

Ministers and Churches.

THE Rev. W. A. McKen'e, of the First Presbyterian Church, Brockville, conducted the anniversary services of Zion Church, Carleton Place on the 23rd inst.

It is respectfully requested that ministers and office-bearers will see that all statistical returns are forwarded to the clerks of their respective Presbyteries as promptly as possible.

KNOX College Students' Missionary Society will hold their twelfth annual public meeting in Convocation Hall on Friday next, the 28th inst. It promises to be very interesting and very attractive.

THE Mission Band of St. John's Church, Brockville, gave an entertainment on the 13th of February, the little people contributing the entire programme, and doing duty as waiters. It was a decided success.

At the adjourned annual meeting of the congregation of the First Presbyterian Church, Brockville, it was decided to return to the voluntary system of giving by means of envelopes instead of the pew rents.

THE opening social in connection with the South Side Presbyterian Church, Toronto, was held last week. On Sabbath last, Rev. T. W. Jeffrey preached in the morning, Dr. Thomas in the afternoon and Rev. W. A. Hunter, M.A., in the evening.

THE Young Peoples' Association of St. John's Church, Brockville, invited the sister association of Wall Street Methodist Church to attend a musical and literary evening with them on the 17th. Nothing but good feeling prevails among the different Young Peoples' Associations of the town, and such exchange of courtesies is frequent.

THE annual meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of St. John's Church, Brockville, was held on the 20th of February. The reports showed good work done during the year. The following officers were re-elected: Mrs. Smellie, president; Mrs. Freeland, and Mrs. Macgillivray, vice presidents; Mrs. J. J. Bell, secretary; Dr. Annie E. Dickson, treasurer. Officers were also elected for the Mission Board.

THE anniversary of the First Presbyterian Sunday school, Brockville, held recently, was a very successful affair. After tea addresses were delivered by a number of gentlemen, including Rev. A. Macgillivray, pastor, and J. J. Bell, superintendent of St. John's, who were present by invitation. The children gave some excellent recitations. The missionary money collected during the year, amounting to a good sum, was distributed.

BIBLE classes, mission bands and Sabbath schools can promote the work of the Knox College Missionary Society by collecting and forwarding to the undersigned magazines and books suitable for use in mission work and Sabbath school papers. The society's missionaries will soon be leaving for their summer fields on the frontier and can then use to good purpose large quantities of such literature.—T. SMITH, Room 19, Knox College, Toronto.

THE anniversary services of the Wingham Presbyterian Church which were held on 2d and 3d February were conducted by the Rev. J. A. R. Dickson, B.D., of Galt. He preached two eloquent and instructive sermons to a well filled house. The following evening the annual social gathering was held and notwithstanding the prevalent sickness there was a large attendance. Interesting and practical addresses were delivered by Mr. Dickson and the resident ministers. The choir under the leadership of Mr. Cline provided admirable music. Mr. Geo. Cline, of Hamilton, delighted the audiences by his happy rendering of four solos. Proceeds of services, \$180.

ON a recent evening a large number of the Kintyre congregation met in the manse. An address was read showing that the labours of their pastor, the Rev. John Currie, were highly appreciated. He was then presented with a gold watch and Mrs. Currie with a pair of gold bracelets and also a beautiful parlour hanging lamp. Mr. Currie was completely taken by surprise and replied in a very feeling and appropriate manner—thanked the congregation on behalf of his wife and himself for this renewed token of friendship and good will. Mr. Currie has laboured in this field for nearly eight years and the congregation is progressing in every respect. We congratulate minister and people.

ANNIVERSARY services were held in the Presbyterian Church, Bridgen, on February 2. Rev. George Cuthbertson, Moderator of London and Hamilton Synod, preached morning and evening to large and appreciative congregations. On Monday evening following the annual tea-meeting was held, and proved a great success. Notwithstanding the bad state of the roads a large number were present. Appropriate addresses were delivered by Rev. G. Cuthbertson, Rev. A. Beamer, and the resident ministers. Excellent music was furnished by the choir of the church, ably assisted by Mr. J. M. Williams and Miss Gilmore, of London. The most enjoyable meeting of the kind ever held in connection with the church was brought to a close by singing the national anthem. Proceeds, \$160.

