

## Ministers and Churches.

An interesting volume relating to the Waldenses, translated by Rev. T. Fenwick, will be published shortly.

The Rev. John Bain Scott has been elected chairman of the Board of School Trustees in the village of Leamington.

A NUMBER of the young people, on behalf of the congregation of Fitzroy and Turbolton, presented their pastor, the Rev. W. R. Shearer, B.A., with a handsome winter coat, on the evening of January 22.

The life of Rev. Walter Inglis is now passing through the press. Attention is directed to an advertisement appearing in another column. Intending canvassers are invited to correspond with Rev. J. S. Hardie, Ayr.

THE sacrament of the Lord's supper was dispensed in the Presbyterian Church, Cobourg, of which the Rev. Mr. McCrae is pastor, on the 16th ult. There have not been so many communicants present for many years. Twenty-nine new names were added to the roll.

IN consequence of storms last week, Mr. Howie could not lecture in Lieury on Monday week; but following Tuesday and Thursday, his lectures were a success in Parkhill and Ailsa Craig. On Wednesday, 2nd of February, he gives his third lecture in Parkdale Presbyterian Church.

LAST week the Rev. Alexander Henderson was greatly and agreeably surprised, when two members of the Hyde Park congregation suddenly dropped in one evening and insisted on taking away his old horse, and leaving a fine young four year-old in its place. This, with a complete set of harness, is a present from the congregation. There was no "address," no palaver; but he appreciates the substantial kindness and self-sacrifice of the people none the less on that account.

THE new Presbyterian Church, Dunbarton, will be formally opened on Sunday, February 16. The Rev. Professor McLaren will preach morning and evening, and the Rev. Mr. Matthews, of Pickering, in the afternoon. On Monday evening, February 7, a soiree will be held. Tea will be served in the latter part of the afternoon. J. D. Edgar, M.P., will take the chair at half-past seven p.m., and addresses will be delivered by Professor McLaren and a large number of the ministers of the Presbytery.

THE annual congregational meeting of the Mount Forest Presbyterian Church was held on the evening of the 18th ult., and was in every respect encouraging. The pastor, Rev. D. Bickell, occupied the chair. All the reports showed a pleasing advance over 1885, especially the contributions to the Schemes of the Church being considerably more than double the preceding year. The Board of Management was authorized to build galleries round the church, as the present pew accommodation is insufficient. It was also decided to light the church with electricity on trial.

MISS BEATTY, of Lansdowne, Ontario, has received a letter from her sister, Elizabeth Beatty, M.D., of Indore, C. I. announcing the safe arrival of the Anchor Line steamer, *Persia*, in Bombay, with Miss Marion Oliver, M.D., on board, on December 14. Miss Oliver is the second lady medical missionary sent out to Central India by the Foreign Mission Committee of our Church. The same steamer also brought out Miss Wilson, of Pictou, Nova Scotia, who on the following day was married in the Presbyterian Church, Bombay, to the Rev. R. C. Murray, who, about a year ago, joined our mission staff in Central India. The Rev. W. Wilson, Mrs. Wilson and Miss Roger were also among those who welcomed the new members of the mission staff, on their arrival at Bombay.

ON Sabbath, December 19, the new church at Burk's Falls was opened by the Rev. Mr. Leishman, of Angus and New Lowell, who preached an appropriate and impressive discourse from Eph. ii 20, 22. In the afternoon Mr. James Mitchell, missionary in the field, preached a suitable sermon from John xvi. 1, 4, 5, and in the evening Rev. Mr. Findlay, Superintendent of Missions in Muskoka, conducted service. The attendance at each of the services was large and attentive. The collections during the day amounted to \$35. On Monday evening a tea meeting was held. Addresses were given by Rev. Messrs. Toye, Methodist; Busworth, Baptist; Mr. Jackson, missionary at Magnerawan; Mr. Drenan, of Sundridge; Mr. Findlay, Mr. Leishman, and Mr. Pettenger, student of Knox College. The meeting was pleasant and successful. The proceeds, including sale of tickets and subscriptions, amounted to about \$80.

