

Ministers and Churches.

THE First Presbyterian Church of Vancouver has extended a call to the Rev. T. Chalmers Jack, of Maitland, N. S.

THE Rev. P. A. MacLeod, a graduate of Queen's, has received a call to Sonya. In that district he has three warm personal friends, also in the ministry.

THE Rev. L. G. Macneill lectured to a good sized audience in St. Andrew's school room, St. John, N.B., recently, on "A month's Tour through Italy."

THE Rev. James B. Freeman, son of Mr. J. D. Freeman, of Dereham, has been installed pastor of the Arlington Hill Presbyterian Church at St. Paul, Minn.

MR. JOHN WATKINS, of Norval, was presented on Tuesday evening with a costly gold watch, by the choir of the Presbyterian church, of which he is leader.

THE regular half-yearly meeting of the Home Mission Committee will be held on Tuesday, March 25, at nine a.m., in the lecture room of St. Andrew's Church, Toronto.

THE Amherstburg Presbyterians have extended a call to Rev. Thos. Nattrass, B.A., who has accepted, and will be inducted as soon as the Presbytery makes the necessary arrangements.

THE congregation of Knox Church, Beaverton, recently presented the pastor, Rev. D. C. Johnson, with a purse containing upwards of \$120, together with an affectionately worded address to which Mr. Johnson replied in suitable terms.

THE *Orillia Times* says: The Rev. D. D. McLeod, of Barrie, conducted both services in the Presbyterian Church, Orillia, on Sabbath week, and also Bible class in the afternoon. His discourses were profound, eloquent and impressive. His subject in the morning was "God is love," and in the evening "Apprehended by Christ."

AN unknown aged lady in the neighbourhood of London who was amazed with the Rev. Dr. McKay's, of Blackstock, memory in quoting Scripture, fervent piety and earnestness in preaching, made him a handsome present in money. The Dr. has taken first-class honours in all the medical branches, and has reached the full number with some. He took medicine and theology together.

THE anniversary services of Knox Church, Glenallan, Rev. H. Morris, pastor, were held on January 12. The Rev. J. Ross, B.A., of Brussels, preached morning and evening to large and appreciative audiences. The sermons were rich in thought and eloquently delivered. Proceeds of anniversary tea, \$70. This congregation is in a healthy state and continues to enjoy peace and prosperity under the present pastorate.

THE election of officers for the Metaphysical and Literary Society of Knox College was held last Friday evening, and resulted as follows: T. M. Logie, president; Joseph Elliot, vice-president; F. O. Nicholl, second vice-president; William Gauld, critic; John McNair, recording secretary; A. D. Edgar, corresponding secretary; A. M. Davidson, treasurer; A. E. Harrimon, secretary committee; James Wilson, curator; T. S. Malchiff, James Muirson and Charles Chough, counsellors.

THE preparatory service in connection with Calvin Presbyterian Church, Montreal, of which Rev. Dr. Smyth is pastor, were held on Friday week, when twenty-six new members were added to the roll. The membership now stands \$31. A committee has been appointed to consider the best method of increasing the seating capacity of the church, which at present is insufficient for the needs of the congregation. On Sabbath, March 2, the largest number in the history of the church sat at the Lord's table.

THE lecture room of St. Andrew's Church, Montreal, was well filled last week to hear Rev. Professor J. Clark Murray, LL. D., lecture on "A Ramble Among Scotch Songs." Rev. J. Edgar Hill presided. The first part of the evening was taken up by a musical programme, given under the direction of Professor Couture, and included a number of well known Scotch songs, those taking part being Misses Agnew, Macpherson, Herbert, and Mr. Robertson. Professor Murray then delivered a most interesting lecture on Scotch songs.

THE pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Brantford, the Rev. J. C. Tolmie, has made himself very popular in his congregation during his short residence in Brantford. Last week after the regular prayer meeting the reverend gentleman was given a tangible mark of the affection felt for him when the members of the Young People's Christian Endeavour and Bible Class waited upon him and presented him with an address accompanying which was a handsome set of black seal furs consisting of collar, gauntlets and cap. Mr. Linton read the address and Mr. Stewart made the presentation. Mr. Tolmie made a happy response to this pleasant surprise.

