

Ministers and Churches.

THE Rev. D. M. McKenzie, M.A., has been called to Knox Church, Tara.

THE Rev. A. Macdougall, Ph.D., of Calvin Church, St. John, preached his farewell sermon in St. John lately.

THE subscription list in Toronto to the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund had reached over \$16,000 on Saturday.

THE Rev. E. Scott gave the people of Park Street Church, Halifax, an interesting account of his travels in the Holy Land.

THE Rev. D. Campbell was ordained and inducted into the pastoral charge of Pinkerton and West Brant on Nov. 5th.

MR. J. J. BELL, of Brockville, gives an excellent account of the Sabbath School Convention recently held in Toronto, in the columns of the *Chicago Interior*.

THE Rev. J. Allister Murray, of St. Andrew's Church, preached the anniversary sermons at the Presbyterian Church, Kintore, on Sabbath week. Rev. Mr. Currie, of Kintore, conducting the services at St. Andrew's.

THE Rev. J. L. Simpson, of the Presbyterian Church, Fort William, has entered upon his work with due earnestness, and seems to be quite popular. The Presbyterians have been fortunate in securing so able a pastor.

MR. AND MRS. MORTON were present lately at a very pleasant social, arranged by the congregation of St. Andrew's, St. John, who also contributed a valuable box of mission goods, with special reference to the Christmas season.

A UNION Thanksgiving service was held in Knox Church, Brussels, on the 7th inst. Rev. S. Sellery preached. John Ross, B.A., who presided, baptized Elmass, daughter of G. B. Howie, of Syria. A collection was taken up for the poor.

THE Rev. Mr. Thomson announced Sabbath week that the following named gentlemen had been elected as elders of Knox Church, Ayr: Messrs. John Welsh, John Maus, Robert McDonald, Wm. Oliver, John Wallace and Andrew McCrae.

THE Rev. B. Canfield Jones, B.A., of Pennsylvania, in response to a very hearty and unanimous invitation from the First Presbyterian Church, Port Hope, has consented to come, and will probably commence his labours on the first Sabbath in January.

THE Rev. A. B. Winchester, formerly assistant minister of St. Andrew's Church, Winnipeg, and recently missionary in China, arrived in Canada a short time since. Mrs. Winchester has been visiting at her father's, Rev. J. M. Douglas, Moosomin, Manitoba.

DR. MOFFATT preached in St. Andrew's Church, Guelph, Sunday morning week, and to a united congregation in Melville in the evening. Dr. Moffatt gave an interesting address in behalf of the Upper Canada Tract Society in St. Andrew's Church on Monday evening.

THE *Halifax Chronicle* says: The Rev. James Robertson, D.D., gave an address in College Hall, Gerrish Street, last week on the Home Mission work, which the Presbyterian Church in Canada has been carrying on with such gratifying success in Manitoba and the North-West Territories.

MISS BARBER, of Montreal, superintendent of the evangelical work of the W.C.T.U., addressed the central branch of the Union in the Y.M.C.A. parlour, Toronto, last Monday afternoon, Mrs. Lucas in the chair. Miss Barber stated that the work in Montreal was being carried on at a cost of \$400 a month.

A GOOD audience gathered together in Knox Church, Perth, on Wednesday evening week to listen to an address from the Rev. J. W. Gallagher, of Pittsburg, Ont., on the subject, "Why are we Presbyterians?" The Rev. Mr. Ross occupied the chair, and the choir under the leadership of Mr. G. W. Fluker, led the singing.

THE principal public bequests of the will of the late Hon. Alexander Morris are the sum of \$1,000 for Queen's College, to be applied to the founding of a bursary in the Faculty of Divinity, to be known as the Hon. Wm. Morris' Bursary; and \$1,000 to McGill University, Montreal, for founding an exhibition in the Faculty of Law.

AT the congregational meeting of Knox Church, Regina, last week, it was agreed to send a unanimous pastoral call to Rev. D. L. McCrae, of Jamestown, New York. Rev. Mr. McCrae is at present pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Jamestown, N. Y., and was previously for over six years pastor of the Presbyterian Church, Cobourg.

AT the Presbyterian Church, Orono, Sunday week, the sacrament of the Lord's supper was dispensed, a large number of communicants being present. The sermon delivered by the pastor, Rev. Mr. McKee, was in every respect a thoroughly impressive one, and was listened to with rapt attention by the large congregation which greeted him.

