

Ministers and Churches.

THE Rev. C. A. Tanner, late of Scarborough, was inducted to Levis, Que., on Dec. 2.

DR. COCHRANE has received \$750 from the Presbyterian Church of Ireland for Home Missions.

THE Rev. Thomas Scouler, of Erskine Church, Hamilton, has been unanimously called to St. Andrew's Church, New Westminster, B. C.

ST. ANDREW'S Church, Toronto, as a part of its contribution to the Augmentation Scheme, raised at the morning service last Sabbath the handsome sum of \$1,295. The pastor, Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, has great faith in the Scheme, and he and his people show their faith by their works.

A PLEASANT and profitable social was held in the Mission Hall, William Street, Toronto, lately, at which the Sabbath school teachers, Christian workers and the pastor and elders of Erskine Church were present. Several addresses were delivered, and it was reported that the mission had raised upward of \$100 toward the maintenance of the work. It is pleasing to find this good work in so prosperous a condition.

THE first of a course of Shakespearian readings in the Ladies' College, Brantford, was given last week. The drawing room was filled with a most attentive audience, who appreciated most highly the excellent reading of "Hamlet" by Dr. Macintyre. Professor Garratt and sons, with several of the pupils, contributed an excellent musical programme. The college is in a most flourishing condition, several students are preparing for university matriculation and teachers' examinations. The new term begins on the 6th of January, of which notice will appear in our next week's issue.

IT is known to many Presbyterians that the General Council of the Presbyterian Alliance, at its meeting in Belfast, resolved to aid the Bohemian Church, whose history is so full of interest. To aid the Walhonian Church the Alliance raised over \$65,000, and now it is proposed to raise at least \$25,000 for the Bohemian Church, whose sufferings were long and severe, but which now, although feeble in numbers and resources, is resolutely seeking not only to sustain itself, but to extend its influence. It is hoped that the Canadian Presbyterian Church will do its part in this work. At the office of the Church in Toronto the amount of \$65 has been received, and of this amount the sum of \$50 was the bequest of a lady now deceased. A tract, telling the story of the Bohemian sufferings and of the present work and wants of the Church, will be sent to any pastor or superintendent who will undertake to raise a contribution for the cause. Further, a small photograph of the sacred instrument of death to many of the faithful Bohemians, and of the Cup, the emblem of the Bohemian Church, and the exact representation of one which had been buried in the grave of a faithful minister, will be given to any contributor of \$1 to the fund, and a large and beautiful one to any Sabbath school or person sending \$25. Application may be made to Rev. Dr. Keil, offices of the Presbyterian Church, Toronto, Post Office Drawer 2,667.

THE members of the Mount Pleasant Presbyterian congregation, of which the Rev. R. G. Sinclair is pastor, held a free social in the basement of their church on the evening of the 15th November ult. Although the night proved very stormy, yet there was a good attendance. The first part of the evening's programme was the presentation of an address, accompanied by two fine chairs, to the two senior elders of the congregation—Messrs. Bryce and Rutherford—who have proved for many years earnest and faithful labourers. Mr. Bryce has been for many years the superintendent of the Sabbath school, and secretary and treasurer for the congregation. Besides this, he voluntarily bore most of the trouble incidental to a long vacancy. Now, since the congregation has become well organized, and comparatively strong and healthy, it was felt that some tangible way of expressing its appreciation of the services of these two worthy elders was fit and proper. Speeches suitable to the occasion were delivered by the chairman, Mr. Duncan McEwen, Rev. Mr. Chalmers, of the Methodist Church, the pastor and others. The choir of the congregation supplied excellent music. The meeting then dispersed, highly satisfied with the evening's entertainment. It was felt that if more frequent opportunities of this kind for social intercourse between the members of the same communion were afforded, where the anxiety of making money would be altogether absent, that the result would be highly beneficial.

THE Guelph Mercury says: On Sabbath afternoon the members of St. Andrew's Society and other Scotsmen assembled at the City Hall from half-past three until a quarter to four o'clock, when a procession two deep was formed, and the company, some sixty in number, marched along Wyndham, Quebec and Norfolk Streets to St. Andrew's Church. The front seats in the centre of the church were reserved for them. After the members and friends of the society had been seated, the choir sang an anthem in a pleasing manner. Shortly after 4 is the president, Mr. W. McLaren, conducted Rev. Mr. Rose, M.A., of Elora, from the vestry to the pulpit. The Rev. Dr. Wardrope, of Chalmers Church, one of the chaplains of the society, having preached a sermon two years ago, concluded this year to invite Mr. Rose to exchange pulpits with him. By the time the services were commenced the church was well filled. After the usual opening exercises the Rev. Mr. Rose took for his text John viii. 32, 36—"And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." The rev. gentleman spoke for over an hour on the above words. The sermon was able, logical and forcible, and was listened to with interest. The first head that he took up was the ignorance of the truth. He showed in the plainest possible manner that a man might be a slave without having an in-

