

Ministers and Churches.

THE Toronto Auxiliary of the McAll Mission met in Shaftesbury Hall, Thursday, February 18. The chair was taken by the president, Mrs. Edward Blake. There were discussions as to the most advisable means of raising money for the mission, also the magazines to be taken. The meeting was an interesting one. It has been decided to meet the first Thursday of each month. Contributions will be received by the treasurer, Miss Caven, 235 Victoria St.

THE members of Wakefield and Masham Presbyterian Congregations met on Thursday, 11th ultimo, at the manse, to welcome Rev. Mr. Gamble and Mrs. Gamble on their arrival home from their wedding tour. A very enjoyable evening was spent, and, before separating, Mr. and Mrs. Gamble were made the recipients of a number of handsome presents, among which was a complete set of Dickens' works, handsomely bound, presented by the congregation.

THE annual congregational meeting of Knox Church, Dundas, was held lately, when the managers presented their report. The report showed that the church was free of debt and had a small balance left on hand. The small mortgage still unpaid on the manse it is expected by next year will be entirely wiped out. The congregation thought that the Rev. Dr. Laing's salary should be increased, and therefore added to it \$200. The meeting was largely attended, and all present were satisfied with the progress made during the past year.

THE Rev. H. McQuarrie, of Wingham, preached the anniversary sermons in Knox Church, Palmerston, on Sunday, the 14th February. The discourses were clear, earnest and impressive. At the annual tea meeting on Monday evening stirring addresses were given by Rev. Messrs. McQuarrie, Kay, of Milverton, Campbell, of Listowel, Edmison, of Rothsay, Stafford, of Palmerston. The choir was highly and deservedly complimented, under its efficient and popular leader, Mr. Robertson. The proceeds amounted to about \$140.

AT the close of the prayer meeting lately, Miss Robb, on behalf of the ladies of the 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 the 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 eighth anniversary of the dedication of Guthrie Church, Harrison, was observed on Sabbath, the 14th ult. The Rev. J. A. R. Dickson, B.D., of Galt, preached two instructive discourses, to large congregations, especially in the evening. On Monday evening, the annual social, by the Ladies' Aid Society was held, which was a great success. The proceeds of the anniversary, and the Sabbath school tea meeting, which was held on Tuesday evening, exceeded \$200. It is only a few weeks ago that re-opening services were (the gallery being finished) conducted by the Rev. Mr. Goldsmith, of Hamilton, when the proceeds amounted to nearly \$170.

THE service preparatory to communion was held on the 25th ult., in First Presbyterian Church, Port Hope, and was one of more than ordinary interest. The pastor was assisted by the Rev. Mr. Cleland, of Mill Street Church, who preached an appropriate sermon. The special feature of the occasion was the reception of twenty-three persons to the privileges of full communion. They were addressed by the pastor, the Rev. Mr. Mitchell, on the responsibilities and support of avowed discipleship, and after declaration of their faith, experience and purpose of obedience to Christ, were welcomed by him into the fellowship, in the name of the Session and congregation. This is the largest number received at one time for many years, and is largely the fruit of the fortnight of special services recently held.

THE people of Wick had a very successful tea and concert on the evening of the 12th ult., even though the weather was very much against them. The Presbyterian choir of Uxbridge rendered some very fine selections of music that were highly appreciated by the audience. Short addresses were interspersed among these, by Rev. J. B. McLaren, of Cannington, Rev. N. E. Scott, of Seagrave, and the pastor. At the close a large storied cake was presented to the choir by the ladies of the congregation that called forth a well-fitted reply from Mr. Tewkesbury, their leader. On Monday night a social was held when the friends gave speeches and recitations and the Wick choir rendered several anthems in a very creditable manner. At the close they were presented with a cake also. The whole proceeds amounted to about \$85.