SPECIAL services in connection with the first anniversary of the congregation of St. John's Presbyterian Church of this city were conducted last Sabbath. Rev. James Smith, M.A., Principal of Amherst College, Maratha Mission, Western India, preached an interesting discourse in the morning and Rev. Dr. Parsons of Knox Church occupied the pulpit in the evening.

A NUMBER of the members of the Morrisburg congregation assembled in Knox Church on Tuesday evening week and gave Mr. Robert Merkley, who intended leaving for California, a "farewell." During the evening Rev. Mr. Cameron, on behalf of the choir, presented him with a handsome gift. Mr. Merkley was an active member of the church and his departure is much regretted.

THE attendance at the Bible Society meeting at Brooklin, says the *Whitby Chronicle*, was very slim. The dense darkness of the night no doubt kept many away who would have liked to have been there. Those present enjoyed a rich treat in the address of the agent, Rev. W. G. Wallace, B.D., of Bloor St. Presbyterian Church, Toronto. He is a forcible and pleasing speaker and it is unfortunate that so few were out to hear him.

THE Montreal Presbytery held a special meeting at Pointe-aux-Trembles on Saturday week, when Mr. Jules J. Bourgoin was ordained to the ministry. The Rev. A. B. Cruchet preached an appropriate sermon, and Prof. Scrimger addressed the newly ordained minister on the importance of his duties. Mr. Bourgoin has been for thirteen years Principal of the Protestant Mission Schools at Pointe-aux-Trembles.

THE Rev. Dr. Robertson's visit to Halifax and Dartmouth has been most welcome. Indeed his whole tour thus far has evoked much interest in the North-West. His visit will be a permanent benefit. Collections have been made, but these are only the first fruits. We trust, says the *Presbyterian Witness*, that our people's beneficence will flow perennially in aid of the weak and destitute stations in the great lone land.

THE Rev. T. F. Fotheringham of the General Assembly Sabbath School Committee writes: Please permit me to announce to our Sabbath School superintendents and others interested, that I have a fresh supply of the "Syllabus and Regulations" of the scheme of Higher Religious Instruction and shall be happy to supply all demands for it. I think every teacher, at least, should have a copy, and every intending candidate. It is sent gratis.

THE pastor of Westminster congregation, Rev. Edward H. Sowers, writes: Having read in last week's *PRESBYTERIAN* the appeal of Mr. Henderson on behalf of the Indian College Building Fund as well as the note from Mr. Wilkie himself, it seems to me a little hard that

the burden of raising the needed funds should be left to our devoted missionary. "Many hands make labour light." It is a privilege for the ministry in Canada to aid in this work. Mr. Wilkie may put down Westminster congregation as good for \$100.

THE Knox College Literary Society met on the evening of the 15th inst. The society seems to be growing in interest. On the above evening, with President Crawford in the chair, the meeting was opened by A. H. Hannahson singing "The Gates of Ivory and Gold," after which followed an intensely interesting debate, subject, "Resolved that the number of Theological schools be diminished." Messrs. Stinson and Tough keenly contested for the affirmative, while the negative was well supported by Messrs. McKettrick and Cooper. The decision of the chair gave victory to the negative.

THE Rev. W. Anderson, M.A., of Oakville, supplied the congregations of Black's Corners and Laurel on the past five Sabbaths with very great acceptance. On the 3rd inst. in Black's Corners the congregation after the benediction by a unanimous vote agreed to ask the Presbytery to appoint him to labour among them for one or two years. Besides being a finished scholar Mr. Anderson is one of the most acceptable and instructive preachers in the Church, and should the people of the above congregation succeed in securing his services we have no doubt he would soon succeed in building up a strong cause in their midst.

A TRA meeting was held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Caledon, on Friday evening week which was a decided success, both numerically and financially. Speeches were delivered by the Rev. A. Hunter, of Erskine Church, Toronto, and Mr. Madill. Miss Tenie Cranston was present and her singing was much appreciated. The Haines family were advertised to be present, but they did not put in an appearance, and the services of the Hill Bros. of Alton were secured, in their stead, who entertained the meeting in a most satisfactory manner. The Rev. Mr. Craig, of Claude, presided over the meeting with his usual ability.

