

Ministers and Churches.

SPECIAL services are being held in St. John Presbyterian Church, St. John, N. B.

THE Presbyterians of Exeter are preparing to erect a comfortable and commodious manse.

REV. P. FLEMING, of Warsaw and Dummer, has been called by the congregations of Laskey and West King.

THE Rev. John A. Morrison, late of Sault Ste. Marie, has been called to the united charge of Guthrie and Knox Churches, Oro.

DURING the last week the Rev. Dr. Moffat of Walkerton, has given special lectures to the Mechanics Institutes in Cheltenham, Stouffville, Columbus and Waterdown.

The Presbyterian congregation of Newburgh have purchased the M. E. Stone Church on Main street, and intend making sundry repairs and improvements in the spring.

THE Rev. Mungo Fraser, M.A., St. Thomas, recently lectured in Chalmers Church, Guelph, on "Alone and Altogether."

THE Presbyterians at Fort Qu'Appelle have resolved to proceed with the erection of a substantial and suitable stone manse.

MEMBERS and adherents of the congregation at Lochaber Bay lately waited on their pastor, the Rev. William Caven, and presented him with valuable and seasonable gifts.

A PLEASANT social was recently held at Port Perry manse. The Rev. James McMechan is meeting with much encouragement in his new field of labour.

THE Rev. D. McNaughton, M.A., recently delivered an instructive lecture in Johnson Presbyterian Church on "The Philosophy and Power of Music."

THE Kildonan Mutual Improvement Society lately made the presentation of a sum of money and a kindly address to the Rev. John Pringle, B.A., who in suitable terms expressed his thanks to the donors.

ANNIVERSARY services were held at Meaford lately. The sermons were preached by Rev. Dr. Cochrane, of Brantford. On the following evening he delivered a most interesting lecture on "Across the Rockies," to a large audience.

ANNIVERSARY sermons in connection with the Central Presbyterian Church, Hamilton, were preached by Rev. S. M. Hamilton, D.D., of the Scotch Church, New York, on Sabbath week. On the following evening Dr. Hamilton delivered a lecture, effectively illustrated by the choir, on "The Story of Christian Hymnology."

A SUCCESSFUL soiree was recently held in connection with the Presbyterian Church at Onondaga. The Rev. C. Stringfellow occupied the chair. The speakers were Revs. D. McGillivray, J. Black, Caledonia; Dr. Beattie, Brantford; A. Grant, Oneida, N. Richards; and J. Porteous. Excellent music contributed to the evening's enjoyment.

THE annual missionary sermons were preached in Cobourg Presbyterian Church recently. Rev. James Ballantyne, a former pastor, who lately took leave of his congregation in Paris, in order to accept the call of the Church to a mission field in Jamaica, preached in the morning, and the evening service was conducted by Rev. Dr. Beattie, of Brantford.

AN interesting and successful soiree, commemorative of the new church opening, was held last week by the First Presbyterian congregation, Brantford. The pastor, Rev. Dr. Beattie, presided. Appropriate addresses were delivered by Revs. D. M. Beattie, of Oxford, A. L. Gee, Dr. Cochrane, W. J. Maxwell, and Dr. William Nichol. Choice music added to the attractions of the evening.

IN connection with Springville Presbyterian Church, of which Rev. William Bennett is pastor, a flourishing mutual and self-improving society was some time since organized, in connection with which a number of meetings has been held. The Rev. Mr. Cleland, of Port Hope, lectured under their auspices on Anglo-Israel. In connection with the same congregation a Ladies' Aid Society has been formed, and is now doing excellent work.

A NORTH-WEST exchange says. The Rev. Mr. McWilliam has set, in his unostentatious manner, a noble example to others. With Mr. R. J. Pritchard as interpreter, he went all through the Sioux camps and afforded relief, for the moment, to many of these starving creatures, to whose need we called attention a short time ago—hoping that some relief might be afforded by the Government. These Indians not being treaty Indians, we presume, are not entitled to official aid.