THE Presbyterian congregation of Souris (Plum Creek) have recently built a very comfortable manse, stables, etc., at a cost of over \$1,400. The congregation is largely indebted to Mr. Geo. McCulloch, of the Glenwood Koller Mills, for his well known practical ability and energy in superintending the construction of the building—when "Mack" puts his hand to the plough he never looks back until the work is well and thoroughly done. In addition to this some of the friends of the congregation of Plum Creek recently presented their pastor and his wife, Mrs. and Mrs. Omand, with a handsome oiled and varnished natural cherry bed-room suite costing \$50. This congregation is noted for its liberality.

THE opening services of the Presbyterian Church, Lynden, were continued on Sabbath week, when Rev. J. A. R. Dickson, B.D., of Galt, preached very fine sermons in the afternoon and evening, taking for his text in the afternoon Revelations iii. 20, and in the evening Luke xviii. 18-23, addressing his remarks principally to young men. There was a good audience in the afternoon, and in the evening the church was crowded, and the reverend gentleman was listened to with rapt attention. The ladies of the Presbyterian congregation have arranged for another social in the basement of the new church on Monday, March 10, to provide funds for defraying expenses in connection with furnishing the church.

LAST week in St. Andrew's Church a service of praise was held for the purpose of adding to the funds necessary for securing increased efficiency in the musical service of the church. Rev. D. J. Macdonell, presided, and the church was well filled. The programme consisted of anthems rendered by the choir, solos by Mr. George F. Taylor and Mrs. C. A. Bignell, and organ selections by Mr. Fisher, organist of St. Andrew's, and Mr. Guiseppi Dinelli, organist of the Church of the Redeemer. Mr. Fisher gave the favourite "Pilgrims' Chorus" of Wagner, with much effect, and the prelude to "Parsifal" was well rendered by Mr. Dinelli who also showed great skill in his rendering of Petrali's "Fantasia Concertante." The service as a whole was a most successful presentation of the highest class of sacred music.

EAST Presbyterian Church, Toronto, celebrated its twentieth anniversary last week by a tea-meeting. A large attendance was present and the preliminary part of the proceedings in the basement gave entire satisfaction. Part two of the programme consisted of a different kind of entertainment, the pastor, J. M. Cameron, presiding. Speeches were made by Revs. Jas. Grant, Dr. Stafford, Thos. Goldsmith, W. G. Wallace, Dr. Parsons and others, while the music was supplied by the choir under the leadership of Mr. James Stoddard. Mr. John Dickson's long and faithful services on the Board of Managers were recognized by the presentation of an illuminated address and a handsome Bible. The past year has been one of prosperity. The total income was \$7,795; the present church membership is 330 and the Sunday school roll numbers 600 scholars.

THE Peterborough *Examiner* says: The Rev. J. J. Wright, B.A., is to be inducted into the charges of the Presbyterian churches of Lyn and Mallorytown. Mr. Wright got a unanimous call to these places a short time ago at a salary of \$900 a year and a free manse. He is the eldest son of Mr. Stewart Wright, who has been a respected resident of Ashburnham for the past twenty-five years. During his arts and theological course at Queen's College, Kingston, covering a period of seven years, Mr. Wright won honours every year, receiving scholarships at the close of each. He is a young man of culture and high scholarly attainments. For a young man he has few equals as a speaker. Judging from his past record and his present attainments, the reverend gentleman has a bright future of usefulness to the congregation over which he will have charge, and to his church in general.

LAST week the school room of MacNab Street Presbyterian Church, Hamilton, was filled by an audience (mostly young people) who met to see the pictures exhibited by Rev. John Wilkie, M.A., missionary to Indore. Before commencing, Mr. Wilkie stated that if he had known there was to be such a general turnout he would have procured a larger instrument. Under the circumstances, he used the lantern he took with him in India; consequently, the people in the north end of the room did not see very well, the size of some of the views being only 4 x 4 feet. Nevertheless, a great many pictures of interesting persons, cities and places were presented, concluding with a copy of the hymn commencing "Jesus shall reign where'er the sun doth his successive journeys run," which the audience sung. After a silver collection had been taken for the benefit of the mission, Rev. Dr. Fletcher moved a vote of thanks to Rev. Mr. Wilkie for his interesting explanation of the views presented, and this was responded to by a hearty clapping of hands by the audience. Rev. Mr. Black then offered prayer for the success of Mr. Wilkie's labours in India, when the meeting dispersed.

