

Ministers and Churches.

DR. COCHRANE has received £200 from the Free Church of Scotland for the Home Mission Fund.

THE Presbytery of Quebec will meet in Morrin College on Tuesday, 9th March, at ten a.m.; not on the 16th as previously announced.

THE Rev. Principal MacVicar, of the Presbyterian College, Montreal, preached in College Street Church, Toronto, on Sabbath evening, and on Monday evening delivered a powerful lecture on "What Great Men Know but Dare Not Speak."

ON Saturday afternoon the Rev. Principal Grant, of Queen's University, Kingston, gave an able lecture on "Robert Burns" in Trinity College, and on Sabbath preached morning and evening in St. Andrew's Church, Toronto.

THE Rev. W. S. Ball, of Vanneck, Presbytery of London, met with his old friends on the 18th ult., and delivered his interesting lecture on "The Men of the War," in Knox Church, Guelph. The chair was occupied by Colonel McDonald and the lecture was much enjoyed by all who heard it.

THE good friends who have subscribed to the Knox College Endowment Fund will accept a gentle reminder that many of them promised payment on the 1st of January and that the year is passing on. Local treasurers will confer a favour by endeavouring to get in returns, and the friends will aid treasurers by speedily responding.

IN consequence of the death of his father, the Rev. C. Robbins, of Reading, England, the Rev. J. Robbins, of Glencoe, sailed per steamship *Or gon*, of the Cunard Line, on Saturday, February 20, for Liverpool, expecting to be absent about seven weeks, his pulpit being very kindly supplied by ministers of adjoining congregations during his absence.

A VERY useful little work has been compiled by Mr. James Knowles, jr., secretary of Knox Church Sabbath School, Toronto, and one that is fitted to be very helpful in advancing two most important departments of Church work, the Sabbath school and Congregational Young People's Christian Association. It contains model constitutions and by-laws for both, clearly defining the duties each officer is required to fulfil.

THE annual meeting of Melville Church, Scarborough, was held in the church at Highland Creek, on Tuesday, Feb. 2. The pastor, Rev. R. M. Craig, took the chair, when the financial reports of the congregation were presented, which show the congregation to be in a very satisfactory condition. The total expenditure for the year was as follows: For congregational purposes, \$62; for missions, etc., \$145; for other religious purposes, \$16; making a total expenditure of \$786, while the total receipts for the year were \$940, leaving a balance in the treasurer's hands of \$154. The managers were appointed for the year, and the building committee was instructed to proceed as soon as possible with the building of a basement for Sabbath school purposes. It is certainly encouraging for pastor and people to find this congregation in such a prosperous condition.

DURING the last four weeks the congregation of Dunbarton, of which the Rev. R. M. Craig is pastor, has had three congregational meetings. At the first, held on January 23, the managing committee presented the financial report for the year, from which it was gathered that the total expenditure for the year was \$947, of which \$188 was for the Schemes of the Church. After the reports were adopted, and committees appointed for the year 1886, a discussion took place as to the necessity of providing more church accommodation, as it has been felt for some time that the present accommodation has not been equal to the wants of the congregation. To further consider this matter a special meeting was called on February 6, at which a committee was appointed to canvass the congregation for subscriptions and report to an adjourned meeting to be held on the 13th. At this meeting the report was considered very satisfactory, and it was unanimously agreed to proceed during the present year with the erection of a new church. The church is to be built on the site of the present one, with a seating accommodation of about 300. Already the material is being placed on the ground and the unanimity of the people, as well as the heartiness with which this work is undertaken by old and young, promise well for the early completion of the church and the future prosperity of the congregation.

