

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

THE ministers of Paris, Ont., have issued an earnest, sensible and practical address on temperance.

THE Rev. John J. A. Proudfoot, D.D., lectured last week in Park Avenue Presbyterian Church, London, on "Marcus Antoninus."

THE Rev. Mr. Laidlaw, pastor of St. Paul's Church, Hamilton, lectured in the First Presbyterian Church, Chatham, last week, on the "World of the Future."

IN connection with the re opening services at St. Andrew's Church, Berlin, the Rev. Mr. Dickie, Detroit, lectured on "The Scottish Church from the earliest times till 1690."

THE "Daily Telegraph" states that the Rev. Thomas Smith, D.D., Kingston, has accepted the call addressed to him by the elders and trustees of St. Andrew's Church, St. John, N.B.

THE annual soiree in the Presbyterian church, Oshawa, last week, was a decided success. A pleasant evening, large audience, good cheer, good speeches, and good music left nothing to be desired.

THE Rev. John Smith gave a lecture in the Presbyterian church, Parkdale, on "Prejudice and Progress." The lecture was highly instructive, and interspersed with racy humour. It was highly appreciated by the audience.

THE St. Andrew's Church, Toronto, Young People's Association gave a concert and literary entertainment last week, and a most pleasant evening was spent by all present. A liberal collection was taken up in aid of the Dorset Mission School.

THE Turin congregation, which forms part of Mr. Beckett's field of labour, at its last business meeting reported a balance on hand. A subscription list was opened, and a considerable sum subscribed, for the purpose of re-shingling, kalsomining, and otherwise improving the appearance of the church.

THE Rochesterville Presbyterian congregation held their anniversary social on the 20th inst. Excellent music and appropriate readings added much to the enjoyment of the audience. The Revs. Messrs. G. M. Clark, J. Wood, F. W. Farries and R. Whillans gave addresses which were timely and highly appreciated.

AN interesting, successful and enjoyable social was held in connection with Knox Church, Beaverton, Sabbath school. Mr. Cameron, superintendent, occupied the chair. The Rev. R. N. Grant, Orillia, gave a very interesting address on "How can I help the Sabbath school?" Short addresses were also given by the Rev. Messrs. Watson and Depew.

A NEW Presbyterian church was opened in West Huntingdon, by the Rev. W. W. McLean, M.A., Belleville, and the Rev. A. Young, of Napanee, on a recent Sabbath. The following evening a most successful tea meeting was held, at which the Rev. Mr. Gray, the pastor of the congregation, presided. Able addresses and attractive music contributed to the enjoyment of the crowded gathering.

THE people of Knox Church, Milton, are to be congratulated upon the success of the bazaar held in the town hall on Wednesday, 14th inst. The articles were marked at reasonable prices, and everything conducted on business principles. They realized \$320. Since the Rev. M. C. Cameron's ordination four years ago, unity and prosperity have been enjoyed by the church.

LAST week the East Presbyterian Church, Toronto, held their annual tea meeting, which was very largely attended. Tea was served in the lecture room, after which an adjournment was made to the church, where the pastor, Rev. J. M. Cameron, took the chair. Addresses were delivered by Revs. Messrs. Irglis, Tovell, Frizzell, Leslieville, Drummond, Newcastle, and others. During the evening the choir gave a number of selections. The evening following the Sabbath school children had their annual social, for which an excellent programme was provided.

ON the return of the Rev. I. Campbell and his bride from their wedding trip a large number of his congregation and friends assembled in the lecture room of the Presbyterian church, Richmond Hill, to welcome them. After an excellent repast Mr. and Mrs. Campbell were presented with a beautiful silver tea service, accompanied by an address, containing congratulations on the happy occasion, kindly expressions of good will, and appreciative recognition of Mr. Campbell's labours. Mr. Campbell made a happy and

suitable reply. The evening was most pleasantly spent.

THE second anniversary of the re-opening of the Presbyterian church, Bridgen, was observed on the 4th inst. The Rev. J. Thompson, Sarnia, preached able and interesting sermons, morning and evening, to large and appreciative congregations. On Monday evening a successful tea-meeting was held. The pastor, Rev. J. A. McDonald, in the chair. Addresses of a highly instructive and entertaining character were delivered by the Rev. Messrs. J. Thompson, G. Cuthbertson, J. McCutcheon and Kerr (Methodist). The addresses were interspersed with excellent music. The most successful and enjoyable meeting of the kind ever held in the village was brought to a close by singing the national anthem and pronouncing the benediction. The total proceeds of the anniversary amounted to \$160.

THE anniversary of the dedication of Guihne Church, Harriston, was observed on the 11th inst. Appropriate discourses were preached in the morning by the Rev. J. M. Aull, of Palmerston, and in the evening by Rev. G. Mitchell, B.A., of Harriston, to very large and attentive audiences. On Monday evening the annual social tea was given by the ladies of the congregation, after which interesting and instructive addresses were delivered by Rev. Messrs. Muir, of Gorrie, Aull, of Palmerston, and the resident ministers of the town. On Tuesday evening the Sabbath school children's tea-meeting was held, and was well attended by the parents and friends. The manner in which the young people entertained the audience with singing, recitations, and dialogues, reflects great credit upon the superintendent, teachers, precentor and choir. All the meetings were very successful. Proceeds, \$325.

