

### Church News.

**TENDERS** are asked for the erection of a Presbyterian church at Grandville, B.C.

Next regular meeting of Presbytery in Division St. Owen Sound, March 10th, at 10.30 p.m.

The new Presbyterian church at Melrose is said to be a fine structure and a credit to the neighbourhood.

The Church has received £200 from the Free Church of Scotland for the Home Mission Fund.

**YANASU,** Sakawa and Kemble (Rev. A. McLennan, Moderator) Rev. John Somerville, clerk.

The congregation of Carberry and Petrel has given a unanimous call to Rev. Angus Robertson, of Leithbridge, N.W.T.

The Presbyterian church at Windsor, N.S., are about to purchase the residence of the Rev. Dr. McMurray for a manse.

For the past two Sunday evenings the Rev. Dr. Burns, Halifax, has lectured to large congregations on "Future Punishment."

The Presbyterians of Stouffville are contemplating the erection of a new church, this year, costing in the neighbourhood of \$3,000.

Rev. James Barclay, of Montreal, will preach at the anniversary services at Central Presbyterian church, Hamilton, in March.

From our correspondence column it will be seen that the name of St. Joseph St. church, Montreal, is not to be changed to Latin church.

The *Fergus News Record*, of the 11th inst., contains an interesting biographical sketch of the late Mr. Adam L. Argo, a well-known elder of Melville church, Fergus.

The evangelistic services in Erskine church, Toronto, are daily increasing in interest. Every night the church is crowded with earnest audiences, and there are abundant signs of much good being done.

Rev. James Stearns, of Huntsville, has lately given nine lectures in various towns in the central and eastern parts of the Province in aid of the mosaic fund. He has met with kindly receptions everywhere.

The Rev. H. M. Parsons, Toronto, is giving a course of Bible readings in the Toronto Mission Hall on "The Dispensations." The readings are attended by large audiences and full reports are given in the daily press.

At the last meeting of the Halifax Presbytery, Messrs. Morrison, Dickie and Simpson were appointed a committee to visit Upper Musquodoboit and assist in the settlement of a difficulty regarding the site of the proposed new church.

On the 4th inst. the congregation of Enniskillen presented Miss Mary Henry with a purse of money in recognition of her services as organist. The presentation took place at the residence of Mr. W. Henry: the pastor, Rev. Mr. McLaren being in the chair.

We understand the teachers of River St. church Sabbath School, Paris, purpose having a course of three lectures in aid of the school library. The lecturers will be Revs. A. J. Laidlaw, Hamilton; J. Howson, Ayr, and W. Wylie, pastor of the church.

We regret to learn that Rev. Dr. Snellie, of Fergus, recently met with a severe scald by the accidental upsetting of a can of boiling water on his foot. His numerous friends will be glad to learn that he is recovering from the accident, though as yet unable to attend to his duties or even leave his room.

At the quarterly communion in the First Presbyterian church, St. Mary's, on Sunday last, twenty-five new members partook of the Lord's supper for the first time. Since the induction of the present pastor, the Rev. J. A. Turnbull, LL.B., over ninety have been added to the membership of the church.

ST. ANDREW'S church, London, after an agitation extending over twelve years, has finally decided by vote in favour of the use of instrumental music. The vote stood, 291 members for and 115 against the organ, and 219 adherents for and 52 against it, making the total 510 for and 167 against the organ in all.

ST. ANDREW'S church, Perth, has lost a highly respected member by the death of Mr. James Waddell at the patriarchal age of eighty-three. Mr. Waddell was a native of the North of Ireland, but was long a resident of the county of Lanark, having settled on the well-known Waddell farm in North Erimley in his younger days.

On the 20th ult. Rev. Alex. McTavish was inducted at Huntsville into the pastoral charge of Chater and associated station where he had been labouring by appointment of presbytery for the past year. The field is large, but Mr. McTavish is in full sympathy with the work in Manitoba, and the cause is likely to prosper in his hands.

We are sure that the arrangement by which Miss Helen MacGregor becomes acting agent for the Church until action is taken by the General Assembly, will meet with the most cordial approval of all concerned. Miss MacGregor was her father's secretary and is perfectly familiar with the business of the office. *Halifax Witness.*

The receipts for congregational purposes of Fort Massey church, Halifax—Rev. Dr. Burns, pastor—were about \$5,000, being \$260.00 in advance of last year, and for missionary and other benevolent purposes \$2,000; in all about \$7,000. An effort is being made to reduce the debt on the beautiful church building with much prospect of success.