THE monthly meeting of the Toronto branch of the McAll Mission was held last week in Association Hall. In the absence of the president, Mrs. Duncan Clark occupied the chair. The treasurer, Miss Caven, presented her report for the past month, showing a balance of \$35 63, which was adopted. Mrs. MacVicar gave an account of a recent visit paid by Mrs. Blake and herself to Port Hope to organize a branch in that town. A large meeting had been held, at which over seventy persons were present, and seventeen joined as members. A secretary and treasurer were appointed. Mrs. MacVicar also read a letter from a Baptist minister in Port Hope, in which he spoke encouragingly of the prospects of the mission. Mrs. Cowan read a portion of Scripture from the last chapter of Proverbs, setting forth the qualities of a perfect woman. A letter from a lady worker in Paris was read by Mrs. George Kerr, describing the work and the services conducted there. Miss Caven, treasurer, handed in her resignation, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded her for her efficient services, which extend over four years' the lifetime of the mission in Toronto. Miss Inglis was appointed treasurer in her stead.

DR. WARDEN writes: Permit me to acknowledge receipt of the following additional contributions on behalf of the family of the minister laid aside on account of an affection of the brain—to February 27: Mrs. F. S. Haines, St. Lambert, \$10; W. E. W., \$1; A. T. C., \$10; Rev. W. G. Jordan, \$1; Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Shore, St. Stephen, \$5; Rev. W. P. Walker, Elfrida, \$1; Mrs. James Haldane, Montreal, \$5; J. C. Gibson, Paisley, \$2; Friend, \$5; Mrs. McMurrich, Toronto, \$5; Rev. T. Fenwick, Elders Mills, \$2; A Sympathizer, Chatsworth, \$3; Rev. Principal Caven, Toronto, \$5; William Anderson, St. Fulgence, \$5; Mrs. L. Crannell, Ottawa, \$10; A Friend, Cornwall, \$3; Mr. and Mrs. John Kerr, Toronto, \$20; Friend, \$2; J. O. Tait, Hollin, \$2; Rev. G. Cuthbertson, Wyoming, \$5; Rev. Dr. Torrance, Guelph, \$5; Mrs. McCurdy, Kirkton, \$1; D. Guthrie, M. P. P., Guelph, \$5; Rev. C. S. Lord, Grafton, \$5; Miss Ridler, Dundas, \$2; Rev. A. B. Cruchet, Montreal, \$10; Rev. R. Knowles, Liakeny, \$5; A Friend, \$2.50; Rev. J. R. S. Burnett, Allison, \$2; John McRuer, Ayr, \$2; A Brother (J. W.), \$5; Rev. John Turnbull, \$2; D. Morrice, Montreal, \$10. Others desiring to contribute will kindly oblige by doing so without delay.

THE Woodstock *Standard* says: On Sunday afternoon the Knox Church Sabbath school held its annual missionary meeting. The scholars and teachers with many of the members of the congregation assembled in the auditorium of the church, and listened to addresses and papers by the teachers and pupils of the school on the several missionary schemes of the church. The money too, contributed by the scholars at the regular Sunday meetings, was apportioned—the pupils themselves moving and seconding the resolutions for the disposal of the whole amount. The superintendent of the school, Mr. James Bell, presided and gave the opening address. The following departments of the work received aid: Home Missions \$60, address on this work by Principal Hunter, Foreign Missions \$35, paper by Mr. Robert Campbell; Pointe-aux-Trembles school, \$50, paper by Miss Mary Sim; Students' Missionary Society, of Knox College, \$20, paper by Mr. George W. Patterson; Mission ship, *Day-spring*, \$12, paper by Miss Maggie Bayne. In addition to the above the Bible Class contributed \$50, making in all from the collections of the Sunday school \$227. This school is in a most flourishing condition and the present accommodation is not sufficient for the large classes that assemble every Sunday afternoon.