THE annual business meeting of Chalmers Church congregation, Woodstock, was held in the church recently. The pastor, Rev. W. A. McKay, M.A., opened the meeting with prayer and praise, and gave a brief report of the work of the session during the year 1885. Four new members had lately been added to the session, making the number of elders at present nine. The Lord's Supper had been observed four times during the year, and thirty-five new communicants received. The total membership on the roll was 265. The prospect was never more hopeful than at the present time. Mr. J. C. McLeod gave a report from the Sabbath school; there are 190 names on the roll, and an average attendance of 150. The school was steadily increasing. The amount raised during the year by the Sabbath school and Bible class was \$95. From the financial statement of the board of trustees it appears that the total receipts during the year, not including the Sabbath school or missionary collections, amount to \$1,870.95. The cash on hand and pew rents due amount to \$460.33, sufficient to meet all the liabilities of the congregation. The congregation is not only free from any standing debt, but holds moneys secured by mortgage to the value of \$1,122. There are nine elders, ten trustees, nineteen Sabbath school teachers and officers, and thirteen members of the choir. A recommendation from the session of uniformity of attitude in prayer and praise was adopted. A cordial vote of thanks to the retiring board of trustees, proposed by the pastor, was carried unanimously, and the meeting was closed with the doxology and benediction.

THE annual meeting of Knox Church, Cornwall, was held on the 26th of January—the pastor, Rev. James Hastie, in the chair. All the reports were very satisfactory. The session received during the year sixty-two into full communion, fifty-two of whom were on profession of faith, and of these forty were from the Sabbath school. The Sabbath school in town has an attendance of 150, while in addition to this five schools are taught in the vicinity by members of the congregation, who go out on Sabbath afternoons from three to five miles. In these five schools are found over 200 children, making over 350 youths under the care of the congregation and Sabbath school. Only the school in town takes up collections, and it reports a balance on hand of over \$200. The board of managers reported a large increase of pew holders since the opening of the new church last June, with a corresponding increase of contributions for all purposes. The church cost with its furnishings nearly \$18,000, while, with the lot, it amounted to over \$20,000. A large part of this amount has already been paid, and when the subscriptions are all in, the total indebtedness will be only between \$2,500 and \$3,000, which, judging from past liberality, will be easily met. The ordinary revenue for the year had exceeded the outlay by several hundred dollars. In addition to the usual current expenses, there had been an exceptional charge, peculiar to this one year, of \$300, which would not come up again, and with this additional expense, there was still a balance over in the hands of the treasurer of \$200. The total contributions for all purposes for 1885 amounted to over \$6,000. The board brought up for consideration the question of building a new manse this year adjoining the church, the old manse having been sold some time ago because it was unsuitable. After due consideration it was decided to wait another year and in the meantime \$150 were voted for the current year for the minister's house as at present occupied. Office bearers were elected for the ensuing year. At this stage Dr. Algire was called to the chair, when on motion of Mr. Wm. Mack, ex-M.P.P., seconded by Mr. Hill Campbell, a special vote of thanks was passed to the pastor for the marked progress of the year. In reply the pastor briefly reviewed the past, and credited the good results largely to the hearty co-operation he had had from office bearers and members and adherents, and bespoke a continuance of the same.

