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# Church Hows.

PROCERUS of the Napanee Presbyterian concert, \$130. THE annual tea-meeting of the Coulson's Corners Presbyterian church was a most successful affair.

THE W. F. M. S. Auxiliary of Cheltenham, Ont., has contributed \$31 to the funds of the Presbyterial society. ANY Sabbath School having a second hand library in good condition to dispose of, may hear of a customer by addressing this office.

SUNDRY improvements have recently been made in the Newboro' church building, tending much to increase the comfort of the worshippers.

REV. GEO. GRANT, of Simcoe, has been appointed Inspector of Public Schools for the District of Parry Sound, at a yearly salary of \$1,500, with all expenses.

Titg Huntsville and Allansville congregations at a joint meeting in Huntsville, have extended a unanimous call to Rev. J. Sieveright to become their minister. Hitherto he has acted as missionary in charge.

A DWFLLING is being erected for the Presbyterlan mission teacher on the Stoney Pain Indian reserve, 18x24, of hewed logs. The Indians are giving voluntary assistance at getting out logs. It is to be erected near the

Logs are on the ground for a Presbyterian church for Clover Bar settlement. The building will be upon J. Grabani's homestead near the Saskatchewan trail and will be 18x24, of hewed logs. It will be built chiefly by solunteer labour and will be completed early in the coming

A PRESBYTERIAN church is to be erected at Fort Saskatchewan this spring upon the government reserve, between the barracks and the post office building; size 18x24, hewed logs. The work will be chiefly done by volunteer labour. The logs are being placed on the

AT a meeting of the ression of St. Andrew's church, Strathroy, on Friday evening last, Mr. and Mrs. Macadam, in memory of their only son, who died some years ago, presented that body with a very beautiful silver commun ion service, consisting of a flagon, two plates and two

THE envelope collection in St. Paul's church, Bowman ville, last Sabbath, for the Building Fund of the University College, Toronto, Y. M. C. A., amounted to \$47.50, which does not include a subscription of \$10 by one of the members of the congregation previously paid in

REV. J. R. LAIDLAW, Hamilton, is announced to lecture in River St. Church, Paris, 2nd April, on "Our Successora" Two lectures of the course have already been given, "Philosophy of National Humour" by Rev. Wm. Wylle, and "Visible Music" by Rev. John Thomson, Ayr.

THE annual meeting of St. Andrew's Church, East Williams, of which the Rev. John Anderson is pastor, was held recently. The reports show the affairs of the congregation to be in a flourishing condition. The contributions to the schemes of the church show an increase of one-third over last year.

THE Huron Women's Foreign Mission Association, of Huron, has a membership of 140, and collected \$439.75 during 1885. Mrs. Thomas Fair, of Clinton, was elected President: Mrs. Fletcher, of Thames Road, and Miss McKay, of Goderich, Vice-Presidents; Mrs. Wm. Robb, Seaforth, Treasurer, and Miss J. Anderson, Seaforth,

AT the annual missionary meeting of the Presbyterian At the annual missionary meeting of the Presoyterian Church, Bradford, the 'pastor, Rev. J. Bryant, spoke on "Foreign Missiona," Rev. J. Cerswell, Bond Head, on "Augmentation" and "The Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund," and Rev. W. McConnell, Innishi, on "Home Missions." A subscription list of about \$100 was obtained at the close of the meeting.

Six bales of boys' and girls' clothing for the Presby-terian mission school on the Stoney Plain have arrived from Winnipeg, the gift of charitably disposed ladies there. The Indian commissioner has donated lumber with which to fit up the school room; also books, sewing necessaries, a web of fiannel and other articles for the use of the school. The attendance is from seventeen to twenty-five. The children are proving themselves quick

THE number of families given in the annual report of the Alisa Craig congregation, Rev. J Rennie, pastor, is 52; number of communicants on roll in Jan. 1886, 150; communicants received during 1865, 75; communicants oved of died dating otisms—adults 15. children 9, total 24; total receipts, \$846.38; expenditure, \$846.38. There is a dourishing W. F. M. Society, organized in 1884. The number of S. S. scholars on the roll is 135, with an average attendance of 93, number of teachers, 14.

WE can beast of one of the oldest and most worthy ministers in the Midland district, viz., Rev. Jno. Ewing, Presbylerian minister, to Mount Pleasant, Lakevale and Omemee congregations, being in charge since 1849, and seldom or ever failing to meet his appointments during those 38 years, although having to drive a distance of 21 miles over a very rough road every Sunday. His preaching is yet acceptable, judging from the large and appreciative congregations which greet him.—Omemee Cor., Lindiay Poil.

