

Ministers and Churches.

MR. MCKENZIE, a student of the Presbyterian College, Montreal, is delivering a series of addresses on Foreign Missions in Quebec.

MR. A. E. MITCHELL, of Knox College, Toronto, conducted the services in the Presbyterian Church, Waterloo, during his holidays.

THE tea in Knox Church, Oillia, last week was well patronized. A very interesting programme, consisting of addresses and music, was well rendered.

THE Rev. Thomas Davidson, M.A., late of Woodland, in the Presbytery of Saugeen, has been inducted into the pastoral charge of the Presbyterian congregation of Wroxeter.

THE Rev. John Nichols is busy collecting funds to remove the remaining debt of \$2,400 from St. Mark's Presbyterian Church, Montreal. More than \$1,500 of the amount has already been secured.

DR. JUNOR, of New York, will deliver a series of lectures with illustrations, under the auspices of the Y.P.A. of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Ottawa, commencing first Tuesday in February.

THE Rev. W. T. Herridge conducted the service at St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa, on Sabbath week when the prayers, hymns and sermons were particularly appropriate to the close of the year. He took for his text St. Luke xxii. 35.

THE Sarnia *Canadian* says: We regret to announce the death of Mrs. Leitch, mother of Rev. R. W. Leitch, of the Presbyterian Church, which occurred on Sunday night at the ripe old age of eighty-eight. Her remains were conveyed to Wardsville for interment on Tuesday morning.

THE annual meeting of the Ashburn congregation was held on Monday, Dec. 31st. The report of the treasurer showed quite a good surplus. The pastor, who has been under medical care for some time, is becoming convalescent; in the meantime the congregation have very generously decided to pay all expenses in connection with supply.

THE concert on behalf of the building fund of the Presbyterian Church, Holland, Man., was a decided success, the hall being filled to its utmost capacity, and here we might say about our Manitoba weather that though there was no fire in the hall the windows had to be opened. The whole programme was a fine treat to the people of Holland.

REV. W. MEIKLE, Evangelist, has been in Almonte for a week. The attendance at the services at St. John's Church has been remarkably good, and the interest in spiritual things deep and strong. The presence and power of the Holy Ghost are manifest. May the kingdom of the Lord come. The gospel is still the power of God unto salvation.

THE Peterborough *Examiner* says: The many friends of Rev. I. Campbell, a native of North Monaghan, but now pastor of Knox Church, Listowel, will be pleased to hear of his success in his work. Under his pastorate, and largely due to his exertions, there has been erected and dedicated a handsome new church. The Listowel *Banner* contains a long description of the church and the dedicatory services.

DR. COCHRANE has received twenty-five dollars from Dr. Robertson, collections in N.W. for the Home Mission Fund. St. Andrew's Church, Perth, Mission Band, have sent through Miss Jessie Hart \$150, to assist in supporting a missionary in the N.W. and promise the same for next year. Are there not other Church Missionary Bands that can do likewise?

THE North Chatham Presbyterian Mission Church Sunday school concert held lately was very successful. Mr. H. F. Cumming occupied the chair and the programme of music and recitations was presented. At the close of the entertainment Miss McColl was presented with a beautiful toilet case by her pupils, and Mr. McColl presented Miss Stephenson, organist, with a beautiful vase and bouquet. The collection at the door amounted to \$32.

ON New Year's night, the Presbyterians of Esson Church, Rugby held their annual tea-social, a large crowd, consisting of the congregation and their friends, being present. Addresses were delivered by the Revs. R. N. Grant, M. McKenzie, R. J. Stillwell, Jno. Jones; Mr. C. J. Miller, of Orillia, and others. The Rugby choir led by Mr. R. Anderson, rendered some fine vocal selections in a manner that pleasantly surprised all present. Mr. Herbert Cooke, of Orillia, occupied the post of chairman. Proceeds \$47.

THE Perth *Star* says: The Glengarry Sunday School Association will hold a convention in St. Andrew's Church, Martintown, on Tuesday and Wednesday, the 15th and 16th of January. A number of names from a distance are found on the programme for addresses, by invitation from the association. Among the number we notice the name of Rev. A. B. McKay, of Montreal, who is to speak on "Neglected Children," and that of Rev. A. H. Scott, of Perth, on "The uppermost thought in Sunday School work."

