

Ministers and Churches.

THE Rev. W. T. McMullen, of Woodstock, preached the anniversary sermons in Knox Church, Palmerston, on Sabbath week.

ON the evening of the 14th inst. the Rev. J. B. McLaren, of Cannington, was made the recipient of a fine fur coat, the gift of three gentlemen members of his congregation.

THE Rev. Dr. Jardine, of Prince Albert, N.-W. T., preached in behalf of the educational interests in that important centre in the North West on the evening of Sabbath last, in St. James Square Church.

THE Rev. W. A. McKay, B.A., of Chalmers Church, Woodstock, at his Sabbath Bible class, is giving expositions of important doctrinal and practical questions admirably fitted to be serviceable to young people.

A RESOLUTION was passed by the Royal Templars of the village of Cannington thanking the Rev. Mr. McLaren for the sermon he preached recently under their auspices, and asking for its publication in the local paper.

THE adjourned meeting of the Toronto Presbyterian Council will be held in Knox Church, Toronto, to-morrow, Thursday evening, March 1, at eight o'clock sharp. The subject for consideration will be "Term Service in the Eldership."

THE Rev. T. G. Johnston, who has charge of the recently formed congregation at York, gave a short time since a very interesting lecture on "The South," where for a time he resided. His descriptions were graphic and telling. The audience was large and appreciative.

WHILE Principal King was absent from home in prosecution of the call to Rev. J. Fleck from St. Andrew's Church, Winnipeg, it was announced that his only son had died suddenly. This added bereavement will evoke the deepest sympathy of Dr. King's many friends throughout the Church.

THE anniversary services and tea meeting in connection with the Wingham Church, held recently, were largely attended and were successful throughout. Rev. Mr. Laidlaw, of Hamilton, preached the anniversary sermons with much acceptance. The proceeds amounted to the very liberal sum of \$320.

THE Rev. Mr. Howard, of Springfield, was in Toronto last week soliciting aid towards building a church at Aylmer, Ontario. He raised about \$70, for which he is sincerely thankful; and he assures those kind friends who were unable to assist that he will be in the city again on the same errand at as early a date as convenient.

ON Sunday, the 5th inst., the sacrament of the Lord's supper was administered in the Presbyterian Church, Norwood, in which fifty-two new communicants participated. This is indeed a large addition to the membership of the Church, especially when the steady growth of that congregation during the past few years is considered.

DR. MACINTYRE, principal of the Branford Young Ladies' College, lectured before the St. Andrew's Society at Hamilton, Thursday, on "Calvary, or the Last Struggle Between Celt and Saxon." The *Spectator* says: "It was most instructive, interesting, and well delivered." A vote of thanks to the lecturer was "carried with applause."

A CORRESPONDENT calls attention to the inadvertent omission of the name of the Rev. T. W. Campbell, of the Reformed Episcopal Church in the notice relating to Central Church, which appeared last week. That gentleman was present at the farewell social to the Rev. P. McF. McLeod, and delivered a very cordial address on the occasion.

A VERY successful social was held lately at the residence of Rev. A. Y. Harley, Bluevale, when that gentleman was presented by his congregation with a purse amounting to \$56, and a very complimentary address, to which he replied in suitable terms. The reverend gentleman left on Tuesday for Alabama, for a couple of months, on account of his health.

THE annual meeting of the Brockville branch of the Presbyterian Woman's Foreign Missionary Society took place recently. The reports were read, showing considerable interest in the work. The following were elected officers for the ensuing year: Mrs. J. M. Gill, president; Mrs. Freeland, Mrs. Macgillivray, vice-presidents; Mrs. Bell, secretary; Miss Dowsley, treasurer.

THE annual meeting of Willis Church, Clinton, was held on the 5th inst. The reports of the Session and Sabbath school were of a very satisfactory character. From the report of the managers it appeared that the total receipts for the year had been \$3,394.38; total expenditure, \$3,003.19; leaving a balance of \$391.19. An increase of \$100 was made to the salary of their pastor, the Rev. A. Stewart.

