

Ministers and Churches.

THE new St. Andrew's Church at Carleton Place will be opened January 8.

THE Rev. A. Macgillivray, of Brockville, preached to his old congregation at Williamstown and Martintown lately.

THE Presbyterians of North Dummer have built a handsome and commodious manse for their pastor, Rev. Mr. Hyde.

THE Young People's entertainment of the Presbyterian Church, Cobourg, on Tuesday week, was an immense success.

THE annual convention of the South Ontario S. S. Association was held in the Presbyterian Church, Claremont, Dec. 12 and 13.

THE Rev. Dr. Thompson, of Sarina, was nominated by the Chatham Presbytery recently as Moderator of the next General Assembly.

THE Rev. J. W. Cameron, late of Richmond Hill, has received a most unanimous call to the congregation of North Mornington, in the Presbytery of Stratford.

COMMUNION was administered in all the Presbyterian Churches, Guelph, and in the evening Rev. Dr. Wardrope and the Rev. R. J. Beattie exchanged pulpits on Sabbath week.

THE Rev. D. D. McLeod, of Barrie, preached an excellent sermon to young people, on a recent Sunday evening, on the subject of matrimony, and the choice of husbands and wives.

THE Rev. J. A. Turnbull, L.L.B., of St. Marys, preached anniversary services in Forest Presbyterian Church on a recent Sabbath. The reverend gentleman also performed like services for Lobo's friends lately.

THE Rev. J. Goforth delivered an address on missions in St. Paul's Church, Bowmanville, on Sabbath week. In the afternoon, Mrs. Goforth interestingly addressed an audience of ladies at the close of the Sabbath school service.

THE congregation of St. Matthew's Presbyterian Church, Montreal, held a meeting lately, when it was almost unanimously decided to ask the Rev. Mr. Cruikshank, recently called to Perry, Ont., to remain.

A LETTER from Rev. Dr. Smith, of Galt, which appears in the *Dumfries Reformer*, states that Mrs. Smith's health is improving, and that he is enabled to do good work for the Master during his temporary sojourn on the Pacific Coast.

MR. D. MCGILLIVRAY, of Knox College, Toronto, who is soon to start for China, addressed the congregation of the Presbyterian Church, Durham, on Sunday and Monday week. His addresses were eloquent, and fitted to move every one to action.

ON Tuesday evening week the annual missionary meeting was held at Bayview. The deputation appointed to attend it was the Rev. Mr. Campbell and Mr. A. Frost, Q.C., Owen Sound, who delivered excellent and impressive addresses on Home and Foreign Missions.

THE Rev. A. D. MacDonald, of Seaford, preached missionary sermons morning and evening in Knox Church, Goderich, lately. The annual meeting of the congregation was held the following evening. Mr. MacDonald gave an interesting address on missionary work among the Indians of the North-West.

As the time is approaching when congregations distribute their mission contributions, it would be well for them to remember that if they intend the contribution for colleges to be given to a particular college it requires to be specified whether it should be to Montreal, Queen's or Knox College, otherwise it goes into the Common Fund.

THE *Dumfries Reformer* says that the Rev. Mr. Wilson, of Toronto, preached very acceptably in Knox Church last Sabbath morning and evening. Mr. Wilson delivered a lecture on the "Hero-Martyrs of Scotland" to a good audience in the same place on Monday evening. Those who were present pronounced the lecture a rare treat.

THE following names have been mentioned in connection with the vacant pulpit of Knox Church, Winnipeg: Rev. J. Ross, Perth; Rev. Mr. Torrance, Peterborough; Rev. L. G. MacNeill, St. John, N.B.; Rev. Dr. McTavish, Lindsay; Rev. J. Fleck, Montreal; Rev. Mr. McLean, Belleville, and Rev. J. Breuse, St. John's, Newfoundland.

AT the regular monthly meeting of the Young's Men's Missionary Society of Old St. Andrew's Church, city, which was held Tuesday evening week, Mr. Alexander Jardine, president, in the chair, it was unanimously agreed that the society support a native missionary in Formosa, and also give \$50 per year to the support of a student in St. Paul's Institute, Tarsus, Asia Minor.

LATELY, the Rev. Dr. Ormiston, of New York, preached to a crowded congregation in Division Street Methodist Church, Cobourg, a special sermon in reference to the demise of the late Rev. S. S. Nelles, D.D., LL.D., late chancellor and president of the University of Victoria College. He took for his text, Revelation xiv. 13: "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord." The eloquent preacher spoke of the character defined and of the benediction pronounced.

A LARGE number of the people of the Presbyterian Church, Weston, met at the house of their pastor, Rev. Walter Reid, on Tuesday week, for the purpose of expressing their deep appreciation of his work among them by presenting him with a handsome and valuable fur coat, gloves and cap. The address was read by Mrs. Mathers, of Eobaccoke, and Mrs. Sloan, on behalf of the ladies of the congregation, made the presentation. The rev. gentleman, who was taken wholly by surprise, made a very appropriate reply.

