

Ministers and Churches.

THE Rev. Mr. Gillies, Presbyterian minister in Eldon, has resigned.

THE Shubenacadie Presbyterian congregation has increased their pastor's salary \$100.

THE new Presbyterian Church at Georgetown is rapidly approaching completion.

THE new Presbyterian Church at Oakville is expected to be ready about February next.

THE people of St. Andrew's congregation, Perth, are vexed with Rev. Mr. Cruikshank for declining their call.

THE choir of the Valleyfield Presbyterian Church has presented Mr. Rolland Hill with \$50 for his assistance as organist.

THE Rev. Dr. McTavish, of Lindsay, preached able and impressive missionary sermons in the Presbyterian Church, Orillia, lately.

MR. ANDREW MURRAY, of Aylmer, Ont., has made the Presbyterian congregation of that place a present of a lot on which to build a church.

THE Rev. H. Edmison, of Rothsay, assisted by Rev. A. M. Hamilton, held special services last week. Each meeting was well attended by earnest hearers.

DR. CHRISTIE, of Lachute, writes that most impressive evangelistic services, resulting in great good, have lately been conducted there by the Rev. J. McIntyre.

THE Rev. W. W. Percival was inducted into the pastorate of the Presbyterian Church, Richmond Hill, on Tuesday week. A welcome social was held the same evening.

THE Alliston *Herald* says: Rev. Mr. Burnett has nearly recovered from his late severe injury, and that the disfigurement which was threatened him will eventually pass away.

THE Rev. D. M. Gordon, B.D., was unanimously nominated as Moderator of the next General Assembly, to meet in Halifax, by the Presbytery of Columbia on the 13th instant.

THE Rev. Mr. Milligan, of Toronto, preached two eloquent sermons in Knox Church, Galt, on Sabbath week, and the Rev. S. Carruthers, of Kirkwall, occupied the pulpit last Sabbath.

THE Rev. C. D. Johnston, of Oil Springs, and Oil City, in the Presbytery of Sarnia, has declared his acceptance of the call to Beaverton, and his induction is arranged for the 10th January.

THERE was an exchange of pulpits throughout the Presbytery of Paris last Sabbath in the interest of the Home Mission work of the Church and Augmentation Fund for assisting weak congregations.

AT the quarterly communion in Knox Church, Montreal, Rev. J. Fleck, pastor, last week, thirty-two names were added to the communion roll—seventeen by profession of faith and fifteen by certificate.

MR. SMITH, of Queen's College, Kingston, who goes as a missionary to China, preached in the Presbyterian Church, Keene, and in Westwood, on Sunday week. He goes as a medical missionary to China.

THE Bradford Presbyterian Sabbath School anniversary was held on Friday, December 23, in the Town Hall. A good programme of readings, recitations, dialogues, etc., was intermingled with singing by the children and choir.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.—Dr. Reid has received from W. S. I., per Mr. C. Blackett Robinson, \$40, as follows: Home Missions, \$15, Foreign Missions, \$10, Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, \$10, French Evangelization, \$5.

THE call to the Rev. Mr. McEachran, of Dundee, Que., from Vankleek Hill, came before the Presbytery of Montreal last Tuesday. The call was accepted, and his induction at Vankleek Hill will take place between Christmas and New Year.

A TEA MEETING was held in Cheltenham, on the 26th December, in connection with the Presbyterian congregation. The Rev. Messrs. Carter, of Cheltenham; Craig, of Claude; Crozier, of Grand Valley; and Smith, of Toronto, delivered addresses.

ANNIVERSARY services were held in Erskine Church, Hamilton, on Sunday week. The Rev. Thomas Goldsmith preached appropriate and impressive sermons morning and evening. The collections, which were liberal, were for the building fund.

A BRITISH COLUMBIA correspondent writes: We are going to lose the promising district of Comox, lately come to us from the Church of Scotland, if supply be not soon sent. We thought this old style of weary waiting had come to an end in British Columbia.

DR. CLARK MURRAY, of McGill University, has gone to Vassar to give a special course of lectures on Psychology. On this subject he is now a leading authority, his text book being in use not only at Vassar, but in many other institutions, even including some in foreign lands and languages.

THE tea meeting under the auspices of the Presbyterian Church, Point Edward, last week, was a grand success. A large crowd was present. The programme of speeches, music, etc., was well rendered and the audience was delighted with the evening's entertainment. Proceeds about \$100.

THE White Lake annual missionary meeting was held Friday week, and was addressed by the Rev. Mr. Gandier, of Coulonge. The subject he took up was Foreign Missions. He delivered a very instructive address, showing the interest he takes in the work, and explained clearly the necessity of continued liberality towards this great and good work.

AT a special congregational meeting in St. Andrew's Church, Victoria, B. C., the Rev. Donald Fraser, M.A., presiding, a unanimous call to the Rev. P. McF. McLeod was resolved upon. Rev. E. D. McLaren, Brampton, was appointed the congregations' commissioner when the call is presented to the Toronto Presbytery.

