

## Ministers and Churches.

THE Rev. James D. Ferguson, B.A., was inducted to Windsor Mills, etc., on December 17.

THE Rev. John MacLeod, B.A., has been called by Richmond and Melbourne. Stipend, \$900 and manse.

THE Rev. W. A. Hunter, of St. Andrew's Church, Orangeville, lately preached an excellent discourse on Church Music.

On the afternoon of Wednesday, Dec. 22, the South Westminister Presbyterian congregation presented the pastor, Rev. E. H. Sawers, with a beautiful cutter and robe, with the heartfelt wish that Mr. Sawers may long be spared to enjoy the comforts of the gift as pastor of that congregation.

THE missionary services in St. Paul's Church, Bowmanville, were of an unusually interesting character. The Rev. Prof. McLaren preached very appropriate discourses. Mr. Neil McPherson also gave an excellent missionary address in the evening. The financial report was very gratifying, and will be given in detail at the annual meeting next month.

At a meeting of the teachers and workers of William Street Mission in connection with Erskine Church, held lately at the house of the Misses Campbell, Mr. Yellowlees, superintendent of the Sabbath school, and Mr. Nichol, the missionary, were made recipients of addresses expressive of the valuable and self-denying services rendered by them. There were, in addition to the addresses, expressions in still more tangible form, all being suitably acknowledged.

THE "Reign of Dynamism" is the title of a lecture delivered by Dr. MacIntyre, principal of the Ladies' College, Brantford, in that city a few days ago. The lecture is regarded as a very able effort to bring into view the real forces acting on our national life, and producing a material civilization. An effort is made to throw new light on the duty of labour organizations, and the question of Capital and Labour. He will repeat this lecture in Toronto at an early date.

An interesting event in the history of the Scotch Presbyterian Church, Jersey City, was recently celebrated by the pastor, Rev. David Mitchell, formerly of Belleville, and the congregation. The occasion was the "house heating," or opening of the new manse, which is the gift of Mr. George R. McKenzie to the pastor and his family. The ladies of the church have carpeted it handsomely, and furnished the parlours. A large number of guests gathered in the manse, and much admiration was expressed for the beautiful home of the minister. Mr. Mitchell and his wife and family welcomed all. Music and singing helped to entertain the guests.

THE Rev. Robert B. Smith, of Mulmur and Rosemount, was presented on the 15th inst. with a beautiful and valuable Astrachan coat, and Mrs. Smith was at the same time the recipient of a valuable set of furs. The presentation was made at the manse where a large representation of the congregation had assembled. Mr. James Tate read an address in which the excellent characteristics of Mr. and Mrs. Smith, and their unselfish labours in the Gospel cause, were subjects of kindly reference. To this Mr. Smith gracefully and gratefully replied. The remainder of the evening was spent in listening to the music and addresses, Mr. James Gilmore presiding. Devotional exercises brought a pleasant and profitable social meeting to a close.

At the annual meeting held recently of the Brampton Presbyterian Young People's Association, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Rev. E. D. McLaren, B.D., honorary president; Mr. A. G. Murray, president; Miss M. Pringle, 1st vice-president; Miss Haggert, 2nd vice-president; John McClure, treasurer; W. O. McClure, secretary; Misses A. Kirkwood, K. Kirkwood, A. Robertson, N. McDonald, A. Murray, K. Fleming, N. Irwin, E. Wallace, Mrs. J. O. Hutton, and Messrs. Brown, McLaughlin, Cassils and Ollerhead, committee of management. An "At Home" was given in the lecture room on Monday evening, 13th inst., when an excellent programme was rendered, consisting of an address by Mr. Milligan, of Toronto, solos by Miss Bannister, Mrs. K. Elliott and Mr. Kelly, an instrumental solo by Miss Lyons, a guitar solo by Mr. Kelly, a duet by the Misses Hodgson and a quartette by Misses Wallace and Murray and Messrs. McCandless and Kelly. Refreshments were served during the evening, and a very enjoyable time was spent.

