

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

THE Rev. J. R. Macleod, of Kingsbury and Brompton Gore, has been presented by his congregation with a fine sleigh, whip, bells, and valuable fur coat.

ON the 21st November the anniversary sermons connected with the close of the fourth year of Mr. M. Fraser's pastorate, were preached in Knox Church, St. Thomas, by the Rev. W. Cochran, D.D., of Brantford. The sermons were very able and eloquent. On the Monday following, in the same place, the Doctor delivered his lecture on "Whitefield the Prince of Preachers," to the great delight of all present.

ON Tuesday evening, the 7th inst., the Carp branch of the Presbyterian congregations of Carp and Kimbourn presented their pastor, the Rev. J. W. Penman, with a handsome new cutter and an elegant set of buffalo robes, in token of their appreciation of his labours since he came among them as their pastor. Mr. Penman tendered his warmest thanks to the congregation for their generous gift, assuring them that he appreciated their kindness towards him.

THE annual meeting of the congregation of Mosa, London Presbytery, was held on the 30th of November. There is no debt on the congregation. Stipend and current expenses were paid; and \$178.15 were sent to the different schemes of the Church. The meetings and work of the session and deacons' court were pleasant and agreeable. Thirteen names were added to the communicants' roll. Baptism was administered to a number of children and several adults. The Lord's supper was dispensed three times during the year. By motions, unanimously carried, the congregation agreed to pay the expenses incurred by the pastor in attending the superior courts in the future, and to give him a vacation of four weeks sometime during the summer season.—COM.

THE second meeting of the Young People's Association in connection with St. James' Square Presbyterian Church, was held on Monday evening last at eight o'clock in the young men's parlour, and the chair was occupied by the Rev. Mr. King. The principal business was the election of office-bearers for the ensuing year. The following members were elected to office: President, Mr. R. C. Steel; 1st Vice-President, Wm. Johnston, M.A.; 2nd Vice-President, Joseph Monteith; Secretary, A. P. Hightman; Treasurer, Miss M. McIntosh; Editor, Mr. Thos. Gibson; Directors, Miss M. Smith, Miss E. Monteith, Miss M. Douglass, and Mr. John Paton. After the election of officers the President elect took the chair and made a few remarks. A humorous selection was then read by Mr. Willie Gordon. About fifty members were present at the meeting, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

ON the evening of the 25th of November, a large number of the members and adherents of the Presbyterian church, Gravenhurst, took possession of the manse, and presented Mrs. Dawson with an address and a purse of \$50, as a token of esteem and appreciation of her services rendered for the improvement of the psalmody of the church and for the welfare of the congregation at large. Mr. Dawson made a suitable reply, and in the course of his remarks said that we should work for the church and the increase of the kingdom of Christ without even the thought of a pecuniary reward. The love of Christ should constrain us to work for the cause of Christ and the salvation of souls, and the nature of this mission needs the consecration of every gift, and the devoted work of every member of the congregation. An excellent tea having been prepared by the ladies, a very pleasant evening was spent, and the social gathering retired to their homes at an early hour.

A VERY successful tea meeting in connection with St. Andrew's Church, Glencoe, was held in the Town Hall, on the evening of Thursday, the 18th Nov. The hall was filled to overflowing. The chair was occupied by the Rev. H. Cameron, pastor of the church. After all had partaken of an excellent repast, very interesting and instructive addresses were delivered by Rev. Messrs. Fraser, St. Thomas; Beamer, Wardsville; and Rev. Messrs. Kappela and Edmonds, Glencoe. The music, which was furnished entirely by St. Andrew's choir, was excellent. The proceeds amounted to about \$150. This sum, along with other exertions made during this year, has quite freed St. Andrew's Church from a debt which for several years has been hanging over it. Great praise is due to

the Rev. Mr. Cameron, the pastor, who, having just completed the first year of his ministry, has during that time used every laudable means to attain this object, and his exertions have been crowned with success. St. Andrew's Church is in a very flourishing condition, and pastor and people work most harmoniously together.

THE congregation of the West Presbyterian Church, Toronto, held their annual soiree on the 9th inst. Tea was served in the lecture room, after which the company adjourned to the church, which was well filled. The Rev. Mr. Wallace, pastor, presided, and there were present on the platform Rev. Dr. Reid, Rev. Mr. R. Cade, Rev. Mr. Milligan, Rev. Mr. Macleod, Rev. Mr. Salmon, and Hon. John McMurrich. The Rev. Mr. Wallace in a few observations related how greatly the congregation should be grateful for the position they occupied at present. About a generation ago the Rev. Dr. Reid had organized the first congregation of what was now the West Presbyterian Church in the small building known as the Temperance Hall on Brock street. He was pleased to state that their membership had increased one hundred since they had entered into their new church, and there were thirty others who were intending to join. Those present were subsequently addressed by the gentlemen already named. The music was furnished by the choir. Mr. Tilley sang a solo, and the choir sang several pieces. The reunion was altogether a very pleasant affair.

ON Wednesday, the 8th inst., the ministerial representatives of the several Protestant Churches, in Perth, called upon the Rev. Mr. Burns at Knox Church manse, and presented him with the following address: "Perth, Dec. 8th, 1880. Rev. and dear Sir,—It is with regret that we have learned that you have sent in your resignation of the Pastorate of Knox Church in this town, and have bidden the congregation to which you have ministered for the past twelve years, farewell. Having had opportunities of observing your devotion to the interests of your Church, and the earnestness and energy shewn by you in bringing into efficient and permanent operation its missionary machinery, as also your blameless and laborious life during these many years of faithful service, we cannot let you depart from among us without expressing our warm appreciation of your many traits as a Christian gentleman and faithful servant of our divine Master; and, whilst regretting your removal to another field of labour, extending to you our hearty good wishes for your welfare and happiness in your future home.—R. L. Stephenson, M.A., Rector of Perth; Wm. Bain, D.D., Minister of St. Andrew's Church; Geo. McRitchie, Minister in Methodist Church."