THE annual meeting of Knox Church, Cannington, was held recently. The various reports indicated that the congregation is in a healthy state. During the year several families have been gained, and the communion roll now contains 100 names, twenty-eight having been added, fourteen each by certificate and profession. The amount raised for all purposes was \$1,709, of which \$438 was paid on the manse debt, and \$144 to the Schemes of the Church.

THE recent communion services of Union Church, Brucefield, were largely attended. Appropriate and impressive sermons were preached on Friday by the Rev. Alexander McMillan, of Manchester, on Monday by the Rev. S. Acheson, of Kippick. The services of the Sabbath were taken by the pastor, Rev. J. H. Simpson, the number who sat at the table was the largest yet; five averaging over seventy years of age united with the Church on Friday, four of them for the first time.

THE many friends of Rev. Dr. Ormiston throughout Canada will regret to hear that he has been compelled, on account of the loss of his voice, to resign the pastorate of

the Collegiate Dutch Reformed Church, of New York City. As a mark of respect for their pastor, the congregation will provide generously for the temporal wants of the rev. gentleman and his family. It is the intention of Dr. Ormiston to remain in New York, and preach occasionally if his voice is sufficiently strong to permit him to do so.

A LARGE audience assembled in the Presbyterian Church, Atwood, on Wednesday evening, 15th inst., to listen to a lecture on "London," by Mr. D. W. Campbell, who has travelled round the world, and has spent some weeks in the great metropolis. The lecture proved exceedingly instructive and interesting, and was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. The dissolving views, 100 in number, by which the lecture was illustrated, were really excellent. We may safely predict for him a larger audience should he return.

THE annual tea meeting in connection with the East Presbyterian Church was held Wednesday evening, and was a very successful affair. The pastor, Rev. J. M. Cameron, presided, and addresses were delivered by Rev. Robert Wallace, Rev. R. P. McKay, Rev. Mr. Burns and Rev. Mr. Burnfield. The church choir furnished excellent music for the occasion. Mr. Crichton, secretary of the Managing Board, reported that the sale of the church had been completed for \$12,000, which was received with approval. The erection of the new church will be commenced at once.

THE Rev. J. Ferguson, pastor of Geneva Church, Chesley, was recently presented by the members of his congregation with a gold watch, accompanied by a very complimentary address. The presentation was made to the church, which was well filled, many being from a distance of several miles. Mr. J. B. Clark occupied the chair. Mr. C. F. Cullen, principal of the public school, read an address expressing a high appreciation of Mr. Ferguson's worth and work, and presented Mr. Ferguson with a valuable gold watch bearing a neat and appropriate inscription. To these expressions of kindness the pastor made a hearty and fitting response.

THE Rev. A. D. McDonald, of Seaford, delivered a lecture on the "Indian Missions in the North West" in Union Church, Bracefield, lately. There was a large attendance, and the lecture was not only instructive but intensely interesting, and was listened to with the most wrapt attention. It cannot fail to accomplish much good by stimulating those who heard it to take a greatly increased interest in the good work of civilizing and Christianizing the heathen of our own land. The church choir, under the leadership of Mr. Jamieson, gave several choice musical selections, and the meeting, on the whole, was a most enjoyable one. The collection taken at the close amounted to about \$19.

LAST Sabbath the anniversary services in connection with St. Paul's congregation, Simcoe, were conducted by the Rev. Findlay M. Cuag, of Welland, who preached able and impressive sermons on the occasion. Instead of the usual tea meeting on the Monday evening, in order to afford the congregation an opportunity of direct giving, the pastor, on the previous Sabbath, at the request of the managers, intimated that lady collectors would wait on the families during the week, and receive as a free-will offering from each what the tea meeting would have cost them. About \$100 were paid in. A plain social tea will be given in the basement by the Ladies' Aid in connection with the annual meeting, for which no charge will be made.

