

solos by Miss Roxburgh, Miss Smart and Miss Radon, were very highly appreciated. A happy and enjoyable evening was spent, and also a profitable one, as the proceeds showed—\$130.10.

THE most satisfactory annual meeting in the history of St. Andrew's Church, Campbellford, was held on Tuesday evening, 17th Jan. The pastor, Rev. J. Hay, B.D., presided. The following reports were presented: The Session. Forty communicants were received during the year; even ten by certificate and twenty-three on profession of faith. Twenty died during the year, leaving 264 communicants and 140 families. Average attendance at communion, 182. Average attendance at prayer meeting, 125; thirty baptisms; \$171.40 raised for mission and kindred funds. Sabbath school: 220 scholars; average, 131; fourteen teachers; collections, \$164.74. The Sabbath school supports one pupil at Pointe-aux-Trembles at an annual cost of \$50, and gave \$20 to other missions. The pastor's Bible class numbers sixty-five, and a weekly teachers' class is conducted by the pastor for thorough preparation. The treasurer: Ordinary receipts, \$1,319.08 to December 31; expenditure, \$1,438.53. The deficit was more than paid before the annual meeting. Building committee: \$611.70 was received on spire fund, and about \$350 on general fund. Woman's Foreign Missionary Society: Twenty-nine members. Meetings well attended and intensely interesting; \$59 was given for missions, and a box of clothing sent to the Indians in the North-West. Ladies' Aid Society: Members visit the sick, welcome strangers and meet fortnightly for sewing. It raised \$175 during the year for improving the church and grounds. Young Peoples Mutual Improvement Society: Holds fortnightly meetings for six months of winter, and discusses excellent programmes of literature, art, moral and Christian work, and topics of the times. Active membership, thirty-five; attendance fifty. The retiring managers, Messrs. French, Donald and Gowan, were re-elected. Mr. Robert Dinwoodie was re-appointed auditor. The contributions of the congregation were \$2,850, besides \$800 subscribed for Queen's College Endowment. Heartily votes of thanks were given the choir for their faithful and efficient services and to the managers. The annual tea meeting on the 8th inst. was a great success. Excellent addresses were delivered by Rev. Messrs. Sutherland, Warkworth; Carmichael, Norwood; Steele, Seymour East, and the resident ministers. Proceeds \$150.

On the first Sabbath of this month, Rev. A. Gilray, of Toronto, concluded the anniversary services of the Cambridge Presbyterian Church. He preached to large congregations, morning and evening, and addressed the Sabbath school in the afternoon. On the Monday evening he lectured on a "Tour through the Italian Cities," to a large congregation. All his services were much appreciated. The annual meeting was held on the evening of the 16th. Between six and half-past seven o'clock, tea was served in the school room by the ladies, free of charge. After this the business was entered upon, the pastor, Rev. E. Cockburn, M.A., in the chair. The meeting was by far the largest and most successful in the history of the Church, and marked by the usual entire harmony. Reports, showing gratifying progress in every department, were presented by the Session, Board of Management, treasurer of Building Fund, Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Willing Workers, and Lend a Hand Band. The attendance at service and interest in the Lord's work have grown. A young men's Sabbath morning prayer meeting is maintained. Twenty-five names have been added to the communion roll. Membership, 170. Membership of Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, fifty-one; contributed by them solely in monthly voluntary contributions, \$152, which has been forwarded. Income of Willing Workers, \$225; Lend a Hand Band, \$34; thirty of this being sent to Rev. H. McKay, of Broadview, for an Indian boy the band are supporting and educating. The following amounts have been contributed for the Schemes of the Church, and show considerable increase in some items. Home Missions, \$80; Augmentation, \$66; Foreign Missions, exclusive of Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, \$215; French Evangelization, \$25; College Fund, \$25; Knox Endowment, \$89; Manitoba College, \$10; Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, \$12; Widow's and Orphans' Fund, \$6; Assembly Fund, \$5; total \$528. The ladies of the congregation, together with those of Lindsay, have contributed equal amounts for an organ for Rev. Mr. Goforth's Chinese mission. Besides meeting all current expenditure and interest, \$600 have been paid on principal of mortgage. Within the last three years, the indebtedness has been reduced from upwards of \$11,000 to \$4,800. Such results are very gratifying, and speak well for the ability and liberality of both pastor and people.