A VERY pleasant social gathering recently assembled in the lecture room of Chalmers Church, Que. the occasion being an entertainment given by the members to welcome the Rev. Donald Tait, the new incumbent of that charge and his wife. The room was filled to the doors and was very artistically ornamented with evergreens and other decorations. The meeting was opened by the Rev. Dr. Clark leading in prayer. Mr. John McKay was then called upon to read the address of welcome to the reverend gentleman, of which a handsomely illuminated copy was presented to Mr. Tait by Mr. Millar. Mr. Tait made a very happy speech in response to his expressions of goodwill. He thanked them for their good feeling towards Mrs. Tait, and said that he was now more happy than he ever expected to be since leaving his flock in Berlin, and he attributed this to the friendly feeling of his congregation towards him. Addresses were also given by the Rev. Messrs. Bland, A. T. Love and others. Songs were given by the choir, Miss Rolph and Mr. Neill, all of whom were vigorously applauded. Miss Jackson also sang a very taking song. Refreshments were served during the evening. At the conclusion of the evening's entertainment the doxology was heartily joined in by the audience, after which the Rev. Professor McAdam, of Morris College, pronounced the benediction.

THE fifth annual meeting of the Guelph Presbyterian Society of the Woman's Foreign Mission Society was held in Galt on Thursday the 27th of February, a goodly number of representatives gathering from the twenty-two auxiliaries and fourteen mission bands of which the society is now composed. The increase during the year had been five auxiliaries and six mission bands, and the contributions amounted to \$1,630 as compared with \$1,259 the previous year. The president, Mrs. McCrae, was in the chair throughout the day and Mrs. Smellie, Mrs. Dickson, Mrs. White and Mrs. Cavers took part in the devotional exercises. Mrs. McMurrich, of Toronto, who had been specially invited to be present, gave much pleasure and encouragement by her remarks and greatly assisted in the discussion of different questions brought up by her clear and thoughtful expressions of opinion. A public meeting was held in the evening when addresses were delivered by the Rev. Dr. Wardrope, Rev. Alexander Jackson, and the chairman the Rev. J. A. R. Dickson, in whose church the meetings were held. The ladies of both Central and Knox Churches extended their kind hospitality to the delegates from the various branches of the society, and a comfortable and tempting luncheon was spread in the basement of Knox

Church where a pleasant hour of social intercourse was spent between the morning and afternoon sessions of the meeting. The officers elected for the ensuing year are: Mrs. D. McCrae, Guelph, President; Mrs. Smellie, Fergus, Mrs. Dickson, Galt, Mrs. Goldie, Guelph, Mrs. White, Guelph, vice-presidents; Miss Helen Cant, Galt, Treasurer; Miss Smellie, Fergus, secretary.

THE anniversary services and tea held by the Ladies' Aid Society of the First Presbyterian Church, St. Marys, on Sabbath and Monday week were seldom, if ever, surpassed as a season of spiritual benefit and social improvement. The sermons delivered by Rev. John Neil, of Toronto, says the *Argus*, were full of sound, practical common sense, and thorough expositions of the texts chosen. The tea on Monday evening week was well patronized, and every person present seemed to be enjoying themselves in the superlative degree. So far as we could judge, the tea meeting was socially, an unprecedented success. After the tables had been relieved of their burdens a programme of entertaining speeches and excellent music was rendered in the body of the church. The speakers were Rev. Messrs. M. P. Campbell, T. M. Campbell, J. Nell, Toronto, and Rev. Mr. Winchester, of Stratford. Their speeches were laden with valuable, interesting and practical thoughts on subjects of vital importance, interwoven with which was a vein of humour that made the evening pass very pleasantly indeed. The music furnished by the choir of the church under the leadership of Mr. Mennig, was well worthy of the hearty applause given each selection. Besides the choruses a very beautiful solo was rendered by Miss Maggie McGregor; a duet by the Misses Mennig, which was encored; and a solo by Miss Lillywhite, also received an encore. The financial result was \$107.30.

