

## Ministers and Churches.

THE Rev. Dr. McRae, Halifax, fell on a slippery sidewalk recently, and broke his arm.

MR. MCGILLIVRAY, Presbyterian missionary at Elkhorn, has gone east owing to his ill-health.

THE Rev. Mr. Brown, of P.E.I., has preached at Treherne, Manitoba, for four Sabbaths. He is very much pleased with Manitoba.

MR. WILLIAM MOFFAT, of Grafton, has applied to be received as a Catechist of the Presbyterian Church. It is his intention to enter the ministry.

THE Rev. John Hadie has accepted the call from North Bruce and St. Andrew's, Saugeen. The induction takes place on the 27th inst. in North Bruce Church.

THE new Presbyterian Church, Sherbrooke, has been so far completed as to allow the lecture hall to be used for worship. It will accommodate 400 people.

THE Rev. Mr. Mills, Sunderland, has decided to refuse the call to Markham and Flesherton. Much pleasure is felt by his congregation, and a touching address was presented to him.

THE Rev. James Ross, B.D., Perth, preached strong and edifying anniversary services at St. Andrew's Church, Almonte. The special collection for the Manse Fund was a liberal one.

THE Rev. Robert A'kinson, late of Scotland, preached at St. Paul's Church, Truro, recently, and was very well liked, his sermons being well arranged and calculated to do good.

THE Rev. R. N. Grant, of Orillia, conducted the anniversary services at Union Church, Georgetown. His two sermons are said by many who were present to have been among the best ever heard.

DR. WARDROPE acknowledges with thanks the receipt of \$100 for Formosa from a friend, per W. F. M. S., Huron, Ont., and of \$15.70 from Sabbath schools in Russell, Ont., for native teacher in Indore.

A VERY successful concert was held at the residence of Mrs. Eason in aid of the Presbyterian Church, Birtle. The programme was very successfully carried out. The receipts were in the neighbourhood of \$30.

THE Session of Union Presbyterian Church, Smith's Falls, resolved to change its name. Mr. Crombie, their pastor, was asked to give the church a new name. His choice was St. Paul's, and by this name it will henceforth be known.

A NUMBER of members of the Presbyterian Church at Austin, Manitoba, drove to McGregor and surprised the Rev. Mr. Littlehales with an address, they afterwards met in Mr. Cairns' residence and spent a most enjoyable evening.

A PARTY of Galt people drove to Glen Morris to attend the Presbyterian social. The pastor, Rev. Mr. Pettigrew, occupied the chair, and Rev. Alexander Jackson, of Galt, delivered a splendid address. There was also a good musical programme.

THE concert held at Macgregor, Manitoba, recently, was a decided success. The Rev. H. Littlehales presided. The receipts at the door were \$35.50. The proceeds, increased to \$75.50, were in aid of the Building Fund of the Presbyterian Church.

THE young men of Knox Church, Guelph, have organized a society for prayer and work. Committees were appointed for the various districts to invite young men to special and regular services. They hold a men's Bible class every Sabbath afternoon.

REV. JOHN ROBBINS, of Truro, lectured at Oxford, Halifax, a short time ago, to a very good audience. He was listened to with great interest and was very much appreciated. It is expected that he will again favour the people at Oxford with a similar visit.

THE Christian Endeavour Society of Luskine Church, Hamilton, have held their first social entertainment, and the affair was very successful, not only in the attendance, but also in regard to the excellent programme. Refreshments were served by the ladies, and everybody seemed to heartily enjoy the entertainment.

THE Berlin *Telegraph* says: The Rev. W. McKibbin, M.A., preached an excellent sermon at Crosshill lately. Evidently Mr. McKibbin possesses the qualities which makes a manly Christian, as he expresses his views honestly and clearly. His work is much appreciated and will, we trust, bring forth much fruit.

PROFESSOR GEORGE PAXTON YOUNG, LL.D., of University College, was unable to continue his lectures on Wednesday last, on account of a severe attack of paralysis. Since that time he has been very ill, but his condition is now reported to be much improved. It is hoped that he may be soon able to resume his lectures.

CORUNNA Presbyterian Church held their annual tea meeting recently, which was largely attended. The Rev. Mr. McCutcheon presided. Among others contributing to the programme, Captain J. B. Symes gave a recitation, and was tendered a special vote of thanks for services rendered to the church. The proceeds will wipe out the debt.