Knox church, Guelph, recently adopted a new plan for electing a treasurer and board of managers. A full list of the members was printed and distributed as balloting papers. These papers were returned with one name marked for treasurer and eight for managers. The session counted the ballots and at an adjourned congregational meeting announced the result, which was in every way satisfactory.

The first anniversary of the opening of the new church, Clinton, was celebrated on the 5th inst. On the Sabbath previous Rev. A. D. McDonald, Seaford, preached, says the Era, "two thoughtful, earnest, eloquent and appropriate discourses." At the entertainment on Monday, which was attended by over 600 people, Rev. W. S. Ball, of London, delivered his famous lecture, "The men of the war and how they fought."

On Thursday, Jan. 14th, the Presbytery of Bruce met at Tara to ordain and induct Rev. W. G. Hanna, B.A., into the pastoral charge of that congregation. Rev. A. Tolmie presided and addressed the people. Rev. J. Moote preached, and the pastor was addressed by Rev. J. Ferguson. The large attendance at the induction services showed that the call of Mr. Hanna was quite unanimous, and the kindly welcome he received augurs well for a successful ministry.

From the report of the First church, Westminster, we learn that the roll now stands at 173, there having been 11 new members during the year. The Sabbath School has increased from 174 in 1884 to 231 in 1885, and the Sabbath School offerings to mission from \$68 to \$81. The Woman's Foreign Mission Society has done good work. Regret is expressed at the resignation of Mr. Hillantyne, who has been pastor of the congregation for seven years.

ANNIVERSARY services were held in the Fairbairn Presbyterian church, Sabbath, February 7th, and on the following Monday the annual tea meeting was held. During the evening an address, accompanied with a number of valuable standard works, was presented to Mr. James Murdoch, who has been the faithful preacher of the congregation for many years. The address was signed in behalf of the congregation by Rev. P. Straith, the pastor, and Messrs. James Paul, elder, and Jas. Swanson, manager.

Last week at the annual missionary meeting, at which excellent addresses were delivered by the Rev. D. D. McCosh, of Harris, and the Rev. E. Coltrane, of Thoraxton. On the following Sabbath Mr. Goforth, of Knox College, clearly and forcibly presented the claims of missions upon the prayers and liberality of the Christian Church, and in the evening delivered a very stirring address upon this subject as a nation held. These services were very much appreciated, and large congregations were assembled upon both occasions.

Says the *Vernon Times*:—"A large audience gathered in the vestry of the Presbyterian church on Tuesday evening to listen to the first lecture of the course by Rev. T. F. Fotheringham, of St. John. His subject was 'Memoirs of Ethelred,' being reminiscences of Lethal and its student life. For the first half hour the lecturer in an agreeable manner and with polished diction led his hearers from one subject of interest to another in the city. Some of the passages referring to the effects of student life upon the German nation were brilliant and of great power."

At the close of the prayer-meeting lately, Miss Robb, in behalf of the ladies of "Proof Line" congregation, presented Mrs. Ball, wife of their pastor, with a suitable acknowledgment of their esteem and affection. Mrs. Ball has been an assiduous worker in both the Bible-class and Ladies' Missionary Society, and in token of their appreciation of her labours the ladies of the congregation placed in her hand a well filled purse, accompanied with a suitable address. Mr. Ball appropriately acknowledged this tangible evidence of the high esteem in which Mrs. Ball is held by her people.

The annual congregational meeting of Knox church, Selkirk. Rev. Mr. Brydon, pastor—was held on the 1st inst.; Mr. Wm. Blyth in the chair. The managing committee reported that no provision had been made for paying the debt on the church, and that a large amount of the stipend fund every year has been uncollected. The committee had tried to introduce the envelope system without success. The treasurer's statement showed receipts to the amount of \$550.45; the Ladies' Aid Society contributed of this \$34.40. The session reported an encouraging account of Mr. Brydon's work during his residence in Selkirk.

By appointment of the Presbytery of Hamilton, a conference will be held on the State of Religion, Sabbath Schools and Temperance, in the Sabbath School room of the First Presbyterian church, St. Catharines, on Wednesday, Feb. 24th, 1886. There will be three sessions:—10 a.m., 2 p.m., and 7.30 p.m. An excellent programme has been prepared by the local committee, Rev. George Burson, convener. The committee is exceedingly anxious that this should be a *conférence of the people*, and earnestly requests as large an attendance as possible from all the congregations in the Niagara district. It is not in any sense to be an official gathering, but a meeting to confer one with another about the Lord's work.