THERE was a very good attendance at the Presbyterian Sunday school social and entertainment in Ingam's and Dickson's halls, Fenelon Falls, on Thursday of last week, and the receipts, clear of all expenses, amounted to \$22, quite as much as was expected, as the tickets were only 15 cents, and the Sunday school children were admitted free. The tea and subsequent entertainment were both very good, and the manner in which the little ones who appeared on the platform acquitted themselves was highly creditable to themselves and the ladies who trained them.

THE Rev. Dr. Robertson, superintendent of Presbyterian Missions, preached on a recent Sunday afternoon at McGregor, Man., to a very large audience. Rev. Mr. Harrison, of Portage la Prairie, preached in the evening to a still larger assembly, it being the regular quarterly meeting. On the following evening the Presbyterian congregation held a meeting to discuss the advisability of erecting a new church at an early date. The reverend Doctor has very kindly offered a free lot on which to erect it, and strongly advised our people to build a place of worship. A committee was appointed consisting of D. Hay, (elder), T. Holiday, W. A. Moore, and Wm. Cairns to circulate a subscription and report to a congregational meeting to be held on the 7th of January.

THE First Presbyterian Church, Oppenheimer Street, Vancouver, B.C., glowed with smiling faces and its walls resounded to the merry laughter of many children. The building was crowded to the doors. A large fir tree, whose evergreen branches bent beneath the variety of flags, toys, cards, dolls, booklets, confectionery, etc., with which it was loaded, stood to the right of the platform. The entertainment opened with prayer which was followed by appropriate hymns and a pleasing dialogue, after which Mr. Chas. Nelson, appeared, began to divest the tree of its treasures and distribute them to the parties for whom they were designed. When the tree had been stripped of its elaborate decorations the party dispersed, the children retiring delighted.

THE Uptergrove Presbyterian Church held its annual tea-meeting and entertainment last week and as in former years the attendance was all that could be desired, notwithstanding the absence of sleighing. The refreshments supplied by the ladies, were in quality and quantity fully up to the usual high standard of previous occasions at this place. All partook and were satisfied. Addresses were given by Mr. McLaren, of Knox College, who is stationed here; Rev. R. N. Grant, Mr. C. J. Miller and others. Mr. H. Cook, of Orillia, filled the duties of chairman to the satisfaction of young and old. The Gambridge choir, under the able leadership of Professor Campbell Black, furnished the musical part of the programme. The proceeds amounted to over \$40. The occasion was most enjoyable to all present, as well as being financially successful.

AT the enjoyable and successful Christmas entertainment held in the Presbyterian Church, Beamsville, a handsome gold watch and

chain, valued at \$75, was presented to Mrs. Milne, the organist, widow of the late Rev. Andrew Milne, who was pastor of this church several years ago, who was a great favourite with the people, whose memory is still fragrant, and who still lives in the hearts of many. Mrs. Milne has rendered valuable services towards the praise of the Sabbath-school and of the church. She has been ever ready, willing and cheerful in her Master's work. Her work has not been confined to the Presbyterian Church alone, but at social and public assemblies she has been very helpful. The church's gift is a token that her services are appreciated; and her many friends pray and hope that she may be long spared to carry the golden gift with the most pleasant recollections.

A NUMBER of the ladies of the congregation at Iroquois called at the manse on Christmas evening and presented Mrs. Macalister with a beautiful fur-lined cloak, at the same time reading the following address: Dear Mrs. Macalister: We, the ladies of the congregation, wish you to accept this cloak as a token of our love, and an expression of our appreciation of the encouragement and valuable help you have given us in our church work. We, also, at this time, wish to express our feelings of gratitude to you for the sympathy you have shown toward us at all times, and the cheering influence of your visits among us in our homes. The prayer of every heart is that our Heavenly Father may shower upon you still more abundantly the riches of his grace, and that you may be spared to spend many years with us. We all join in wishing our dear pastor, yourself, and family a very happy New Year.

THE Rev. Alexander Jackson, of Knox Church, Galt, received an agreeable and very seasonable surprise on Monday morning, 7th inst., in the shape of a purse, to purchase a fur suit—coat, cap and gauntlets. A committee, consisting of Messrs. Moffat, Gibson, Sloan, Gillies and Williamson made a selection, and left it to Mr. Jackson to make his own choice. Along with the purse, Mr. Moffat read the following address: "To our dear and esteemed pastor, on behalf of the congregation, it gives us great pleasure to present you with this as a New Year token of our esteem; and we express the feelings of the entire congregation, when we wish that your pastorate may be a long and happy one, and that God's richest blessing may rest on you and yours, and that your labours among us may be greatly blessed by the Master." Mr. Moffat suggested in closing, that perhaps the winter had been waiting till this provision was made.

