

## MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

THE students of Morin College, Quebec, are about publishing a monthly periodical.

THE Rev. G. M. Milligan lectured at Port Perry last week on "An Enchanted City."

ZION Church, Brantford, is being enlarged, improved and beautified at a cost of \$12,000.

THE congregation of Rev. Mr. Hume's church, St. George, have succeeded in raising sufficient funds to relieve the debt on the church.

THE Presbyterian church at Sharbot Lake, being too small, has been sold to Mr. W. McKarrow. A new edifice will be erected in the spring.

THE annual tea-meeting in connection with the Presbyterian Church, of which Rev. D. Willock is pastor, Earnesttown, was held on the evening of the 22nd inst.

AT a special meeting of the Protestant section of the Winnipeg Board of Education, Rev. James Robertson in the chair, the advisability of normal school training for teachers was discussed.

ANNIVERSARY sermons were preached in the Presbyterian church at Clayton by the Rev. John Crombie, M.A., of Smith's Falls. A soiree was also held on Monday evening, at which Mr. Crombie and neighbouring ministers gave addresses.

THE anniversary services in connection with the Presbyterian church, Camden East, were held on Sabbath, 17th inst. Prof. Mowat, of Queen's College, Kingston, brother of Hon. O. Mowat, Premier of Ontario, occupied the pulpit morning and afternoon.

A LARGE and handsome new building for the First Congregational church, Winnipeg, under the pastorate of the Rev. J. B. Silcox, late of Toronto, was opened last week. The dedicatory sermons were preached by Rev. Dr. Dana, St. Paul, and D. M. Gordon, Winnipeg.

A NEW congregation is to be formed in King's County, N.S., to include the stations of Wolfville, Avonport and Horton Landing. Hantsport may also be taken in. Two individuals, in the event of a minister being soon settled, have subscribed one hundred dollar each.

A DESPATCH to the Halifax "Chronicle" states that the Great Village Presbyterian church was burned at five o'clock a.m., on the 11th inst. The fire is supposed to have been caused from some defect of the chimney, which was being repaired. No insurance. Loss \$4,500.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, Chatham, N.B., has undergone a series of varied and costly internal improvements. A fine organ by Messrs. S. R. Warren & Son, Toronto, has been placed in the building. The congregation is prospering under the care of the Rev. E. W. Waits.

WE are happy to announce that the Rev. Edward John Hamilton, D.D., son of the Rev. Dr. Wm. Hamilton, Toronto, and author of a lately published treatise entitled "The Human Mind," has been invited to take the place of Dr. Atwater, as Professor of Metaphysics, at Princeton, in the College of New Jersey.

A VERY enjoyable tea-meeting in connection with the Hespeler Presbyterian church was held on Wednesday, the 20th of December. Addresses were delivered by Rev. Dr. Johnston, Toronto; Mr. Thomas Cowan, Galt; Revs. Messrs. Nugent and Haigh. D. McDougall, Esq., Registrar, Berlin, occupied the chair.

INTERESTING and impressive communion services in connection with Rev. Mr. Frizzell's pastoral charge were held at York town-line on the 10th, and at Leslieville on the 17th December. It is gratifying to learn that at these the first communion services since Mr. Frizzell's induction there were eleven new members received into the fellowship of the church at York town-line, and twenty-two at Leslieville.

LAST week Rev. Mr. Carruthers, who a short time ago was inducted into the pastorate of the Presbyterian church at Kirkwall, was presented by his congregation with a purse of about \$180, to aid him in purchasing a horse, harness, cutter, robes, etc., for use in his work. The present was a handsome one, and the event shows what great good feeling must exist between congregation and pastor.

A SHORT time since the Young People's Association of the First Presbyterian Church, Brantford, held a

successful public meeting in the basement of the church, which was well filled. After a short address by the Rev. F. R. Beattie, M.A., a pleasant evening's enjoyment was experienced in listening to song, recitation, and debate. The Association is in a flourishing condition.

LADY MACDONALD, accompanied by M. H. Gault, Esq., M.P., and Mrs. Gault, paid a visit one morning lately to the Presbyterian college, Montreal. They were shown through the building by Mr. David Morrice, Chairman of the Board, Principal MacVicar, and Mr. Dey, Dean of Residence. Lady Macdonald expressed her admiration of the David Morrice Hall and Library and the entire equipments of the institution.

THE Dunbarton Women's Missionary Association held their annual parloursocial and concert on the evening of the 21st inst., in Lorne Villa, the residence of Wm. Dunbar, Esq. Although the weather was far from favourable, yet a very large number met on the occasion, where, by tea and its varied and attractive attendants, together with readings, recitations, vocal and instrumental music, etc., the whole company had a full share of social enjoyment, while they added very materially to the funds of the Association.

IN connection with the annual missionary services in Central Church, Hamilton, the Rev. Professor McLaren preached suitable and appropriate sermons on Sabbath last. On Wednesday evening an enthusiastic missionary meeting was held. The chair was occupied by Rev. Mr. Lyle. The speakers of the evening were the Rev. G. M. Milligan, and Hon. S. H. Blake, Q.C., whose addresses were characterised by their wonted eloquence and fervour. Appropriate music was rendered in the course of the evening.

THE basement of Knox Church, Ottawa, was well filled on the occasion of a social given under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Association. The programme was varied, and those present seemed highly delighted with the bill of fare. Mr. George Hay ably discharged the duties of the chair. Excellent music was rendered by accomplished performers, and refreshments were both good and ample. There have been many excellent treats in the way of socials given by the Ladies' Aid Association of Knox Church, but this was one of the best yet held.