THE annual meeting of the Missionary Association of St. James' Square Presbyterian Church was held last week. The Rev. Dr. Kellogg occupied the chair. Mr. Robert Darling, the treasurer, in his report showed that the contributions for this year were \$8,441.12, or about \$500 more than those of last year and the largest ever given by the congregation, with the exception of 1887, or 325 per cent. greater than was given in 1879, the year in which the present edifice was first occupied. The amount contributed this year is in excess of that contributed for congregational purposes. Addresses were delivered by Mr. Nichol, student Knox College, and Rev. A. Smith, of Ahmednugger, India; the former on the claims of the home mission field and the latter on the wants of the heathen world abroad.

THE eleventh annual meeting of the Presbyterian Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was held recently in Knox Church, Ottawa. A large number of ladies were present. The president, Miss Harmon, presided, and devotional exercises were led by Rev. Messrs. Clarke and Rev. Mr. Herridge. An excellent address was delivered by Rev. Mr. Farries. Reports of this year's work were read by the secretaries and treasurer, showing that much good work had been done. The sum raised amounted to \$506.54. The officers elected were: Miss Harmon, re-elected president; Meslames Armstrong, Clarke, Durie, Hardie and Herridge re-elected vice-presidents; Mrs. Crannell, re-elected treasurer; Mrs. Alexander, re-elected corresponding secretary; Miss George Hay, recording secretary. A life membership of the society was presented to Miss M. Macoun, the retiring secretary.

THE regular monthly meeting of the Young People's Association of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Ottawa, was held in the large lecture room in the basement last week. Rev. W. D. Armstrong, M.A., Ph.D., occupied the chair. The attendance was good and the programme was interesting and profitable, being as follows: 1, music by the choir; 2, solo by Miss Shoultice; 3, song by Miss Taylor; 4, lecture by Dr. Ianison of Rideau street; 5, song, "My Aids Fireside" by Mr. Veitch; 6, reading by Mr. T. W. Anderson; 7, music by the choir; 8, reading by Miss Agnes Matthews. The principal feature of the evening's entertainment was the lecture by Dr. Ianison. The doctor lectured on "health," dwelling especially on breathing and ventilation. He showed clearly the evil effects of neglect and the benefits of attention to both. The lecture was listened to very attentively and elicited a lively discussion, the doctor answering a number of important questions.

WHILE the congregation of St. Andrew's Church, Seymour, was yet under a shadow of mourning for their late revered pastor, Rev. Dr. Neill, and several of his flock, a large number of people met on

Sabbath 9th inst., to celebrate the Lord's supper, and also the jubilee of the congregation's history. The Rev. Principal Grant, D.D., Moderator of the General Assembly, preached morning and evening to large and attentive audiences. In the morning he took as his text Luke iv. 19. "To preach the acceptable year of the Lord." On the Wednesday evening following there was another large gathering and after partaking of a supper in the manse, given by the ladies of the congregation, fitting addresses were delivered in the Church by the Revs. J. M. Gray, Stirling, M. Scott, M.A., Campbellford; J. McKinnon, B.D., Roslin, and others, with choice music rendered by the Campbellford and Burnbrae choirs. The pastor, Rev. J. Steele, B.D., presided, and announced that the proceeds from the jubilee services amounted to about \$80.

EVER since the institute in connection with St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa, was organized, it has been noted for the merit of the entertainments given under its auspices from time to time. The one held last week fully sustained the high character. The excellence of the literary and musical treat afforded must have been gratifying alike to the popular pastor of the Church, Rev. T. Herridge, who occupied the chair, the executive committee and the large audience attending. The essays of the gentlemen were remarkably able, particularly that of Mr. James Gibson, whose graphic description, admirable diction and fine delivery left nothing to be desired, while the musical portion, notably the singing of Mrs. F. C. Smythe and Miss Denzil, was of the first order and captivated all present. Those taking part were Mr. James Gibson, Mrs. E. P. Bronson, Mr. C. H. Beddoe, Mr. Walter Bronson, Mrs. F. C. Smyth, Miss Denzil, Mr. McNicol, Mrs. Walter Bronson, Mr. W. Stumbles, and Mr. W. H. Thicke.

