

## Ministers and Churches.

THE Rev. J. C. Tolmie has received a unanimous and hearty call from Whitechurch and Calvin Church, East Wawanosh, in the Presbytery of Maitland. Stipend promised \$900 per annum and manse and glebe.

TWELVE scholars of St. John's Sunday school, Brockville, have received prizes for regularity of attendance during the past year. Most of them did not miss a single Sunday and the rest only missed one, caused by sickness.

DURING the past year the membership of St. John's Church, Brockville, received an accession of thirty-four from the Sunday school alone. This from a school with an average attendance of about 130 is considered a large number and is greatly in excess of any previous year.

THE *Pembroke Standard* says: It is worthy of passing note, that of the twelve individuals who sit around the council board, and guide the affairs of municipal state, no fewer than seven belong to the Presbyterian Church. The other five being divided as follows—four Roman Catholics and one Methodist.

THE Church of the Redeemer, Deseronto, of which the Rev. R. J. Craig is pastor, has issued a neat and carefully arranged directory for the use of worshippers. It gives a list of stated meetings, prayer meeting topics, the Schemes of the Church, and the various organizations connected with the congregation.

At the recent annual meeting of the congregation of Knox Church, Owen Sound, the treasurer reported a prosperous year, having some thing over four hundred dollars in after paying all demands. A precentor was engaged at \$350 per annum, and a subscription opened for a large pipe organ suited to the congregation, which in a few days reached the sum of \$1,800.

THE *Whitby Chronicle* says: Mr. Thomas Kerr, Inspector for the Standard Life Insurance Company, delivered an address on "St. Patrick and his times," under the auspices of Burns Church Sabbath school, Ashburn, on Monday evening week. The address was deeply interesting and full of wit and wisdom. It gave a vivid and comprehensive description of the chief incidents in the life of Ireland's patron saint, and much information was associated therewith.

THE Rev. T. F. Fotheringham, St. John, has prepared a neat and convenient "Lectionary for the Home and the Sanctuary, being consecutive lessons for week days and Sundays, designed to promote the thoughtful and systematic perusal of the Bible." It is for the current year. It covers one-half of the Old Testament, and the whole of the New, and the whole Psalms every three months. Mr. Fotheringham will send copies to any address for five cents each, or fifty cents for twelve.

THE Presbyterian Church, at Westport, after being entirely rebuilt and enlarged, was re-opened on Sunday the 17th, when Rev. John Wilkie, missionary from India, preached. There were large congregations present at the services. On Monday a tea meeting was held, which was addressed by Mr. Wilkie, Rev. J. J. Richards of Lyn, formerly pastor of the congregation, and others. Rev. D. Y. Ross, M.A., the energetic minister of the charge, is to be congratulated on this fresh evidence of the result of his labours.

THE annual meeting of the Brockville auxiliary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was held on the 14th inst. The report showed considerable progress during the past year. The branch raised \$75 for Foreign Missions. The following were elected office bearers for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. Smellie, Vice presidents, Mrs. Freeland, Mrs. Macgillivray, Mrs. McKenzie, Secretary, Mrs. Bell; Treasurer, Miss Dowsley. Preparations were made for the meeting of the Presbyterian Association which is to meet in Brockville on the 12th of March.

THE Rev. K. P. McKay, of Parkdale, Convener of the Committee on Knox College Library, writes: Will you allow me to remind the alumni of Knox College of their engagement to raise \$2,000 for the Knox College Library Fund, during this winter. A few have taken action already and sent subscriptions. Most of those who undertook to collect preferred to wait until after the annual collections for the schemes were taken. Now the time for action has come, and with a little effort upon the part of all, the amount can be secured. Let there be no disappointment this time.

THE Rev. Thomas Wardrope, D.D., Convener of Foreign Missionary Committee, writes: Mr. Wilkie was conferred with in regard to the amount of work which he had been undertaking in addressing congregations, and the committee requested him to take complete rest between the 5th of March and the 14th of April, he having at the present time no appointments made between those dates. To all the friends of Mr. Wilkie, and of the work in which he is engaged, it must be apparent that in order to his deriving any benefit from furlough, he must have at least such a rest as is indicated in the above minute; and it is hoped that all, however desirous of securing Mr. Wilkie's services, will readily fall in with the desire of the committee that he should have it.