THE *Barrie Gazette* says: The Rev. J. J. Cochrane and wife, who have been away for some time on a visit to Omaha, returned on the 6th inst. They report a good visit, and Mr. Cochrane gives a good many details of the visit, which are very interesting. The people of the Town Line Presbyterian Church had been busy for a few days previous to their return, in preparing a tea and collecting money for a gift to each of the visitors. A lamp—which was indeed a handsome one—was purchased for Mrs. Cochrane. A beautiful easy chair was also obtained for the gentleman himself.

THE pulpit of Knox Church, Winnipeg, was occupied Sabbath morning week by Rev. D. M. Gordon, formerly pastor of the Church, who arrived from the west on the previous Saturday evening in the course of a tour round the world. The reverend gentleman is the guest of Rev. Prof. Hart. He is on his way to Halifax to resume his pastoral duties. His health appears to be quite restored, and his friends here were much pleased to see him looking so well. Before announcing his text Mr. Gordon took occasion to express the pleasure it gave him to be present in this church again. Just two years ago he had last addressed this congregation. He could not cease to feel the liveliest interest in the welfare of the Church wherein he had received so much kindness, and in Winnipeg and the Province of Manitoba, wherein some of his best years had been spent. He rejoiced in the progress of the congregation under the efficient and faithful ministry of their present pastor.

THE annual meeting of the Brucefield Branch of the Upper Canada Tract Society was held in the Methodist Church recently. The attendance was large, the church being crowded. The meeting was presided over by the Rev. J. H. Simpson, President of the Branch. Choice music was furnished at intervals by Union Church choir under the leadership of Mr. J. B. Jameson, with Miss Maggie Fotheringham at the organ. A very excellent address on "Among the Masses and Fighting the Jesuits" was given by the general secretary, Rev. R. C. Moffat, D.D. The collection, which was liberal, went for the benefit of the society. The amount collected last year was reported by the local treasurer, Geo. Simpson, Esq., as being over \$42. The following officers were then appointed for the current year: Rev. J. H. Simpson, President; Rev. John Hart, Vice-President; Geo. Simpson, Secretary and Treasurer. Messrs. John Ketchen, Geo. Forest and John Dunkin, local board of directors.

THE *Orillia Times* says: The annual meeting of the Presbyterian Ladies' Aid Society was held Thursday night, when a goodly number of ladies and gentlemen of the congregation assembled in the Sabbath school room. Mrs. Wiffen, President, and Dr. Beaton, presided. Dr. Beaton in a speech, well-chosen and pointed, gave a resume of the work undertaken and performed to the satisfaction of all concerned, and then requested the pastor, Rev. R. N. Grant, to give an address—a task which that gentleman is ever ready to perform. He said he was proud of the ladies of his congregation, and their labours for the Master would be rewarded at the right time. Messrs. Forin, Miller, Cooke, Dr. McLean and P. Murray also gave short and pointed addresses. Mrs. Warner, Miss Edith Chase, and Mrs. Alport contributed to the musical part of the programme, and Mrs. McKinnell gave a reading on "Thanksgiving Day," which was enjoyed by all. The gentlemen present thanked the Ladies' Aid for the good work done by them during the past year, in a standing vote. The meeting was then closed with the benediction.

THE Rev. John Anderson, of Nairn, preached anniversary sermons in the Forest Presbyterian Church on Sunday week, morning and evening. His discourses on both occasions were sound and practical expositions of divine truth, and the assemblage at both services was all that the church could contain. On Monday evening the annual Ladies' Aid tea-meeting was held in the town hall. The attendance on this occasion was also very large, and the congregation is to be congratulated upon the success which has attended these anniversary services. Tea was served in the council chamber from six to eight p.m. At eight p.m. the chair was taken in the hall by the Rev. J. Pritchard, when a programme was rendered, consisting of addresses by Rev. H. Currie, B.A., of Thedford; Rev. John Anderson, of Nairn; Rev. Mr. Webb, Rev. A. G. Harris, Rev. J. W. Kelly and Rev. W. Johnson, of Forest; choice music by the choir, solos by Miss McCrobie and R. McGill, recitations by Miss Laing, Master Fred. Brodie and a little daughter of T. Smith, all of which were well received. The proceeds, \$113.56, including the collections of Sunday, will be used to aid in the erection of a new church, which the congregation contemplate building next summer.