THE regular monthly meeting of the Presbyterian Sabbath School Union was held in Erskine Church school room, Toronto, which was filled with officers and teachers of city schools. Mr. David Fotheringham presided and opened the meeting with a service of song, Scripture reading and prayer. After reading the minutes of last meeting the study of the International Bible lesson for next Sabbath, "The Ministry of John," was conducted by Rev. H. M. Parsons, D.D., with skill and tact acquired by long practice in congregational Bible study. Dr. Parsons unfolded the lesson in his well known, interesting and instructive manner, leading up to teachings of a pointed and spiritual nature. A conference on the teachers' meeting and its uses was opened by Rev. John Neil, B.A. After a short statement of teaching Mr. Neil showed how these could be best utilized in teachers' meetings. While admitting the difficulties in keeping up teachers' meetings, still the benefits resulting from them were so great that every effort should be made for their establishment in every school. Rev. Messrs. Hunter and Martin, and Messrs. Patterson, Joss, Swartout and others took part in the discussion on the subject. The benediction was pronounced by Rev. W. Hunter, M.A., of Erskine Church.

THE anniversary of the Presbyterian Church, Norwood, was held on Sunday and the evening of Monday week. On Sabbath, Rev. Mr. Scott, of Campbellford, preached morning and evening to large and appreciative audiences. His discourses were thoughtful, well digested and eminently practical, leaving a good impression on the minds of the listeners. The tea-meeting on Monday evening was all that could be desired in its every detail. The Rev. J. Carmichael, pastor of the church, presided in his usual happy manner. Rev. Mr. Scott spoke eloquently and well on "Congregational Life." Rev. Mr. Rae, of Havelock, gave an excellent address on "Standards of Life." His words were those of wisdom, beseeching the young to set a true ideal before them and strenuously to labour and pray in order to reach it. A speech of almost an hour was then delivered by Rev. Dr. Robertson, superintendent of Presbyterian missions in the North-West, giving a vivid presentation of the religious condition and needs of the North-West. Brief addresses were then given by Rev. Mr. Hyde, Warsaw, and Rev. Mr. McKay, Havelock. Music of a high order by the choir under the direction of Mr. Roxburgh, and by accomplished soloists added greatly to the enjoyment and success of the meeting. On the following evening a delightful social for the young people and children was held. From these meetings the handsome sum of \$140.50 was realized.

THE reports for 1889 of Fort Massey Church, Halifax, Rev. Dr. Burns, pastor, have just appeared in a very neat pamphlet showing the work for the year of Session, managers, Sabbath school and the different societies for missions and the intellectual, social and religious culture of the young. Though death has made sad inroads during the past year the congregation was never in a healthier condition nor its prospects brighter. The admissions on profession double the previous year (ten from Sunday school). The missionary collections of the Sunday school amounted to \$234, showing an increase of \$16 over the past and \$54 over the previous year, appropriated thus: To Indure College, \$50; Pointe-aux-Trembles school (support of superintendent) \$50; Mission Schools and Day Spring, \$105; Albermarle Mission, \$28.16. The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society raised \$45 in excess of 1889 and a Thank offering of \$50 besides, which goes into next year for the schemes and the following amounts were raised: Congregational Missionary Association, \$147.20; To Woman's Foreign Missionary Society \$120; Missionary Band \$90; Sabbath School \$234; College Prize \$25; Caburg Railroad Mission \$72; Thanksgiving Collection \$100; Special for North West \$66; Young People's Society Canadian Education (in Home Missions) \$76.73. Total \$1,930.93. The ordinary congregational fund shows a credit balance of \$106. The total receipts for all purposes were Sabbath offerings \$447.80. Debtors' Extinction Fund, \$2556.29, balance on organ \$1.00, schemes as above \$1930.93, a total of \$9065.02 as against \$8550 in 1888.