AT the annual meeting of St. Andrew's Church, Perth, the congregation decided unanimously to proceed with the erection of a new church. Two lots were chosen, and were voted for, the one fixed upon being on Foster Street. Committees have been appointed to look after subscriptions, and operations will be commenced on the new building.

THE Rev. A. T. Love, B.A., St. Andrew's Church, Quebec, delivered a most interesting and instructive lecture on "John Knox and His Times" last Friday evening 22nd, in Murrin College Hall, before the Young Peoples' Society of Christian Endeavour. The lecture was listened to by a large and appreciative audience, despite the inclemency of the weather.

THE annual congregational social of Stanley Presbyterian Church, Montreal, was held recently. The Rev. F. M. Dewy occupied the chair. Addresses were delivered by Sir William Dawson, and the Rev. Dr. Antliff. The choir and a quartette party rendered several numbers very acceptably, and Miss Duncan and Mr. J. T. Henderson sang solos, which were well received.

THE Rev. R. D. Fraser, B.D., of Bowmanville, has lately been in very poor health. His medical advisers have insisted that he must take entire rest. The congregation, to their honour be it recorded, have granted him leave of absence with the payment of his salary for six months, and have presented him with \$300 to assist in defraying his expenses. He is on his way to Italy, where it is hoped he will recuperate and return to them in due time with his health completely restored.

REV. W. S. BALL, M.A., of Vanneck, preached the anniversary services at Bridgen Church. He gave two most eloquent sermons to large and interested audiences. The service held on the following evening was a great success. The pastor, Rev. J. A. McDonald, was in the chair. Addresses were given by the following gentlemen: Rev. Messrs. W. S. Ball, M.A., Quance, Morrison, Kelly, Edgelow, and R. V. McKibbin, M.A. It was one of the most enjoyable and successful meetings ever held in the Church.

REV. GHOSH B. HOWE lectured on "From Canada to Bethlehem" in the Presbyterian Church, Cheltenham, on Friday evening, February 14. The Church was filled and all present seemed highly pleased with the lecture. Mr. Howe appeared in Jewish dress, and illustrated many passages of the Scriptures by the custom of the Jews. His descriptions of Jerusalem and Bethlehem were vivid and eloquent and in some passages very touching. The lecture was given under the auspices of the Woman's Foreign Mission Society branch.

THE Rev. P. Wright, B.D., conducted the anniversary services in the Wingham Presbyterian Church on Sunday the 10th February.

The discourses were in his usually earnest, thoughtful, vigorous, logical and lucid style combined with splendid utterance and pleasing manner. He more than sustained the high expectations of the congregation. At the tea meeting on Monday evening he spoke eloquently, entertainingly and expressively on practical church work, including woman's sphere and influence. The proceeds of the entire services were about \$220. The inclement weather interfered somewhat with the attendance throughout.

THE Rev. E. D. McLaren, B.D., late of Brampton, was inducted into the pastoral charge of St. Andrew's Church, Vancouver, B.C., on the evening of the 13th inst. The Rev. D. McRae, Moderator of Presbytery, presided. The Rev. P. McF. McLeod preached an appropriate sermon from II. Cor. viii. 23. The Rev. T. G. Thomson, Presbytery Clerk, narrated the steps taken and the usual forms of induction were observed. Then the Rev. T. Scouler delivered the charge to the newly inducted pastor, and the Rev. T. G. Thomson addressed the people. On the evening of the 15th a most successful reception social was held.

ON the occasion of the departure of Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Cockburn for Paris, to which town he has been called, the Presbyterian congregation of Uxbridge presented Mr. Cockburn with a handsome gold watch, and Mrs. Cockburn with a beautiful silver tea service, both suitably engraved. The presentation was made in the church on Thursday evening, before a very large congregation, composed of members of every denomination in town. The Mayor occupied the chair. Mr. and Mrs. Cockburn leave Uxbridge with the best wishes of all for their future happiness and welfare. Mr. Cockburn has been pastor of the Uxbridge Presbyterian congregation for nearly sixteen years.

