

Ministers and Churches.

THE ladies of the Holstein Presbyterian Church, last week, presented their pastor, Rev. P. Straith, with an Astrachan fur overcoat.

A PRESBYTERY Clerk says: Statistical Reports should be sent in by February 2. Many are not in yet. If all ministers and treasurers would be prompt they would save Presbytery Clerks from a large amount of letter writing and annoyance.

DR. WARDROPE acknowledges with thanks the receipt of \$250 from "A Friend, Kirkhill," for the erection of a church in Formosa; also \$55 from Sabbath schools at Metcalf and Russell for the maintenance of two native missionaries in the New Hebrides; also of \$10 from Mr. John Dickie, Hespeler, for Home Missions.

THE eighth annual meeting of Knox College Missionary Society was held in Convocation Hall on Friday evening last. The Rev. John Neil, of Charles Street Church, presided. Addresses were delivered by Mr. G. W. Logie, D. McGillivray and Rev. Mr. Hart, a missionary in China of the Methodist Episcopal Church of the United States. The meeting, which was very interesting, was largely attended.

GOSSEN BRANCH HOWIE lectured in Knox Church, Galt, on Feb. 6, and in North Mornington on the 13th. The audience was large on both occasions, and Mr. Howie explained matters connected with the trip to the "Holy Land," such as cost, route and season. Mr. Howie says that the Turk is still a hindrance to mission work in Palestine. He is expected in Brussels on the 4th of March, and in Singhampton and Maple Valley on the 7th.

THE Rev. John Robbins, of Truro, lectured under the auspices of the Young People's Society of the Presbyterian Church, Moncton, N. B., February 7. The lecture received extended notice in the local papers, the subject being one of deep interest, viz., "Scotland and France—the home of Knox and land of Voltaire." During the lecture Mr. Robbins pointed out the pernicious effects of Voltaire's teachings, as seen on any Sabbath afternoon and evening especially in the Champs Elysees, Paris, contrasting it with the Scottish Sabbath—the effect of the life and work of John Knox.

THE annual meetings of Dundalk and Ventry congregations were held on the evenings of January 9 and 25, respectively. Reports were read from the Session, Managing Board, Ladies' Foreign Missionary Society, and Sabbath School. Every report showed marked improvement over any previous year. The pastor, Rev. John A. Ross, B.A., gave the Session Report, and pointed out that the membership had during the past two and a half years trebled in Dundalk and doubled at Ventry. The contributions to missions have largely increased. Executive managing boards attend to the temporal matters in both congregations. The Ladies' Improvement are now preparing to purchase communion vessels. After the business part of the meetings was over, lunch was partaken of by all present.

THE second of a series of lectures, under the direction of Waubesaene Presbyterians, was delivered by the Rev. K. N. Grant, of Orillia, in the Memorial Church, on Tuesday evening, 14th February. Notwithstanding a cold and stormy night, a select and appreciative audience greeted the lecturer as he took the platform, accompanied by the pastor, Rev. R. J. M. Glassford. After an appropriate introduction, Mr. Grant proceeded to deliver his popular lecture on "Misplaced Men," which was discussed in the rev. gentleman's usual vigorous and felicitous style. From the opening sentence to the last word, the attention given by the hearers was the closest possible, and Mr. Grant will be accorded the heartiest of welcomes should he re-visit Waubesaene. This course of lectures is supplying a long felt want, and the members of the congregation are becoming more and more alive to the desire on the part of their young pastor to secure their spiritual and intellectual advancement.

THE departure of Rev. P. McF. McLeod for Victoria, B. C., was embraced as an occasion for a most successful farewell social in the Central Church, Toronto, last Friday evening. The church was brightened by tasteful floral decorations, and was filled by members of the congregation, and numbers from other churches. The chair was occupied by Principal Caven, and short addresses giving voice to warm appreciation of Mr. McLeod's character and labours were delivered by Rev. Messrs. A. Gilray, J. M. Cameron, Septimus Jones, G. M. Milligan, H. M. Parsons, D. J. Macdonnell, and Hugh Johnston. Mr. A. Creelman, in name of the congregation, presented Mr. McLeod with a handsome gold watch bearing a suitable inscription, and Mrs. McLeod with an elegant silver tea service. Mr. McLeod fittingly acknowledged the testimonial. Last Sabbath evening he preached a suitable and impressive farewell sermon to a crowded congregation.