MR. NEIL SHAW, of Knox College, writes: Sabbath schools, Mission bands, etc., having libraries, Sabbath school papers, or such literature as would be suitable for distribution in destitute mission fields, and who desire to dispose of such in this way, may do so the Knox College Students' Missionary Society, by sending the same to Neil Shaw, Knox College, Toronto. As the present college session is drawing near to its close, when the students will be sent out to those fields, it is desirable that all such literature should be received at once so that it may be ready to be sent out with the students. In many of those fields the people are without any religious services during the long winter months, and in many cases have no religious literature, not being financially able to procure such.

THE anniversary services in connection with Guthrie Church, Harrison, were held on the 10th and 11th inst., and were very successful. On Sabbath the Rev. James Little preached two excellent discourses to large and appreciative audiences. On the following evening, notwithstanding the drifting snow and heavy roads, the annual source given by the ladies of the congregation was largely attended. Excellent music was rendered by the choir, and Miss Bessie and Dora Waddell. Short and pithy addresses were given by Revs. James Little, S. Young, H. Edmison, M.A., and the two resident ministers. Tuesday evening was devoted to the children of the Sabbath-school. After enjoying a sleigh ride in the afternoon and partaking of their annual tea, the audience was entertained by singing by the scholars, interposed with addresses from the Superintendent, one of the teachers and the pastor. Proceeds of the Sabbath collections, and of Monday and Tuesday evenings amounted to the handsome sum of \$231.

THE anniversary services of Uxbridge Presbyterian Church, were held recently. The Rev. J. Laing, D.D., of Dundas, preached morning and evening. His discourses were able expositions of Gospel truth, and were attentively listened to by large congregations. The annual meeting was held subsequently and was well attended. Reports were presented by the Session, Board of Management, Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Willing Workers, Lend a Hand Band, etc., giving concise and lucid information upon the Church work of the past year. The receipts for the past year were \$3,610, \$280 in excess of last year. The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society receipts were \$165; Willing Workers, \$266; Lend a Hand Band, \$31, devoted to the education of an Indian boy in the North-West. In addition to meeting the interest on Building Fund indebtedness, \$500 was paid on the principal. Twenty-four names were added to the communion roll, ten by certificate, and fourteen by profession of their faith. Feeling reference was made to the late James Hamilton, recently an elder of the Church, who died about the

close of the year, at Santa Monica, California. Mr. Hamilton was a native of Richmond Hill and was only thirty-six years of age. During his short life he did much for the Master he loved so dearly.

THE Chalmers' Church congregation, Montreal, have made a number of improvements on their property, which have added much to the appearance of the church, and greatly increased the accommodation. An extension has been erected at the back of the church which contains lavatories, four large class-rooms, and a commodious and beautifully furnished vestry. Some of these rooms have been carpeted and tastefully furnished. A gallery has been erected in the east end of the church, with accommodation for 120. The pulpit has been moved forward and the organ and choir seats placed in rear of it. At the back of the lot a sexton's residence has been built. These improvements have been effected without increasing very greatly the indebtedness of the congregation. Deducting the amount raised by the people to meet these additions, the total debt is now \$5,000, and a scheme for the removal of this debt has been successfully launched, giving hope of its being entirely wiped out in a year or two. These improvements were rendered necessary by the growth of the congregation and Sabbath school. The attendance at the school has averaged about 425 this year. Apart from the increased attendance, the school is most admirably and efficiently conducted. The superintendent is Mr. Warden King, who is aided by a large staff of experienced teachers. The pastor, Rev. G. C. Heine, is to be congratulated on the prosperous state of the church and school. There are few congregations in the city with better facilities for the carrying on of their work than Chalmers' Church now possesses. The English-speaking population of the district is increasing, and the future prospects of the congregation are most hopeful.