THE Perth *Courier* says: The ladies of St. Andrew's Church, Perth, held their Soiree on New Year's night. The hall, although not so crowded as last year, was fairly well filled. Those who enlivened the evening's proceedings with their speeches were the Rev. B. W. Day, Lanark; Rev. Mr. Stewart, Balderson; Rev. Mr. Andrews, Middleville, and Messrs. P. C. McGregor, Almonte, and W. C. Caldwell, M.P.P., Lanark. The first piece on the programme was a selection by the choir and was rendered in a very creditable way. Mr. A. Melrose sang some fine Scotch songs, which were repeatedly encored. Mr. J. H. Bothwell's reading convulsed the house with laughter. The male choruses, sung by a number of the young fellows of our town, were superb and reflect much praise on the boys as a body. The singing being not only a notable feature in this entertainment, but also in the one held Christmas night. The proceeds amounted to \$70.

AT Drayton, on the 16th inst., a handsome new brick church was formally opened for divine service in connection with the Presbyterian cause. The few families residing in and around the village have manifested a spirit of no ordinary enterprise in the realization of which to many others might have appeared but an Utopian scheme. The new church will accommodate about three hundred worshippers, the cost of its erection is somewhere in the vicinity of \$3,000, and the congregation take possession with an encumbrance only of about six or seven hundred dollars, another instance of what strong faith, willing hands, and Christian zeal can accomplish. The plucky congregation is under the pastoral care of Rev. H. Edmison, M.A., of Rothsay. The dedication services were highly successful, the Rev. J. C. Smith, B.D., of Guelph, preaching morning and evening, and the Rev. D. McGillivray, B.A., of London, in the afternoon. A soiree followed on the Monday evening.

TO Brantford Ladies' College is due no small share in elevating the standard of education in our ladies' schools and colleges. By steady and well defined aims it has shown that thorough scholarship is consistent with the conservation and cultivation of all the graces of true womanhood. School life, with its system and class discipline, is here obtained side by side with the home life, or family, on a larger scale. In the happy blending of these two interests is to be found the true education of our daughters. Home life should not cease in a girl's education, and Brantford College has directed much of its energy to solve this problem, realising that the chief anxiety of parents in sending away their daughters would thus be removed. Limited numbers alone can secure the personal attention desirable. In the appointment of the Rev. John Stenhouse, M.A., B. Sc., Edin., on the staff of teachers, and as lecturer in the natural sciences, the efficiency of the academic work of the college will be strengthened. The college re-opens on Tuesday, the 8th January. All information may be obtained from Principal Macintyre.

THE congregation of the First Presbyterian Church, Eramosa, celebrated their jubilee on Sunday and Monday, 16th and 17th December. The services on Sabbath were conducted by Rev. Dr. Caven, of Knox College, Toronto, who preached both morning and evening to large audiences. In the morning service he briefly sketched the history of the congregation during the fifty years of its existence, pointing out the fact that although not one of the original members remained on earth, and although their first two pastors had fallen asleep, yet God's work had moved on the same as in former days. Not only do none of the original members of the church remain, but most of their sons and daughters have also passed over to the silent majority, and the elders and managers to-day are the grandsons of those who established the congregation. The pastors of the church have been Rev. Dr. Barrie, David Smyth, Angus McKay and the minister now in charge, J. McL. Gardiner. Rev. Thomas Christie, of Flamboro, who died some time ago at the age of nearly ninety years, organized the congregation.

