Almonte and Perth auxiliaries asking that the next annual meeting be held at either of these places. The question of the membership fee was next taken up, after which the following resolutions were put to the meeting: 1. The Presbyterian Society of Lanark and Renfrew, after due consideration and careful deliberation, are pleased to say they cordially and heartily agree with the proceedings of the Executive Committee of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and gladly sustain their action, expressing their high appreciation of onerous duties performed, so quietly, pleasantly and cheerfully by the Board of Management. Long may the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society have such loyal standard bearers. 3. Resolved, That the Presbyterian Society of Lanark and Renfrew express regret at parting from our good friends from Bristol and Coulonge, with whom we have held pleasant and profitable intercourse. Reversing the order of things it is more blessed to receive than to give, trusting God will abundantly bless and prosper our friends in their new relations, we commend them to our sister society. These resolutions receiving the unanimous vote of the meeting the election of officers was next proceeded with. Mrs. Farrell, Smith's Falls, was appointed delegate to the annual meeting at Hamilton in April. All the officers, with the exception of vice-presidents, were returned, Mrs. Irving, Pembroke, president; Miss Riddell, Perth, 1st vice-president; Mrs. Peacock, Almonte, 2nd vice-president; Mrs. Charles Frost, Smith's Falls, treasurer; Mrs. S. S. M. Hunter, Pembroke, corresponding secretary; Miss Stewart, Renfrew, recording secretary. The meeting closed with prayer. The annual meeting was held in the afternoon at two o'clock, and was not so largely attended as last year, owing no doubt to the bad weather, but in every other way it was a success. After the usual devotional exercises Mrs. Scott cordially welcomed the ladies to Perth, and Miss Thomson, Renfrew, replied in behalf of the delegates. The minutes of the last meeting were read and the corresponding secretary and treasurer presented their reports which were most encouraging, the latter showing a total of \$2,552.02, an increase of \$248.48 over last year. The president's annual address was a plea for mission bands. She urged her hearers to encourage the children in their efforts to earn their own mission money, said that young and old, rich and poor, had work to do for their common Lord and Master, and that mission bands helped to call out all that is best in children. To cultivate earnest thought and self sacrifice is refining and will help us to do more for our fellow-men. Mrs. Farrell, Smith's Falls, read a very interesting paper on "Prayer," and Mrs. Milne a short sketch on "The Power of Prayer." Mrs. Wilson, Arnprior, took charge of the question drawer, and answered the questions submitted to her with much ability. Mrs. Storie, Castleford, Mrs. Cooke and Mrs. Milne, Smith's Falls, Mrs. Ballantyne, Bristol, and Mrs. Irving took part in the devotional exercises. The ladies then adjourned to Knox Church lecture room where a pleasant hour or two were spent at a reception given to the delegates and members of Presbytery by the ladies of Knox and St. Andrew's Churches. In the evening a public meeting was held in Knox Church, at which the Rev. Messrs. Cooke, Smith's Falls, and McKay, Douglas, addressed the ladies, and both spoke of the good work done by them in the mission cause.

PRESBYTERY OF SAUGEN.—This Presbytery met in Palmerston on the 11th March. Rev. C. Cameron, a retired minister of our church, formerly belonging to the Presbytery and now residing within the bounds, presented a certificate from the Presbytery of Maitland. The certificate was received and his position acknowledged in terms of the certificate. Cards were received from the Presbyteries of Columbia and St. John intimating that the former intended to apply to next General Assembly to receive Rev. W. W. Warren, D.D., of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, U.S., and the latter T. F. Fullerton, Wagga Wagga, N. S. W. The remits sent down to Presbyteries were next taken up and disposed of. Dr. Laing was nominated as Moderator of next General Assembly. Messrs. Baikie and McNairn were appointed commissioners to next General Assembly by rotation and Messrs. Young and McKellar by ballot. The following elders were also appointed: Messrs. William Peterkin, Peter Storey, Peter Kane and James Calvert. Mr. D. A. Hamilton, student, was recommended to the Home Mission Committee for work in the mission held for the summer. The interim Session of Balaclava was authorized to elect and ordain elders in said congregation. Mr. Cameron and Mr. Aull read very full and carefully prepared reports on Temperance and Sabbath schools which were received and adopted. They were ordered to be sent to the proper parties. It was agreed that the Presbytery ask that the usual grants be continued and that Mr. Fairbairn be re-appointed for the next six months. The Presbytery adjourned to meet in Knox Church, Harriston, on the 8th July next, at 10 a.m.—S. YOUNG, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.—This Presbytery met on March 18th. Received reports and resolved to apply for augmentation grants as follows: Niagara, Dunnville, Port Dalhousie, South Haynes Avenue and St. David's \$150 each. Merrinton and Port Robinson, \$200 for one year; St. Anne's and Smithville \$100; Port Colborne \$300; Wilson and Dundas Street \$50; Fort Erie mission field \$4 per Sabbath. Wentworth Church, Hamilton, is now self-sustaining. Blackheath, etc. and Cayuga etc. had not been sufficiently visited. Delhi, Windham Centre and Watford need no assistance as a mission field. An excellent beginning has been made in this field by Rev. A. K. Caswell. Mr. James Brandon was recognized as a student for the ministry. A call was sustained from Waterdown to Rev. T. G. Thompson, lately of Vancouver, B.C. Another from Wilson, etc., to Mr. A. R. Barron, licentiate, was sustained. The commissioners for next Assembly were appointed, viz: by rotation, J. Wills, J. Black, J. G. Murray, G. Burton, R. Turnbull, D. G. Cameron, J. Laing, J. H. Radcliffe, F. McCuaig, ministers, R. Lawrie, J. Charlton, M.P., G. Rutherford, A. D. MacKenzie, Dr. McDonald, J. McFarland, M. Legat, W. J. McCalla, D. McLellan, elders. Reports on the State of Religion, Sabbath Schools, Temperance and Sabbath Observance were submitted and transmitted to the Synod. It was agreed to consider the Assembly's remits on pages 44, 45, 52 of the printed minutes as the first matter of new business at next meeting.—J. LAING, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF MAITLAND.—This Presbytery met at Wingham March 11th, with a good attendance of members. Rev. A. McKay, Moderator. The clerk reported that petitions to the House of Commons against Sabbath Observance had been received from nineteen congregations and forwarded to Ottawa and also that the petition from the Presbytery had been forwarded. The congregation of Molesworth reported that they had resolved to add one hundred dollars to the stipend of their minister Rev. A. Stevenson. The Presbytery expressed satisfaction with the action of the congregation. A call from Chalmers Church, Kincardine Township and Knox Church, Bervie, to Rev. Geo. McKay was sustained and accepted. Stipend promised is \$800 with use of manse and glebe. A special meeting of Presbytery will be held in Chalmers Church on Tuesday