THE Rev. George Burnfield, M.A., B.D., of the First Church, Brockville, delivered one of his celebrated lectures, "An Evening In and About Jerusalem," to an appreciative audience in Hyndman Church, Hallville, on the 5th ult. The evening was cold and the previous days were stormy, besides other drawbacks; but, notwithstanding, the attendance was fair. For two hours the lecturer kept his audience in rapt attention, making many capital points, and illustrating the importance of accurate Bible study and an intimate acquaintance with ancient usages, in order to understand the Scriptures in their fulness and beauty. At the close of the lecture, several rare articles from the Holy Land were shown to the audience. All left, not only satisfied, but highly delighted, and anxious to have another evening with the reverend lecturer. The probability is that Mr. Burnfield will, in the course of a few months, be invited back again, when a packed house may be guaranteed.

THE annual meeting of the Presbyterian Church, St. George, was held on the 13th ult., the Rev. W. S. McTavish discharging the duties of Moderator. Mr. W. B. Wood, Clerk of Session, read the Session's report, which dealt with the spiritual condition of the Church, and which was highly satisfactory. The treasurer, Mr. J. H. Fleming, read his financial statement, and, as we hope to be able to publish this shortly, nothing further need be stated at present, except that the treasury is in a healthy condition. Messrs. James Mullin and J. A. Lorimer were re-elected managers.

During the past year thirty eight have been added to the Church roll, by baptism and certificate; seven have been lost by death and removals, making the present membership, 149. The financial year was changed, so that in future it will end with the calendar year. All the reports reflect great credit on pastor and people. May such prosperity and unanimity go on, so that the end of the incoming year may give a still greater increase.

THE annual meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbytery of Whitby took place in the Presbyterian Church, Oshawa, January 18. The severe weather and blocked roads prevented as full an attendance as was looked for. The afternoon session was occupied by the president's address, reading of reports and reception of accounts from the various delegates concerning the condition of the work in their relative fields. Mrs. McClelland, of Ashburn, read an interesting and profitable paper on the "Reflex Influence of Missions." The evening meeting was addressed by Professor McLaren and Rev. Mr. Fraser, of Bowmanville, whose words were thoroughly enjoyed, and will bear fruit, we have no doubt, in more energy and well-directed purpose in our future work. The pleasure of both sessions was increased by several sacred songs, rendered in a very acceptable manner by the Misses Gullock. The reports show an increase of sixty-two members, one mission band and three life-members. The receipts for the year amount to \$1,075, as against \$942 of last year.

THE annual meeting of Knox Church, Winnipeg, was held recently. The meeting was opened by the pastor, Rev. D. M. Gordon. Reports from all the organizations connected with the Church were submitted. They record steady and encouraging progress. There were upon the communion roll, in January, 1886, 522; added during the year, on profession, seventy-five; by certificate, thirty-six. Removed during the year, by death, four; by certificate, twenty-six; net increase, thirty one. Communicants at present on the roll, 553. The amount contributed has been apportioned as follows: Home Missions, \$300; Augmentation Fund, \$300; Foreign Missions, \$300; Manitoba College, \$400; French Evangelization, \$100; Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund, \$100; Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, \$100; total, \$1,650. Including the contributions from the Sabbath school and Bible class, there has thus been contributed for the general work of the Church, \$1,950. From the treasurer's report, it appears that the receipts of the year amounted to \$11,905.55, and the expenditure was \$11,846.10, leaving a balance of \$59.75.

THE first annual congregational meeting of Knox Church, Brandon, was held recently, J. F. Arthur in the chair. The Clerk of Session submitted a report, which showed that the membership had increased more than threefold during the year. After organization, the congregation invited A. McLean, B.A., a student from Manitoba College, to labour among them for the summer, which he did with very great acceptance. There have been three communion services, two conducted by Rev. S. C. Fraser, and one by Rev. Professor Bryce. Several certificates have been handed to the Clerk since last summer. There have been eleven baptisms. The superintendent of the Sabbath school gave in a report which showed the school to be in a very prosperous condition; total number of scholars, sixty-eight; teachers, six; in all, seventy-four. The report of the managers showed that the current expenses for the past year were \$1,054.55, and the receipts were \$1,038.50; also that the total indebtedness was \$1,650.20. After the election of officers for the ensuing year, the session and congregation unanimously resolved to take steps at once to secure the services of an efficient pastor.