The annual meeting of St. Paul's Presbyterian church, Walkerton, was held on the evening of Thursday, the 21st inst., and notwithstanding the hard times a favourable statement was shown, proving that congregation is prospering under the pastorate of the Rev. Mr. Beamer. Total income was \$1,507.56; surplus of income over disbursements, \$53.39. The average attendance at the weekly prayer-meeting is 40; the S. S. has more than doubled its number during the past year, and the Bible-class in connection with the S. S. has risen from 10 to 50. There are 53 names on the communion roll and there were added during the year about 41 per cent. of the number reported last year; the congregation is steadily improving. *Bruce Telescope.*

A CONGREGATION is entitled to and should cultivate a full acquaintance with its own finances. One fruitful cause of illiberality in congregational life is simply the want of an exact understanding of the financial situation. Hence the more information that is circulated upon this point the better, and it is the duty, further, of each member and adherent to go to the trouble of making himself properly acquainted with the mode of raising the revenue, amount of income required and details of expenditure. This has always proved to be the best way of getting finances on a thoroughly business footing; and hence the value of circulating printed reports, quarterly or annual, and of holding and attending congregational meetings. *Knox Church (Calgary) Minister.*

The annual business meeting of the Presbyterian congregation of Allis Craig was held on the 26th January; the Rev. J. Rennie, pastor, in the chair. There was a large attendance of the members. Reports for the past year were read from the session, managers, Sabbath School, Ladies' Aid Society and Women's F. M. Society. From these reports, which were all highly encouraging, it appeared that during the year there had been a large increase both in the membership and contributions of the congregation. Seventy-five new members had been received; 25 removed, leaving present membership 150. The receipts for all purposes were \$1,000.18. The following were elected managers for the ensuing year:—Wm. McKay, Geo. S. McDonald, Alex. Fraser, I. Douglas, H. Gunn, W. Robson.

The annual business meeting of St. Andrew's church, Gananoque, was held on Jan. 20th. Rev. H. Gracey, the pastor, in the chair. The several reports read indicated a gratifying degree of prosperity in the congregation. During the year 26 names were added to the roll, and 6 were removed, leaving a net gain to the membership of 20. The W. F. M. S., and the Mission Band, lately organized among the young ladies, have been very successful in raising money for mission purposes, in addition to a considerable bundle of clothing prepared for and sent to the Indians in the North-West. The Sabbath School Report gave indication of increasing prosperity in that important department of Church work. The Treasurer's Report showed that about \$2,400 had been contributed for all purposes; \$500 of this was devoted to liquidating the debt on the church, which is now practically free from debt. About \$350 were raised during the year for the schemes. Altogether the annual meeting was satisfactory and showed the congregation to be in a prosperous and encouraging condition.

The annual business meeting of Chalmers' church congregation, Woodstock, Ont., was held in the church on Monday evening, 8th inst. The pastor, Rev. W. A. McKay, gave a brief report of the work of the session during the year 1885. Four new members had lately been added to the session, making the number of elders at present nine. The Lord's supper had been observed four times during the year, and thirty-five new communicants received. The total membership on the roll was 265. The prospect was never more hopeful than at the present time. Mr. Peter Crabb was elected as chairman. Mr. J. C. McLennan gave a report from the Sabbath School; there are 190 names on the roll, and an average attendance of 150. The school was steadily increasing. The amount raised during the year by the Sabbath School and Bible-class was \$95. From the financial statement of the board of trustees it appears that the total receipts during the year, not including the Sabbath School missionary collection, amounted to \$1,870.95. The cash on hand and new rents due amounted to \$460.33, sufficient to meet all the liabilities of the congregation. A recommendation from the session aimed uniformly of attitude in prayer and praise was adopted.

