

Ministers and Churches.

UNDER the auspices of the Young Peoples' Association of Bank Street Church, Ottawa, an excellent concert was recently held.

THE Rev. J. Mutch, of Chalmers Church last week delivered a very interesting illustrated lecture on Petra in Erskine Church.

A LECTURE for the benefit of the Presbyterian Sabbath School, Atwood, was delivered by the Rev. Isaac Campbell, Presbyterian minister of Listowel, on "The Sins of the Pew."

As will be seen by reference to our advertising columns, Dr. Barnard expects to send a party of boys, suitable for farm and other employment, to the Home at Peterborough in the spring.

THE Rev. James Ballantyne, who has resigned the pastorate of River Street congregation, Paris, to take charge of that of Hampton, Jamaica, has been the recipient of several complimentary testimonials.

ON Monday evening, Professor Hutton, of University College, Toronto, delivered a most interesting lecture on "Plutarch" in aid of the mission band connected with St. James Square Presbyterian Church.

THE Rev. Mr. Parsons, of Knox Church, Toronto, conducted the anniversary services in St. Andrew's Church, Berlin, on a recent Sabbath, preaching two able and eloquent discourses to large and attentive audiences.

REV. R. J. LAIDLAW, Hamilton, preached anniversary sermons in the Central Church, Galt, last Sabbath. The pastor of that church, Rev. J. A. Dickson, B.D., occupied the pulpit of St. Paul's in Mr. Laidlaw's absence.

THE Rev. J. C. Cattanch is delivering a course of Monday lectures to the young ladies of the Sherbrooke Academy. The lectures are biographical and historical. The subjects are Caesar, Charlemagne, Columbus, Cromwell, Coligny, and Cavour.

A SUCCESSFUL Sabbath school convention was held at Paris last week. Mr. W. N. Hossie, of Brantford, presided. Rev. J. McEwen, Secretary of the Sabbath School Association, and the principal ministers of the district took part in the proceedings.

THE Lord's Supper was dispensed in the First Presbyterian Church, Port Hope lately. The attendance at the service on Thursday and Sunday was unusually large. The number of new members received into fellowship was greater than on any occasion for a long time past.

AN esteemed correspondent writes: Reference was lately made in THE CANADA PRESBYTERIAN to the fact that this year is the two hundredth anniversary of the murder by Claverhouse of John Brown of Priesthill. It may be interesting to your readers to know that two of our ministers, bearing his family name, are descendants of "the godly carrier."

THE annual missionary meeting was recently held in the Presbyterian Church, Brampton. Rev. James Robertson, Superintendent for Missions in Manitoba and the North-West addressed the meeting, and gave interesting information in regard to that portion of the Dominion; and the Rev. John Neil, B. A., of Toronto, spoke on the Foreign Missions of the Church.

AT an adjourned meeting of the Presbytery of Bruce, held in Allenford, on the 28th ult., Mr. John Moore, B.A., was ordained and inducted as pastor of Allenford and Elsinore. Mr. Greig preached. Mr. Ferguson presided and addressed the ministers, and Mr. Tolmie the people. In the evening the congregation welcomed their new minister by holding a tea-meeting, which was very largely attended. Addresses were delivered by the above ministers and others.

THE anniversary services of the First Presbyterian Church, St. Mary's, were held on Sabbath week. Able addresses and good music added to a superabundant tea left nothing to be desired. The proceeds amounted to \$118. On the following evening the Sabbath-school anniversary was held in the basement. There was a large attendance and the programme, which was provided entirely by the school, was highly enjoyable and well rendered.

THE annual tea meeting of the Presbyterian congregation of Thedford was held on Wednesday last and was largely attended. Eloquent and instructive addresses were delivered by Rev. Messrs. Cuthbertson, Leitch, and Jones. The meeting was a great success, all seeming to enjoy the occasion thoroughly. The proceeds amounted to the handsome sum of \$90. The congregation at Thedford appears to be in a happy and prosperous condition.