THE induction of Rev. Mr. McKeracher as pastor of the Presbyterian congregation in Wallaceburg, took place on Monday, 29th ult., when Rev. Mr. Battisby, after formally constituting Presbytery, announced that Rev. Mr. Forest would preach the induction sermon, and that Rev. Mr. McColl and himself would address the pastor and congregation respectively. The sermon was an earnest, practical and timely discourse from Acts ix. 6. In the evening the attendance at the social was not very large, but the welcome given to Mr. McKeracher and family was cordial and sincere. The choir sang more than the usual number of pieces, and did it in good style. Mr. John H. Mickle officiated as chairman, and announced the following speakers, viz. Rev. Messrs. Beilby, Andrews, Forest, Cookman and McKeracher. Not the least pleasant feature of the day's proceedings was the handing to the newly-installed pastor of the church the amount of his first quarter's salary. Mr. Forest referred to the past history of the church and congregation, which he said had been in existence about thirty years, although it never had had a settled minister until now. He himself had visited Wallaceburg about twenty-five years ago, and preached to the congregation about three months as a missionary. The congregation being now united, and working harmoniously together, it may reasonably be expected that Mr. McKeracher, who has already proved himself to be a popular and successful minister, will be favoured with a large measure of prosperity.

ON Friday, 3rd inst., the Rev. J. G. Macgregor, of Elora, and his estimable wife, completed their fiftieth year of married life, and their golden wedding was celebrated by the presence of several members of their family from a distance, who had gathered to congratulate them on keeping an anniversary which very few

have the privilege of observing. A very pleasing incident in the day's proceedings was the presentation to Mr. Macgregor, on behalf of a number of his former pupils, of a purse containing a hundred dollars in gold. The presentation was made in quite an informal manner, by Rev. Geo. Smellie, of Fergus, a very old friend of Mr. Macgregor's, to whom is specially due the credit of initiating the scheme, and carrying it to such a successful termination. Had the time at Mr. Smellie's disposal been more extended, doubtless many others of the old pupils of the Elora Grammar School, of which Mr. Macgregor was so long Principal, would have been glad to join in this mark of esteem and gratitude to their former teacher. Those who formerly attended that school while it was under his charge are now scattered far and wide through Canada and the United States, and it was possible to reach only a limited number in time for the anniversary. Mr. Macgregor in a feeling manner acknowledged the pleasure he had in receiving such a flattering proof of the regard of his former pupils, and the gratification he experienced in seeing so many of them now occupying positions of honour and usefulness in various professions and employments, in this and other countries.

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.—This Court met at Stratford, on the 7th and 8th inst. The time was taken up mostly by cases of discipline from Biddulph, which were disposed of, at least for the present. The Rev. P. Wright was inducted under favourable auspices into the pastoral charge of Knox Church, Stratford. An account of the services has already been published. A call to Mr. Robert Scott, of Wyebridge, from Burns' Church and Brooksdale, signed by fifty members and seventy-nine adherents, promising \$700 stipend and a manse, was sustained, and necessary steps ordered. Provisional arrangements were made for the induction. Mr. P. R. Ross, from the Montreal College, was licensed to preach the gospel. Members of Presbytery were appointed to see to the interests of the schemes of the Church, a member to each scheme. It was agreed that sessions be enjoined to see that the subject of missions be brought before their respective congregations in such manner as they may deem expedient, and report to Presbytery.

PRESBYTERY OF LINDSAY.—This Presbytery met at Woodville, on the 30th November; present, all the ministers and six elders. A minute was entered in memory of the late Rev. D. McGregor, and the interests of the congregation of Longford and North Mara attended to, the Rev. J. McNabb being appointed Moderator of session. The Rev. J. T. Paul was appointed Moderator of Kirkfield session. Committees examined session records of Longford, Uxbridge and Cambray, also treasurers' books, and reported all carefully and correctly kept. The Rev. E. Cockburn, M.A., reported organizing a congregation at Zephrin in connection with Leaskdale. A certificate was granted to Mr. D. Forrest, student of theology, to Queen's College. Arrangements were made for Presbyterial visitation of congregations, to commence with Fenelon and Cambray, on Tuesday, 14th December; Woodville, Wednesday, 15th; and Beaverton, Thursday, 16th. It was intimated that Dr. Mackay, of Formosa, would be at Woodville on the 16th January, and at Uxbridge, on the 18th. Rev. J. Hastie agreed to correspond with him for a meeting at Lindsay on the 17th. The following members were appointed to attend to subscriptions for the schemes of the Church: Revs. E. Cockburn, Home Mission; J. McNabb, Foreign Missions; J. Elliot, French Evangelization; J. Hastie, College Fund and Manitoba College; J. W. Smyth, Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund; Wm. Lochead, Widows' and Orphans' Fund; D. McDonald, Assembly Fund; Mr. J. C. Gilchrist, Synod and Presbytery Fund. The Presbytery nominated the Rev. Principal McVicar, of Montreal, as Moderator, for the next General Assembly. The Presbytery's Sabbath School Convention was appointed to be held at Uxbridge on Wednesday, 23rd of February. The next regular meeting of Presbytery to be held at Uxbridge on the last Tuesday of February, at ten a.m.—J. R. SCOTT, *Pres. Clerk*.

IN 1878 sixty thousand natives of Japan were converted to the religion of Jesus Christ.

IN one district in Japan seventy-one Buddhist temples have been diverted to secular uses since 1873, and over seven hundred in the whole Empire since 1871.