THE Rev. W. S. and Mrs. McTavish, of St. George, were quietly and pleasantly surprised last Friday week. A member of the congregation drove in, placed a handsome Portland cutter in the stable and handed Mr. McTavish the following note: "Will Mr. and Mrs. McTavish kindly accept the cutter as a slight token of esteem from the ladies of the congregation, who would express the heartfelt desire that both may be long spared to enjoy it, also the hope that the same pleasure may be realized in accepting as in offering."

THE *Almonte Gazette* says: Mr. David Wylie, the well-known weaver, of Ramsay, went the way of all flesh on Friday last, at the patriarchal age of eighty-six years. Deceased was born in Paisley, Scotland, and came to this country about forty years ago. For some years after his arrival he gained a livelihood by hiring out among the farmers of Ramsay, but finally procured a small patch of ground—about two acres—near the Union Hall, between Almonte and Clayton, on which he settled, and where he has been engaged for many years in weaving for the farmers of the township. During the long life which was given to him he was married three times, and had a very large family of children, all of whom he survived. He was for many years an elder of the Clayton and Blakeney Presbyterian Church, and from his many eminent qualities was greatly respected by all who knew him. By his frugality he succeeded in gathering a fair share of this world's goods, and at his death left some hundreds of dollars to be distributed through the township.

THE meeting held lately, under the auspices of the Woman's Foreign Mission Society of the First Presbyterian Church, in their hall on Walton Street, Port Hope, was fitted to overflowing with a deeply interested audience. After every available inch of space was occupied, many had to turn away. The Rev. Mr. Mitchell presided. He introduced Miss McGregor, who for ten years past has laboured in the schools and zenanas of Indore, as one of the lady missionaries of the Presbyterian Church. Her address covered the history, religions and social customs of Central India, illustrated by incidents drawn from her own experience. She gives her account in an easy and agreeable way. Some of the incidents which she related, throwing light on the condition of the women of India, were very pathetic and others very ludicrous. Her effort to bring home to the audience the every day life of the people was much aided by costumes worn by the women and children, which she exhibited. Mr. Mitchell conveyed to her the thanks of the meeting for her very interesting and instructive address.

THE St. Mary's *Legus* gives an account of the anniversary services in the First Presbyterian Church of that town on Sabbath week. The Rev. Mungo Fraser, M.A., Hamilton, preached acceptable and appropriate sermons morning and evening. On Monday evening an entertainment for the children of the Sabbath school was held, which proved a very decided success. The pastor, the Rev. Mr. Turnbull, presided, and Rev. Mr. Fraser addressed the audience. During the evening Mrs. McLeod, teacher of the infant class, was presented with an address expressing kindly wishes and cordial appreciation of her valuable services. The address was accompanied with a handsome silver service. The presentation was neatly acknowledged by the recipient. The number of Sabbath school pupils on the roll is 204, increase over last year, twenty-nine, under the management of nine officers and thirty-three teachers. The average attendance during the term was 129, and the largest number of any session was 157, and the smallest, fifty-eight. The Rev. Mr. Turnbull is president, Mr. J. W. Laird, superintendent, and Mr. F. W. Gillies, sec. treas. The receipts for the evening, by a silver collection, amounted to the handsome sum of \$46.

THE new Osgoode Presbyterian Church was formally opened for divine service Sabbath, December 4. Sermons were preached by Rev. Professor Schimger and Rev. J. A. G. Calder. The attendance was large, and the sermons most impressive. On Monday following dinner was served in the vestry, at which there was a good gathering, and in the evening again tea was served in the Church to a crowded house. The singing on Monday was furnished by a union choir from West Winchester. The music and addresses throughout were excellent. Mr. Calder occupied the chair and Mr. Scott managed the finances. Both did their work to general satisfaction. The church is built of brick with a nice carved stone foundation, stone window and door sills, keystones, and has a fine stone arch over the front door. The church is 38 x 60, with spire and vestry room 15 x 35. The vestry room is suitable for prayer meetings. Bible classes, meetings of Session and general business meetings in connection with the congregation. The church is erected on a fine elevation near the village of Vernon. It has cost in the neighbourhood of \$7,000, and to add the drawing that has been done by the congregation would add another thousand to the cost of the building. The cost of the building is largely covered by subscription. Rev. Robert Hughes is the pastor, and all feel jubilant over the excellent success that has attended the efforts of the people in erecting such a fine house in which to worship.

THE *Halifax Chronicle* states that the Rev. R. F. Burns, D.D., delivered a powerful, exhaustive and striking discourse in Fort Massey Church, on Thanksgiving Day. After an able review of the events of the Victorian age the reverend speaker said, "If England to herself be true, she need not fear who else is false. If only those grand principles of righteousness which held sway during the happy halcyon days of her pristine glory continue in the ascendant there is no reason to dread the issue of present complications or the coming struggle. Practised ears are hearing the sound of battle from afar; penetrating eyes are strained athwart the horizon to discover the signs of the times and to forecast the political horoscope; a colossal contest is anticipated, in which the leading nations of the world will bear their share and enginery of unexampled force will be wielded. What the result will be God only knows, but if faithful to that righteousness which exalted her of old,

though the sky be lowering and men's hearts fall them for fear—

"The meteor flag of England shall yet terrific burn. Till danger's troubled night depart, and the star of peace return."