ON the 14th inst. the beautiful new edifice erected by the Presbyterian congregation in the town of Simcoe, was opened for divine worship. The morning service was conducted by the Rev. S. Lyle, B.D., of Hamilton. After devotional exercises an eloquent discourse was delivered from John xii. 32. In the afternoon the Rev. W. W. Carson, of Simcoe, preached, taking for his text, Romans viii. 14. In the evening the Rev. Mr. Lyle was again the preacher. He discoursed from I Corinthians xiii. 13 to a crowded audience. All the discourses were listened to with deep attention. An excellent choir, under the leadership of Mr. Best, conducted the singing. The collections amounted to \$191. There was no service held in the Methodist Church in the morning or in the Baptist Church in the evening. On Monday evening an excellent supper was served by the ladies in the basement to about 500 people. The well-filled tables and the room were beautifully decorated with flowers and evergreens. On retiring to the church, the pastor, the Rev. R. M. Croll, took the chair, and delivered a brief address. Eloquent, stirring and appropriate addresses were delivered by Rev. Messrs. R. Thynne, of Port Dover; J. A. Hamilton, B.A., of Lyndoch; W. T. McMullen, of Woodstock; John Gemley, Rural Dean; P. Parker, of Simcoe; S. Lyle, B.D., of Hamilton, John Wells, M.A., of Jarvis, and W. W. Carson, of Simcoe. Solos were given by Mrs. Henderson and Mrs. Barnes, of Simcoe, and Miss DeCout, of Port Dover, each one receiving a hearty encore. Two quartettes were given by members of the choir. Mr. Ennis, secretary of the building committee, read a short report. The church with the ground cost about \$11,000, and the total debt amounted to about \$4,400, but toward this there were subscriptions amounting to \$1,000, yet to collect \$650 in cash, collections on Sabbath \$191, and proceeds of supper, \$175, leaving about \$2,500 to be provided for. The meeting was closed with the benediction by the Rev. Mr. Livingstone. The new church, a handsome building, is built of red brick, Gothic in design, with square tower at one corner, is 70x40 feet, and the walls inside the auditorium are twenty-three feet in height. There are seven principal rafters painted and grained; six windows on each side, bordered with coloured stained glass and a large and beautiful stained window in front over the main entrance. Two flights of steps lead from the entrance to the interior which is entered through folding doors covered with red baize. The pews are semi-circular and cushioned, and the floor nicely carpeted. For pulpit there is a neatly-carved reading desk, behind which is an alcove for the choir; a gallery crosses the front of the church over the entrance. The building is heated by hot air, and at night well lighted by six handsome chandeliers, supplied with gasoline. The basement is very commodious, being over twelve feet high.

THE annual meeting of the congregation of Saint David's Church, St. John, New Brunswick (Rev. George Bruce, B.A., pastor), was held on Wednesday evening, January 20. There was a large attendance of the congregation and quite an interest was manifested in the proceedings. After the reading of the minutes of the last annual congregational meeting, which were confirmed, the trustees presented their report: Revenue from collections, \$710.09; ordinary contributions, \$3,487.43; total, \$4,198.52. This showed an increase in the revenue of \$42.20 over last year. They had an overdrawn account of \$512, of which \$281.05 was carried from last year, against which there was a balance due the trustees of \$651.50, of which \$90.30 had been collected since December 31. If the subscriptions promised had been paid there would have been a balance to the credit of trustees. They paid off a mortgage debt of \$2,000 against the church, thus saving \$140 a year on interest account. Within three years the trustees have reduced the debt of this church \$4,567, saving on account of interest \$335 a year. The mortgage debt of the church at present is \$12,000 at 5½ per cent. This congregation has raised during the year—for congregational purposes, Schemes of the Church, religious