THE annual meeting of the Murray Mitchell Auxiliary was held in the school room of Old St. Andrew's Church on Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 16. There was a large attendance, about 130 members being present. The secretary's and treasurer's reports were read, the latter showing that the contributions for the past year, including the sums raised by the Mission Bands, amounted to \$1,865.09. Several of the churches previously belonging to the Murray Mitchell Auxiliary have formed auxiliaries of their own, and we now comprise four, instead of seven churches as heretofore. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Mrs. Gregg, president; Mrs. Robert Darling, secretary; Mrs. Thom, treasurer. A very interesting paper was read by Mrs. John Cameron, and before separating a pleasant hour was spent by the members in social intercourse.

ANNIVERSARY services were held in connection with the First Presbyterian Church, St. Mary's, on Sabbath, 21st Feb. The pastor, Rev. J. A. Turnbull, B.A., delivered able and appropriate discourses both morning and evening, to large congregations. The Monday evening following a tea meeting was held in the basement of the church. After tea the large audience adjourned to the body of the church. The

pastor occupied the chair. Interesting addresses were delivered by the Rev. Messrs. Hamilton, of Motherwell, Penman, of Nissouri, Panton, of Stratford, Gram and Mc Laurin, of St. Mary's. During the evening several pieces of music were exceedingly well rendered by the choir. The proceeds amounted to \$113.74. A debt of \$1,400 had been contracted for repairs on the manse; it is creditable to say, and worthy of imitation, that the Ladies' Aid Society has paid it all off in eighteen months. A very enjoyable evening was brought to a close by pronouncing the benediction.

AT the meeting of the Knox College Students' Missionary Society on Thursday evening last the following minute, concerning the late Wm. M. Russell, was adopted: With deep sorrow the society places on record the death of one of its members, Mr. Wm. M. Russell. In doing so they would express their deep sense of the loss sustained by the removal of a life so promising. His unassuming manner and gentle disposition won the affection of all who knew him; his earnest Christian piety and zeal in the work of preaching the Gospel gave an impressiveness to his character, the influence of which was felt by every one. During the last summer he laboured as the society's missionary in Providence Bay, Manitoulin Island, where his work was singularly blessed, and where he will be long and affectionately remembered. The society deeply sympathize with the bereaved friends, and especially with the widowed mother now so sorely afflicted, and would commend them to the Father of mercies, and God of all comfort, who comforteth us in all our tribulations.

ON Friday evening, February 12, an entertainment, consisting of a concert and lecture, was held in the Presbyterian Church, Wendigo, under the auspices of the Young People's Association, in connection with the congregation. The Rev. W. S. Ball delivered his interesting and instructive lecture on "The Men of the War and How they fought." The musical part of the programme was rendered by Miss Scott and Miss L. Gordon, of Strathroy; Miss Buick, of Detroit; Mrs. Douglas, of Wendigo, and the church choir. Those present went away well satisfied with the evening's enjoyment. On the following Tuesday the young people held their regular meeting. Mr. James Conn gave a musical selection on the mouth organ. A very interesting debate occupied most of the time, the subject being "Resolved that money wields a mightier influence in the world than Christianity." The affirmative was supported by Messrs. Thomas Cooper and Robert Alexander, the negative, by Messrs. Thomas Alexander and J. S. Scott. Rev. J. S. Henderson, pastor of the congregation, decided in favour of the negative.

THE annual meeting of the Toronto Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was held in Knox Church parlours. The following are the officers for the ensuing year: Mrs. Rolls, president; Mrs. Harvie, first vice president; Mrs. J. M. Alexander, second vice-president; Mrs. Frizzell, third vice-president; Miss George, secretary; Miss Reid, treasurer. After devotional exercises Mrs. Harvie delivered the president's address, which congratulated the society upon its progress during the year. Mrs. J. M. Alexander presented the secretary's report, which showed an increase since January, 1885, of eleven auxiliaries and five mission bands, giving a total of fifteen auxiliaries and nine mission bands with a membership of 1,143. Mrs. Rolls read the treasurer's report, which showed receipts and disbursements amounting to \$2,660.78. Miss MacMurchy read an interesting paper on "Female Education in India." An address of welcome was made by Mrs. Parsons, to which replies were made by Mrs. Blake, Mrs. Fitch and Mrs. Body. The question box proved very interesting, and occasioned a discussion, which brought out considerable important information. A number of curiosities exhibited by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society attracted much attention. The society is to be congratulated upon the great success which attended the first annual meeting.