THE Rev. Charles Fletcher, a well-known resident of Goderich, Ont., died there on the 9th inst. He was a native of Guthrie, Fife hire, and was ordained in 1842. He had resided in Canada since 1843, and ministered at Chippawa, Goderich, and elsewhere. In 1850 his health broke down, and he retired from the active work of the ministry. For a short time he was in business as a book-seller in Toronto, but in 1858 became Town-Treasurer of Goderich, a position he retained for twenty years. Mr. Fletcher took an active interest in temperance work, and was much respected.

A BASKET social was held on the 11th inst., in the Orange Hall, Bethany, Ont., in connection with the Presbyterian Church, which has for its pastor the Rev. William Bennett. After devotional exercises were conducted, the chairman was appointed, and the literary part of the programme was begun, which consisted of vocal and instrumental music and speeches, in the midst of which an intermission was given to do justice to the ample provision made by the ladies. Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, snow storm and blocked roads, there was a fair attendance, and from a financial point of view it was successful. The committee has decided to give twenty-five dollars of the proceeds for the augmentation of minister's stipend, which is a credit to that congregation.

AT the last meeting of Knox College Metaphysical and Literary Society, the following committee was elected for the session of 1885-6: President, J. Mackay, B.A.; 1st Vice President, W. Farquharson, B.A.; 2nd Vice President, S. S. Craig; Critic, J. McGillivray, B.A.; Recording Secretary, D. G. McQueen, B.A.; Corresponding Secretary, A. McD. Haig, B.A.; Treasurer, D. McKenzie; Secretary of Committee, A. U. Campbell, B.A.; Curator, W. A. Bradley; Councillors D. S. McPherson, B.A.; T. Logie, J. McMillan; Staff of Knox College Monthly Editors, J. L. Campbell, B.A.; R. Haddow, B.A.; R. C. Tibb, B.A.; T. M. Hardie, B.A.; C. W. Gordon, B.A.; A. J. McLeod; Business Manager, R. J. M. Glassford; Treasurer, C. A. Webster.

THE Parish Recorder, St. John, N. B., says: Dr. McGregor, the treasurer of the Eastern Section of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, has received about \$8,000 for the Supplementary or Augmentation Fund since May 1st, 1884. \$4,000 more, however, require to be raised within the next three months, and it is most desirable that the whole amount should be in the treasury by the end of March. Seventy six congregations have realized in full the amounts which have been allotted to them and have forwarded the same to the treasurer, and quite a number more have made partial payments on their allotments. The Presbytery of Pictou has completed its work, having realized about \$1,950, or \$200 more than the Synod requested. The Presbytery of Truro has realized nearly \$1,000 of its allotment of \$1,200, and the Presbytery of Halifax about \$2,600 of its allotment of \$2,700. Other Presbyteries are also pressing forward with the work.

ABOUT three years ago the ladies of the Presbyterian Church, Point Edward, formed themselves into an association for the purpose of raising funds for the Schemes of the Church. Since that time they have been working arduously for the cause, and have supplied a goodly sum towards that end. The annual meeting of the association was held on the 20th ult., when the yearly report was presented by the President, which speaks for itself as follows: Meetings held during the year, twenty-five, resulting in the neat sum of \$70.27. The work consisted of aprons, quilts, and other fancy articles. Besides this, the result of a social netted \$65.70, and a subscription taken up amounted to \$30, bringing the total to \$169.97. The expenses during the year for goods, etc., were \$15.08, leaving a total of \$150.89. The proceeds were handed over to the treasurer of the congregation, to help in defraying the expenses of building the new manse. The ladies are to be congratulated on the results of their labours. They are ready for the work before them during the ensuing year.