THE late Mr. David J. Greenshields has bequeathed \$120,000 to various public objects in the Dominion. McGill University and the Montreal General Hospital received \$40,000 each; Home Mission, Presbyterian Church, comes next with \$10,000; and Queen's University, Kingston, and Morin College, Quebec, \$5,000 each. The remainder goes to local Protestant benevolent organizations. Mr. Greenshields was a generous benefactor to all worthy objects during his lifetime, and was universally esteemed by all who knew him. He was a staunch member of St. Paul's Presbyterian church, and he remembered its poor in his will by a legacy.

ON the evening of Wednesday, December 12th, two representatives of the ladies belonging to the Presbyterian church, Metis, Que., waited on their pastor, Rev. T. Fenwick, and handed to him a gift in the form of several engravings of the class commonly called "bank notes." The value of the whole was \$23. It need not be said that the receiver returned most hearty thanks to the givers. "Breathes there a man with soul so dead" in whom the obtaining of such works of art does not cause pleasure? Mr. Fenwick, however, though a great admirer of pictures, does not intend either to frame or to keep in a pocket portfolio the present referred to, but to exchange it for certain useful articles, in accordance with the expressed wishes of the givers.

MR. J. J. BELL, M.A., being about to take his departure from Picton, Ont., for Toronto, was, on Sunday, 10th inst., presented with a handsome toilet set by the teachers and scholars of the Presbyterian Sunday school, of which he has been superintendent for the past four years, and Mrs. Bell, who has been a teacher, with a handsome Christmas card containing the good wishes of the donors. The presentation was made by Rev. Mr. Coulthard, who spoke in the highest terms of Mr. and Mrs. Bell's qualifications and earnestness in Sunday school work. Mr. Bell, who was taken altogether by surprise, replied on behalf of Mrs. Bell and himself, thanking the pastor, teachers and scholars for their kind words and handsome gifts. They leave Picton with the best wishes of all for their future happiness and prosperity.

ON Thursday evening, Dec. 14th, a very successful tea-meeting was held in the First Presbyterian Church, Westminster, in connection with the opening of the new Sabbath school-room, which has been built during the past few months. After refreshments had been served, the chair was taken by Rev. Mr. Ballantyne. The programme consisted of addresses by Rev. Messrs. McEwen, of Ingersoll, Henderson, of Hyde Park, and music by the choir, under the leadership of Mr. T. Baty, also several well selected recitations and hymns by Sabbath school scholars, with all of which the audience, which numbered about four hundred, was well pleased. The proceeds, after paying all expenses, amounted to seventy dollars, which will be taken to furnish the new school-room. A new church having been erected two years ago, this congregation is now thoroughly equipped for the prosecution of Christian work.

ON Sunday the 17th inst, the services in connection with the re-opening of the recently renovated Presbyterian church, Cobourg, were held. The congregations were large, the sermons eloquent and appropriate, the offerings generous, and the whole proceedings of a character exceedingly satisfactory in every sense of the term. The morning sermon was preached by Rev. A. B. McKay, of Montreal. In the afternoon the services were continued by Rev. P. McF. McLeod, of Toronto, a son of a former well-beloved pastor of the Cobourg congregation. Mr. McLeod preached a very appropriate sermon, bearing mainly on Temperance. On Monday evening a soiree was held in the church, which was largely attended. The pastor of the church, Rev. Mr. McCrae, presided, the Rev. Messrs. McKay and McLeod, the ministers of all the other churches in the town, Rev. Drs. Nelles and Burwash, of Victoria College, and Rev. Messrs. Smith, of Grafton, and Beattie of Port Hope addressed the meeting.

THE Rev. E. F. Torrance, St. Paul's, Peterborough, on the 17th inst., preached a sermon on the occasion of Lieut.-Col. Haultain's death. After discoursing on Death and Immortality, the preacher described the distinguishing features of the departed elder's worth. From this part of the discourse the following is quoted: "I may mention next the faithfulness with which he discharged his duties, as an elder. He believed that as an elder he was responsible for the spiritual oversight of the congregation, and that he must minister to those committed to his care. Accordingly, it was his habit to visit frequently the different families in his district, and to speak to the members personally upon eternal things. While he attended to all, he was mindful specially of the poor and the afflicted. Though by no means in perfect health himself, he was glad to sit up whole nights with the sick and the dying. Never do I remember to have been in his company for any length of time, without his saying something of the interests of the congregation and of the kingdom of Jesus Christ; nor did he confine his labours to his own district or to the congregation merely, but he regularly visited the prisoners in the gaol and the inmates of the Home. He delighted in such visitation both as a means of benefitting others and a means of blessing to his own soul."

A LARGE assemblage lately gathered in the First Presbyterian church, St. Catharines, the occasion being a farewell social to Rev. Mr. Bruce, the retiring pastor. The proceedings were very interesting, and were enlivened by vocal and instrumental music. The chair was occupied by Mr. D. W. Beadle in his usual happy manner. Addresses suitable to the occasion were delivered by Rev. Messrs. Booth, Wetherald, Porter, Colling, Rump, and Simpson. After a full expression of good feeling and wishes for Mr. Bruce's long and continued usefulness in his new sphere of labour, Mr. Beadle stepped forward, and on behalf of the congregation presented him with a well-filled purse and address expressive of their sentiments of love and esteem and hearty appreciation of his valuable ministerial services. To this expressive manifestation Mr. Bruce made a feeling and appropriate response. On the afternoon of the same day a few friends presented Mr. Bruce with a very valuable gold-headed ebony cane as a mark of appreciation of the benefit derived from his teaching and of personal friendship and esteem. At the close of the farewell meeting in the First Presbyterian church, the Presbyterian congregation of Merriton, through their minister, Mr. Simpson, presented the Rev. G. Bruce with a morocco dressing case, and an address expressing the