THE annual meeting of Zion Presbyterian Church, Brantford, was held in the lecture room recently—Rev. Dr. Cochran presided. After the usual devotional exercises, and a brief address from the chairman, Mr. Thomas McLean presented the report of the kirk session, which showed that during the past year 103 members had been added to the communion roll, making the total membership a little over 600 as against 550 last year. In his report Mr. McLean alluded in feeling terms to the death of Mr. James Wallace, who had been connected with the church from its inception, and also to the removal of Mr. George Dempster, another valued elder, to Toronto, where he is now prosecuting his studies for the Gospel ministry. Mr. William Grant, the treasurer, presented the financial statement of the past year, from which it appears that there had been received from pew rents and collections the sum of \$4,050.50, and contributed, in addition, by the congregation for Missions, Manitoba Church Building Fund, Knox College Endowment Fund, Sabbath Schools' Poor Fund, and the Repair Fund of the Church, the sum of \$3,097.82, making a total of \$7,148.32, as against \$6,221.68 the year previous. Mr. Grant submitted the report of the committee on the Repair Fund of the Church, showing that the debt had been reduced \$1,000 during the past year. Mr. W. N. Hossie presented the report of the Sabbath School Association, which showed that the roll of teachers numbers forty-eight, with 418 scholars on the roll and an average attendance of thirty-six teachers and 269 scholars. The report mentioned the appointment of Mr. R. I. Fraser, as superintendent of the mission school, in the room of Mr. Dempster, and the re-appointment of Dr. Nichol, who has so long held that office, to the superintendency of the church school. The report also stated that both the church and mission school had become responsible for the support and education of the two little girls at the Pointe-aux-Trembles school at Montreal. Mr. James A. Wallace presented the report of the Missionary Society, the Board of Management, and the Ladies' Aid Society, for the past year. From the above reports it will be seen that in every department of church work during the past year there has been a gratifying increase, the number of pew holders being larger than ever, and the church attendance exceedingly encouraging.

MONTREAL NOTES.

THE new Presbyterian Church at Cote St. Antoine was opened for public worship on Sabbath, 21st February, the Rev. J. Fleck, B.A., preaching in the morning, and the Rev. A. B. Mackay in the evening; Mr. S. Greensfields presiding at the organ. In the afternoon an open meeting of the Sabbath school was held and was addressed by Mr. A. C. Hutchinson, the superintendent, and Messrs. Fleck and McCaul. The attendance at all the services was large, and general admiration was expressed as to the beauty and comfort of the church. It is seated for 250 persons. The pulpit desk and seat are trimmed with silk plush, and the platform, aisles, etc., carpeted with crimson Brussels. The seats are all cushioned. The lamps were made to order, and correspond with the general style of the building. All the windows are coloured glass, and add greatly to the beauty of the church. On the south side are two rooms, a vestry and an infant class room, which can be thrown into one, and occupied for prayer meetings. The lot on which the church is erected cost \$3,200, and the building about \$3,300. The ladies raised nearly \$600, and met the entire expense of the church furnishings, cushions, etc. The pulpit lamps, Bible and psalm and hymn books, the stoves and the collection plates were presents, respectively, from friends of the congregation. Mr. A. C. Hutchinson was the architect of the building, the contractors being Messrs. L. Paton and Sons. The social meeting on Tuesday evening was largely attended. Mr. Hutchinson presided. Short addresses were delivered by Rev. Messrs. Warden, Scribner, Smyth, Campbell, Barclay and Wells, and the Harmony Male Quartette favoured the meeting with several pieces during the evening. At the close, refreshments were served by the ladies. On Friday evening the Sabbath school festival was held. The centre seats were filled by the scholars, the parents and friends occupying the side seats. Addresses were given by Messrs. Hutchinson, C. W. Davis, J. Murray Smith, William Rutherford, Rev. Professor Campbell and Rev. Mr. King. Mrs. G. Wood presided at the organ, and the singing was led by Mr. J. Phymister. The conduct of the children was most exemplary. They were provided with tea early in the evening, and at the close with oranges and candies, supplied by the ladies. The opening services were continued last Sabbath, the Rev. L. H. Jordan, B.D., preaching in the morning, and the Rev. W. A. Cruickshank, B.D., in the evening. The new congregation is to be formally organized on Wednesday evening. It will number about forty families; and as Cote St. Antoine is the only suburb of the city being settled by English-speaking people, the congregation may in a few years, become one of the most important in the Presbytery.