The annual missionary gathering of St. Andrew's congregation, Smith's Falls, was held last Monday night, 5th inst.; Rev. S. Mylne presiding. Addresses upon home and foreign missions were given by Mr. F. H. Ailan, of Perth, Rev. D. J. McLean, of Amnorty, and Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, of Toronto, before a large and appreciative audience. The addresses were both able and effective. While the collection was being taken up, Mr. Mylne stated that he had received a letter from an unknown lady which contained \$10 to be used in mission work. The collection amounted to the handsome sum of \$467, an increase over last year of \$230. Speaking of the above meeting says an exchange:—"Such is the spirit of missionary zeal in our midst that a missionary meeting has

only to be announced to have our church filled with an enthusiasm and liberal congregation. This spirit was strongly exemplified here at the meeting held in St. Andrew's church, when those present cheerfully and willingly more than doubled their offerings of the previous year. This same zeal is also shown by a large number of our ladies, who meet every month or so for the purpose of advancing the missionary cause. Some time ago Mrs. Harvie paid them a visit, and became so favourably impressed with the conduct of our young ladies that in her addresses before congregations up west a few days ago, she spoke very highly of the enthusiastic missionary spirit shown by some young lady at Smith's Falls, who had decided to go without a new jacket for the winter that she might give the money for the missionary cause. Mr. Mylne also spoke of another such case that had come under his notice. In both cases the ladies are unknown."

### OBITUARY.

MR. WILLIAM WELLS, one of the first settlers in the township of Maryboro, lately passed away to his rest. His death was quite unexpected. While employed in working on his farm he received a kick from one of his horses that rendered him insensible. His afterwards became conscious but only to linger in great suffering till death came to his relief. He was an old member of Calvin Presbyterian Church, Roxburgh, where he will be greatly missed. He leaves a widow and a large family to mourn his loss. He was a kind husband and indulgent father, and a ripe Christian.

MR. WILLIAM ARCHER was born at Tinning Hall, Roxburghshire, Scotland, in 1811—came to Canada in 1831—united with the church in 1845, and two years after was ordained an elder of the U. P. Church, Vaughan, by the late Rev. D. Coult. In 1851 he removed to the Township of Brant, where he connected himself with the congregation of which the late Rev. J. Fayette was pastor. This congregation was a sort of semi-independent one, having some connection with a Presbyterian body in the United States. Mr. Archer advised the pastor and people to unite with some Presbyterian body in Canada. They accordingly connected themselves with the U. P. Church. But after two years Mr. Archer returned to Vaughan, and after a time resumed the eldership in the same congregation, now known as Knox Church, Vaughan. From that time he took an active and leading part in the management of all its affairs both temporal and spiritual, until on Christmas day, 1885, as the result of injuries received from a fall less than three weeks before, he calmly breathed his last, in the 75th year of his age. He passed away in the full confidence of faith that his Saviour had made him "meet for the inheritance of the saints in light." He was a man of strong faith in Christ, active and zealous in every good work, had a good gift of prayer which he had cultivated by exercise both in public and in the home, much to the edification of his fellow worshippers. His widow is in a very feeble state of health. She was taken seriously ill about a week before he met with the accident which led to his death, and no one looks forward to an early departure "to be with Christ which is far better," and to meet with loved ones gone before.

### NEW BRUNSWICK NOTES.

(From our own Correspondent.)

The Rev. Dr. Smith was, on the eve of his departure, presented with a handsome fur collar and pair of gauntlets, by the Y. M. A. of St. Andrew's Church. The doctor left with his bride for Wausau, Wis., on January 20th. A large number assembled at the L. C. R. station to wish him God-speed, and torpedos on the rails fired a feu de joie as the train moved out of the station. Rev. Jas. Barclay's lectures and sermons were very highly appreciated in St. John. He preached on Sabbath morning in St. John's Church, and in the evening in St. Andrew's. On Monday evening the Institute was crowded to hear his lecture on "Popularity as a Criterion of Literary Excellence." On Tuesday evening he lectured in the Reformed Presbyterian church on "Savonata." His remark on Monday evening that "probably few in St. John had read Browning," called forth vigorous protests in the daily papers. There are few cities in the Dominion where good literature is so much read as in St. John.

The lecture course of the Y. M. A. of St. John's Church proceeds apace. Mr. Chamberlain discoursed on our native birds, and Mr. McCreedy, editor of the *Telegraph*, described scenes from the Canadian Parliament. Two more lectures and a concert complete the course, which has been very excellent and well attended. Dr. Macrae was made the recipient of a handsome gift from the former catechists of the St. John presbytery, in token of their gratitude for his kindness and courtesy, while Convener of the home mission committee. It consisted of an oak tray, silver mounted, and tea and coffee service. It is the first time that we have heard of a donation of the kind, and speaks volumes for all parties. There were nineteen catechists in the field last summer. The Y. P. A. of St. Paul's Church, Fredericton, continue to hold their popular debates and essays. "The Life of Dr. Chalmers," "Arbitration as a means of settling national disputes," "The relative merits of married and single life," and other important questions have been discussed.

