

Church News.

In Canada.

THE Women's Foreign Missionary Presbyterian Society will meet at Orangeville on Jan. 8th.

REV. ALEXANDER CURRIE, formerly of Bonanquet, is at present lying at Brandon Hospital ill with typhoid fever.

OWING to the illness of Rev. R. M. Craig, Rev. Dr. Wardrop has taken charge of the congregation at Fergus for six months.

THE Presbyterians of Duff's church, Largie, Presbytery of London, are drawing material for the erection of a new church in the spring.

REV. W. MEIKLE has moved from his former residence, 43 Oxford street, to 44 Robert street, where he will be glad to have his correspondents address him.

REV. CHAS. MCKAY, of Brookfield, N. S., has declined the call to Little River congregation. This is the fifth call Mr. McKay has had since he was licensed upwards of four years ago.

REV. DR. JAMES ROBERTSON, Supt. of Missions, was unanimously nominated by the Presbytery of Victoria for the Moderatorship of next General Assembly, at its last meeting.

REV. MR. GREENLEES has resigned the pastoral charge of New Mills, N.B. The people presented him with a purse of \$166 on the occasion of his retirement. Mr. Greenlees goes to St. Stephen, N. B.

REV. DR. JAMIESON of Bethel church, near Mull, has been the recipient of a complimentary address and a handsome black fur coat, and Mrs. Jamieson of a purse of money from their congregation.

REV. J. G. SMITH, formerly Presbyterian minister of Kingston, has entered suit against the Board of Management of the Temporalities Fund of the Presbyterian Church of Canada. Rev. Mr. Smith was superannuated, and he claims \$1,000, his allowance for the past five years.

NEW CHURCH OPENED. The new Presbyterian church at Scotland, Co. Renfrew, was dedicated on Sunday last, Rev. A. H. Scott, of Perth, preaching in the morning and afternoon, and Rev. G. D. Bayne, of Pembroke, in the evening. Rev. Daniel Scott, brother of Rev. A. H. Scott, is in charge of the congregation.

THE Missionary Society of Knox church, Dutton, entertained their monthly subscribers at their last monthly meeting, the subject for the evening being "Systematic Giving." After the business was over, they retired to the infant class room, where a repast of good things was provided. This society, organized on the constitution of the General Assembly, is doing an excellent work.

THE Rev. J. M. Cameron, of Toronto, has accepted the call to the pastorate of the Presbyterian congregations of Wick and Greenback. Mr. Cameron comes with very high recommendations from those with whom he is acquainted, and the congregations are anticipating with pleasure the prospect of soon having a settled pastor among them. The induction services will be held at Wick on the 17th inst.

REV. DR. FRASER, of Hamilton, delivered his popular lecture, "Egypt, how we reached it, and what we saw," in the Blackheath Presbyterian church, on Tuesday evening, Dec. 11, to a very appreciative audience. The lecture was a real treat. Seldom do the good people there get such a feast of good things. The Methodist choir from Hall's Corners furnished the music, which was also much enjoyed.

THE annual thank offering of the W. F. M. S. of South Westminster was held recently, a large number of ladies present showing much interest in mission work. Mrs. Currie, of Belmont, gave a short address on "The interest we as women should have in our heathen sisters." The musical part of the programme was conducted by the young ladies of the choir, after which

tea and cake was served to all present. All felt this was one of the best thank offering services in the history of the society. The offering was larger than usual.

SINCE the settlement of Rev. Neil Campbell in Oro six societies have been organized in the congregations for missionary work; two Y.P.S.C.E., who are to work for Home Missions, two W.F.M.S. and two Mission Bands. These societies are all doing good work, and will no doubt prove a blessing to the congregations.

THE Regina Indian Industrial School recently lost the services of two very efficient members of its staff. Mrs. Leckie as matron for two years, and Miss Lilly Russell as assistant matron, brought great devotion and ability into their work. On the eve of their departure for Fergus, they received a number of tangible tokens of the high esteem in which they were held both by their co-workers and by the Indian children.

AS it appeared in a recent issue to the effect that "owing to Rev. Mr. Caruthers, pastor of the Waterloo Presbyterian church, being strongly opposed to dancing and card-playing, he was forced to resign his pastorate, some of the members not liking his way of talking." This paragraph was communicated and accepted in good faith from our correspondent. But we are informed that the statement is inaccurate, and gladly intimate the same to our readers.

THE Eastern Home Mission Board, at its recent meeting, received reports from the various Presbyteries. Pictou Presbytery drew nothing from the Board funds last year, supplying all mission stations from its own resources. St. John Presbytery, owing to the work of Rev. Mr. Ross, the Presbytery home mission superintendent, while doing more and better work, asked the Board for \$500 less than formerly. \$12,000 will be needed by the Board next year.