As an illustration of the growth of Presbyterianism in rural sections of the country, the success attending the labours of the Rev. J. S. Henderson, of Wendigo, in the Presbytery of London, is a case in point. A graduate of Knox College in 1883, Mr. Henderson was called and ordained in his present charge, Oct. 23 of the same year. Bringing to this work a cultured intellect, and warm heart and fervent spirit, the Church felt his power. The old church was soon succeeded by a substantial brick church, a credit to the congregation, and an ornament to the village. With rare tact Mr. Henderson counselled at the same time the erection of a manse. To this his people consented, and a model house for a clergyman's residence is the result. Better still, the people have arisen and subscribed the whole amount, and the debt is a thing of the past. The membership steadily grows. The pastor takes deep interest in his young people, and they reciprocate by interest in the welfare of the Church. Mr. Henderson has the courage of his convictions, and is known as a pronounced prohibitionist throughout the country.

THE Bracebridge *Free Grant Gazette* gives an interesting account of a social and bazaar conducted by the ladies of the Presbyterian Church there recently. It proved to be a decided success. At half past eight o'clock, the pastor, Dr. Clarke, took the chair, and having in a few words of welcome thanked the many friends from sister Churches for their kind attendance, called upon the choir for their opening piece, which was well rendered. This was followed by

the duet, "Peace to Thy Spirit," by the Misses Brown, Killen, Richardson and Clarke. Mr. Thomas, head master of the Bracebridge school, then gave very appreciatively a humorous reading, which was much enjoyed by the audience. The Rev. Mr. Boydell (Church of England) gave a brief, pleasant address, expressive of the friendly feeling so appropriate among the different Churches, especially at this sacred season. The Rev. R. N. Grant, of Orillia, then delivered a forcible and practical address on "What Should I Do for My Church." The proceedings were enlivened by excellent readings and music, finely rendered. Under the pastorate of Dr. Clarke the congregation makes encouraging progress.

THE Brantford Ladies' College closed its first session on Monday, the 20th instant. A most successful concert was given in the college hall under the direction of Professor Garratt, the director of the school of music. The programme presented was of a very high order, and the ease and grace with which it was carried out showed that the college is specially favoured in its piano and vocal talent. The attention given in this college to the art of elocution has ever been worthy of notice, and on the present occasion it more than sustained its reputation in this department. The principal took occasion, during the evening, to say that the college was never in a more prosperous condition, and never on so solid a basis, as that enjoyed at the close of the year 1886. The support which the college is receiving from the best families in our Church and country is a strong guarantee of the confidence our people have in its present management, and of the influence which it is exerting in our country. The next term will open on the 6th of January, 1887, when a large number of new students is expected. We cannot speak too highly of the good work of this institution, and it is more and more deserving of the loyal support of our people.

THE secretary of the Stratford Presbyterian Woman's Foreign Mission Society has received a letter from Rev. Hugh McKay, of Broadview, N. W. T., acknowledging the safe arrival of the goods sent by the society to aid in furnishing the mission school of which he has charge. The following are extracts from Mr. McKay's letter: "Now in regard to the contents of the bales, I do not know what to say. I did not expect such a response. Well, it is the gift of a King, and it is like His gifts. The quilts and blankets and towels, etc., etc., all tell that willing hands have been at work, and that many hearts are in sympathy with mission work among the poor Indians of the North West. The many hours which have been spent, the many gifts that have been given, the many silent prayers offered, the care and anxiety of those who took charge, all these we see to-day coming up a sweet sacrifice in the presence of God. To day our hands are strong, and our hearts are glad, and we 'call upon our soul, and all that is within us, to magnify and bless His holy name.' The bales were well packed, and came safely, no article injured or missing, and all suitable to the purpose for which they were intended; only this, some of the articles were too nice. The work is encouraging many of the Indian children seeking admission to the school. Our great lack now is buildings. It is the day of small things at Round Lake, but a brighter day is dawning upon us, thanks to the kind ladies of our Church."