A VERY successful tea meeting was held on the evening of Wednesday, 6th inst., in East Seneca Presbyterian Church. The pastor, the Rev. J. W. Penman, occupied the chair with much acceptance. With him on the platform were the Revs. A. Grant, of St. Marys, J. W. Sifton, of York, and A. K. Caswell, of Oneida. The addresses of these gentlemen were highly appreciated. The choir of Knox Church, Caledonia, and Abingdon String Band were present, and rendered some very choice music. Taken altogether, the gathering was one of the most successful of its kind. The proceeds of the tea meeting and social amounted to over \$80, which will be used in repairing the church.

FROM the annual report of St. Andrew's Church, Sarnia, just issued it is learned that during the year there were nineteen baptisms, twenty-two were received on profession of faith, and twenty-two by certificate from other churches. There were only three deaths in the membership during the year. For all purposes the sum of \$5,388 was raised; for extra congregational objects \$734 were allocated as follows: Knox College, \$75; Manitoba College, \$17; Home Missions, \$160; Augmentation, \$74; French Evangelization, 75; Foreign Missions, \$248; Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, \$50; Widows' and Orphans' Fund, \$20; Assembly Fund, \$15. The Bible Class and Sabbath-school contributions amounted to \$242, and the Women's Foreign Missionary Society contributed \$108. The various reports submitted at the annual meeting indicate that St. Andrew's Church, Sarnia, under the able pastorate of Rev. John Thompson, D.D., is enjoying a large measure of healthy prosperity.

GREAT excitement has been occasioned recently in Dunkirk, N.Y., over a masquerade ball, held by the "Women's Educational and Industrial Union." The Rev. Dr. Sexton denounced masked balls from the pulpit, and as a consequence raised a hornet's nest about his care. He then drew up a resolution condemning the affair, and after a good deal of controversy, got it carried at a ministers' meeting. Such a procedure was quite new in the city, and the doctor was told in the paper that he was meddling with things which did not concern him and he was threatened that his influence would be destroyed. He replied that he had never studied consequences where questions of right and wrong were concerned, and he was too old to begin to do so now. The Methodist ministers supported him warmly, and the result has been that the Presbyterian and Methodist ladies have withdrawn their support from the ball. The doctor said if he were not supported he would appeal to the Presbytery. Presbyterians, he held, had always been opposed to public balls, to say nothing of masquerades.

A VERY elegant new church was opened last week in Westport by the Presbyterian congregation. Along with what was contributed by friends in Perth and elsewhere, together with contributions from the families in the congregation, and numerous gifts, Westport has one of the neatest little worshipping places to be found in Eastern Ontario. At the opening exercises on Sunday and Monday, there were large audiences. The gentlemen who took part in the inaugural proceedings were the resident ministers of Westport, Messrs. Johnston, of the Methodist congregation, and Emmerson, of the Baptist Church. From a distance the Rev. John Wilkie, of Indore, India, and the Rev. A. H. Scott, of Perth, lent a helping hand. Mr. Wilkie conducted both morning and evening services on Sunday. The Monday evening meeting, under the chairmanship of Mr. W. H. Fredenburgh, was a truly enjoyable affair. The Westport congregation, under the ministrations of Rev. D. Y. Ross, is to be congratulated on the promise attaching to the exercises connected with the opening of a church so attractive and commodious.

FEW ministers are more deserving of grateful remembrance than the late Dr. Mackenzie, of Embro. Many will read with interest the following complimentary mention of his son from a Chicago exchange: During the early part of this week the Rev. A. C. Mackenzie, of Oswego, N. Y., was a guest at the Sherman House of Dr. John Sutherland, of Rockford. Mr. Mackenzie is a son of the late famous Canadian divine who was one of the first to elevate the standard of Presbyterianism in Western Ontario. He was born in Oxford, Canada, and is at present settled in Oswego, and came West to pay a friendly visit. On Sunday last he delivered a powerful sermon from the pulpit of Dr. Sutherland, which has left in the minds of his hearers an impression which they will not forget. Mr. Mackenzie's appearance in the pulpit is dignified and commanding, while he is a most pleasing and forcible speaker. He rarely uses his notes, has a clear articulation, broken a trifle by a slight eastern accent, uses graceful gestures and is at all times eloquent and striking in his figures.