telligent idea that he was a slave. Unconscious slavery was something that required us to come into feeling with before we actually realized that it existed. A slave might be all the more a slave because he was unconscious of his bondage; but when a man realizes that he is a slave then it is that he longs for freedom. He applied this to the spiritual life, setting forth that we had to come into actual feeling and sympathy with the truth of the Scriptures before we could enjoy the freedom spoken of in the text. Freedom of the truth was the next head discussed. He explained that this should be shown by outward expression, by everyday walk and conversation, and gave several apt illustrations of the meaning he desired to convey, showing that the freedom of Christ made itself manifest in many ways. The coming into living contact and a broad humanity should be the basis of such a society as St. Andrew's. He then drew a picture of St. Andrew, remarking that his essence stood forth remarkably for the short moment he appeared before us. He was brought under Christ in living contact. He also spoke of St. Andrew's large-heartedness. These two characteristics should be the aim of St. Andrew's Society. At the close of his remarks he made an appeal to the members of the society to contribute liberally to the collection to be taken up for the aid of their needy countrymen and women.

UNDER the auspices of St. Andrew's Society an admirable sermon, was delivered in St. Paul's Church, Peterboro', on Psalm xlv. 1; the Rev. E. F. Torrance said: "The great evil which befell the Jews resulted from priding themselves upon their high descent instead of allowing it to have a practical effect upon their lives. They seemed to think that all must be right when they had 'Abraham to their father.'" The Lord Jesus Christ warned them that having Abraham to their father would avail them nothing unless they did the works of Abraham. They refused to believe this word, and the consequence was that the righteous judgment of heaven fell upon them. Now, he was afraid that his hearers might be making the very same mistake as the Jews of old. It was a great mistake to suppose that the mere fact of having Scotch blood in their veins will secure for them prosperity and the special favour of heaven. Did they wish to succeed in their adopted land and did they wish to make it a mighty power for good? If they did, then they must act upon the principles which were acted upon by their Scottish forefathers. Some present, advanced in years, could remember the early training they received in Scotland, but let him ask if their children and grandchildren are receiving a similar training to-day in their adopted land. The answer is no; for the Bible does not now form a part of the education in our day schools here, and this is to be accounted for by the fact that the vast majority of the people in Scotland are Presbyterians. In Canada they are composed of different sects. Well, then, if that be the case, their children need to receive all the more instruction in the Word of God in their own homes. If their children be brought up like others the mere fact of their being Scotch would not benefit them. Scotchmen without the Bible would be like Samson shorn of his locks—deprived of the true source of his strength. Think not to say, "We have John Knox for our father—the blood of martyred heroes flows within our veins—we belong to a Church in which, above all others, purity of doctrine has been retained;" for these privileges, if not improved, would involve them in greater condemnation. It became them who have been so highly privileged to remember the words of the Lord: "Woe unto thee, Chorazin! Woe unto thee, Bethsaida! And thou, Capernaum, which art exalted to heaven, shalt be thrust into hell." God forbid that this dread woe should fall upon them; God forbid that their privileges should be turned into curses, and that they should be as spectered ghosts to haunt us on our dying beds, and follow us through an unending eternity. Did they wonder when such an awful possibility stared them in the face? Did they wonder that would not close his sermon without an earnest entreaty to flee from the wrath to come? Escape for thy life. Tarry not lest ye be consumed. The way is open, safe and sure. In Christ no evil can come nigh, but out of Him nothing but anger, wrath, tribulation and anguish stare you in the face. That this might be a night of decision with many souls was the preacher's heartfelt prayer.

PRESBYTERY OF REGINA.—This Presbytery met at Moosomin on the 2nd November. There was a good attendance, and a large amount of Home Mission business was transacted. The action of the Assembly's Home Mission Committee in the appointment of Dr. Jardine to Prince Albert was homologated, and Dr. Jardine, who was present, was cordially received. The Rev. A. H. Cameron was appointed to Donald and to points on the C. P. R. The Rev. John Geddes was appointed to Cathcart for six months. Several appointments were renewed and confirmed. It was with regret that, owing to lack of funds, several appointments were not made. Several fields will thus be without service during the coming winter, unless funds are available. Notice was given by Rev. John Fotheringham of an overture to be considered at next regular meeting. It is proposed to ask the Assembly to appoint and ordain that every elder labouring as a catechist in any Presbytery have his name upon the roll of that Presbytery as a member thereof while so labouring. A resolution was passed that the Presbytery urge upon the people to secure pledges from those who may offer themselves for election to Parliament or the North West Council to use their best efforts to curtail the permit system, and to secure such laws, regulations and appointments as shall debar all illegitimate traffic. Mr. Herald was granted three months' leave of absence to visit Britain. A minute in reference to Mr. McWilliam's resignation was adopted, expressing sympathy with the congregation and the best wishes of the Presbytery for Mr. McWilliam's further service in the Church work. The treasurer reported that six congregations had contributed to the Presbytery's fund. Mr. W. S. Moore was licensed and ordained, action being taken on the necessities of the case, and the probability that