"SCRIBE" writes to say: The returns on Statistics and Finance are required to be sent to Presbytery Clerks by the 3rd of April, and that it would be well for such officials, as well as for all parties, if the time specified were faithfully attended to. But the fact is annoying and undeniable, that some ministers and treasurers are very tardy in sending on their returns, and therefore I beg, through your paper, to entreat all concerned to come to time in this matter. There are twenty items to be reported in Statistics, and the same number in Finance. Well, if Presbytery Clerks are to be accurate in engrossing all these as reported to them (where the congregations may number as many as fifty, sixty-nine, seventy-four, seventy-eight, or eighty-nine), and if all the forty columns are to be accurately added up, and sent in in time to the General Assembly's Convener on Statistics, it is clear to any one that the returns should be sent to the Presbytery Clerks without delay, not later than the 3rd of April next.

THE second series of Sabbath School Institutes for the City of Toronto, under the auspices of the Sabbath School Association of Canada, will be conducted by the General Secretary, Rev. John McEwen. The earnest co-operation of pastors and superintendents to secure the attendance of their teachers is solicited, and the subjects to be presented will be found of immediate and valuable help. The programme is as follows:—Monday—"Some of the Common Mistakes in Sabbath School Government;" "Some of the Common Mistakes in Sabbath School Teaching;" Tuesday—"The Classified Contents of the Teacher's Text Book;" "The Divine Continuity of the Contents of the Text Book;" Wednesday—"The Sabbath School Teacher;" "The Conditions and Means of the Teacher's Efficiency;" Thursday—"How to Secure the Co-operation of the Scholars in Teaching a Lesson." The meetings are being held in the West-End Presbyterian Church, Denison Avenue, March 23rd to 26th, inclusive, and the Methodist Church, corner of Spadina Avenue and College Street, has been secured for meetings from March 30th to April 2nd.

THE Rev. Mr. Warden, agent of the Presbyterian Church, Montreal, having some little time ago announced his intention of retiring from this position, an effort is being made to induce him to reconsider this decision. For this purpose an address had been prepared, signed by a large number of prominent citizens of Montreal and the surrounding district connected with the Presbyterian and other Churches, and was presented at the semi-annual meeting of the Board of French Evangelization, held in the Presbyterian College, on Thursday, the 19th inst. The address recognizes the special fitness and ability of Mr. Warden for the discharge of the duties pertaining to the office he had so long and admirably filled, the fidelity and self-denial manifested, and earnestly urging him to withdraw his resignation. Mr. Warden acknowledged the address in suitable terms, expressing his appreciation of the assurance of confidence which it contained. In consideration of the weight of names attached to it, he consented to take the matter into further consideration, and promised to announce his decision at an early date. We trust that the powerful persuasions of his fellow-citizens will induce Mr. Warden to remain at the post he so admirably fills.

AT the annual meeting of the Hamilton Presbyterian Society of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society recently held in the school-room of the MacNab Street Presbyterian

Church, the report of the Secretary, Mrs. James Steele, of Dundas, showed a measure of progress in the number of those interested in the work, though the number of auxiliaries had not increased. The membership increased 117 in the five hands with one to hear from, and 196 in the auxiliaries with one to hear from. The contributions increased \$137. A new band, Formosa Helpers, had been formed in Knox Church. The auxiliaries at Dundas, Burlington, Carleton Place, Ancaster, Dufferin and Caledonia were visited and St. Catharines and Waterdown will be visited in the spring. It is expected that an auxiliary will be established in West Flamboro'. The Treasurer's report was presented by Miss James. It showed the total receipts to have been \$1,092.41, and the expenses \$8.04, leaving \$1,083.37 to be sent to the Central Board. Mrs. Somerville read a paper on the necessity and beneficial effect of women's missionary work. An interesting paper was also contributed by Mrs. Johnson, describing her experience in the Choctaw Indian nation, where her husband was for a time Principal of the Spencer Academy, a training school for Indian boys. After a hymn was sung the meeting adjourned.