and benevolent purposes,—in the vicinity of \$7,400. The session report showed an increase in membership of forty during the year by profession of faith and certificate, and an increased interest in all church work. Number of communicants, 346; baptisms, nineteen; families, 197; deaths, twenty-one. There was collected for Schemes of the Church: Augmentation, \$200; Foreign Missions, \$120; Home Missions, \$108; French Evangelization, \$23; College, \$50; Manitoba College, \$25; Assembly Fund, \$16; Synod Fund, \$10; Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, \$28; Widows' and Orphans', \$10; Expenses of Assembly, \$30; total, \$617. Five new elders were elected and ordained to that office, namely: Andrew Dodds, Samuel Kerr, Robert Ledingham, John Willet, George Younger. The Band of Mercy Society in connection with the Sabbath school was formed on March 2 last with a membership of seventy-eight. Seven meetings were held during the year, and a concert was held on December 1, realizing \$29 30. The Ladies' Association was organized on February 15 last. Its objects are: First, mutual improvement by means of study of Scripture and prayer and advancement of spiritual life in the congregation; secondly, securing united action on the part of the congregation in relation to public institutions of benevolence and moral reform; thirdly, development of social life in the congregation. The meetings are held monthly on the first Wednesday in each month. The association visited the different public institutions, and reported at the monthly meetings thirty-two visits to the General Public Hospital, twenty-four to the Marine Hospital, and nineteen to the Old Ladies' Home. Two sailors were materially assisted and enabled, through the kindness of the ladies and their friends, to reach their respective homes in Europe. The ladies of the association, with their friends, subscribed \$24.60, besides \$5 donated to send a young woman afflicted with an incurable disease to her home in Toronto. The Young Ladies' Auxiliary Society reported meeting during the year and having endeavoured to meet the wants of those known to them who were in need of assistance. They held twenty-five meetings during the year. Districts of the congregation are from time to time visited by members, and needy ones found out and attended to, besides sometimes making known cases of illness to pastor and elders. Six families were relieved during the year. They received \$23.30 and paid out \$21.55. The Ladies' Mite Society was re-organized in March, 1884, and has since been in active operation. Meetings are held monthly, the first Wednesday of every month. This association is working for the liquidation of the debt, and after paying the trustees \$503.48 toward paying off the debt, they have now to the credit of the society \$61.98. The Young Men's Association, assisting the trustees in liquidating the debt, reported: To the credit of the association, January 1, 1885, \$245.89; collected during year, \$1,332.81; total, \$1,578.70; paid trustees towards paying mortgage, \$1,496.92; balance on hand, \$81.78. During the past two years' existence of this association, it has received in subscriptions to the Debt Fund, \$4,334.61, and collected of that amount, \$3,662.61, leaving \$672 due. The operations of this association have for some time been restricted to financial matters; but it is now intended to resume other departments of church work, and the association asked for the sympathy and support of all, especially the young men of the congregation, and again tendered their services to the congregation in continuance of the work carried on by them. The Willing Workers' Society, organized in January, 1885, has a membership of twenty-five. The object of the society is to assist in Foreign Mission work. Their mode of raising money is by order work. Thirty-seven meetings were held, and they devoted \$20 of their earnings during the year to Trinidad Mission. Meetings are held every Friday evening. The Sabbath school report showed a staff of a superintendent, secretary, five librarians, twenty-seven teachers, 230 scholars, and 510 volumes in the library. There were raised \$388.80, and paid: Humacao sufferers, \$56; Bursary Fund, \$40; Vale Coll. ery sufferers, \$23.25; Erromanga, \$6.55; Day-spring, \$35; Trinidad Mission, \$10. The following gentlemen, on a total of 101 votes, were duly elected trustees for the present year: Hon. John Boyd, James Adam, A. R. Campbell, Benj. Hevenor, Alex. Miller, R. C. McIntyre, James Shaw, John Stewart and John Willet.

PRESBYTERY OF MIRAMICHI.—The Presbytery of Miramichi met in the church at Bass River, on Thursday, the 4th of February, at eleven a.m., for the induction of Rev. J. H. Cameron, and was constituted with prayer, by the Rev. Wm. Aitken, Moderator; Sederunt: Messrs. Neil McKay, Wm. Aitken, Wm. Hamilton, ministers, and Mr. John Miller, elder. The Rev. Neil McKay was appointed Clerk *pro tem*. The edict was returned, having been duly served on two successive Sabbaths, and proclamation having been made for objections, and none having been offered, the Rev. Wm. Aitken, in the unavoidable absence of Rev. E. Wallace Wait, conducted public worship. Although the day was extremely cold, the attendance was very good. He preached an appropriate sermon from Hebrews xiii. 17—"They watch for your souls, as they that must give account"—after which he narrated the steps which had led to this settlement, and put the questions prescribed in the formula, which being satisfactorily answered by Mr. Cameron, he offered prayer, and then inducted him into the pastoral charge of the Bass River congregation. The members of Presbytery extended to Mr. Cameron the right hand of fellowship. The Rev. Neil McKay gave the charge to the newly-inducted minister, and Rev. Wm. Hamilton gave the charge to the people. Mr. Cameron received a most cordial welcome from the congregation on their retiring from the church. He having signified his willingness to sign the formula his name was added to the roll of Presbytery. Hamilton constituted the session and introduced the new Moderator to the elders. The Presbytery having conferred with the trustees and elders, was closed with the benediction.—NEIL MCKAY, Pres. Clerk *pro tem*.

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