AT the recent annual meeting of St. Andrew's Church, Winnipeg, the Rev. C. B. Pittblado gave an admirable review of the position and prospects of the congregation. Mr. W. D. Russell read the report of the Session, which, among other things, expressed appreciation of the services of Rev. C. B. Pittblado, of Providence, R. I., Rev. J. Hogg, Rev. Dr. Bryce and others, who supplied the pulpit during the pastor's absence. The report of the membership was given as follows: On the roll at the beginning of the year, 405; added by certificate, fifty-eight; by profession, thirty-seven; total, 500; number dismissed, thirty-one; number on roll, 469; net increase, fifty-four; number of baptisms 112. The report of the treasurer, Mr. W. J. Ptolemy, was read, showing a total receipts, \$13,128.70, total expenditure, \$13,120.28, balance on hand, \$8.42. Mr. W. D. Russell, superintendent, read the Sabbath school report, which showed the attendance to be as follows: Infant class, on the roll, 135; average, seventy-eight; intermediate class, on the roll, 450; average, 292; Bible class, on the roll, 125; average, ninety; teachers and officers on roll, fifty-five, average, forty-nine; total on roll, 765; average, 510. The other societies connected with the congregation presented satisfactory and encouraging reports.

THE lecture room of Knox Church, Toronto, was filled last Wednesday night on the occasion of the annual meeting of the congregation. The pastor, Rev. H. M. Parsons, presided. The trustees in their report stated that the mortgage debt on the church is now \$6,000, bearing five per cent. interest, and it was hoped they would be able to pay off \$1,000 a year. The treasurer's statement showed that \$118.34 had been raised for benevolent and missionary purposes, the regular contributions and receipts amounting to \$10,630.67, making a total of \$22,464.71. The expenditure had been met and a balance of \$228.23 remained. The report of the Session stated that there were 930 communicants on the roll, with an average attendance of 776 in the morning and 84 in the evening. This was the largest communicant roll of any Presbyterian Church in Canada. There had been twenty-six deaths from among the congregation. The Sabbath school report stated that the average attendance was 450, at prayer meetings, 190, and at pastor's Bible class, 182; thirty-seven infants and four adults had been baptized. The Session report and the pastor regretted the lack of more general liberality on the part of the congregation. It was decided to add \$500 to the pastor's salary, making it \$5,000. Mr. Mayo, the precentor, was ap-

pointed in place of Mr. Alexander to conduct the musical service at the Sabbath school, with an addition of \$60 to his salary. The reports of the deacons' court, the Duchess Street Sabbath School and Mission and other minor branches of the Church work were presented.

THE annual business meeting of Knox Church, Dundas, held last Wednesday evening, was fairly attended, and the reports presented very encouraging. The managers' report showed the congregation to be in a prosperous condition financially, showing that after all expenses had been paid, there being some uncommonly heavy demands during the year, a balance of \$191.63 remained untouched. Steps were taken at the meeting to raise a sum to enable the managers to make their final payment on the church debt, and it is reasonably expected that by the end of the year the church will be entirely free from the burden of debt. The report of the Session was also satisfactory, showing that, although there had been no remarkable increase, yet the Church has steadily advanced, and is at present in a sound healthy condition, which is attributed by the minister and many of the members to the special services held last spring and fall, which without doubt encouraged and strengthened those who attended. The Sunday school, like the Church, is in a satisfactory state, and is steadily growing both numerically and spiritually. About \$285 was spent by the Sabbath school during the year, and a balance is now left of \$58.68. In both Church and Sabbath school considerably over double the amount ever collected in past years has been raised for Missions. In short, all the reports of the evening were such as to encourage the Church in regard to its past labours, and to stimulate it to work with even more zeal, at the same time having more faith in the great Head of the Church.