THE annual meeting of the Valleyfield Presbyterian church was held on the evening of March 3rd, and was church was held on the evening of March 3rd, and was well attended. The report of the year's work was very satisfactory, thowing progress in spiritual and temporal affairs under the able and zealous pastorate of the Rev. L. Leitch, whose untiring efforts in the cause of his Master have been blessed with marked success, and with the addition of many members to the church. By a unanimous vote of the meeting it was decided to add \$1.50 to his salary for the following year.

At the last meeting of the Montrest Preshutery, Day

At the last meeting of the Montreal Presbytery, Rev. Jas. McCaul intimated that he had been appointed by the board of French evangelization to spend one year in Britain in the interests of our French work, and that he mas strongly disposed to accept of the appointment. After due consideration the presbytery agreed to cite the congregation of Stanley Street church to appear in their own interests before a special meeting of presbytery to be held in the lecture room of Stanley Street church on Tuesday, the toth inst., at 8 p.m.

REV. JAMES BARGLAY, M.A., Pastor of St. Paul's Cherch, Montreal, preached the anniversary sermons in the Central Presbyterian Church, Hamilton, on Sabbath, the 14th lost. The Section says: "Mr. Barclay's disthe 14th 16st. The Specialry says: "Mr. Barclay's discourses were unusually thoughtful, carnest, and eloquent."
On the Monday following he lectured on "Savonarola."
The same papersays: "Though the lecture was delivered with but few of the graces of oratory, the chaste heauty of the lecture's language and the vividness of his descriptions kept the attention of the audience riveted from beginning to end."

FROM the report of the Barrie Presbyterian Church, Rev. D. D. McLeod, pastor, we learn that after meeting current expenses of the year, the wanagers are able to report a surplus of \$233.37. The amount received from report a surplus of \$233.37. The amount received from envelopes is \$1,934.85, as compared with \$1,763.08 in 1884; increase \$171.77. The open collections were \$377.82, against \$339.66 in 1884; increase \$47.16. Total from envelopes and open collections, \$2,312.67; an increase of \$2.893 on that of 1884, which was \$2.093.74. An effort is to be made to reduce the floating debt which amounts to \$1,600. The amount contributed to the schemes of the church is \$350, making a total of \$3,350. The church is in a prosperous condition.

Voman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian (Church was held in Knox Church on Tuesday, 9th inst. There was a large attendance. Rev. Dr. Mooreoccupied the chisir. The senus) reports presented were of a grainfying character, the financial statement showing the receipts to have been \$511 over the expenses. A mission hand for the young people of the churches had been stated and put into very successful operation. During the year a large quantity of warm clothes had been sent to the Indians of the North-West. The election of officers for the easuing year resulted in the return of the following from each city congregation; Recording Secretary—Miss I. Hopkirk; Corresponding Secretary—Miss Ilarmon; Treasurer—Mrs. Crannell.

THE W. F. M. S. of the Presbytery of Chatham held its first annual meeting in First Presbyterian church, Chatham, on Tues lay afternoon, March 9th. Half an hour before the meeting, the managers met for business. The following officers were elected for the years President, Mrs. Walker, Chatham; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Bruce, Ridgetown, Mrs. Taylor, Bothwell, Mrs. Fisher, Chatham Township; Secretary, Miss Stone, Chatham; Treasurer, Miss McNaughton. A very interesting and profitable meeting was held. After the reports had been read and adopted, Mrs. Forrest and Miss Coutts, of Tilbury, read very instructive and enjoyable papers bearing bury, read very instructive and enjoyable papers bearing on mission work. A deputation was sent over from the on mission work. A deputation was sent over from the presbytery, approving of the report and assuting the W. F. M. S of the presbytery's hearty co-operation in the work. In the evening the ladies entertained the ministers and the members of the society to tea at Mrs. McKay's, after which they adjourned to St. Andrew's church, where a public meeting was held, presided over by the Moderator. Excellent addresses were delivered by Rev. Mr. Becket, of Thamesville, Mr. McRobbie, of Ridgetown, and Mr. Gray, of Windsor.

THE Ladies' Aid Society in connection with the Point Edward Presbyterian church held its annual meeting on Thursday, 1tth inst., at the residence of Mrs. Wm. Bryce. The meeting was opened with prayer by the president, Mrs. Geo. Paton. The usual reports were read, which showed the Aid to be in a flourishing condition. Memshowed the Aid to be in a flourishing condition. Members on the roll, 30; added during the year, \$2, removed by death during the year, \$2.—Mrs. Leitch, wife of the pastor, and Mrs. J. Weaver. The treasurer's report showed that the Aid had turned out during the year articles, useful and ornamental, to the value of over \$200, which sum was paid into the general treasury of the congregation, the same to be applied to liquidate the debt on the manse. The articles manufactured by the Aid were disposed of quietly and by private sale. Officers for Integration of the congregation, Mrs. President, Mrs. Geo. Paton; Vice-President, Mrs. — Miller; Sec. and Treat., Mrs. J. McMillan; Valuators, Miss Agnes McIntosh, Mrs. D. Cameron and Mrs. Wm. Steel. Thus the society is saccessfully launched upon its fifth year of usefulness, with every prospect of success. May the blessing of Gud attend. Its efforts to promote the material as well as the spiritual interests of Zion. There is also in connection with the above congregation, a Young People's Christian Associaabove congregation, a Young People's Christian Associa-tion, organised by the pastor, and successfully operated by the young people themselves. Its influence for good is much felt in the town, and valued highly, especially by the congregation which is blessed by such an association, among the young.

## MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERY.

PICTOU .- This presbytery met at New Glasgow on the and iost. It was found that upwards of \$1,400 of the \$1,600 asked from the presbytery had already been realized, with three congregations still to report. The feathed, with three congregations till to report. The following were elected Commissioners to the Assembly it Messas. R. Cunningham, Alex. McLean, W. Donald, A. McL. Sinclair and J. R. Munro, ministers; and T. P. Jones, J. D. McGregor, D. Kennedy, John Millar and G. Lawne, elders. The presbytery held a conference on the State of Religion, which was found in many respects to be most encouraging.—E. A. McCurdy, Clerk.

PETERBORO'.-This presbytery met on the 9th inst. There were present sixteen ministers and two elders. Mr. Duncan was appointed Moderator for the next six months. The committee on the care of the church property at Oak Hill were instructed to enquire into the character of the deed of the property and to report at next meeting. The report of the Committee on Home Mission work was adopted, and arrangements made for the sup-ply of the different fields during the summer. There was a lengthened discussion arising out of the Report of the Committee on Augmentation. The report was adopted. Delegates to augmented congregations reported regarding the condition of the charges visited. These reports were transferred to the Committee on Augmentation to prepare a report from them for presentation to the Assembly's Home Mission Committee. Reports were Assembly's Home Mission Committee. Reports were received also as to visits made to self-sustaining congregations. It was resolved, on motion of Mr. Bell, to instruct all delegates who had failed to fulfil their appointments, to enter upon the work assigned them at the earliest opportunity. It was also resolved that the work of visitation in connection with Augmentation be done. In future not later than the month of September in each year. In connection with the communication of an overture from the Presbytery of Hamilton, on the mode of the election of Moderator of the General Assembly, it was agreed to recommend that the practice of the Church ance the time of Union, which was somewhat disturbed by the action of east year, be reverted to, and that, in future, nomination be used by presbyteries. The following were appointed as delegates to the General Assembly:—Messrs. Sutherland, Cameron, Torrance, Bell, White and Ross, ministers; Messrs. J. Russell, Colourg; Gabriel Orr, Cold Springs; W. E. Roxburg, Nessract, John Althen Bobauergen; P. C. Martin Norwood; John Aitken, Bobcaygeon; R. C. Martin, Garden Hill, and R. Tully, Peterborough, elders. Messrs. Cleland, Mitchell, Cameron, ministers; and Messrs. Craik and Tirdale, elders, were appointed a committee to consider the remuning remits of Assembly and to report to the recting of presbytery to be held at the time of the meeting of synod in May next. The Committe on the State of Religion, Sabbath Schools and Temperence were invested with presbyterial powers to prepare reports on their respective departments for presentation to the corresponding committee of the syrod. Mr McCrea was authorized to moderate in a call at Brighton as soon as the people are prepared for the step. The presbytery agreed to recommend off. Rumble, a Hachelor of Arts, of Victoria College, and a member of the Presbyterian church in Cobourge, and a member of the Presbyterian church in Cobourg, to the Home Mis-sion Committee, for work in the mission field. Princi-pal Grant, of Queen's College, was nominated as Moderator of the General Assembly. The congregation

grainfing character, the finnicial statement showing the receipts to have been \$551 over the expenses. A mission band for the young people of the churches had been strated and put into very successful operation. During the year a large quantity of warm clothes had been sent to the Indians of the North-West. The election of officers for the easting year resulted in the retrum of the following interest of the control of the ber on the toll is 3,530, the average attendance being 2,457—or seventy-two per cent. Twenty two schools out of the number reporting contributed \$1,837. Of this amount \$874 has been expended on the schools; \$727 on missions, and \$236 on other objects. Only 14 schools have contributed to the great schemes of the church, and nave contributed to the great schemes of the church, and the Park Avenue Sunday School takes the first place in this respect with \$128 contributed by an average attend ance of \$14. St. Andrew's London 1 Knox, St. Thomas; Hyde Park, Lobo; Caradoc and London East schools have also contributed. The reports contributed are regarded by the committee as satisfactory and cheering. The following recommendations were appended: I. That this presbytery take action to secure, when practicable, the organization of Sunday Schools wherever the Gospel is preached within its borders. 2. That a careful roll of all the schools be prepared without delay, and that it be an injunction of presbytery that each school in future furnish a report of its operations as often as required by the church. 3. That contributions for the schemes of the church be taken in each school. 4. That arrangements be made for holding a Presbyterian conference of an early date. 5. The adoption of the Sabbath School Class Registery; (2) S. S. Record; (3) Quarterly and Annual S. S. Summery Report; (4) S. S. Register and Quarterly Record to be used by the convener of the Presbytery S. S. Committee. Report adopted.