The "Hands of Mercy" in St. John and Portland held an entertainment in the Institute on January 30th. Over 600 children were present. The banners of the societies arranged along the back of the platform presented a very gay appearance. Three Presbyterian Sabbath Schools were represented, St. David's, St. Stephen's, and St. John's.

The Pennfield congregation, on December 31st, '85, paid the last cent of indebtedness on their new church. They are enjoying the services of Rev. Mr. McLean, who has been sent there for three Sabbaths. He is much liked, and the people would like to have him for a longer time if they could.

At the Christmas tree entertainment, of St. George, the organist, Miss Anderson, was presented by the congregation with an elegant ink-stand, gold pen with holder, and pencil case.

The St. Stephen, N. B., congregation have just completed a handsome hall on the lot alongside of their church, and have named it the "Elder Memorial Hall," in memory of the late Hon. Wm. Elder, LL.D., who was pastor of the church for nine years, before he entered journalistic and political life. The trustees presented the contractor, Mr. McVay, with a handsome gold watch and chain, as an evidence of their satisfaction at the way in which his work was done. The pastor, Rev. G. Stone, meets with much encouragement, and a spirit of earnest enquiry prevails amongst the young.

### NOTES FROM MONTREAL.

(From our regular Correspondent.)

[Too late for insertion last week.—Ed.]

AFTER long silence—not for lack of theme, truly, but for lack of only time—I gladly resume my pen, and use it once more in tracing the outline and complexion of certain men and things as they presently exist in this Eastern metropolis.

### THE COTE ST. ANTOINE CHURCH

The new church recently erected in this attractive and growing suburb, was formally opened on Sabbath 21st. There were three public services during the day, and each occasion was looked forward to with very special interest. The ladies have worked with a will, and as a result, the church will be thoroughly furnished with carpets, cushions, etc., on the day of opening. It is hoped that before very long a suitable man may be found and called to assume this very promising pastorate. Within a very few years, the present structure will certainly be superseded by a large and handsome building.

### MRS. DARNEY

"The Woman's Christian Temperance Union National Superintendent of the Department of Prison and Police Work,"—a somewhat cumbersome title truly,—is announced

to address a series of meetings in this city during the next fortnight. Mrs. Darney comes to us from Rhode Island, and it very favourably known for that energy and enthusiasm with which she generally succeeds in inspiring her hearers. She will speak next Sabbath from one of our city pulpits.

### THE PRESBYTERIAN S. S. ASSOCIATION.

A neatly printed programme of lectures for the season 1885-6, was issued some months ago, and all who have been privileged to attend, speak most highly of the addresses so far delivered. The lecture for January was delivered by Prof. Springer, of the Presbyterian College, and dealt with "The Book of Daniel." The lecturer for the present month will treat of "The Inspiration of the Scriptures," and will be delivered by Rev. Professor Shaw, of the Methodist Theological College. The concluding lecture of the course falls to be given about the middle of March, and will deal with "The Writings of John." Rev. James Barclay will be the lecturer.

### THE CENTENNIAL OF PRESBYTERIANISM.

The committee of Presbytery, appointed to take action in the matter of celebrating the hundredth anniversary of the founding of Presbyterianism in Montreal, have had already several meetings. An outline of the programme for the approaching celebration has already been agreed upon. The date to be observed is March 12th, but the exercises already arranged for will extend over probably a week.

### EVANGELISTIC SERVICES.

Special religious services have been held in several of our churches since the departure of Messrs. Moody and Sankey, and with the best results. Most, if not all, of these services have now terminated, but their good influences abide, and will be sure to reveal themselves in a hundred unsuspected ways as time goes on.

### PERSONAL.

WARDEN KING, Esq., elder in Erskine Church, left here last week for a four months' trip to the East. He will spend several weeks in the Holy Land. Rev. Drs. Newman Hall and Monte Gibson will be two of his eight companions.

MR. STUBB, the student from Cambridge, who has recently accompanied Mr. Moody on many of his tours, is expected to address gatherings of students here, on several days of next week. S. N. Montreal, February 13th, 1886.

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