AT the annual meeting of Knox Church, St. Catharines, held this month, the treasurer read reports showing the receipts from all sources to be \$3,760, which amount was appropriated as follows: Mission Schemes of the Church, \$487; Sabbath school, \$83; current expenses of church, \$2,530; reduction of debt, \$500, the church debt being now reduced to \$2,000. The young people of the congregation have been earnestly at work, and as a result of their exertions will place a pipe organ in the church at a cost of \$2,600, the most of which has been subscribed, and a large amount already paid in. The following were elected trustees for the current year: James Norris, John Marshall, William Chaplin, John R. Munro, M. E. Keating, Alexander McLaren and Archibald Hodge. The congregation is to be congratulated on its prosperous condition.

THE annual meetings of the congregations of Watford and Knox Church, Warwick, were held during the past month. The attendance in each case was large, and deep interest was manifested in all matters brought forward. Marked progress has been made during the past year. A costly fence was put up round the manse and church at Watford, a fine organ was placed in the church there, and is used at all the services, and other improvements were made. At most \$2,000 were contributed during the year, over \$300 being for the Schemes of the Church—the largest amount yet given by this congregation in any one year. There was a balance on the right side. A branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was organized during the year. The membership is increasing and good work is being done. Since the present pastor, Rev. Hugh Cameron, B.A., was settled—a little over three years ago—113 have been added to the communion roll, and increased interest is displayed in all departments of church work.

A CONTEMPORARY says: There was a fairly large attendance recently at the lecture by the Rev. E. D. McLaren, B.D., in the Presbyterian Church, Brampton. He handled the subject in a style that astonished all present. It was pronounced one of the very best lectures ever given in Brampton. The story of a trip across the continent through our own Canada must be especially interesting when presented in glowing characters as the rev. gentleman did in his lecture. Solos were given by Mrs. Milligan and Mr. F. W. Main. Mrs. Milligan sang that favourite piece "Where is Heaven?" in such sweet and impressive strains as to entrance the audience and call forth a most hearty plaudit. She ranks among Brampton's finest singers, and possesses a voice of great power and sweetness. Mr. W. D. Hunter presided over the meeting in his usual happy style. A vote of thanks was given Mr. McLaren for the excellent and instructive address. The Rev. E. R. Young expressed an opinion that it would well stand repeating in the town. Mr.

McLaren delivered the lecture in the Rev. Mr. Longley's church, Queen Street, Toronto, lately.

THE annual meeting of the Brampton Presbyterian congregation Rev. E. P. McLaren, B.D., pastor, was held on Monday evening, 23rd ult. Reports from the different branches of congregational work were laid before the meeting, and in every case showed a large measure of fruitfulness. The Session's reports spoke of having reason to believe that the spiritual interests of the congregation had been steadily advancing. The attendance at the weekly prayer meeting has increased at least fifty per cent. over last year. The treasurer's report gave receipts for ordinary expenses to have been \$3,374.89. The building fund showed a reserve of \$162.20, after reducing the church debt \$1,000. The Ladies' Association had a balance on the right side of \$11.50, after paying the interest on the church debt. The Young People's Association made a very good record last year in having wiped off the last of the debt on church organ, and purchased and partly paid for a piano for the school room. After the usual business, including the election of officers, had been transacted, the meeting was wound up most pleasantly by raising the minister's salary by \$300.

THE annual report of the congregation of St. Andrew's, Gananoque, shows it to be in a flourishing condition. The church, enlarged and beautified, was re-opened the first Sabbath of March last by the Rev. Dr. Smith, of Galt. The seating capacity is now about 600, instead of 400 formerly. The congregation, however, has increased so much of late that the whole seating capacity of the enlarged building is about appropriated already. The additions to the membership during the year are twenty-seven, removals sixteen, leaving a net gain of eleven, the total membership now being 231. The amount contributed during the year for church enlargement was \$2,162, and for the Schemes \$456: of this amount \$203 was raised by the Woman's Foreign Mission Society and Thousand Island Mission Band for Foreign Missions. The total amount raised during the year for all purposes was \$4,635, the largest amount ever raised in one year by the congregation. The annual tea meeting was held on the 31st of January last, net proceeds \$195. The services upon Sabbath Day are well attended; also at the weekly prayer meeting. Altogether this congregation gives indications of a vigorous and healthful condition.