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Committee. Report adopted.

BRANDON.—This presbytery met at Brandon on Tuesday, and ult., and in the First Presbyterian church there. There was an attendance of eleven ministers and four elders. Mr. Douglas' report on the induction of Mr. A. McTavish into the pastoral charge of Chater and associate stations was adopted. The overture of the Presbytery of Hamilton anent the election of the Moderator of the General Assembly was adopted simpliciter, and Rev. J. K. Smith, of Gali, Ont., was unanimously chosen as the nominee of presbytery for the Moderatorahip of next General Assembly. Mr. Douglas reported anent the moderature in a call at Carberry and Petrel, and that the call was unanimous in favour of Rev. Ancus Robertson, of Lethbildge, N.W.T. The clerk resd letters from Mr. Robertson declining acceptance of the call on acc. unt of the greater need of his labours in the far West. The call was thus set aside, and the sympathy of the court expressed with the congregation in the circum-West. The call was thus set saide, and the sympathy of the court expressed with the congregation in the circumstances. The following commissioners were appointed for the next General Assembly:—Messra. A. Bell, H. McKellar, J. M. Douglas, James Robertson and John Mowat, ministers; and Messra. Thomas Lockhart, Hugh Grant, James Elder, A. D. Alkenhead and Hon. Alex. Vidal, Sarnia, Ont., elders. Messra. James Todd and J. M. Douglas were appointed to represent the presbytery on the Synodical Home Mission Committee. A letter was read from the ladies of Knox church. Postage La on the Synodical Home Mission Committee. A letter was read from the ladies of Knox church, Portage La Prairie, asking the presbytery to take steps towards educating and christianizing the Sloux Indians residing in their locality, and offering to raise \$150 annually as support to further this end. The presbytery instructed the Convener of Committee on. Foreign Missions to communicate with the Assembly's Foreign Mission with a view to immediate action being taken in th's matter. Messrs. McKellar, Bell, Todd, Sutherland, ministers; and W. W. Miller, elder, were appointed a committee to prepare an overture anent Indian mission work in the bounds of the presbytery, and the relation existing between the presthe presbytery, and the relation existing between the pres-bytery and the Assembly's Foreign Mission Committee regarding this department of mission work. Messra. Robert Lang and James Scott appeared as commissioners for Oak Lake and associate stations, asking that they be formally erected into a congregation with an interim session, and that arrangements be made to enable them to call a minister. Messrs, James Robertson, J. M. Kelly and James Lang were appointed an interim session, and Mr. J. Robertson was empowered to moderate in a call when the congregation was ready to proceed. It was agreed that the presbytery make application to the Home Mission Committee of the General Assembly for leave to employ Rev. J. Mckae as an ordained missionary within the bounds. The wants of Rossburn, Solsgirth and Birtle were considered at length, and Mesars. James Roberraon, James Todd and James Duncan were appointed to visit the whole district with a view to a re-arrangement to visit the whole district with a view to a re-arrangement of these stations, and to report at next meeting of presbytery. The greater part of the time of the court was occupied with the Home Mission work in the bounds. There are about one hundred preaching stations in the bounds and are arranged into: twenty two groups or fields of labour. Their wants and interest for the ensaing year were all carefully considered. The presbytery was pleased to notice that in many places there was a manifest improvement in the contributions of the prople for some places are the present ordinances. gospel ordinances, yet in some others, for apparent reasons, there had been a decrease. To cary on the work in the bounds the presbytery will require not less than \$6,000 this year. The Home Mission Committee was instructed to prepare a statement of the wants of the presbytery f r the maintenance of gospel ordinances in the bound, to be presented to the Synodical Home Mission Committee, as well as a statement anent the number and character of labourers required to overtake the work. It was spreed to overture the General Assembly for leave to take Mr. J. C. Court, catechist, now labouring at Auburn, on trials for license and ordination, and Mr. James Robertson was appointed to support the same. Mr. James Told gave notice that at next regular meeting he would bring forward an overture requesting the General Assembly to allow the Church in Manitoba and N. W. Territories to fall into line with the other prospecties of the Charch in the East in the conduct of its Home Mission work. The presbytery will hold its next regular meeting in Portage La Frairie on Tuesday, 4th May.—

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