ON the evening of February 14th, a large number of the members and adherents of the Underwood Presbyterian congregation repaired to the manse, laden with baskets of provisions. After everything had been put in order, the pastor and his wife were requested to present themselves, when very kindly addresses, expressive of appreciation of the character and labours of the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. McLennan, were read. Accompanying the addresses, the present of a well filled purse to Mr. McLennan, and a handsome sideboard to Mrs. McLennan were made. Mr. McLennan briefly replied on his own behalf, and also on the behalf of Mrs. McLennan. Tea was then served. The company, after spending an enjoyable evening, with music, etc., separated at a seasonable hour. A quantity of oats, to keep the minister's mare for many a day, had been sent previous to the social gathering.

IN accordance with the appointment of the Assembly, the Rev. Dr. Cochrane preached, on the morning of the 18th inst., an earnest and impressive sermon on the claims of theological colleges and other educational institutions upon the prayers and liberality of the Christian Church. His remarks were based upon Zachariah i. 5—"Your fathers, where are they? and the prophets, do they live forever?" In the evening Dr. Cochrane preached a sermon specially addressed to the young men and women of the congregation, founded upon the text, 2 Chronicles xxxiv. 3, "While he (Josiah) was yet young, he began to seek after the God of David, his father." The points specially dwelt upon and enforced with great power and wealth of illustration were these: Josiah began to seek after God—he began while he was young—he continued to seek God—he died a happy though a sudden death. The audiences at both services were very large, and seemed pervaded by a deep spirit of solemnity under the appeals addressed them.

ANNIVERSARY services were held in Wintham Presbyterian church on the 11th inst. The Rev. John Smith, Erskine Church, Toronto, had agreed to preach the sermons on the occasion; but, owing to interruptions of travel by the storms blowing at the time, he was unable to be forward for the morning service, which was conducted by Rev. Mr. Cornish of the Canada Methodist Church. In the evening a large congregation assembled, to whom Mr. Smith, having by this time succeeded in getting his way through, preached an able and impressive sermon. The following evening a soiree was held in the basement of the church, the pastor, the Rev. Mr. McQuarrie, presiding. The evening was enjoyably spent, excellent music being contributed on the occasion. The principal feature of the meeting was Mr. Smith's lecture on

"The Sins of the Pew," its racy humour and pungent hits being specially effective. The Rev. Mr. Cornish delivered a brief address. The customary votes and an anthem fitly terminated a pleasant and profitable entertainment.

ON February 11th, a very important and interesting event transpired in St. Thomas. The new Knox Church was publicly opened for, and solemnly dedicated to, the worship of God. The Rev. Dr. Cochrane, Moderator of the General Assembly, preached able and appropriate sermons in the morning and afternoon, and the Rev. Professor McLaren preached a rich discourse in the evening. The congregations were splendid, especially in the morning and evening. The contributions were fair. The building is elegant, spacious and admirably fitted up for its purpose. The seating capacity is 780 on the floor, and 160 in the gallery. The organ receptacle is back of the pulpit, where likewise the choir sit. The young people of the congregation are arranging to have in place, without delay, an instrument that will cost \$2,500. The church is an ornament to the city, an honour to the congregation, a credit to the Presbyterian body, and, so far as Canada is concerned, unique in its architectural design. The interior arrangement is very complete, being seated with chairs specially designed and in harmony with the plan of the church. About the only disagreeable feature in the whole matter is, that a considerable debt will have to be borne by the congregation for some time. The people and the minister of Knox Church are to be congratulated on the fine success of their laudable enterprise.

THE annual congregational meeting of the Central Presbyterian Church, Galt, was held lately. The managers, in their report, congratulated the congregation on having such a beautiful edifice in which to worship; and also upon the increased attendance which resulted therefrom. They also urged upon the congregation the necessity of increasing the income of the church, as the expenditure would be larger than it was in the old church. The total income for last year was about \$3,200, and there is still a balance on hand of over \$100; the balance at the beginning of the previous year was \$290. The amount received from pew rents was \$1,286.20, an increase over 1881 of \$348.20; from ordinary collections, \$1,112.30, an increase of \$413.18, and from envelope collections, \$583.06, an increase of \$45.37; the total increase from these, the chief sources of income, being \$806.75. The Building Committee presented their report, and were relieved. The report showed that the expenditure in connection with the new church amounted to \$30,551.51. There is still some work to be done on the grounds, etc., which, with a number of small accounts still unpaid, will make a total of \$31,448.54. The amounts already received on behalf of the building fund from various sources make \$29,463.35—leaving a balance of \$1,974.99 to be provided for. Unpaid and new subscriptions, it is expected, will materially decrease this amount. The total debt of the church will be about \$16,000.

THE anniversary services were held at Caven Church, Exeter, on the 18th and 19th February, with great enthusiasm and success. On the Sabbath, the Rev. Thomas Macadam, of Strathroy, preached to crowded congregations from Romans i. 16. On the Monday evening, after an excellent social repast, the audience assembled in the church, which was literally crammed. The Rev. C. Fletcher, of Thames Road, who is at present acting as Moderator of Session, occupied the chair, and stirring speeches, mostly of a missionary character, were delivered by the Rev. Messrs. Robinson (Church of England), Gundy (Canada Methodist), Carier, a French-Canadian settled at Grand Bend, and Mr. Macadam. The choir contributed largely to the enjoyment of the evening. The high and earnest tone of the addresses was a favourable feature of the interesting and enthusiastic meeting. The speakers of the evening spoke in the highest terms of the satisfactory condition of the congregation. It was stated that, during the last two years, the annual income has amounted to \$1,400 and that all the schemes of the Church had been contributed to, while \$1,100 had been raised to reduce the debt on the church, which now stands at \$1400, and can be easily wiped off in a year or two, leaving the elegant and commodious place of worship free of debt. Part of the financial success is to be attributed to the recent adoption of the weekly-offering system, which has been worked with admirable effect under the care of Mr. George Samwell,