STANLEY STREET Church, Ayr, has been greatly blessed during the past seven weeks, the congregation having enjoyed a service of special meetings, the like of which Ayr has not seen for the past twenty-one years. No "strange fire" was used, the repetition of the "old, old story," night after night by the pastor, Rev. J. S. Hardie, assisted by Rev. R. Meyers, of Norwich, for two weeks, was the divinely used means in the hands of the Holy Spirit to lead many to exclaim with David, "Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation," and not a few to accept of Jesus as the eternal portion of their soul. Many are now saying "Why are these blessed seasons of refreshing not more frequent among our Presbyterian congregations?" At the annual Sabbath school anniversary of Stanley Street Church, Ayr, the Young People of the congregation surprised their pastor, Rev. J. S. Hardie, by presenting him with an address expressive of their love to him and appreciation of his many qualities which fit him on the street and in the pulpit as a true friend and pastor of the "lambs of the flock," at the same time presenting him with a valuable and elegantly engraved gold watch as a tangible token of their increasing esteem and respect for their trusted spiritual guide.

ERSKINE CHURCH, Toronto, carried out a new idea, entertaining all their mission people on New Year's morning. Perhaps no event in their history so thoroughly aroused their enthusiasm as did this. Old and young alike united in making the occasion a happy one. On "Auld Year's Night" preparations were going forward in the way of mottoes, evergreens, etc., until the lecture room looked like fairyland. At half-past seven next morning everything was in readiness. The tables looked tempting indeed. Cold meats, consisting of tongue, goose, turkey, ham, beef, etc., were in abundance with all their necessary accompaniments. At the door the people were welcomed

by the pastor and Mr. Thos. Yellowlees. Over 250 were present. A beautiful New Year's card was given to each, on the corner of which was imprinted, "Erskine Church bids you welcome, and wishes you a happy New Year." At each table an elder and elder's wife were seated, while the pastor presided at number one. The after meeting in the church was well attended and appropriate addresses were delivered by the pastor, Mr. T. Yellowlees, and J. A. Patterson. Mr. Blackley occupied the chair. The social feature of the whole was unmistakable. A number of the visitors bore well-filled baskets away with them, while each child received a box of candies and an orange.

THE children attending the Presbyterian Sabbath schools in Montreal, met last week under the auspices of the Presbyterian Sabbath School Association in Crescent Street Church. Eighteen were represented, and there were about 2,500 children present. A large number of ministers attended the interesting gathering. Several hymns having been sung, the Rev. James Barclay delivered an appropriate address; after which the chairman, Mr. J. Murray Smith, read the following messages between the Methodist schools and those of the Presbyterian Association:—The Methodist Sunday schools send very cordial New Year's greetings to the Presbyterian Sunday schools of Montreal. We heartily rejoice in your prosperity, determine by the Divine blessing to reach the same measure of success. To you and to us God has given the religious instruction of more than two-thirds of the Protestant youth of this city. We pray that our labours may result in lives marked by honesty and intelligence and by Christian faith and devotion. On behalf of the Methodist Sunday school Association of Montreal, William I. Shaw. On behalf of the Presbyterian Sunday School Association of Montreal I desire most heartily and cordially to reciprocate kindly greetings of our friends of the Methodist Sunday School Association. We rejoice to hear of the good work which under the blessing of God you have accomplished, and pray that you may long continue to do good service for God and man in this city. We join hearts and hands with you in imparting sound Scriptural knowledge to the youth of our city that thus a generation may be trained to be strong and of good courage, thoroughly familiar with the whole word of God, and so become good citizens and valiant soldiers of Jesus Christ. J. Murray Smith. Addresses were delivered by the Rev. L. H. Jordan and Mr. R. Johnston. Principal MacVicar pronounced the benediction, and the proceedings terminated.