THE annual congregational meeting of the First Presbyterian Church, Seaford, was held in the church on Monday evening week. This meeting was convened immediately upon the close of the thanksgiving service, and there was a large attendance present. Mr. S. G. McCauley was called to the chair, and Mr. John Fairley acted as secretary. The reports from the various departments showed the congregation to be a prosperous and growing condition, and to be doing a good work. The amount contributed to ordinary revenue for the year was \$3,117.50, and the following several amounts were contributed by the various branches for missionary purposes, viz. Sabbath Schools, \$256.40; Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, \$250.99; Young Men's Missionary Association, \$498.55. Besides these there was contributed to the following objects: Knox College Endowment Fund, \$215; Knox College Students' Missionary Fund, \$52; North-West Church and Manse Building Fund, \$40. It will thus be seen that there was contributed for missionary and kindred purposes, outside of church support, the very handsome sum of \$1,543.94, and that the total contributions of the congregation for the year amounted to \$4,430.74. The church property is now entirely free from debt, and for some time the congregation have been considering the subject of furnishing increased accommodation, for which there is much need, either by enlarging the present church building or erecting an entirely new edifice, but as yet no definite steps have been taken.

The membership is about 530, and is gradually increasing, while the list of adherents is also very large, so that the present church building, although large, is not nearly large enough to furnish the required accommodation, so that the problem of an enlarged church building will likely have to be faced at an early day. Last year the congregation engaged during the six summer months an assistant to aid and relieve the pastor, and we are glad to learn that they have determined upon a similar course during the summer months of this year. This will afford the pastor needed relief, as the labours in connection with so large a congregation are entirely too heavy to be borne by one man all the year around, no matter how able and willing he may be, and the people of this congregation think too much of their pastor and esteem his services too highly to permit him to overwork himself if they can help it.

MONTREAL NOTES.

The annual report of St. Andrew's Church congregation, Sherbrooke, Que., Rev. A. Lee, pastor, has just been published. The membership at present is 186, a net increase of thirty five during 1887. Of the members received during the year, twenty nine were on profession of faith. There are 112 families connected with the congregation. The average attendance of the Sabbath school and Bible class was 140, as compared with 114 in 1886 and eighty-one in 1885. The revenue for congregational purposes was \$1,503, of which \$1,041 was obtained by weekly envelopes, the largest contribution being \$1 per Sabbath. The number of contributors is upwards of 140, a very large number proportionate to the families. For missionary purposes there was raised the sum of \$567, of which \$475 was the gift of one member of the church for Foreign Missions. The congregation have decided to erect a new church building on the site of the present edifice, and plans have already been adopted. Toward the new building the Ladies' Aid Society raised \$127 last year, and the Young Ladies' Aid Society \$200. Sherbrooke is one of the very few places in the Province where the English-speaking population holds its own. With a commodious and attractive new church, the congregation under Mr. Lee will doubtless make steady progress.

The Rev. James Barclay, of St. Paul's Church, has had several attacks of lumbago this winter which confined him to the house for several days at a time. He spent the past week with the Rev. J. Mackie in Kingston, for rest and change, and has returned home considerably improved in health.

The Rev. Dr. Taylor, of New York, preached to large congregations last Sabbath in Emmanuel Church. He lectured to a fair sized audience on Monday evening on "Sir Walter Scott," and on the afternoon of that day gave an address to the students of the several Theological Colleges on "Heroism in the Christian Ministry."

The "Year Book" of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, for 1888, is to hand, packed full of facts of such general interest to the membership of our Church that it is desirable to see a copy of it in every Presbyterian home in the Dominion. Now that the publication of the "Year Book" has been resumed, it is hoped that the issue for 1888 will be so greatly in demand as to warrant its continuance regularly hereafter.

On Thursday the Presbytery of Montreal, Rev. A. B. McKay, Moderator, met in Knox Church to consider the call to Rev. James Fleck, from Knox Church, Winnipeg. Besides the members of Presbytery, there were present a large number of the congregation of Knox Church, watching with intense interest the issue of the case. The Rev. Principal King, of Winnipeg, and the Rev. James Robertson, Superintendent of Missions, appeared as commissioners from the Presbytery of Winnipeg, and Messrs. Paul, Henderson, Whigman, Clark and Hains from the Session and congregation of Knox Church, Montreal. The pleading on both sides was very earnest, the claims of Winnipeg being presented in a very strong light by Dr. King and Mr. Robertson, both of whom showed the very great importance of the field and its at present great dearth of pastors. The Montreal commissioners presented petition after petition from the different organizations connected with the congregation, and from some outside of it, showing a very strong desire to retain Mr. Fleck's services, and presenting in a most unmistakable light the deep affection in which he is held. The call being placed in Mr. Fleck's hands he referred to the very great difficulty he experienced in coming to a decision because of the strong case made out on both sides, but that he believed the path of duty lay in his present charge, where his work did not seem yet to be ended. On motion of Rev. Dr. Campbell the Presbytery agreed to decline the translation, and the call was accordingly set aside to the great joy of Mr. Fleck's people.

A concert on behalf of the extension of the girls school at Pointe-aux-Trembles is to be given in Knox Church lecture hall on Tuesday evening, 25th inst. It is gotten up by a number of young ladies interested in mission work, and promises to be most successful.

The Rev. C. Chiquay is to be in Montreal next week on his way to Maine, where he is to deliver several lectures.