the Synod would sustain such action. It was reported that the churches at Carlyle and Fort Qu'Appelle had been burned. The sympathy of the court was extended to the congregations and the Rev. A. Robson, through whose personal exertions the church at Fort Qu'Appelle had been built. Congregations were ordered to be cautioned to be prepared against loss by fire. An encouraging report of work among the Indians was given by the Rev. H. McKay. The next meeting will be held at Moosejaw on the first Tuesday of March.—ALEX. HAMILTON, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF LANARK AND RENFREW.—The regular meeting of this Presbytery was held at St. Andrew's Church, Carleton Place, on Tuesday, the 24th ult., the Rev. J. S. Stewart Balderson, Moderator, in the chair. There was a fair attendance of ministers and elders. Reports were received from missionary deputations of meetings held within the bounds. These meetings, along with missionary sermons from time to time, are believed to be attended with good to the cause of Home and Foreign Missions as well as to the other benevolent Schemes of the Church. The portion of the Augmentation Fund assigned to this Presbytery is \$1,200, and arrangements were made for raising that amount. A constitution for the congregation of Renfrew was submitted by the Rev. Dr. Campbell, and, after some discussion and slight amendment, agreed to. Dr. Campbell also presented the Home Mission report, which, after full consideration, was adopted, arrangements having been made for supplying, to a large extent, all the mission stations and vacant charges during the winter. In connection with this report, Dr. Campbell intimated his intention to resign the Conventership of the Home Mission Committee, a position he had held since the formation of the Presbytery, and whose duties he has discharged with conspicuous ability and success. In the meantime arrangements were made whereby Dr. Campbell should be relieved, owing to the state of his health, of a large part of his work for the present. Notice of his intention to demit his charge was given by the Rev. Mr. Crombie, and the missionary deputation was appointed a committee to meet the congregation in reference to Mr. Crombie's intention as stated, and report to next meeting of Presbytery. Presbytery and Synod rates for the ensuing year were revised and fixed. Ministers appointed to dispense the communion in mission stations reported their diligence in attending to this matter. A communication was read from the secretary of the Presbyterian Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, anent the arrangements for the annual meeting to be held at the time of the next regular Presbytery meeting. It was agreed to devote a portion of one of the evening sediturats at next meeting to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, the Rev. Dr. Campbell and Rev. Mr. Graham to give addresses. Arrangements were made for the holding, at next regular meeting of Presbytery, of the annual conferences on the State of Religion, Sabbath Schools and Temperance. Notice having been given at a previous meeting of Presbytery by Rev. Mr. Ballantyne, of a motion for the division of the Presbytery into two portions, to be called respectively the Presbytery of Lanark and the Presbytery of Renfrew, it was taken up, and, after full, frank and friendly discussion, carried by a considerable majority, a few dissenting, and certain brethren appointed to make application to the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa at its next meeting for permission to carry into effect the division asked for. The Presbytery adjourned after appointing its next meeting to be held in Zion Church, Carleton Place, on the fourth Monday of February.

MONITORIAL NOTES.

FOR the past year there has been a penny savings bank in connection with the young people of St. Matthew's Church, Point St. Charles, which is working well and training the children to thrifty habits. Interest is allowed on all sums of \$1 and upward. The depositors number between 200 and 300, and the amount at their credit is nearly \$200.

THE congregations of Richmond and Melbourne, in the Presbytery of Quebec, both became vacant some months ago and were happily united. The River St. Francis separates the two villages, which are not half a mile apart. For the past few months they have been hearing candidates, and met on Monday of last week to moderate in a call, the Rev. J. R. MacLeod presiding. They were unfortunately divided on two names, and no call has meantime been given.

ON Sabbath last the pulpit of Melville Church, Cote St. Antoine, was occupied by the Rev. G. Burnfield, B.D., of Brockville, and on Monday evening Mr. Burnfield lectured in the church to a large audience under the auspices of the Young People's Association, his subject being "In and About Jerusalem in 1882." The lecture, which was highly appreciated, was illustrated by numerous articles of value and curiosity.

AT a recent meeting of the Mission Board of the Irish Presbyterian Church, the following grants to the Presbyterian Church in Canada were made: French Evangelization, \$750; Home Missions (Western Section), \$750; Manitoba College, \$500. None of the Old Country Churches evince greater interest in the Presbyterian Church in Canada than the Presbyterian Church of Ireland.

WITH characteristic liberality Mr. W. Mortimer Clark, of Toronto, has presented a cabinet organ to the Pointe-aux-Trembles Mission Schools. He will have the heartfelt gratitude of the pupils for this generous and considerate expression of his interest in the schools.

ON Sabbath last the Rev. Principal MacVicar preached at the re-opening of Zion Church, Carleton Place, Rev. A. A. Scott, pastor. This church has been greatly enlarged and beautified.

THE Rev. J. Robbins, recently of Glencoe, passed through Montreal last week on his way to his new field of labour in Truro. He spent a few days in the Eastern Townships, on a visit to his friends.