ST. PAUL'S Presbyterian Church, Ottawa, was crowded to the doors last week on the occasion of a social and entertainment given by the Ladies' Aid Society of that flourishing congregation. Its pastor, the Rev. William Armstrong, Ph.D., occupied the chair. A well-selected programme was efficiently rendered, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

THE several congregations of Glengarry Presbytery are being visited by Mr. Mathieu, a missionary of the Board of French Evangelization, to raise funds for a new mission school at Hochelaga. He addressed the congregations of Knox Church and St. John's Church last Sabbath morning and evening, and this week he is canvassing the two congregations, and meeting with good success.

THE new Presbyterian Church at La Riviere was opened for divine worship on Sabbath, December 18. Sermons were preached morning and evening by Rev. Principal King, of Manitoba College. On the following Monday evening, an opening tea meeting was held, at which Principal King and Rev. Messrs. Farquharson, Townsend and others delivered addresses.

THE annual concert in connection with the Presbyterian Sabbath school, Granton, was held in the church on Friday evening, Dec. 23. The programme consisted of kindergarten songs, concert recitations, with motions, representation in costume of Asiatic nations, songs, dialogues, etc.; something entirely new in the locality. The Rev. A. Grant, of St. Mary's, delivered a short address. The popular pastor, Rev. John Campbell, presided.

THE tea meeting at St. John's, near Bradford, on Wednesday night of last week, netted about \$35. In every respect the tea meeting and entertainment was a grand success, and the speakers on the occasion, Messrs. J. Carswell, of Bond Head; N. A. McDiarmid, of Bradford, and the chairman, Dr. Forrest, sustained their part of the programme in an able manner. The singing on the occasion was much appreciated. It is needless to say that the ladies provided an excellent tea.

THE entertainment given in St. Andrew's Church, Fergus, on Friday night week was really very pleasant. The choir from St. Andrew's Church, Guelph, gave some splendid pieces of sacred music. Altogether it passed off well, and Fergus had reason to be thankful to Guelph choir. Proceeds came to about \$22. The ladies of Fergus St. Andrew's Church provided lunch for the Guelph visitors, and an agreeable time was spent after the work of the evening was over.

IN St. Andrew's Church, Guelph, Rev. John Davidson, Alma, preached both morning and evening, the pastor, Rev. J. C. Smith, B.D., being absent preaching the anniversary services in connection with Zion Presbyterian Church, Cumnock. In Knox Church, Guelph, Mr. Donald Hossack, formerly a barrister at Cobourg, and now studying for the ministry of the Presbyterian Church, occupied the pulpit. His sermons were much appreciated, the church being full in the evening.

A THANKSGIVING service for the safety of seamen was held in the Presbyterian Church, Collingwood, last Sabbath evening, when Dr. Campbell took as his text, "Christ stilling the tempest." It is very appropriate to have such a service in the Presbyterian Church, as the captains of all the boats sailing out of this port, with most of the officers and men, and the managers of the Collingwood and G. N. T. Lines, with a large number of fishermen and others following navigation, belong to that congregation.

WHILE Rev. J. B. Duncan, pastor of St. Andrew's Church, Paisley, a few weeks ago, was holding the annual meeting of the Bible Society, he was seized with a severe attack of inflammation. He so far recovered in a few days as to be able to return home, but we are sorry to learn that a complication of troubles has now arisen, and that grave fears are entertained for his ultimate recovery. Mr. Duncan is widely known throughout Canada as one of the ablest and most eloquent preachers in the Presbyterian Church. We trust he may yet be spared many years in his family and to the Church.

AT a recent meeting of the Knox College Missionary Society a committee was appointed for the purpose of securing religious literature from the churches for distribution through the fields of the society. Many of the Sabbath schools are entirely destitute of library books or papers. Sabbath schools having an over-supply of reading matter could greatly assist the society in this work. Would superintendents and teachers kindly call the attention of their scholars to the need of preserving whatever literature they may have for this purpose? Packages may be sent to the Convener, James Drummond, Knox College.

"HARDLY a Christmas gift," said Rev. Dr. Grant, principal of Queen's University, to a reporter, when he was asked about the Endowment Fund presented last April. "I wish it was," he continued. "We only lack \$30,000 of securing the full amount." "I have no doubt now about the matter. The spirit evinced by the students, as you have just described to me, is the spirit that has characterized the work since the inception. There is a great field yet unexplored, and if I only had the strength, the amount now lacking would be speedily raised. But the money will come. There are kind friends at work in many places."

THE scholars of St. Andrew's Church Sunday school, Guelph, had a royal time last week at their annual Christmas gathering. From five o'clock till seven full justice was done to the eatables provided, after which an enjoyable programme of recitations, singing, choruses, etc., prepared by a committee of the scholars, was rendered. Eight little Indians, four squaws and four bucks, dressed

in blankets, closed the proceedings by receiving and stowing away in their wigwam the host of useful gifts in the way of quilts, clothing, books, dolls, toys and old papers which the generous hearts and hands of the children had provided, and which will be distributed to missions where they are most needed. Mr. D. McCrae, superintendent of the school, occupied the chair, and the school room was crowded.