THE annual missionary meeting of Knox Church, Woodstock was held last week and was largely attended. After the opening exercises the pastor, Rev. W. T. McMullen, gave a rapid and comprehensive summary of the work of the Presbyterian Church at home and abroad. Commencing with Home Missions the following particulars were mentioned: Total amount contributed for this work last year, \$52,363, missionaries in the field, 215, viz. 80 ministers, 104 students and 31 catechists. The number of aid receiving congregations on the Augmentation Fund, 136, the number which have become self supporting since 1883, 139; total receipts last year, \$28,824. For French evangelization the amount contributed last year was \$25,550, schools supported, 30; preaching stations, 80; and 37 missionaries are supported by the fund. In the foreign field the church supports about 35 missionaries, 75 teachers in mission schools, and a large number of native preachers. Total contributed last year, \$86,866, being \$65,018 from the western section of the church, and \$21,848 from the Maritime provinces. The report of the Ladies Missionary Association was presented, showing \$496.58. The Woman's Foreign Mission Society, the Willing Hands and Morning Star Mission Band raised \$359; the Sabbath school, \$177; the Bible class, \$45, making a total on hand for missions of \$1,077.58. Adding to this \$50, sent to Pointe-aux-Trembles school, makes a total for missions of \$1,127.58. But to this the collection for Augmentation, yet to be taken up, is to be added. By vote on motion of Mr. P. Johnston the following appropriations were made, viz: Home Missions, \$221; Knox College, \$80; French Evangelization, \$40; Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, \$97; Augmentation Fund, \$50, collection to be added, Assembly Fund, \$12. The amount for Foreign Missions by the Woman's Foreign Mission Society and the Sabbath school is \$416.

THE Presbyterian society, W.F.M.S. of the Presbytery of Barrie, met recently in the lecture-room of the Orillia Presbyterian Church, and was fairly well attended. Representatives were present from the auxiliary societies of Collingwood, Stayner, Barrie, Bradford, Bondhead, Gravenhurst and Alliston. Mrs. Robertson, president of the society, presided, and opened the meeting with devotional exercises. The president read the opening address. The Secretary, Mrs. Cope land, read the report of last year's work in the different auxiliaries, which showed increased interest and substantial progress in the work of the society. Mrs. Beaton submitted the Treasurer's report, the amount raised during the year being something over \$600. Reports of work done during the year were read by delegates from each of the auxiliaries. Mrs. Harvey, Mrs. McKee, Mrs. Carswell and Mrs. Moodie then presented the annual report to the Presbytery, which, on motion of Mr. McLeod, seconded by Mr. Grant, was received by a standing vote, and the thanks of the Presbytery given to the ladies for their work. Messrs. McLeod and Grant were afterwards appointed a deputation to wait upon the society, and express the Presbytery's high appreciation of the work being done by the different auxiliaries within the bounds, which duty those members discharged in short addresses. Mrs. McKinnell, Orillia, read a paper entitled "An Appeal for Missions." Mrs. Carswell read a paper on "Chinese Characteristics," which was illustrated by Chinese images. Mrs. McKee then took charge of the question drawer, and some interesting discussions followed in reply to questions submitted about raising money, conducting missionary work, etc. Mrs. Moodie read an admirable paper on "Mission Work." Mrs. McKee finished the list of papers by reading one on "The Uppermost Thought." All the papers read were of the highest order, and clearly showed that a large amount of talent had lain dormant in the Presbyterian Church until the Woman's Missionary Society was founded. After discussing various topics the society elected the following office-bearers for the ensuing year: Mrs. Robertson, Collingwood, President; Mrs. Carswell, Bondhead; Mrs. McKee, Barrie, and Mrs. Warner, Orillia, vice Presidents; Mrs. Copeland, Collingwood, Secretary; Mrs. Beaton, Orillia, Treasurer.