KNOX Congregation, Owen Sound, held its annual meeting recently. The Rev. A. H. Scott, pastor of the church, occupied the chair, and made a presentation from the Session, summing up facts and figures relative to the year's work. There was a tone of encouragement running through every report presented to the meeting from Session, Sunday School, Ladies' Association, Choir, Mission Society, etc. The choir handed the congregation receipts denoting payment in full for the new organ placed in the church at the time of the opening. The pew holders have increased in number. The roll of membership, which a year ago was 423, has had fifty five added to it up to 31st December. The finances have received a stimulus. The revenues from pews is greater than on any previous year. Detailed statements of receipts and expenditure will be given in the published reports. Two items are of note as showing increase. The Sabbath morning and evening open collections on the plate give a total for 1887 of over \$1,000, and the congregation has paid as much as \$700 to outside schemes and missions.

ANNIVERSARY services were held in the Presbyterian Church, Bridgen, on February 5. Rev. A. Beamer, of Petrolia, preached able and instructive sermons, morning and evening, to large and appreciative congregations. The annual tea meeting which was held on Monday evening following, proved a great success. After partaking of an excellent tea provided by the ladies of the congregation in the basement, all repaired to the body of the church, where a first class programme was disposed of. The chair was taken by the Rev. J. A. McDonald, pastor of the church. Appropriate addresses were delivered by Rev. Messrs. J. Thompson, D.D., A. Beamer, J. C. Tibb, M.A., B.D., H. McKeller, J. R. Johnston, M.A., and the resident ministers. Recitations were given by Miss Calcutt, of Sombra, and Mr. Grant, of Chicago. Excellent music was furnished by the Petrolia Quartette Club, the McKenzie Brothers, Court-right, and Messrs. Henderson, Towers and Watson of Sarnia. The most enjoyable and successful meeting of the kind ever held in this part of the country was brought to a close by singing God Save the Queen, after which Rev. J. Thompson, D.D., pronounced the benediction. The proceeds of the anniversary amounted to \$200.40.

THE anniversary services in connection with Guthrie Church, Harrison, were observed on Sabbath, the 12th inst. The Rev. J. B. Mullan, of Fergus, preached two excellent discourses to large congregations. On Monday evening the anniversary service was held in the basement. After enjoying an excellent tea with its accompaniments, prepared by ladies of the congregation, an adjournment was made to the church, where an enjoyable evening was spent listening to the interesting and instructive addresses delivered by Rev. Messrs. J. B. Mullan, of Fergus, K. McNair, of Durham, M. C. Cameron, B.D., William Belt, M.A. (Episcopalian), Mr. Mills (Methodist), of Harrison, and by Mr. James McMullen, M.P. for North Wellington. Select pieces of music excellently rendered by the choir under the leadership of Mr. James Cummings, precentor, greatly contributed to the evening's entertainment. In the absence of the pastor through sickness the chair was well filled. Mr. George Gray, mayor of the town, and a member of the congregation. On Tuesday evening the Sabbath school children's tea meeting was held. The basement was well filled, and parents and friends heartily appreciated the lively and interesting manner in which the little ones performed their part in singing, recitations and dialogues, etc., under the guidance of the efficient superintendent of the school, Mr. James McMullen, M.A. Collection on Sabbath, \$107. Proceeds of Monday evening social, \$125, of the children's tea meetings, \$21. Total, \$253.