THE First Presbyterian Church, Port Hope, was filled to overflowing at the Sabbath school anniversary service. The services of the evening were opened by the Rev. Mr. Mitchell reading the Scriptures, and asking a blessing on the Sabbath school work of the congregation. One of the most attractive features of the evening was a concert exercise rendered by seventeen of the young ladies of the school, entitled "The Heavenly City." They were dressed in white, each bearing a shield with a single letter, and so arranged on the platform as to bring out four mottoes in the course of the concert. Their singing, says the *Guide*, Scripture and poetical recitations reflect much credit on themselves and the gentlemen who had the various details of their training in charge. The secretary's report was read by Mr. W. Williamson, the superintendent of the school. There has been a considerable increase in the average attendance of scholars and teachers during the past year. The pastor's Bible class has so increased that it has been necessary to take it out of the church. It now meets in the Presbyterian Hall every Sabbath afternoon. The treasurer's report, read by Mr. James Craik, indicates that the finances of the school are in a flourishing condition: \$54 remains in hand for ordinary purposes, \$70 to be devoted to missions, while a fund amounting to \$365 forms the nucleus of a Sabbath School Building Fund. The amount expended on the school during the past year was \$144, and \$55 over, devoted to missionary purposes. The Rev. H. M. Parsons followed with a powerful address on the Holy Spirit, the power by which Sabbath school teaching is rendered effective. The object of teaching is not to lodge the truth in the head, but to plant it in the heart, and give it control of the life. Now, the Spirit is present with the teachers to make the work effective, to enable the scholars to understand divine truth. Prizes offered by Messrs. Craik and Chisholm were presented to a number of the scholars who had secured them. The infant class was provided for in a similar way by Mrs. Craik. Messrs. Stanley Paterson and J. F. Clark furnished each member of the school and infant class with a bag of candies, which were distributed as they retired. The Sabbath collections were much in advance of anything hitherto secured on such an occasion. The collection at this meeting was devoted to the payment of a balance due on the school organ; it amounted to \$31.83. The services were exceedingly interesting throughout; many will remember Mr. Parsons' visit and clear ringing Gospel utterances.

On the evening of Thursday, the 16th inst., a very interesting missionary meeting was held under the auspices of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and Mission Band in connection with Calvin Church, Pembroke. It was interesting both because of its being the first public annual meeting of these societies, and because of the large part taken in the exercises of the evening by the members of

the two missionary societies named. The basement of the church and rooms were attractively filled up by the ladies, and everything done to make it a success. The attendance was fair, but not so good as such a meeting should have called forth. After devotional exercises the chair was taken by Dr. Dickson. An address was then read by Mrs. Ballantyne, the president of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, listened to with marked interest, speaking hopefully of the society's work, and attesting the interest and blessing felt by all regularly attending its meetings, and taking active part in its work. Miss Kennedy, treasurer, reported on the finances, by which it appeared that in ten months \$57.70 had been raised by the society, all in the most quiet way, yet in a spirit of manly consecration. The secretary, Miss Bell, gave in a report as to the number of meetings held, the mode of conducting them and attendance. The Mission Band's secretary, Miss Bay Bell, read a report, reflecting credit upon the society, and in the excellent manner in which it was drawn up and read it was a credit also to its author. It appeared, from the report of the treasurer, Miss Jessie Bell, that about \$60 had been raised by the band during the year. Mrs. F. B. Williams, the president of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Church in town, then presented the greetings of their society to that of Calvin Church, and followed them with a most instructive and interesting address, giving some account of the mission fields occupied by the Woman's Society of their Church, and giving cheering accounts of their progress. A missionary reading, "Pitchers and Lamps," was next given by Mrs. W. A. Hunter. Two suitable resolutions bearing upon woman's work for women, were moved, the first by the Rev. T. G. Williams, minister of the Canada Methodist Church, in a speech, admirable both in its spirit toward a sister Church and its work, the societies particularly interested, and for its enthusiastic advocacy of missions. This resolution was seconded by Mr. Andrew Johnson, elder. The next resolution was moved without a speech, the evening being advanced, by the Rev. Mr. Ballantyne, and seconded by Mr. Walter Beatty, another of the elders. In the course of the evening the choir rendered good service by singing suitable missionary hymns, and by leading the audience in singing others all together. The whole meeting, in its spirit and manner of conducting it, was most happy, was greatly enjoyed and well calculated to awaken and deepen interest in this great work. The collection amounted to \$13.