THE various Synods of the Presbyterian Church are appointed to meet as follow: Montreal and Ottawa, in St. John's Church, Cornwall, May 12, at half-past seven p.m.; Toronto and Kingston, in the Presbyterian Church, Cobourg, May 5, at seven p.m.; Hamilton and London, in MacNab Street Church, Hamilton, April 13, at half-past seven p.m.; Manitoba and the North-West Territories, at Brandon, May 19, at half-past seven p.m.

THE ladies of Manitou congregation met at the manse and formed themselves into a Ladies' Society on Tuesday, February 10th. On Thursday, the 19th, Mrs. Alex. Bethune gave a parlour concert in connection with the Society. The plate was passed round, and the sum of \$23 collected. The ladies intend purchasing an organ for their new church. The young men intend to present the congregation with a plate communion service.

THE Rev. Alex. Bell lectured in the Y.M.C.A. Hall, Peterborough, lately. The subject was: "A Wise Man and his Sayings." The career of Solomon was eloquently outlined, and important lessons deduced from the course of wisdom pursued by this great man. And the great lesson

that Solomon learned was "Fear God, and keep His commandments." The study of his proverbs was commended to the young, as fitted to every condition of life.

ON a recent occasion, the residence of the Rev. J. R. MacLeod, Kingsbury, was visited by a large number of his Kingsbury and Melbourne Ridge friends. The ladies provided a rich repast for all assembled. After spending a very pleasant evening the friends took their departure, leaving Mrs. and Mr. MacLeod many valuable gifts expressive of the congregation's good wishes and their desire for their minister's comfort. This congregation has resolved to build a manse at a cost of from \$1,500 to \$2,000.

DR. COCHRANE, Convener, announces that the Home Mission Committee of the Presbyterian Church in Canada (Western Section) will meet in St. Andrew's Church, Toronto, on Tuesday, 24th March, at eleven o'clock, a.m. The sub-committee on Augmentation of Stipends, will meet at nine o'clock, a.m., of the same day. All the grants made to mission stations and supplemented congregations will be revised at this meeting. A prompt attendance of members is requested.

At the recent meeting of the St. John, N.B., Sabbath School Association the Rev. T. F. Fotheringham delivered an interesting address on Sunday school organization, which was further discussed by Messrs. Hutchings, Irvine, Sulis, Smith, Simpson, and Mrs. Mersereau. At the evening session the devotional meeting was led by Rev. George Bruce, B.A., after which the following subjects were discussed: Mission Sabbath School Work; The Sabbath School the Hope of the Church; Why am I a Sabbath School Teacher?

A SHORT time ago the Rev. Mr. Clark, of Lakeside, was the recipient of a very neat present from his many friends in North Smith congregation, consisting of an elegant dressing case and some pieces of silver. This is a weak and struggling congregation. Its members, though few, are possessed of large and loving hearts, and are deeply endowed by the spirit of their Master. This is only one of the many tokens of esteem and affection Mr. Clark has received from the people during his pastorate.

THE annual meeting of St. Andrew's Presbyterian congregation, Sherbrooke, was held lately. The various reports from Sabbath School, Kirk Session, Ladies' Aid Society, and Board of Managers were read. The report of the managers, notwithstanding the depression, showed a prosperous state of affairs financially. They reported a balance carried to the work of the new year of \$160. The net income of the Ladies' Aid Society was \$300 52. The income of the Sabbath school from Sabbath collections was nearly \$100. Seventy-five new members were received by the Session.

THE annual meeting of the Rodgerville Presbyterian congregation was held in the church lately. Mr. A. McPherson was appointed Chairman, and Mr. B. Smilie, Secretary, *pro tem.*, after which the report of the Secretary and Treasurer was read and adopted. The Treasurer's report showed a nice balance on hand after the payment of all the remaining expenses of the church, which balance was voted to the purchasing of books for the Sabbath school library. All the officers for the past year were re-elected, with the exception of Duncan McLwan, who resigned, and whose place was filled by John Murray, of Rodgerville.