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.—The Presbytery of Toronto met in the usual place on the 5th inst., Rev. A. Gilray, Moderator. Committees were appointed, as in other like cases, to look after the matter of supply for the vacant charges of Brampton and Queensville, with Rev. G. M. Milligan as Convener in the former case, and Rev. W. Amos as Convener in the latter. It was reported by Revs. D. J. Macdonnell and W. Frizzell that, in terms of appointment, they had held a meeting with the Westford petitioners, and that after dealing with 23 of them as church members, and 39 of them as adherents, they had organized them as a regular congregation of our church, under the jurisdiction of the Presbytery. The action thus reported was approved of, and it was also carried that the congregation thus reported on should be united with that of St. Andrew's Church, Scarborough. The committee appointed at last meeting to confer with the Session and congregation of Oakville ament a difficulty respecting the election and ordination of elders, and to advise them as to the best course for removing said difficulty, reported at great length through Dr. McLaren, setting forth (inter alia) the findings and recommendation arrived at by the committee, and their acceptance by the congregation. The report of the committee was received and adopted. There was read a communication from Rev. G. Burnfield, stating for the information of the Presbytery that he would not further interfere at present with the action proposed to be taken concerning him. It was then moved by Dr. Parsons, and agreed to, that the report of committee in regard to Mr. Burnfield, submitted on the 4th of December last, be now adopted by the Presbytery, and the whole matter, involving the question of jurisdiction, be referred to the next General Assembly. The committee appointed at last meeting to organize as a congregation of the church certain petitioners of Dovercourt Mission, reported through Rev. J. Mutch, that they had held a meeting with said petitioners, and that after receiving from forty-one of these certificates of church membership, and examining other eight of them, they had formed these 49 persons into a regular congregation, to be known as the Dovercourt Presbyterian congregation. The report was received and adopted, and an interim Session was also appointed, consisting of Mr. Mutch as Moderator, and Messrs. Christie, Tennant, Scroggie and Mitchell, as elders. Successive proposals were made to the Presbytery for the erection of new

mission stations within the bounds, the places referred to being these: The Five Points (two and a half miles N. W. of Bloor street), Mimico, Eglington, and Doncaster. Committees were appointed to visit these localities, to make advisable relative enquiries, and report to the next meeting of Presbytery. The following four ministerial brethren were appointed to visit supplemented congregations, viz., Rev. J. Mackay, to visit Melville church, Markham and Unionville; Rev. G. M. Milligan, to visit West Toronto Junction and Dixie; Rev. W. Frizzell, to visit Queensville and Rivenston, and Rev. G. E. Freeman to visit York Townline and East Toronto; and all of them to report to next meeting. Petitions to the Houses of the Dominion Parliament (received from Rev. Dr. Laidlaw, of Hamilton,) were duly submitted by Rev. D. J. Macdonnell; the said petitions having reference to the passing of measures in favour of the better observance of the Sabbath on the Welland Canal. On motion made by Mr. Macdonnell, seconded by Dr. Caven, it was unanimously agreed that said petitions receive the endorsement of this Presbytery. The next meeting of Presbytery is to be held on the 5th of March, at 10 a.m., at which meeting the report of the General Assembly's Committee on the Revision of the Book of Forms is to be dealt with, and probably in the afternoon of same day commissioners will be appointed to the next General Assembly.—R. MONTRATH, Pres. Clerk.

### CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS.

THE Annual meeting of St. Andrew's, Gananoque, Rev. H. Gracey, pastor, was held on the 29th January. Reports presented by the Session, the Finance Committee, and others responsible for congregational work, were all of a favourable and encouraging nature. The congregation is in a prosperous state. Total amount raised for all purposes \$3,600, of this \$1,000 was applied to the reduction of the liability incurred two years ago by enlarging the church. One hundred dollars was added to the pastor's salary, making it \$1,300. The number added to the roll during the year was twenty-nine. The number removed twenty-three. The total membership being 235. The Sabbath-school report was very encouraging. The attendance being now so large as to necessitate the enlargement of the Sunday-school room. The W.F.M.S., the Thousand Island Mission Band and the Juvenile Mission Band each gave very interesting reports. Over \$200 were sent by them to the Foreign Mission work of the church in addition to a large parcel of useful clothing last fall to the Indians of the North-West.

THE regular annual meeting of Knox Church, St. Catharines, congregation was held last week in the lecture hall of the church. The financial statement showed the receipts and expenditure for the year just closed, all claims against the church being paid leaving a cash balance on hand of \$161.26. The report of the different organizations of the church were presented and adopted. The report of the session showed a satisfactory increase in the number of church members. The report of the Sabbath school showed a large average attendance of scholars a full staff of teachers and all working for the best interests of the school. The report of the missionary society was most satisfactory, the past year being the best, in the way of receipts. The report from the Ladies' Aid Society also showed that the year 1888 was the best, in the amount of receipts, since its organization. The total amount raised by the congregation for the different purposes of the church for the year 1888 was 6,100. The congregation have, during the past year, placed in the church a large pipe organ, manufactured by Warren Bros., of Toronto, and is the finest in the city, costing nearly \$2,500, all of which has been paid. The mortgage debt on the church has been reduced to \$2,000. The election of Trustees for the present year resulted in the selection of Messrs Wm. Chaplin, J. R. Monro, A. McLaren, T. Allan, J. Norris, A. Hodge and I. Marshall. A committee was appointed to consider the advisability of a manse for the church, and were asked to report as early as possible.