THE social and entertainment in the Presbyterian Church, Meaford, was a particularly enjoyable affair. The lecture part was undoubtedly the most interesting. Mr. Gardiner kept the large audience interested in his subject for one and a half hours, depicting in life-like colours the social, religious and moral, political and agricultural points of Battleford and other frontier towns in the North-West. The lecture was edifying and instructive, and there was a current of humour running through the discourse which kept the audience in good spirits throughout. The proceeds amounted to about \$26.

THE reopening services of the Presbyterian Church, Nanawau, held on Sabbath week, were of a most interesting and profitable character. The Rev. M. W. McLean, A.M., Belleville, preached in the morning from 2 Cor. vi. 1. A Sabbath school service was held in the afternoon, when addresses were given by Rev. Messrs. Baker, Craig, of Deseronto, and McLean, of Belleville. In the evening the Rev. Mr. Emsley, of the Methodist Church, preached from Psalm cxlii. 6. On Monday evening a large gathering was present at the tea meeting, at which the pastor, Rev. A. Young, presided. Addresses were delivered by Rev. Messrs. Baker, Nanawau, Craig, Deseronto, McGillivray, Kingston, and George, Belleville. The choir contributed much to the success and enjoyment of the evening. The Nanawau *Beaver* adds: In regard to the affairs of this church it may not be out of place to say a few words generally. Where all have come in for so much praise, it is due that something should be said in regard to the pastor, Rev. Mr. Young. It is well known that the energy and executive ability of this gentleman have caused his services to be in active demand in connection with important interests of the Presbyterian organization at large. Under these circumstances it would not be surprising if some of the interests of his own particular church and congregation suffered in consequence. But happily such is not the case. His untiring zeal has enabled him to do much himself, and to direct the energies of his people in a way that has accomplished a work that would be creditable to a much larger congregation. The church property has been improved in every respect. The manse has been made large and attractive and comfortable, the premises have been tidied up, and now the church has been entirely renovated until the whole property will compare favourably with any in this part of the Province. But what is still better, all this has been done and eagerly arranged for, and besides, the burden of debt on the property has been reduced to a minimum sum, which will prove no burden but can almost at any time be wiped off if occasion requires. With these facts before us, are we not right in saying they have accomplished more in comparison than any other congregation in this section? We believe they have. The recent outlay, amounting, we would estimate, to over \$1,200, is well provided for. Mr. Young himself raised \$500 of the amount among his friends outside the place, and the balance the congregation and some generous sympathizers are providing for. Such zeal and practical enthusiasm is well entitled to general approbation, and we are glad they received it throughout their re-opening services. That they may go on and prosper and enjoy for many years the fruits of their labours in their beautiful and comfortable edifice is the sincere wish of them all.

PRESBYTERY OF CHATHAM.—This Presbytery met at Chatham on December 13. Strangfield and Windfall were united and formed into a mission station. The next regular meeting was appointed to be held in First Church, Chatham at ten a.m., on the last Tuesday of February. The Moderator and Clerk were appointed to assign to members of Presbytery portions of the prepared new Book of Forms to be examined by them and reported on by them. A call was sustained from West Tilbury and Comber in favour of Rev. Robert Leitch, Point Edward. It was agreed that when a ministerial member of Presbytery died, all the members of Presbytery should be notified thereof, and that the Presbytery should hold a meeting at the place and on the day of the funeral. Rev. C. Chiniquy notified the court that he had resigned his charge in Ste. Anne, Illinois, and the congregation asked leave to unite with the Second Church in Ste. Anne, the united congregation and minister to be in connection with this Presbytery. The Presbytery delayed action until further information was obtained. The following appointments were made in re Augmentation and Supplement: Mr. Russell to visit Duart; Mr. Beckett, Dawn; Mr. Gray, Essex Centre; Mr. Fleming, Leamington; Mr. Scott, West Tilbury and Comber; Mr. Walker, Strangfield and Windfall; Mr. Fleming, Tilbury Centre; Dr. Battisby, Buxton. A minute was framed in reference to the late Rev. Mr. Logie. Mr. McRobbie was appointed Moderator of the Session of East Tilbury. Rev. Dr. Thomson was unanimously nominated as Moderator of next General Assembly.—W. WALKER, Pres. Clerk.

MONTREAL NOTES.

At the adjourned meeting of the Presbytery of Montreal on Tuesday last the Rev. W. R. Cruikshank intimated that, after mature consideration, he felt it his duty to remain in his present charge. The call from St. Andrew's Church, Perth, was accordingly set aside, sympathy being expressed with that congregation in their great disappointment. Mr. Cruikshank's decision involved no small sacrifice, the Perth congregation being one of the largest and most desirable town charges in the whole Church, and the salary offered being greatly in excess of that given by St. Matthew's Church, Point St. Charles, more especially when the difference in the cost of living is taken into account, and also the fact that there is in Point St. Charles no manse, whereas in Perth there is a most handsome and commodious one. The Point St. Charles people evidently appreciate the sac-