THE Vancouver World says: Rev. E. D. McLaren was surprised at the larger attendance than usual in the weekly prayer meeting last week, but his surprise gave place to astonishment when, at the conclusion of the regular service, Mr. G. T. Gibson stepped forward and read to Mr. McLaren an address, at the same time Miss Allen and Miss McIntosh coming forward to make the presentation. The address was a warm and cordial expression of grateful recognition of Mr. McLaren's valuable services, resulting in the increased prosperity experienced by the congregation of St. Andrew's. The gift presented by the ladies was an elegant pulpit gown. Mr. McLaren was totally taken by surprise, and for some minutes could scarcely find words wherewith to express his sentiments. He made a brief and feeling reply, expressing the pleasure he had always felt in his work among the congregation. The presentation was made on the first anniversary of Mr. McLaren's induction into the charge of St. Andrew's. Since he has entered into the pastorate the congregation has grown rapidly in membership, and he has made himself most popular with all the members, as well as of the citizens of Vancouver generally. The ladies of the congregation took this pleasing method of expressing their esteem of their pastor. The movement had been on foot for some months, but so quiet had it been kept that Mr. McLaren had no inkling of what was going on. It was the intention to make the presentation at the opening of the church, which was expected to take place in December last. The gown was purchased in Toronto through Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, of St. Andrew's Church there, and is a very rich and costly article. It is the earnest prayer of the congregation that he may continue long to wear it in the pulpit of St. Andrew's Church, Vancouver, a devout wish in which all citizens heartily join.

THE Montreal Star says: Many businesses in the city have cash receipts which do not equal the funds administered by the officers of the St. Paul's Presbyterian Church. During their church year just closed the total receipts of the congregation reached \$55,543, a large revenue for one congregation to receive. From pew rent they derived \$7,784, and from ordinary collections \$3,517, while \$5,873

was raised for missionary and benevolent purposes. Among the special contributions are the following: To the Manse Fund, \$11,734; to Protestant Asylum for Insane, \$6,840; St. Andrew's Home Building Fund, \$4,900; Young Men's Christian Association building, \$2,750; Queen's College, \$2,426; salary of missionary in India, in part, \$1,008; public charities and in aid of the church buildings, \$2,777. At the close of the year the membership numbered 642, and there were present at the three communion Sundays 491, 509 and 496 respectively. The attendance at the Sunday services have been regularly large, and the necessity for additional pew accommodation is being more and more felt. Many of the families require more sittings, and there are numerous applications from others whose desire to worship there cannot at present be entertained. In view of this lack of accommodation, the trustees have under consideration the proposal to erect a gallery at the end of the church, or in some other way to meet the difficulty. The congregation, with the concurrence of the Montreal Presbytery, will soon open a branch Sunday school in the western part of the city for the convenience of those families residing at a distance from the church. Their home Sunday school is in a most flourishing condition, having a staff of twenty-seven teachers and a roll of 257 scholars. Their school at the Victoria Mission, Point St. Charles, has a teaching force of twenty-four and 227 pupils. The interest in these mission services is well sustained, as is shown from the fact that they are self-supporting. During the year their missionary contribution was \$112.34. Their new manse is fast approaching completion, and will probably be occupied by the pastor early in April.

THE fifth annual meeting of the Paris Presbyterian Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was held in St. Paul's Church, Ingersoll, on February 11. In the absence of Mrs. McMullen, the president, Mrs. Thompson, of Ayr, occupied the chair. The meeting opened with devotional exercises conducted by Mrs. Thomson, assisted by Mrs. McKay, of Woodstock. The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and adopted. Mrs. Galer, on behalf of the Ingersoll ladies, tendered the visiting delegates a hearty welcome, to which Mrs. James Hay, of Woodstock, replied. The election of officers for 1890 then took place with the following results: Mrs. McMullen, Woodstock, president; Mrs. Thomson, Ayr, 1st vice-president; Mrs. Cockburn, Paris, 2nd vice-president; Mrs. McKay, Woodstock, 3rd vice-president; Mrs. Munro, Embro, 4th vice-president; Miss M. Cameron, Ayr, recording secretary; Miss Harvey, Woodstock, corresponding secretary; Mrs. R. J. Robertson, Ingersoll, treasurer. Mrs. Cockburn gave a highly interesting address on the work of the society in general. The secretary and treasurer's reports were read and confirmed, showing the society to be in a flourishing condition although the contributions were not quite up to last year. Thirteen auxiliaries and eighteen mission bands reported this year, three being organized during the year. The amount of money raised during 1889 was \$1,209.52, and a large quantity of valuable clothing was sent to the North-West. Mrs. Dickenson, of Woodstock, offered the dedicatory prayer. A solo was rendered by Miss Stevens entitled, "Consider the Lilies." Miss Ada Ferguson gave a recitation, after which an interesting discussion took place on certain changes in the constitution. A vote of thanks was tendered the Ingersoll ladies for their very cordial reception. The meeting then adjourned for tea which was served in the lecture room. The evening meeting met at 7:30, Mr. Miller, of Paris, in the chair. Mr. Winchester, a returned missionary, delivered an exceedingly interesting address on his work in China. The Rev. Mr. Myers, of Norwich, represented the Presbytery. Excellent music was provided by the choir and solos by Mr. McKay and Miss Haddock. The meeting closed by singing the doxology.