THE lecture delivered last week by Rev. L. G. Stevens, on "The Parson's Trials and Triumphs," in St. David's Church, St. John, N. B., Young People's Association course was fairly attended, despite the stormy weather and other entertainments and meetings going on in the city. The lecturer dealt with his subject in a very interesting manner, abounding in anecdote, mostly of a humorous nature. He decided that the parson's triumphs far outweigh his trials. At the close of the lecture Rev. Mr. Stevens was thanked by Hon. Judge Boyd and Rev. Mr. Bruce in fitting terms. Mr. T. H. Somerville presided.

DR. COCHRANE has received from Dr. Wilson, of Limerick, the following letter, dated Limerick, transmitting \$750 to the Home Mission Fund. The Presbyterian Church of Ireland has ever been a true friend of our Church, and never fails in its annual contribution: I hope enclosed draft for \$750 will reach you in good time as a Christmas offering. It is the amount of a grant from our Board to aid in your Home Mission work—western district. I regret to learn through the *Record* that you are in trouble as to your financial state. I sincerely hope your entire Church will be stirred up to a sense of duty and the great privilege of carrying on and sustaining such a noble work as that in which you are engaged. Your mission has been a great success, and I sincerely hope it may not be crippled or limited in operation from want of means. Much depends on ministers and sessions having its claims fully and fairly presented to all your congregations. I am, very faithfully yours, DAVID WILSON.

A SUCCESSFUL bazaar was held in connection with the Presbyterian congregation, Thorold, lately. Mr. James Paterson was presented with an address and a handsome parlour set, which were duly acknowledged. After describing the affair the Thorold *Post* says: A pleasant surprise for the building fund committee was the statement made by the Rev. Mr. McDonald, pastor, that a lady of the congregation, well known for her previous liberality, had lately given him another \$50 for the building fund. He also added that a lady in Scotland had just sent him a cheque for \$25 in aid of the building fund. Mr. McDonald stated that he was not at liberty to publish the names of these ladies, for, though both are well known as truly benevolent and unusually generous, yet both of them belong to that class of Christians that is decidedly averse to the sounding of its own trumpet, and prefers to act in accordance with the motto, "Let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth."

THE pulpit of Knox Church, Stratford, was filled Sabbath week, morning and evening, by Rev. Dr. Laidlaw, of Hamilton. His discourses were full of Christian truth and instruction, and his voice was clear and forcible. In the evening he preached on Peter denying his Lord, the lessons from which he endeavoured to impress upon the minds and hearts of his congregation, enjoining sympathy with the weaknesses and infirmities of their fellow men. Rev. Messrs. Hamilton, of Motherwell; Smith, of Watrico Street Methodist Church, Stratford; Wylie, of Paris; Turnbull, of St. Mary's; and Dr. Laidlaw, of Hamilton, gave pleasing and profitable addresses on Monday evening in Knox Church, Stratford, the occasion being the anniversary services. The choir, which was reinforced by the best talent of the city, rendered some excellent music between the speeches. The ladies, as usual, supplied refreshments in good style, before the "feast of reason" up stairs. The proceeds of the evening amounted to about \$60.

THE Woodstock *Sentinel Review* states that both the body and galleries of Chalmers Church were filled on the night of Friday week. About 200 children took part in the recitations, dialogues, choruses and kindergarten songs. The large audience manifested the most intense interest in the entertainment furnished them by the little folks. Then appeared Santa Claus in his well-known costume, and distributed from the tree a great number of presents, chiefly to the young and their teachers; but two or three elderly bachelors received appropriate and significant gifts. Not the least interesting feature of the evening was the presentation of a valuable Bocharin fur overcoat to the pastor and a beautiful marbleized iron clock to Mrs. McKay. The presentations were made on behalf of the congregation by Mr. John Head and Mr. W. G. McKay; while the address, expressive of a warm appreciation of Mr. McKay's personal worth and devotion to the work of the ministry, was signed by Mr. David Dodge and read by Dr. McClure. Mr. McKay acknowledged the gift in appropriate and feeling terms. The gathering was in all respects pleasant and successful.

THE opening and dedication services in connection with the new Presbyterian Church in Eden Mills were held on Sunday, Dec. 18. The services were conducted by Rev. Professor McLaren, D.D., of Knox College, Toronto, who preached two very able sermons suitable to the occasion. The musical part of the service was conducted by the Rockwood Presbyterian choir, under the leadership of Mr. John Strachan. The church is an elegant stone structure capable of seating 250 people, heated by hot air from a large furnace placed in the basement. The building reflects great credit on the perseverance of this small congregation in Eden Mills. At both services the church was crowded to the utmost extent. A tea meeting was held on the evening of Monday. The house was crowded to the doors. Rev. Mr. Strachan, the pastor, occupied the chair. Addresses were delivered by Rev. Messrs. Argo, of Norval; Barnby, of Eden Mills; Rae, of Acton; Swann, of Rockwood; and Gardiner, of Eramosa. The latter gentleman gave an excellent and extremely interesting address on "Life in Battleford." The choir of St. Andrew's Church, Guelph, provided the music with their usual ability. The