THE Rev. James Stuart, the oldest Presbyterian minister in Canada, died in Toronto last week. He was born at Coothill, County Cavan, Ireland, in 1804, and was educated at Belfast College under Drs. Cook and Edgar. Deceased was united in marriage to a daughter of the Rev. John Lowry, of Upper Clenanese, whose family are well known about Toronto. In 1847 Rev. James Stuart came to Canada and located at Frampton, Que., whence he moved to Montreal, and subsequently to Markham, from which place he was called to Goderich Church and the Wawanosh congregation, where he laboured for several years. A unanimous call to the charge of the Old Kirk at Woodstock took deceased away from Goderich, and after a long period of service in the last locality, deceased retired and settled in Brantford, where he lived for five years and then removed to Toronto. The children who survive him are, Rev. James G. Stuart, of Balderston; Dr. W. T. Stuart, of Toronto; Mrs. Stanbury, of Bayfield, and Miss Florella Stuart, of Toronto. The late Rev. J. L. Stuart, formerly pastor of the Trenton Presbyterian Church, was also a son of deceased.

THE golden jubilee of the ordination of Rev. Dr. McCulloch, as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Truro, N.S., was celebrated last week with great eclat. This church is the oldest Presbyterian Church in Canada, and has only had four pastors during its one hundred and eighteen years' history. Dr. McCulloch became its third pastor, and was ordained fifty years ago. There was a very large attendance of Presbyterian ministers from all parts of the Province as well as prominent laymen. Of the communion roll half a century ago there are only thirteen survivors, and twelve of these

are women. An address was read to Dr. McCulloch, accompanied by twelve hundred dollars in gold. The doctor replied in an affecting manner. There were also presents and tributes of esteem from many other bodies. Congratulatory cablegrams were received from Scotland, telegrams from various parts of the provinces, and letters from Sir William Dawson and Rev. Dr. Fraser, joint Secretary of the General Assembly, who is Dr. McCulloch's only surviving fellow-student. Jubilee addresses were delivered by J. F. Blanchard, Revs. John McMillan, Dr. Pollock and E. Scott. The ladies of the congregation entertained hundreds of clergy and visitors to tea, and in the evening there was a reception in the spacious church, addressed by leading Presbyterian divines in the province. Dr. McCulloch is nearly eighty years of age but is remarkably well for his years.

THE annual meeting of the Parish Presbyterian Woman's Foreign Mission Society, was held in Knox Church, Ayr, February 14th, Mrs. Dickenson, president, presiding. At a business meeting held in the forenoon, a very pleasant event occurred, when Mrs. Dickenson, who has been president since the society's organization in 1884, was presented by Mrs. Ross, of Ingersoll, in the name of the Presbyterian society and members with a certificate of life membership, as a token of their appreciation of her services. After lunch, served by the ladies of the Ayr Auxiliary, the afternoon Session opened with devotional exercises. Mrs. Hardie, of Ayr, tendered the visiting delegates a hearty welcome, to which Mrs. Scott, of Glen Morris, replied. A choir of young ladies, with Mrs. Baker as organist, then favoured the meeting with a vocal selection, after which the president earnestly appealed to all to join in this great work. The annual reports were then read, showing an addition of three mission bands—the society now comprising fifteen auxiliaries and nineteen mission bands. The treasurer's statement showed the splendid increase of \$276.87 over last year, the total receipts for 1888 being \$1,502.23. Mrs. McKay in a very earnest prayer dedicated the money. Mrs. Ewart, the president of the general association, gave an interesting address on mission work, closing with an exhortation for more efforts to Christianize their heathen sisters. Officers elected for ensuing year are as follows: Mrs. McMullen, Woodstock, president; Mrs. Thompson, Ayr, first vice-president; Mrs. McKay, Woodstock, second vice-president; Mrs. Munro, Embro, third vice-president; Miss Purvis, Brantford, fourth vice-president; Miss Robertson, Ingersoll, treasurer; Miss Harbey, Woodstock, recording secretary; Miss McKay, Woodstock, corresponding secretary. A public meeting was held in the evening, Rev. J. Thompson, presiding. Rev. W. T. McMullen, on behalf of the Presbytery, tendered greetings and congratulated the ladies on the marks of success during the year. After the junior division of the Beehive Mission Band, had favoured the meeting by singing a Hindoo missionary hymn, the Rev. Dr. McLaren gave a stirring address on Foreign Missions, speaking especially of the work which the Woman's Foreign Mission had been permitted to carry on during the passed twelve years. After the usual vote of thanks, the meeting closed by the Rev. W. T. McMullen, pronouncing the benediction.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, New Westminster, B.C., was opened for public worship on the 10th inst. At the morning service the commodious building was completely filled, which doubtless helped to inspire the preacher in the delivery of his eloquent sermon. The opening exercises were conducted by the pastor, the Rev. Thomas Scouler, and Rev. D. Fraser, M.A., of Victoria, preached. The Psalms and Scripture lessons were all appropriate to the occasion. Mr. Fraser's topic was the work of the Holy Spirit in equipping God's people for active Christian service. The sermon was pregnant with precious truth for Christians, and could not fail to do much good. In the afternoon the Rev. Thomas Hadden, of the reformed Episcopal Church, preached a very appropriate sermon to the young people. Mr. Fraser preached again in the evening to a large audience from Rev. i. 17-19. The full choir was present and deserves much praise for the skillful manner in which the service of praise was rendered. The organ, which is a small pipe, and new, gave entire satisfaction. The building has a beautiful situation overlooking the city, and stands beside the old church which was erected a quarter of a century ago. The new edifice is gothic in design and substantially built of brick and stone. The dimensions are sixty feet front over all, by 100 feet in depth. A tower of good proportions has been erected on the most commanding corner, and through the tower is one of the main entrances; there is another entrance by a porch on the opposite corner. A few steps lead to a large vestibule. The auditorium is spacious and lofty, the roof being of open timbered construction. The seating and pulpit are of native alder, and polished. The seats are cushioned, and the carpet was provided by the ladies. There is seating accommodation for 650 persons. The lighting is by gas reflectors, and the heating is secured by a hot air furnace. The acoustic properties of the building are about perfect. The architect is Mr. J. W. Grant, who deserves great credit for the handsome design of the building. The church is a credit to the congregation and to the Presbyterian Church of Canada. A social was held on the Tuesday following the opening, when addresses were given by Rev. Messrs. McLeod, Fraser, McRae, Victoria; Messrs. Ross, Tait, and ministers of other churches in the city. Rev. T. G. Thompson, of Vancouver, conducted the services on the 17th inst.