PRESBYTERY OF PETERBOROUGH.—This Presbytery met at Point Hope on the 14th ult. A circular letter was read from the Presbytery of Columbia, intimating that it was the intention of that Presbytery to apply to the next General Assembly for leave to receive the Rev. W. W. Warren, D.D., of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, as a minister of this church. A communication was read from the Presbytery of Ottawa on the subject of temperance, accompanied by circulars, asking for co-operation in the obtaining of suggested amendments to the License Act of the Province of Ontario. It was moved by Mr. McEwan and carried: "That the communication from the Ottawa Presbytery on the subject of temperance be received and acknowledged, and that the papers distributed be considered by the sessions, and that reports be given in connection with the report on Temperance at next meeting." A communication was read from the Rev. Dr. Reid on the claims of the Assembly Fund, on which appropriate action was taken. It was thereupon moved and carried, that the Moderator name a committee to investigate as to congregations not contributing to the augmentation scheme and recommend a course of action in reference to them, and report at next sederunt. The committee nominated by the Moderator were Messrs. Duncan, Hay, Lord, ministers; and Messrs. Riddell and Mann, elders. On the recommendation of the committee appointed to examine them, Messrs. John Bell and Charles Daley were ordered to be certified as qualified to enter upon the study of theology, and their names were ordered to be forwarded to the Assembly's Home Mission Committee for work in the mission field during the ensuing summer. Mr. Craigie tendered the resignation of his pastoral charge of Bobsaygeon and Danford. It was agreed that all the parties be cited to appear for their interests at next meeting, and that Mr. Oswald be appointed to exchange with Mr. Craigie, and read the citation to the people. A petition was read from certain parties in the congregation at Centreville, asking that a visitation meeting of Presbytery be held in the congregation. Mr. Craigie reported that elders had been duly appointed at Lakehurst as authorized by Presbytery. Several of the members of Presbytery reported that they had preached on the subject of missions since last meeting. The committee on the Augmentation Report gave in their report. It was received and its recommendations considered *seriatim*. The recommendations were all successively adopted, and are the following: 1. That Missionary Associations be formed in every congregation. 2. That all the schemes be brought before the congregations regularly from the pulpit, and especially the Augmentation scheme. 3. That in the congregations that have done nothing, the Presbytery appoint ministerial exchanges to present the claims of this fund. 4. That a Presbyterial standing committee on Augmentation be appointed, to supervise the work and stimulate, as far as possible, an interest in the fund. Messrs. Duncan, Lord and Hay, with their respective representative elders were appointed as the standing committee on Augmentation. Rev. Dr. Robertson, Superintendent of Missions in the Northwest, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member. The Rev. Mr. Smith, of India, and the Rev. R. Johnston, of Lindsay, being present, were invited to sit with the Presbytery as corresponding members. An abstract report from the Woman's Presbyterian Foreign Missionary Society was read, showing the progress of the society during the past year. The report was received and gratitude expressed for the progress made. An invitation to the members of Presbytery to join the ladies that evening at tea in the hall of the First Church was cordially accepted. The Presbytery entered upon the consideration of the Remits of Assembly. The remit on the appointment of a Sabbath school secretary was referred to the Presbytery's Sabbath School Committee to bring in a finding at next meeting. Hastings and Lakefield were appointed as places at which to hold examinations of Sabbath school pupils connected with the Presbytery. Messrs. Bell, Cleland and McWilliam, were appointed a committee on the remission of the constitution of the Assembly; and Messrs. Gilchrist, Ross and Hay, on the remit on systematic beneficence, with instructions to report at the next meeting of Presbytery. Dr. Robertson was invited to address the Presbytery on the subject of missions in the North-West. The hearty thanks of