THE annual congregational meeting of Chalmers Church, Woodstock, was well attended. The Rev. W. A. McKay, B.A., pastor, conducted the opening services, after which Peter Craib was elected chairman. A statement from the Session was read referring to the various departments of Christian work under their oversight. Forty-six had been added to the membership of the congregation during the year, twenty-two by certificate and twenty-four on profession of faith. The Bible class and Sabbath school had increased to such an extent as to tax to the utmost the accommodation provided. The attendance last Sabbath of the Sabbath school was 258, and the amount collected during the year was \$180. A Woman's Foreign Missionary Society had been formed and had raised a large sum and had diffused much missionary intelligence. This society was commended to the favourable consideration of all the women of the congregation. There was also a Woman's Working Society, which had charge of the Poor Fund, and whose work was caring for the poor, visiting strangers and the sick, and raising funds for church purposes. It was resolved to raise the [money] for the Scheme of the Church by means of envelopes placed in the pews. The financial statement from the Board of Trustees showed receipts for congregational purposes of \$2,628 and an expenditure of \$2,581. The liabilities of the congregation are \$150, and the assets \$1,200. The following constitute the new Board of Trustees: Messrs. Joseph Anderson, Mr. Lafl, R. W. Wright, David Dodge, James McKay, Duncan Robertson, Alexander Findlay, H. H. Wallace and V. Schuwal, Auditors, George Kirton and John A. McKay. The following is a committee for the building of the new manse: Messrs. W. C. McKay, W. B. Thornton and John Young.

THE third annual meeting of the Paris Presbyterian Society of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, was held in Duffries Street Church, Paris, on the 9th of February. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Mrs. Dickenson, Woodstock, president; Mrs. Thompson, Ayr, Mrs. McTavish, St. George. Mrs. Hardie, Ayr, and Mrs. Ross, Ingersoll, vice-presidents; Miss Lawrence, Paris, recording secretary; Miss Harvie, Woodstock, corresponding secretary; and Miss G. Anna McLeod, Woodstock, treasurer. The reports were very encouraging, showing an increase of four auxiliaries and the mission bands during the year, and in the amount of money contributed an increase of over \$600, those of last year amounting to \$1,218.29 against \$587 19 the previous year. The afternoon meeting was a most profitable and enjoyable one. Mrs. Gordon, of Harrington, gave an excellent address which is to be published in full for the good of those unable to hear her inspiring words. A pleasant feature of the programme was a talk on Japan and an exhibition of beautiful Japanese curiosities by Miss Sara Spencer, of Paris, sister of Mrs. Spencer-Large, of the Methodist Mission in Tokio. Following this came the question drawer with the usual discussion. Mrs. Gordon in answering the question, "How can we arouse the interest of those outside in our meetings?" said she thought the trouble needed what a doctor would call constitutional treatment: a tonic, bitter herbs, to give them an appetite. Greetings were received from the Methodist and Baptist sister societies, and the meeting was brought to a close, after listening to a carefully prepared and instructive paper on "Our North West Mission" by Miss Burnall, of Paris. At the public meeting in the evening the chair was occupied by the Rev. Mr. Boyle, pastor of the church. Able and encouraging ad-

resses were delivered by the Revs. G. M. Milligan, of Toronto, and William Wylie, Paris, and the admirably rendered quartette and solos added greatly to the evening's enjoyment. Lunch and tea were served in the vestry of the church to the delegates and friends.