THE remarkable success that has attended every well-directed effort at Church extension by means of Sabbath-school and mission work should be a stimulus to congregations in cities and towns to engage heartily in the work that lies nearest their hand. Congregations need have no fear that these efforts will interfere with their work or prosperity. Instead of weakening existing churches such efforts will only exercise a strengthening and invigorating effect, and be productive of incalculable good in districts that have been too long neglected. It is a sign of the times when men whose daily engagements are of the most engrossing character take pleasure in devoting their Sabbath hours to work in connection with Mission Schools and churches. Mr. John Cameron, of the *Globe*, has, as superintendent of the Sunday-school done excellent work in connection with St. John's Church, east of the Don. In the last issue of St. James Square *Quarterly Record*, the following brief report appears: You have asked me to write a few words respecting the work carried on across the Don, under the auspices of our St. James Square congregation. More precise details than it is necessary to give here will no doubt be found in the annual reports. The year has been eminently successful from the standpoint of numerical growth. We trust it has not been unsuccessful in growth more important. I shall speak first of the Sunday-school. Comparing the actual average attendance of 1887, viz., seventy with that of 1887, which was 140, we have an increase of 100 per cent. But our actual regular attendance at present is well over 200. All the accompaniments of a Sunday-school are in full operation; including Bible class Infant Class, and Library, not to omit the summer picnic and the Christmas treat. The interest of the teachers is noticeable and gratifying. It is a mark of progress that an increasing proportion of the teachers is now drawn from those who reside in the neighbourhood, nor must mention be omitted of the increased Sabbath-school collections for missions—about forty dollars for 1887; over \$100 for 1888. The money this year goes to the new building for girls at Pointe aux Trembles, to the Knox College Students Missionary Society, and to the Rev. A. J. McLeod's Mission work in the Canadian Rocky Mountains. Equally gratifying has been the progress from the first modest preaching service to the present moment of congregational organization with Rev. Dr. Kellogg's interim Moderator of Session. St. John's Church has now preaching regularly each Sabbath at 11 a.m. by Mr. C. A. Webster, and at 7 p.m. by Mr. J. McP. Scott, with a weekly meeting on the Thursday night. Congregational organization was effected November 18, 1888, with a membership of twenty-seven. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed for the first time January 17, 1889, by the Rev. Principal Caven, with the communion roll increased to forty-four. Attendance both morning and evening is good reaching frequently at the evening service to 125. Reference is due to the very great assist-