THE Woman's Foreign Mission Society of the Presbytery of London recently held its annual meeting in St. Andrew's Church. In the morning a business session was held, and in the afternoon Mrs. Fraser Campbell, of the Indore Mission, India, addressed the meeting on the life and work there. Mrs. Rogers, President, filled the chair, and other officers occupied seats on the platform. The following officers were re-elected for the year ensuing: President, Mrs. Rogers; First Vice-President, Mrs. Ball; Second Vice-President, Mrs. Murray; and the Presidents of auxiliary societies were also elected Vice-Presidents; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Chisholm; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Ball; Treasurer, Mrs. Thompson. The public meeting in St. Andrew's Church was well attended, and was presided over by Rev. J. A. Murray. The Rev. J. Fraser Campbell, of Mhow, India, addressed the meeting, giving interesting details concerning the state and prospects of Mission work in Central India. The Rev. W. S. Ball read the annual report, in which it was stated that they had succeeded in establishing five new auxiliaries, named St. Thomas, Port Stanley, Thamesford, North Westminster and Ailsa Craig. The Treasurer's report showed a total contribution of \$335.79; expenditure, \$17.45; and a balance on hand of eighty cents. After a brief address by Mr. Ball, the meeting closed with the doxology and benediction.

WHILE a number of congregations have adopted the practice of issuing an annual report in printed form there are still many who refrain from doing so. In the pastor's greeting introducing the second printed report of St. Andrew's Church, Halifax, gratitude is expressed for the stimulus to greater activity in well-doing such a report has been. At the annual meeting recently held it was cordially agreed to increase the stipend of the pastor, Rev. Louis H. Jordan, by \$400. The various congregational organizations show a vigorous and healthy life, and in almost every instance an encouraging increase. The net addition of members was twenty-three. The attendance both at Sabbath and week day services is reported as gratifying, especially the increasing interest taken by young men in the services and work of the Church. In connection with the Sabbath school 115 are reported as in attendance. Sixteen from the Sabbath school have been added to the membership of the Church during the year. One excellent feature of congregational work is the Ladies' Visiting Association, whose members undertake the "systematic visitation of the City Hospital, Poores' Asylum, and the homes of any adherents of the congregation who may be in sickness or distress, and by whom such visits would be welcomed." Compared with the two previous years the Congregational revenue shows a marked increase. Last year it reached the sum of \$4,322.44. Contributions for the Mission Schemes of the Church have been liberal.

THE following report of the Presbyterian Women's Foreign Missionary Society was presented by the President, Mrs. C. C. A. Fraser, to the Presbytery of Glengarry. The Presbyterian Women's Foreign Missionary Society of Glengarry, obtained on September 18, 1883, the formal recognition of the Presbytery. It now numbers fifteen Auxiliaries, eight of which have been organized since its formation. The money raised by these Auxiliaries during the past year and received by the Treasurer of the Presbyterian Society for transmission to Toronto amounts to \$855. This shows a marked improvement on the practical results of the Society's work during the preceding year ending Monday, February 29, 1884, as the amount raised during that period was \$537.37. The Society, anxious for the diffusion of information regarding missionary work among the young, has formed Mission Bands, which now number six; and by whom is contributed \$82 of the total sent to Toronto. Nor is the financial result of the Society's work to be regarded as the sole benefit accruing from this organization. Much information regarding mission work in all lands is sought and given, and we hope that the increase of liberality is not the fruit of zeal without knowledge. Mr. Matheson moved that the report of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society be received; that the Presbytery express much satisfaction with the good work done, hearty sympathy with the Society in its efforts for the cause of Christ, and good wishes for the future efficiency and prosperity of such a valuable auxiliary in the work of the Lord. Also, that the clerk be instructed to send an extract of this minute to the President of the Society. The motion was carried unanimously.

THE last lecture of the present course on Questions of the Day, under the auspices of the Montreal Presbyterian College, was delivered in the David Morrice Hall, by the Rev. Dr. Burns, of Halifax, N. S., on "The Resurrection of Christ." The Rev. Principal MacVicar occupied the chair, and there was a large attendance. The lecturer, after narrating the facts connected with the death and burial of Christ, referred to the various theories that had been advanced regarding this momentous event. One of the strongest evidences of the fact of the Resurrection was afforded by a fair examination of St. Paul's four great epistles, the two to the Church of Corinth, and those to the