PRESBYTERY OF WINNIPEG.—The Presbytery of Winnipeg held an adjourned meeting on the 28th of December. The congregation of Fort William sent a letter expressing regret at the resignation of the Rev. H. W. Fraser, but since he felt it to be his duty to accept an appointment as a foreign missionary they would acquiesce. Mr. Fraser's resignation was then accepted and Mr. Pringle, of Port Arthur, was appointed Moderator of Session. The next meeting of the Presbytery is to be held in Knox Church, on the 7th of March.—ANDREW B. BAIRD, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF SARNIA.—The Presbytery of Sarnia held its regular quarterly meeting in St. Andrew's Church, here on Tuesday, the 18th inst. Rev. Mr. Gauld, a minister without charge, being present was asked to sit. In terms of a request from Corunna and Moore, Messrs. Geo. Leys and Thomas Houston were appointed assessors in the session of Corunna and Mooretown. Rev. Mr. Hume was appointed Moderator of Presbytery for the next six months. Leave was granted to the congregation of Watford to have a call moderated in there, if necessary, before the next ordinary meeting. Rev. Messrs. Johnston and Beamer were appointed a committee to act with the Moderator in the matter of supply. There was laid on the table and read a call from Guthrie Church, Wilkesport, etc., to Rev. Mr. McClung, formerly of Shakespeare, in the Stratford Presbytery. Messrs. Peattie and McKae, commissioners with Rev. Mr. Tibb, who moderated in the call, were heard in the matter. It was agreed to sustain the call, forward the same to Rev. Mr. McClung and, in the event of acceptance, his induction was appointed to take place at Bear Creek on the 15th January, at 2 p.m. Rev. Mr. McKibbin, to preach; Rev. Mr. Tibb to address the minister and the Rev. Dr. Thompson to address the people. Rev. Mr. Tibb, on behalf of the committee appointed to draft a scheme in regard to representation at the General Assembly, gave in a report which was received. On reading the first clause it was moved by Mr. Leitch, and agreed that the report be recommended to the committee, with the addition of Rev. Mr. Leitch, to reconsider the same; have the report printed and forwarded to members of the Court, with a view of discussing the matter fully at next ordinary meeting. A communication was read from the Women's Presbyterian Missionary Association, intimating the formation of such a society in Sarnia last summer; stating also that eight auxiliaries are now in existence within the bounds of the Presbytery. The Presbytery expressed its great satisfaction at the action taken by the ladies in this department of church work; assured them of its approval and expressed a desire that branches be formed in all our congregations as far as practicable. Rev. Dr. Thompson and Messrs. Leitch and T. W. Nisbet, were appointed to address the next meeting of the said association in Sarnia in February next. Mr. Mylne appeared before the Presbytery, making application to be received as a Catechist of the church. A committee consisting of Rev. Dr. Thompson and Messrs. T. W. Nisbet and D. S. Robertson, were appointed to confer with Mr. Mylne and report. Rev. Mr. Currie, treasurer of the Presbytery, laid on the table a report which was received and considered. After examination of the same, the Presbytery expressed satisfaction with said report and tendered their thanks to the treasurer for his diligence and faithfulness in the discharge of his duties. Leave was granted the various congregations and mission stations to make arrangements for the time and manner of holding missionary meetings during the winter, reports thereof to be given in at next ordinary meeting. In terms of a request from the trustees of Parkhill congregation, leave was granted them to borrow a sum not exceeding \$4,000 on church property, on condition that the congregation acquiesce in the matter. The following deputations were appointed to visit aid-receiving congregations and missionary stations, viz: Forest—Rev. Mr. McLennan and elder; Point Edward—Rev. Dr. Thompson and elder; Corunna—Rev. Mr. Tibb and elder; Oil Springs—Rev. A. Beamer and elder; Marthaville—Rev. Geo. Cuthbertson and elder; Inwood and stations.—Rev. J. Johnston and elder; Sombra, Duthel Church, etc.—Rev. Mr. McKutcheon and elder. Rev. Mr. Leitch, at the request of Rev. Mr. Tibb, was appointed Moderator at Duthel Church and Sombra village. Circulars were received from the conveners of the various Assembly committees urging the claims of the various Schemes of the Church. The Presbytery agreed to exercise their individual influence in drawing out the liberality of the various congregations under their charge. The committee appointed to confer with Mr. Mylne gave in their report, expressive of their satisfaction with Mr. Mylne's abilities and qualifications for catechetical work, and recommended his appointment by the Presbytery, wherever they may need his services. And they further recommended Mr. Mylne to proceed with his studies, with a view to qualifying himself for the gospel ministry. The Presbytery received and declared in terms of the report. The next meeting of the Presbytery was appointed to be held in St. Andrew's Church, Sarnia, on the second Tuesday of March next, at 10.30 a.m.—GEO. CUTHBERTSON, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF BRANDON.—The Presbytery of Brandon held its regular meeting Tuesday, Dec. 11th. Dr. Robertson opened the discussion of the subject, "How to deal with anxious enquirers." All the members present took part in the conference. The seditant was profitable and edifying. Mr. Anderson reported that he had moderated in a call in Auburn in favour of Rev. T. C. Court. The call being sustained, and Mr. Court accepting the same, arrangements were made for his induction, Thursday, the 3rd of January. It was agreed that a loan not exceeding \$650 be recommended to the favour-