The annual festival of St. Gabriel Church Sabbath school took place last week, and passed off most successfully. After entertaining the nite folks at tea in the school room, an entertainment was given in the body of the church, at which the pastor, Rev. Dr. Campbell, presided. The entertainment included vocal and instrumental music, and a magic lantern exhibition. The prizes were distributed by the Rev. Dr. Campbell, and an enjoyable evening was brought to a close with the benediction.

The Revs. Principal MacVicar and R. H. Warden have gone to Lowell as a deputation from the Presbytery of Montreal, to organize a congregation there.

Sabbath School Teacher.

INTERNATIONAL LESSON.

March 22, 1888. CHRIST ENTERING JERUSALEM. Matt. 21:1-10.

GOLDEN TEXT.—Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.—Psa. cxviii. 26.

SHORTER CATECHISM.

Question 65.—The fifth commandment enjoins the principle on which the home and society are based. The father and mother derive their authority to govern from God. Children are to obey their parents in the Lord. Self-willed conduct at home is not only productive of confusion and bitterness, it is a sin against God's law. Children who treat their parents with disrespect, who fail to give them the honour that is their due, are laying up for themselves many bitter and unavailing regrets. Children, obey your parents, for this is right.

INTRODUCTORY.

Only a few days now remain'd before Christ should suffer. He and His disciples had reached Jerusalem. Its streets were crowded with people who had come from all parts of Palestine and from many distant lands to keep the Passover. Christ had made the home of Martha and Mary and Lazarus at Bethany His temporary resting place. On the first morning of the last week before He suffered the stirring incidents in the present lesson occurred.

I. The Triumphal Procession. Near to Bethany was another small village, Bethphage (house of figs), on the Mount of Olives to the east of Jerusalem. As Jesus with His disciples is going to the city, two of the disciples are sent to this village where they will find an ass and a colt by the roadside. These they were to bring to the Saviour. If the owner challenged the disciples they were instructed to say that the Lord had need of them. It may be that the owner of the animals was an undeclared disciple of Jesus, who when he knew for whom the ass was required would willingly comply with the request. In the East the ass is a much larger and more spirited animal than those we are accustomed to see. The horse was chiefly used in war; the ass was employed in the pursuits of peace. It was fitting that the Prince of Peace should make His triumphal entry as He did. Six hundred years before the prophet Zechariah had said: "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: He is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass." To convince his Jewish readers, Matthew frequently calls attention to the fact that the incidents in the life of Jesus were exact and literal fulfillments of Old Testament prophecies. The two disciples returned with the ass and spread their garments on it for a saddle, others showed their devotion by spreading their raiment and branches cut from the trees on the way. The crowd from the city and the multitudes thronging into Jerusalem composed this triumphal procession, part preceding and part following Jesus. They took up the language of the 118th Psalm, and cried: "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" When they reached the city the people were moved, excited, and cried: "Who is this?" "This is Jesus the prophet of Nazareth of Galilee," was the reply.

II. The Purification of the Temple.—Next morning after passing the night at Bethany, Jesus returned to Jerusalem and entered the Temple. At the beginning of His ministry He had performed a similar act, but men intent on making gain had again crowded the sacred enclosure. These traffickers were not inside the Holy Place, but in the court of the Gentiles. Materials for the Temple service were here exposed for sale: doves for the offerings of the poor were here offered, and money-changers, who were ready to accommodate the numerous Jewish pilgrims from other lands with the money necessary for Temple gifts in exchange for the coins they possessed, were plying their busy trade. It is said that the priests derived considerable gain from this traffic within the Temple enclosure. This trading in sacred places was singularly out of keeping with the spirit of worship, and the Lord of the Temple drove them out and overthrew the tables of the money changers and the seats of them that sold doves. Quoting from the prophetic writings, Jesus said, "It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves." The poor, the needy and the afflicted ever found a friend in Jesus. He was never too busy to listen to their requests. The blind and the lame came to Him in the Temple and He healed them. The chief priests and the Scribes had now reached that degree of blindness and unbelief that nothing Christ would do or say had any effect in restraining the bitterness and hate with which they regarded Him. The good He did, and the affectionate and spontaneous homage of the children, sorely displeased them. It is a terrible state to be in when people call good evil and evil good. It should not be overlooked that Jesus frequently made use of the Scriptures to answer those opposed to Him. The offended religious leaders, desirous that He should silence the children, say to Him, "Hearest Thou what these say?" Jesus did hear their joyful ascriptions and understood them, and, applying the words of the eighth Psalm, said, "Yea, have ye never read, Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings Thou hast perfected praise?"

PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS.

Whatever is needed for Christ's service should be cheerfully rendered.

All God's prophecies are certain of fulfilment.

The triumphal entry into Jerusalem is a symbol of the final and glorious triumph of the Prince of Peace.

The temple of the heart must be purified.

Christ loves the children's praise.