THE annual meeting of the Parkdale Presbyterian Church was held last week. The pastor, Rev. R. P. Mackay, B.A., was chairman; Mr. A. G. Gowanlock, congregational secretary, a position he has held since the formation of the congregation. The reports presented were most encouraging, and showed the history of the congregation to be one of unparalleled progress. The number on roll is 249, an increase of thirty-two over previous year. The Sabbath school reports gave the amount of collections as \$205.44, which were given for the following objects: Missions, \$95.34; general purposes, \$81.65; ornamental window in new church, \$28.45. There is a mission school in the north-eastern part of the town, under the auspices of the Sabbath School Association, and supported by the congregation. The Christian Workers' Association's report was very encouraging. The work has been allotted to five committees: Devotional, Reception, Young Men's, Boys, and Visiting and Tract Distributing. Favourable reports were received from the Ladies' Aid and Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. The mission collections for the year are placed at \$6,000. The managers' report was the most favourable that has yet been presented. The total revenue of the church from all sources was \$5,754.36, the entire amount having been contributed by voluntary offerings alone. There is now in course of erection a large and handsome church, capable of seating 1,000, and costing \$25,000, and which will be finished about June next. The following gentlemen were selected managers for three years: Messrs. Norwich, McKinlay and McKillop. Messrs. James Crichton and R. Fortune were elected auditors. The Building Committee are Messrs. W. C. Patterson, chairman; A. Henry, secretary; Major Carlaw, treasurer; John Inglis, James Hunter, W. Rankin, S. R. Briggs and Joseph Norwich.

THE various reports presented at the annual meeting of Knox Church congregation, St. Thomas, held recently, were of the most gratifying character, and were a testimonial to the hearty support in which all interested in the welfare of the Church have striven to aid the pastor in his effort to augment the growth of the Church. The heartfelt sympathy existing between the Rev. Dr. Archibald and his people was amply evidenced by the resolution, expressive of thankfulness for his restored health, so cordially supported and unanimously carried. Mr. D. K. Mackenzie read the extended report. Mr. Culin Macdougall, moving its adoption, stated that, while \$471 had been collected for the Schemes of the Church outside of the congregational expenses in 1885, during the past year the magnificent total of \$1,835.65 had been collected, as follows: For North-West Missions, \$162; Queen's College Missionary Society, \$138; Knox College Endowment Fund, \$688; Rev. Mr. Annand, \$66.50; Foreign Missions, \$91; Mission Band, \$60; Juvenile Society, \$10; Sabbath school, for Missions, \$65; and for Schemes of the Church, \$556.69. Mr. J. McCrone, the secretary-treasurer, submitted a statement showing the total amounts collected during the year to have been as follows: For congregational purposes, \$3,588.79; Schemes of Church, \$556.65; Mission Bands, \$60; Woman's Foreign Missions, \$91.11; Ladies' Society, \$204.28; College Fund, North-West, \$162; Knox College Endowment, \$688; for reducing church debt, \$500; Sunday school, \$208; total, \$6,058.83. The London Presbytery having recommended the establishment of a mission in the east end of the city, addresses on the subject were made by D. K. Mackenzie, C. Macdougall, Judge Hughes, J. McLean and James Carie, when a resolution was passed to appoint W. Watson, W. G. Morgan and W. Scott a committee, with power to add to their number, to arrange for the establishment of such a mission in connection with the Church.

PRESBYTERY OF PARIS.—The regular meeting of Paris Presbytery was held on Tuesday, in the new church, Tilsonburg. Great gratification was expressed at the very handsome appearance of the building, which is of white brick with slated roof, beautiful class rooms, admirably arranged, the whole interior carpeted in most tasteful manner. Application was made by Knox Church, Ayr, for leave to sell their present church property, and build a new church on Northumberland Street, on the Gillespie property. Messrs. James and Robert Lillico supported the application on behalf of the trustees and congregation. The leave asked was very cordially granted, and the congregation commended for