THE services in connection with the celebration of the opening of the Collingwood Presbyterian Church were held recently. Owing to illness, Rev. Dr. McLaren was not present, and the snow blockade prevented Rev. Mr. Burnfield, who was to take the Doctor's place, from reaching here until the evening service. The pastor, Dr. Campbell, was therefore obliged to take charge of the morning service himself, and probably few of those who were present really regretted that it was so. In the evening, Mr. Burnfield preached to a crowded house. He delivered an eloquent and highly interesting discourse from the words, "No condemnation." The tea meeting was a grand success. The attendance was unusually large, and the literary part of the programme was gratifying to all present. The chief speaker was the Rev. Mr. Burnfield, M.A. His subject was "Signs," and with anecdotes and brilliant period she made the subject intensely interesting. Mr. R. G. Campbell gave a reading and Miss Duffy and Miss McQuade sang solos. These, with music from the choir, made up a pleasing and profitable evening. The proceeds of the Sabbath collections and of the tea meeting were highly satisfactory amounting to \$215.

THE Presbyterian Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the Guelph Presbytery held its annual meeting in St. Andrew's Church, Fergus, February 21st. About sixty delegates were present. They were received in the church by the ladies of the two Fergus auxiliaries, who had prepared a sumptuous and elegant repast in the basement, after partaking of which a meeting of the delegates was held for the election of officers, which resulted as follows: Mrs. Thomas Goldie, Guelph, was elected president in place of Mrs. Smellie, who wished to retire. Mrs. Smellie, Fergus, Mrs. Millican, Belwood, Mrs. Graham, Galt, vice-presidents; Mrs. McCrae, Guelph, secretary; and Miss Cant, Galt, treasurer. A general meeting for all women of the community was then held, at which Mrs. Muir read an address of welcome. Mrs. J. C. Smith, of Guelph, replied in a suitable and eloquent manner. After the presidents address, Mrs. Ewart, of Toronto, president of the provincial society, gave a highly interesting and instructive address on the growth of mission work. In the evening a public meeting was held, when Dr. Wardrope, of Guelph, and Rev. Mr. Murray, of London, gave forcible and impressive addresses to a crowded house. The choir rendered some choice music.

THE anniversary services of the Presbyterian Church, Norwood, were held recently. Rev. John Hay, B.D., of Campbellford, occupied the pulpit morning and evening. Large congregations at both diets listened with deep attention to his able and lucid discourses. On Monday evening following, tea was served in the large and cheery Sabbath school room. The guests were many and the edibles such as to please the most fastidious. After tea, and the people seated in the church, the pastor, the Rev. James Carmichael, M.A., took the chair. He then said that this was the sixth anniversary he had enjoyed with them, having been inducted into the Norwood charge five years past: last October; that during that time 171 persons had become members of the Church—143 on profession of faith, and twenty-eight by certificate; and that the membership was now a little more than double of what it was when called to the pastorate of the congregation. Rev. Mr. Hyde, of Warsaw, spoke pleasantly of the social benefits accruing to the members and adherents of a Church by such gatherings. Rev. Mr. Thompson, of Hastings, gave an interesting address on "Success in Life," and illustrated his remarks by some humorous and pointed anecdotes. Rev. Mr. Hay, of Campbellford, spoke on "Reality." He urged upon his hearers to be real men and women at home, in the Church, and in the State. His address was able and practical. The choir of the church, under the leadership of Mr. W. E. Roxburgh, added greatly to the evening's enjoyment. The