PRESBYTERY OF CHATHAM.—This Presbytery met on the 14th of December. The attendance was good. Mr. Campbell declined the call to West Tilbury and Comber. A new congregation at Strongfield was organized. Mr. Becket submitted an overture to the General Assembly to appoint one or more agents to canvass the members and adherents of the Church for contributions to the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund. The Presbytery adopted the overture. The Church at Amherstburg was authorized to sell the old manse. Rev. Neil McDiarmid, Illinois, resigned his pastoral charge. Deputations were appointed to visit the aid-receiving congregations. Next regular meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held at Chatham, in First Presbyterian Church, on the third Tuesday of March, at ten o'clock a.m.—W. WALKER, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF SAUGEEN.—This Presbytery met in Mount Forest on the 14th December. Mr. McNiven read a carefully-prepared statistical report, which was received and ordered to be printed for distribution. Mr. Baikie was appointed Convener of the Committee on the State of Religion. Mr. Young obtained leave to moderate in a call to Knox Church, Harrison, as soon as the people are prepared. Messrs. Bickell, Stewart and Straith, ministers, and Mr. Thompson, elder, were appointed a Foreign Mission Committee. They were instructed to correspond with Dr. Wardrope in regard to the organization of Woman's Foreign Mission Societies in the Presbytery. The Presbytery unanimously adopted a minute expressing sympathy with the Rev. John Macmillan and family in the affliction with which they have been visited by the death of Mrs. Macmillan. Mr. Baikie, in accordance with notice previously given, moved, which was agreed to, that the ordinary meetings of Presbytery be held in Palmerston in March, in Harrison in July and in Mount Forest in September and December. Mr. Straith gave in the Home Mission report, which was adopted. Mr. Bickell was appointed a member of the Home Mission Committee in the place of Dr. Campbell.—S. YOUNG, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.—The quarterly meeting of this court was held at Belleville on the 20th and 21st days of December. Mr. Gallaher was appointed Moderator for the ensuing six months. From the reading of the minutes it appeared that there were three settlements during the quarter—Mr. William Allan at Camden, etc., Mr. J. H. George, B.A., at John Street Church, Belleville, and Mr. A. McAulay, B.A., at Dalhousie, etc. Mr. McAulay was granted three months' leave of absence. Mr. Maclean presented the report of the Home Mission Committee, and intimated that steps had been taken to secure the supply of vacancies during the ensuing quarter, that Mr. McElroy had been appointed to labour at Poland mission field, and that increased liberality would be required on behalf of the Augmentation Fund. The amount for which the Presbytery is assessed for this Fund is \$1,200. Mr. Maclean was authorized to prepare a circular on the subject, to be read to all the congregations within the bounds, so as to secure, if possible, a larger amount than the sum stated, in view of the numerous claims made on the Fund by this Presbytery. Hereafter congregations receiving special services by appointment of Presbytery will be expected to pay the travelling expenses of the parties entrusted therewith. The treasurer of Presbytery was instructed to pay in due season the sum assessed for synodical purposes, namely, \$24. From the report of the Examining Committee it appeared that the following had been certified as entrants into the Divinity Hall of Queen's College: Messrs. O. Bennett, B.A., J. McKinnon, B.A., R. Whiteman, B.A., J. J. Wright, B.A., D. Flemming and J. Potter. Mr. Gracey gave notices of