THE annual meeting of St. Andrew's congregation, Picton, was held on the 29th January, Rev. W. Coulthart, pastor in the chair. The reports showed prosperity. The number added to the roll during the year was twelve; eleven were removed. The total number on the roll is eighty three, number of families sixty. The Sabbath school is well attended, and has prospered during the year. The pastor has formed a society of Christian Endeavour, composed of young people connected with the congregation, it has thirty members on the roll, and more will soon be added. The chief object of this society is to stimulate young Christians, to employ their energies in advancing the work of Christ in the congregation. Through the blessing of God it will be productive of great good. The total amount raised during the year, for all purposes, was over \$1,400, a little over \$17 per member. The congregation, for the first time in its history, is entirely free from debt. The Ladies Aid, the Women's Foreign Missionary Society, the Juvenile Mission Band, are doing their work faithfully and well. The congregation is numerically weak, being fenced in by another powerful body. Through perseverance and faithful endeavour we hold our own.

THE annual congregational meeting of the First Presbyterian Church, Port Hope, was held on the evening of the 30th ult. Reports were read of the operations of the various organizations connected with the congregation, and manifested vigour and progress. During the past five years, 200 have been added to the communion roll. Though the losses by death, removal, etc., have been very heavy, there has been a net gain during the present pastorate of sixty. The general revenue for the year was \$2,279.85, as compared with \$2,195.84 last year. The Ladies Aid have supplied a number of needed requisites to the Sabbath school and congregation during the year. The mission contributions have been well sustained; those of the Woman's Foreign Mission Society and Missionary Band showing marked increase. The Sabbath school was reported to be in a flourishing condition, the attendance and revenue having considerably increased during the year. The Young People's Christian Endeavor Society, one of the most interesting organizations connected with the congregation, has been vigorously sustained during the year, its weekly meetings have been well attended and continue to grow. Messrs. Adam Harrison, W. W. Renwick and Wilfred W. Robertson were chosen to fill the place of the retiring managers.

THE seventh annual meeting of the Presbyterian Woman's Foreign Mission Society of Peterborough, was held some time since in the Sunday school rooms of St. Paul's Church. At the meeting held in the forenoon for the transaction of business the official reports were presented, matters bearing upon the extension of the work in the Presbytery were discussed, and the following officers elected for the ensuing year: Miss Roger, Peterborough, president; Mrs. Hay, Campbellford, first vice-president; Mrs. Lord, Grafton, second vice-president; Mrs. Waddell, Centreville, third vice-president; Mrs. Craigie, Bobcaygeon, fourth vice-president, Mrs. Henderson, Cobourg, treasurer; Mrs. Craik, Port Hope, secretary. Three hundred ladies were present. The president occupied the chair. After the opening exercises conducted by the president, and the presentation of the annual reports by the secretary and treasurer, able and interesting papers were read by the president, Miss Corbett, of Port Hope, and Mrs. Hay, of Campbellford. Miss Roger, after a few words of welcome, to the delegates, dwelt more especially on the power and importance of prayer. Miss Corbett took up the subject of mission bands as means of intellectual and moral training. Mrs. Hay sought to show the special claim that Foreign Mission work has upon women. Mrs. Henderson, of Peterborough, led in the dedicatory prayer. Miss Fraser, of Kingston, now under training for medical mission work, gave an address on "The Sufferings and Wrongs of Women in India," to which her audience listened with rapt attention. An interesting feature of the afternoon was the rendering of some Kindergarten hymns by the Juvenile Mission band, under the training of Miss Sophie Cameron. The ladies then adjourned to St. Andrew's Church where, in response to a very kind invitation from the