THE formal opening of the new manse, Wellport, of which congregation the Rev. T. H. Peatchell is pastor, took place the evening of the 7th inst. About seventy sat down to a sumptuous supper under the auspices of the Ladies Aid. Mr. Mackenzie, a man of fine spirit and the oldest elder, gave a beautiful address complimentary to the pastor's efforts, saying the beautiful building would not be up only for the influence and untiring efforts of Rev. T. H. Peatchell. In making that statement he was voicing the sentiment of all. The beautiful edifice was a credit to the place, to the congregation, to the Presbyterian Church. On behalf of the congregation he presented the pastor with a lovely silk quilt as a slight token of his valuable services. Mr. Peatchell was taken entirely by surprise and made a modest reply. Rev. Mr. Davis, Methodist minister, made an address. Miss Dalrymple and Mr. Oliver Henderson gave two recitations. Dr. Colver sang by request one of his beautiful songs. Mr. Heald, of Smithville, gave a discourse on the Harp and a Thousand Strings. Mrs. Goring and Miss Ulman gave two exquisite instrumental pieces. The property is worth to the Church upwards of \$2,000.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, Hamilton, was well filled one evening last week with an audience composed of members of the different branches of the Young People's Christian Endeavour Society in that city. The chair was occupied by R. S. Wallace, President of the Hamilton Young People's Christian Endeavour Organization. Eight city members delivered addresses connected with the work in hand as follows: Rev. W. H. Laird, on the Look-out Committee; Rev. James Murray, on Missionary Work; Rev. Dr. Laidlaw, on Consecration; Rev. W. J. Dey, on the Social Committee; Rev. S. Lyle, B.D., on the Pledge; Rev. Dr. Fletcher, on the Prayer Meeting; Rev. John Morton, on the Society in General; Rev. Dr. Fraser, on the Associate Members. Miss Kraft sang a solo in a most acceptable manner. There will be a grand convention of the Young People's Christian Endeavour Societies of Ontario in Toronto on November 18th and 19th, at which F. E. Clark, of Boston, general grand president and originator of the Young People's Christian Endeavour Organization, will be present. As large a number as possible of the members of the Local Union were urged to attend this convention.

THE Young People's Presbyterian Union of Toronto, held their first meeting of the season on Thursday evening last in the lecture-room of Knox Church. Though the weather was very disagreeable, and there were many outside attractions, the attendance was large, many having to stand. President Gourlay was in the chair, and together with the Vice-President, Dr. Gilbert Gordon, conducted the opening devotional exercises. Secretary Tyrrell then called the roll and read the minutes, nearly all the delegates responding to their names. Some very interesting subjects were brought up for consideration. The officers are working hard to keep up the interest in the Union, and are meeting with great success. The University Glee Club kindly contributed to the enjoyment of the evening by singing some of their popular and pleasing songs. Mr. Hamilton Cassels gave a very fine address on "The Unknown Young People in our Churches," and made it most instructive to those present. Secretary McCulloch of the Y. M. C. A. took up the record topic, "Our Young Friends Outside the Churches," and gave many hints to officers and members. Mr. Gourlay then said that the friends in Knox Church had provided refreshments, and as many would not be returning to the room, he would ask Dr. Parsons to close with prayer. After refreshments had been served the members gradually dispersed, all agreeing that a very pleasant evening had been spent.

THE following communication from Dr. Reid has been received: I subjoin a comparative statement of the receipts for the principal schemes of the Church up to the 14th inst.:

	1888.	1889.	Increase.	Decrease.
Home Mission	\$5,561 75	\$5,297 81	.....	\$266 94
Stipend Augmentation	1,326 05	1,554 92	\$228 87	.....
Foreign Mission	11,824 55	13,973 10	2,148 55	.....
French Evangelization (at Toronto office)	1,028 28	1,334 71	306 45	.....
Widows' and Orphans' Fund	813 45	541 89	.....	271 56
Widows' and Ministers' Rates	987 00	1,003 48	16 48	.....
Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, ord. fund	1,178 95	1,261 71	82 73	.....
Aged and Infirm Ministers' Rates	469 50	592 53	123 03	.....
Manitoba College	276 19	285 77	9 58	.....
Assembly Fund	357 40	577 58	220 18	.....