THE re-opening services in the Markdale Presbyterian Church, took place on Sabbath, the 8th inst. Large congregations were present both morning and evening. The services were conducted by the Rev. A. H. Scott, M.A., of Knox Church, Owen Sound, who also delivered a lecture on the Monday evening following, upon "A Visit to the Council in Belfast, and Experiences in Scotland and England." Flesherton and Markdale under the pastoral care of the Rev. Andrew Wilson, are giving evidence of growth. A short time ago the Flesherton Presbyterians erected a handsome new brick church, and now the sister congregation has advanced a step by making their worshipping hall as comfortable and inviting as it now is.

THE students of Toronto University are bestirring themselves energetically to secure the erection of a Y.M.C.A. hall in connection with the institution. The undergraduates are displaying commendable zeal, having already subscribed \$400, although a systematic canvass has not yet been made. The authorities of the University are favourably disposed toward the project, as is evidenced by their granting an excellent site for the new building. The estimated cost of its erection is about \$8,000, of which sum about \$2,000 are already subscribed. Any wishing to further this laudable object by their contributions can communicate with Mr. A. J. McLeod, President of the University Y.M.C.A. Subscriptions are not payable till May. It is proposed to erect the building during the approaching summer.

THE report of the proceedings in the Berwick Presbytery relating to the call from the congregation of St. James' Square Church to Rev. John Smith, M.A., from which an extract appeared in these pages, receives the following correction: MR. EDITOR.—As part of your report of what I said referring to the Toronto call is calculated to leave a wrong impression, I crave permission in a word to alter it. I am made to say that unwillingness to cross the sea at this season was one reason of my declination. What I said was that in order to save the Commissioners from Canada crossing the sea on a fruitless errand, I wrote, telling what my decision would be. Kindly insert this correction.—Yours sincerely, JOHN SMITH.

THE anniversary services of the Egmondville Presbyterian Church were a gratifying success. On Sabbath the Rev. Mr. McQuarrie, of Wingham, preached both morning and evening to large congregations, and was listened to with pleasure and profit. He is an earnest, eloquent and able preacher. On Monday evening the anniversary tea meeting was held. At the appointed hour the chair was taken in the audience room, by the respected pastor, Rev. Mr. McCoy. The programme consisted of music and speeches. The choir, under the leadership of Mr. Kent, gave a number of selec-

tions very nicely, and in a manner which showed good talent and careful training. Addresses were delivered by Rev. Messrs. McDonald and Broley, of Seaford; Rev. Mr. Musgrave, of McKillop, and Rev. Mr. McQuarrie. The addresses were all good being short, and of a practical, useful bearing. The proceeds of the tea meeting amounted to something over \$80, which, considering the stormy night, was a very large sum.

THE third annual meeting of the Lindsay Presbyterial Women's Foreign Missionary Society, was held at Woodville, on Thursday, Feb. 19th. Delegates from the different auxiliaries in the Presbytery were present, also Mrs. Harvie, Toronto, and Mrs. J. Fraser Campbell, of Mhow, India. From the reports read it was found that two new auxiliaries had been organized during the year, making eight in all, and that the sum of \$374 had been contributed. The officers elected were: President, Miss Robinson, Beaverton; Secretary, Mrs. Patterson, Beaverton; Treasurer, Mrs. Trew, Lindsay. A very interesting and instructive address was then given by Mrs. Campbell on the work of our lady missionaries in India, showing the great extent of the field, with the encouragements and difficulties encountered by those labouring there. Mrs. Harvie followed in a most stirring address on the home work and closed with an appeal to those before her for more entire consecration during the coming year. A cordial vote of thanks was then passed to the retiring president and secretary, Mrs. Stewart and Miss Jackson, of Uxbridge, for the zeal and energy with which they had attended to the affairs of the Society during the past two years.