THE first annual meeting of the Presbyterian congregation at Lethbridge, Alberta, was held recently. Reports were presented by the Ladies' Aid Society, the Sabbath school, the Session and the Board of Managers. The first report was presented by Miss M. Duff, on behalf of the Ladies' Aid Society, and showed that the society was organized on the 4th of August, 1887, and that in this short time they had presented the church with a handsome organ costing \$250, and that they had on hand the large balance of \$119.70. In the five months of the society's existence the membership has increased to twenty six. The Ladies Aid received many compliments, and the thanks of the congregation for their energy and handsome gift. The superintendent of the Sabbath school, Mr. J. D. Higinbotham, read his report in which it was stated that the average for the year is forty-two, and the names on the roll seventy-four. The collections to the end of the year realized \$82.15 all, of which has been expended on the school except a balance of \$29.70. The Rev. Mr. McKillop read the report on behalf of the Session and stated that during the year the following gentlemen were elected as elders: Messrs. D. J. McKay, J. D. Higinbotham and John Duff, sen., and as managers, Messrs. William Stafford, sen., Robert Niven, J. W. McDonald, and R. C. Jardine. The Board of Managers presented their report through their secretary and treasurer, Mr. J. D. Higinbotham. The amount of moneys collected by the congregation during the two years of its existence is exceedingly large, when the circumstances of the church are remembered. There has been expended on the church building, including all furniture, and so on, about \$2,750. The cost of manse and outbuildings will be \$1,750, and in twenty months \$952.65 of plate collections has been taken up. These sums, with the Sabbath school collection and Ladies Aid balance, leave over \$5,050 expended by the congregation in two years; \$1,150 of this has been received from the Church Manse Building Fund, and \$500 has been borrowed to finish manse and to pay off a few outstanding debts. This will leave \$3,700 raised in the congregation in two years. On the suggestion of Mr. John Craig, it was agreed to name the congregation Knox Church, Lethbridge, in honour of the Knox College Missionary Society, under whose auspices it was organized. It was also agreed to raise the \$500, by ten persons giving each a note for \$50.

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.—The following are some of the changes proposed by the Presbytery of Stratford to be made in the Book of Forms: Page 5.—The first and second paragraphs to form one chapter. The third paragraph to be the second chapter, with the heading "The Presbyterian Church." Page 7.—The second paragraph, last line, to read, "To enter by profession of faith into full communion." The third paragraph to read as follows: "Members of the Church are under the care and subject to the authority of the Session. Membership in a congregation ceases by, first, certificate; second, voluntary withdrawal; third, course of discipline; fourth, death. The names of those receiving certificates are to be retained on the roll of communicants until the Session is duly notified of their reception by another congregation, but such names are not to be reckoned in reporting to the General Assembly. It is also recommended, etc." Page 8.—The second paragraph, fifth line, omit the words "or managers." Page 9.—The third paragraph, fourth line, change "some" into "at least five"; in the fourth paragraph, first line, change "should" into "shall"; in the fourth paragraph, fifth line, change "should" into "two," and add "notice of this meeting must be given on the two preceding Sabbaths." Page 14.—The fifth paragraph, fifth line, strike out all after regulations and insert "shall be observed." Page 15.—The sixth paragraph to read—"The congregation shall appoint the chairman for the first meeting of the board, which meeting shall be held within eight days after the date of their appointment, and the board shall then appoint its officers for the ensuing year. These officers are a chairman, a secretary and a treasurer, but it shall be competent to appoint one as secretary-treasurer. The duties of the board, etc." Page 60.—The fifth paragraph, fourth line, change "three" into "two"; the seventh paragraph, strike out. Page 70.—The first paragraph read as in the old book, Sec. 244. Page 76.—The second paragraph, third line, read "provided always such writings were made under circumstances as the court may deem allowable"; the sixth paragraph strike out and read—"Evidence may be oral, written or printed, direct or circumstantial. A charge may be proven by the testimony of one witness, only when supported by other evidence; but when there are several specifications under the same general charge, the proof of two or more of the specifications by different credible witnesses shall be sufficient to establish the charge." Page 77.—The fourth paragraph, sixth line, for "may grant, etc.," read "shall grant the application if justice seems to require a new trial." Page 82.—The first paragraph, second line, for "involved" read "established."—A. F. TULLY, Pres. Clerk.

MONTREAL NOTES.

The Rev. M. S. Oxley, of the Inspector Street Presbyterian Church, has just been presented with a handsome gold watch by the Ladies Aid Society of his congregation in appreciation of his services. This congregation is mission of the American Presbyterian Church, Montreal, and has considerably increased in numbers since Mr. Oxley began his labours in connection with it.

On Wednesday evening the congregation of Knox Church met to take action as to the call addressed to their pastor, Rev. J. Fleck, by the congregation of Knox Church, Winnipeg. The meeting was the largest in the history of the