It will be seen that, with two exceptions, there is an increase, more or less. But in order that congregations may see the importance of making early and liberal contributions it may be stated that to meet the claims for Home Missions and Stipend Augmentation for the six months ending October 1, upwards of \$32,000 had to be provided and paid, while the payments for Foreign Missions were upwards of \$33,000.

A SOCIAL gathering of members and friends of Melville Church Brussels, assembled in the basement on Tuesday evening week to celebrate the first decade of the Rev. John Ross' pastorate among them. After partaking of refreshments they repaired to the body of the church where an interesting programme was carried out. Rev. S. Jones occupied the chair. James Mitchell, Duncan McLaughlin and Rev. Mr. Ross were called to the front, where Mr. Mitchell read an address congratulating the pastor on the cordial relations sustained and the measure of prosperity enjoyed during the pastorate of Mr. Ross, and praying for blessing on him and his labours in the future. Mr. McLaughlin presented the pastor with a handsome gold watch for himself and a silver cream and sugar cruet for Mrs. Ross. Mr. Ross was very much taken by surprise, but with his usual aptitude made a very appropriate reply in which he referred to his first coming to Brussels, and briefly reviewed the work of the past ten years. The membership ten years ago was 116; present membership 215; received in membership 240; removal by death and otherwise 141; an increase of nearly 100. He closed his remarks by most heartily thanking them for their very tangible present to himself and Mrs. Ross. A short address was given by the Rev. S. Sellery, B.A., referring to the present state of feeling existing among the different denominations in Brussels. W. M. Sinclair sang "Cast Thy Bread upon the Waters." Miss Hargreaves presiding at the organ. Rev. Messrs. W. T. Cluff, Jones, and G. B. Howie spoke their congratulations on the occasion. Excellent music contributed much to the enjoyment of the meeting.

A SHORT time ago the Rev. A. B. Cruchet commemorated in "L'Eglise du Sauveur" the tenth anniversary of his pastorate there. About 125 members of his congregation and friends sat down to dinner, and for an hour enjoyed themselves in thorough French fashion. At eight o'clock the pastor took the chair. The church was full to the door with members and friends from the neighbouring French churches. Mr. Cruchet reviewed, in an impressive manner, the last ten years of his labours in the congregation. After referring to his early life and studies for the ministry, he stated that during these ten years 136 families—numbering 600 persons—122 communicants and 200 Sabbath school and Bible class scholars had been added to the church; that the congregation had given \$3,000 for all purposes; that he had performed forty-six baptisms, thirty marriages and twenty-five burials; that of the members of his flock four had been ministers, eight students of divinity, three colporteurs, two Bible women, and many teachers, doctors, druggists, veterinary surgeons, etc. He urged with force the necessity of a new church, as the present one had always been one of the greatest obstacles to the progress of the work. During the banquet the congregation had a practical illustration of the truth of the statement, as the floor sank about eight inches under the feet of the banqueters! Mr. Cruchet also stated that during the last ten years he had given 100 public lectures, written 1,000 newspaper articles, and published a volume of sermons. At the close of his speech he was presented by Messrs. Favre and St. Aubin, deacons of the church, with a cheque for \$75. In the course of the evening congratulatory addresses were delivered by Revs. Messrs. Sadler, De Gruchy, Therrien, Declos, Morin, Cousirat and Lafleur. Mr. Laviere was unavoidably absent. Mr. John Herdt, elder of St. John's Church, also delivered an admirable message from his session. Music and recitations completed a very interesting programme. The emotion of hearers and speakers was at times plainly visible and deeply affecting.

THE *Bradford Witness* gives the following account of the dedication of St. John's Presbyterian Church: Sabbath, November 10, will long be remembered by the people of Coulson's Hill and vicinity, as witnessing one of the most successful church dedications in West Gwillimbury. St. John's Presbyterian congregation, realizing the need of more and better accommodation, resolved last spring to raise and renovate the building. It was a large undertaking for a small congregation, but the people had a mind to work, and work they did, and with most satisfactory results—a perfect model of a building in every respect, beautiful to behold and most convenient. The Rev. Dr. MacLaren, Professor of Systematic Theology in Knox College, Toronto, kindly gave his services for the opening of the building for