AT the next regular meeting of the Presbytery of Paris in Knox Church, Woodstock, Tuesday, 10th March, it has been arranged to hold a Conference on the State of Religion, commencing at half-past seven o'clock in the evening, and it has been agreed to invite elders, managers and Sabbath school teachers to take part with the Presbytery in said Conference. The programme is as follows: Report on State of Religion, by Rev. William McKinley; Family Religion, introduced by Rev. G. Munro, M.A.; Prayer meetings, and the best method of conducting them, introduced by Mr. John C. McLeod; What should be done for the young men and young women of the Church who have not professed faith in the Saviour?—Introduced by Rev. W. T. McMullen; Public Worship, and what means shall be used to secure increased attendance and greater interest in the same?—Introduced by Rev. William Cochrane, D.D. Wednesday March 11th. Report on Sabbath Schools, by Rev. M. McGregor, M.A.; The proper aim of the Sabbath school teacher, Rev. F. R. Beattie, Ph. D.; How can parents best assist in the Sabbath school?—Mr. W. N. Hossie, Brantford; Prayer and Praise in the Sunday school, Rev. John Thomson. The subject of temperance will also be taken up; the Report will be presented by the Convener; also the Christian citizen's relation to the Temperance Act of 1878, Rev. W. A. McKay, B. A.; What are the best methods by which the Church can foster temperance sentiments? Dr. Nichol, Brantford.

THE second annual meeting of the First Presbyterian Church, Brandon, Man., was lately held and, considering the present depressed state of the Province, the exhibit is most encouraging. The friends of our beloved Zion have been most active, and hence all engagements for the year past have been met. The total amount raised for congregational purposes is \$3,703.07. Of this amount the Ladies Aid raised \$658.75; the Missionary Association collected \$71; \$50 of this amount with \$15 from another source was paid for theological education in Manitoba College, \$11 for Indian work in the bounds of Presbytery, and \$11 to the Presbytery Fund. The Sabbath school raised in the year \$115, which this year was expended on the library. The total for all purposes is \$3,905.07. In the church services and the Sabbath school there has been a steady increase. Eighty-three members have been added to the roll; sixty-seven by letter, and sixteen on profession; two adults were baptized, and forty-two couples were married by the pastor. This latter fact is mentioned because, by arrangement of the Provincial Government, it netted a nice sum in favour of Manitoba College. Steps have been taken to deed the church property over to the Presbyterians in Canada on the Model Trust Form. The congregation is now fully organized. It has three prayer meetings each week, a Missionary Association, a Vigilance Committee of the Ladies' Aid, most useful in looking after strangers, the sick and the poor. So, depending on the divine blessing, the office-bearers look forward to the work of another year with hope and encouragement.

WHEN the Rev. Charles Chiniquy lectured in Peterborough recently, he made feeling references to the Rev. William Bennett, of Springfield. In response to numerous enquiries, Mr. Bennett gives the following explanation: Questions have been asked me as to what I did on behalf of Father Chiniquy to cause such an expression of grateful emotion toward myself, as was manifested on the occasion of his recent lecture in the George Street Methodist Church. In reply, I may say that the service rendered by me toward Mr. Chiniquy, was just about equal to that rendered by the boy who pushed the required pound that launched the ship. Mr. Chiniquy was in difficulty with his own Presbytery, owing to false charges that had been preferred against him. Though innocent, he was found guilty and suspended. Through a mutual friend I came to know all the circumstances of the case, and recommended to Mr. Chiniquy to seek refuge in the Canada Presbyterian Church. This was in 1862. Mr. Chiniquy at once acted upon the suggestion, made his application for connection, and after full enquiry into all the charges, was eventually received as a minister of the Canada Presbyterian Church. I have had a lecture in readiness for some time, in which these trials of Mr. Chiniquy are stated in detail, and would like to take an early opportunity of giving it to the public. The lecture has been carefully revised and amended by Mr. Chiniquy himself, so that every statement has been endorsed by him, and there is much in it of which the Canadian public are altogether ignorant. In his lectures from time to time, Mr. Chiniquy