THE arrangements for the celebration of the centenary of Presbyterianism in Montreal are now about completed. The congregation of St. Gabriel Church—the oldest Presbyterian Church edifice in the Province—have arranged for special services on Sabbath, the 7th and 14th of March. On the former day the Rev. Dr. Cool preaches at eleven a.m., Dr. Wilkes at three p.m., and Rev. R. Campbell, the present pastor, at seven p.m. On the 14th of March, Rev. Dr. Reid, of Toronto, preaches at eleven a.m., Archdeacon Evans, at three p.m., and Dr. Douglas at seven p.m. The ordinance of the Lord's Supper is to be administered at the close of the afternoon service on both Sabbaths. On the evenings of Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 8th, 9th and 10th of March, a series of reunions or social gatherings is to be held under the auspices of the St. Gabriel Church congregation, to which invitations are to be given to all old friends of the church, and also to those congregations that have sprung from St. Gabriel Church or had any historical connection with it. In addition to these gatherings a public meeting under the auspices of the Presbytery is to be held in Knox Church, on Friday evening, the 12th of March—the one hundredth anniversary of Presbyterianism in Montreal—when the Rev. Principal MacVicar will deliver an address on the Doctrines and Policy of the Presbyterian Church; Rev. G. H. Wells, on Presbyterianism considered historically in relation to the type of character it produces; and Rev. Dr. Reid, of Toronto, on Reminiscences of the Early Days of Presbyterianism in Canada. On the evening of Thursday, the 11th of March, a conversazione is to be held in the David Morrice Hall, to which invitations have been issued to a large number of persons in the several Presbyterian congregations in the city, and also to a number of the members of other churches. This bids fair to be one of the most successful representative gatherings ever held in Montreal.

THE Rev. J. Barclay, M.A., of St. Paul's Church, is to preach the anniversary sermons in the Central Presbyterian Church, Hamilton, on Sabbath, the 14th of March. Mr. Barclay lectures before the Montreal Presbyterian Sabbath School Association this month, on the "Writings of John." He also lectures on "Popularity as a Test of Literary Merit," before the St. Matthew's Church Young People's Literary Association, on the 26th inst.

THE regular quarterly meeting of the Presbytery of Montreal takes place in the David Morrice Hall, on Thursday, the 11th of March, at ten a.m. The date is some weeks earlier than usual because of the centenary celebration.

ON the evening of Monday, the 15th inst., the Rev. Dr. Smyth, of the St. Joseph Street Presbyterian Church, lectures on "A Tour in France" before the Young People's Society of Erskine Church.

FROM the March *Record* it will be observed that the receipts for Home Missions and Augmentation combined are at this date \$6,000 less than at the corresponding period of last year; those for Foreign Missions are \$2,000 less, and those for the College Fund and for French Evangelization slightly in excess of last year. For all the Church Schemes scarcely one half the amount required for the current year has yet been received. The ecclesiastical year ends on 30th April.

THE annual report of Erskine Church has just been published. It is a pamphlet of sixty pages, and contains a great amount of interesting matter. The congregation was