THE new Presbyterian church at Snake River was opened with appropriate services on Sabbath, Dec. 2nd. The Rev. A. H. Scott, of Perth, brother of the pastor, officiated at the morning service and the Rev. Dr. Bayne, of Pembroke, preached at the evening service. The services were largely attended, especially in the evening. On Monday evening a social was held, when a very large crowd was present, hundreds being unable to gain admittance to the church. Excellent music was furnished by the choir and by the Rev. Alfred Fowler, of Winnipeg. Addresses were delivered by the Revs. M. D. M. Blakely, A. Fowler, R. MacNabb, A. H. Scott, D. J. Scott and Dr. Bayne. The speakers were loud in their praises of the beautiful church and of the energy, enterprise and liberality of the people. Special mention was made of the able and energetic efforts of the Rev. D. J. Scott, who is very popular with the people of Stafford, Osceola and Snake River. The proceeds of the opening services amounted to \$110.17.

THE new Presbyterian church known as St. Andrew's, at Oro Station, was dedicated to divine worship on the first Sabbath of December, when the Rev. Principal Caven, of Knox College, preached morning and evening to large and interested congregations. It is only two months since the cornerstone was laid, and the church, which is a credit to any congregation, is opened free from debt. The pastor, the Rev. Neil Campbell, is to be congratulated on the erection of this new church, which will no doubt prove a blessing to the village and neighborhood. On Monday evening a social entertainment was held in the church, which was too small for the numbers who came from near and far to enjoy the evening and offer their congratulations to the friends at Oro Station over the opening of their new church. The chair was occupied by Mr. Stephenson, from Barrie; and after singing part of the One Hundredth Psalm and prayer, congratulatory addresses were made by Rev. Mr. Moodie, McLeod and McIntosh, of Barrie, and others. The closing address was made by the pastor, Rev. Neil Campbell, who spoke of the great enthusiasm shown by the people, and that the building of the new church was under-

taken without even a hint from him. The total amount of receipts at the Sabbath services and the Monday evening meeting, was \$125.

THE annual thank offering meeting, Toronto Auxiliary, was held on Thursday, Dec. 6th, in the Y. M. C. A. Library. Mrs. Edward Blake presided and conducted the devotional exercises. Treasurers report a balance in hand of \$139.56. Miss Reed, by well chosen selections from "French Protestantism of the Nineteenth Century," written by Louise Seymour Houghton, shewed how Paris and the French provinces have been changed by the work of the McAll mission. That work commenced so quietly and carried with so much judgment, nothing being said or done to antagonize the government, has reached and touched the people marvellously. Miss M. Carby read encouraging extracts from the French annual report. Miss McCracken rendered a sacred solo, "Over the Hills of Bethlehem," in a very acceptable manner. Mrs. Howitt gave an interesting Bible reading on Thanksgiving, Miss Smith, B.E., recited "The Tapestry Weavers," in her usual good style. The "Thank Offering" amounted to \$22.05. Miss Carby read the texts accompanying the money, and Mrs. Shortreed offered up the dedicatory prayer. The meeting was closed by singing the long metre Doxology.

THE ninth anniversary of the pastorate of Rev. Thos. Bennett and the farewell service in Taylor church, Montreal, occurred on the same day and were solemnized by special sermons. The pastor made several touching references in his sermons, as for instance: "I remember, nine years ago, I was invited to come here, in the midst of that foul plague that cast a tremor over everybody, that plague which swept away the beloved pastor of this church, the Rev. J. J. Casey, D.D.; a man whose pointed sermons remain still in the memory of some. I may say that by your church attendance and prayers no less than 390 have been drawn to Him. His word has been made good. And again: "This church, in which we are to-night holding our Sabbath farewell service, will be a witness as to divine goodness. As to whether we have rejected or accepted God's offers of mercy. A witness of how God can bless small things. Beginning, as this church did, by three ladies canvassing the east end in 1862, and forming a Presbyterian Sunday-school. In later years a morning Sunday-school was started elsewhere. These two uniting in later years, and being united as a church by the late Rev. Dr. Taylor, of Erskine church. Thirty-one persons partook of communion, the first time, and then the number dwindled down to thirteen. By some it was thought best to disband, but others more foresighted, said no, and, now, behold how the small one has grown." Special mention was made during the service of the Rev. J. J. Casey, Elder James Brown, and a body of earnest teachers, also of several gentlemen who have aided so much in the new church.

ONE of the most interesting and instructive missionary meetings ever held in Lucknow, was conducted there in the Presbyterian church, on Tuesday evening, Dec. 4th, when the celebrated Dr. Mackay, of Formosa, delivered a stirring address. The church, which seats comfortably 700, was packed, while hundreds (it is said) had to leave, being unable to get in so as to hear. The worthy missionary was accompanied by his Chinese student and preacher, Mr. Kai Kau, who appeared in his native costume; read a Psalm distinctly in English, and sang in Chinese and English. He is an intelligent looking man, and is evidently smart and very observant. The chair was occupied by the pastor, Rev. A. Mackay, while on the platform were the Revs. Fairbairn, of Dungannon; Grey, of Kinloss; McLennan, of South Kinloss; Mills, of the Methodist church, and Miles, of the English church. Lucknow, also Dr. Malcolm, a returned medical missionary from Honan. Dr. Mackay spoke for fully an hour and a half in an exceedingly interesting and at times in an intensely earnest manner, and was listened to with delight by the vast audience. His marvellous perseverance in preaching Christ, in the face of strong opposition and