THE *Montreal Herald* says: The people of Erskine Presbyterian Church were treated to a little surprise on Sabbath week. At the close of the morning service the pastor, Rev. L. H. Jordan, informed the congregation that a letter would be read at the evening service, and gave them to understand that it would be of an unusual kind. The task of reading the letter was given to the assistant pastor, Mr. W. M. Rochester, who conducted the evening service. The letter stated that it was a copy of one sent to the Moderator of the Presbytery of Montreal on the previous Saturday, and asked that body to relieve him of his charge as pastor of Erskine Church. The letter went on to say that he had taken that deliberate step in view of the fact that he had made a similar request about two years ago, and at that time his own desires had to give way on account of the opposition such a step met with at the hands of the congregation. His desire to return to the scene of his student days in Germany had to be put aside for the time being and the pastorate remained in his hands for a time longer; but he now hoped the congregation would see fit to release him from his duties on May 1. The letter gave the congregation to understand that it is the pastor's desire to return to his studies in Germany, and the strong appeal which was made will not likely be refused. Rev. L. H. Jordan was inducted pastor of Erskine Church on May 7, 1885, and will have completed five years' pastorate at the time he asks to be relieved. Should he go to Germany to study, as he seems to have made up his mind to do, he will carry with him the good wishes of a large circle of friends for his success, and his congregation will lose a faithful and devoted pastor.

THE second annual meeting of the Bruce Presbytery of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was held in Knox Church, Walkerton, on Thursday, February 20. Owing to the severe storm of that day many of the delegates did not get forward. Four, however, braved the storm, and drove sixteen miles, and one had courage and zeal for a drive of thirty miles. About sixty ladies were present at the afternoon meeting. Mrs. Gourlay, of Port Elgin, presided, and was assisted in the opening exercises by Mrs. Norman Robertson, of Walkerton. Mrs. Robertson also gave the address of welcome to the delegates, to which Mrs. Malcolm, of Teeswater, replied. Mrs. Gourlay followed with a most interesting and effective address, in which she referred to the failing health of Mrs. Wardrope, their first president, and the pioneer of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in the Bruce Presbytery. The secretary's and treasurer's reports were read and confirmed. One auxiliary and one mission band were organized during the year, making a total of eight auxiliaries and three mission bands, with a membership of 317. Contributions for the year, including a donation from Glamis Aid Society of \$9, were \$515.49; value of clothing sent to North West, including freight, \$450.93. A considerable increase over last year. Are the heathen to be evangelized, if so, by whom? was the subject of a most interesting paper by Mrs. Johnstone, of Paisley, who, in a clear and conclusive manner, proved that the heathen are to be given to Christ for His inheritance, and the grave responsibility of bringing this to pass rests upon us—upon every individual member of the Christian Church. Delegates were present from the Baptist Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and the Ontario Christian Woman's Board of Missions, and conveyed to the meeting the Christian greeting of their respective societies. Resolutions of condolence with Mrs. Ferguson, of Chesley, in her sad and sudden bereavement, and of sympathy with Mrs. Wardrope, of Teeswater, in her severe bodily affliction, were passed with every mark of deep feeling. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Mrs. Wardrope, honorary president; Mrs. Gourlay, of Port Elgin, president; Mrs. Johnstone, of Paisley; Mrs. Little, of Underwood, and presidents of auxiliaries, vice-presidents; Miss James, Walkerton, secretary, and Mrs. Dr. McLaren Paisley, treasurer. A public meeting was held in the evening, Rev. Dr. James presiding. Rev. M. Johnstone, of Paisley, and Rev. Mr. Malcolm, of Teeswater, gave most interesting and instructive addresses. The choir rendered valuable service and enlivened the meeting with choice and suitable music.

The Rev. Alex. Henderson, of Hyde Park, presided at the annual meeting of the First Presbyterian Church, London, which was held lately in the schoolroom. Mr. Bapty submitted the report of the Board of Managers, which stated that there was a slight falling off in the revenue, due to the unsettled state of the congregation. The report recommended that a committee be appointed to consider the appointment of an organist, and the improvement of the church music. That Messrs. E. Hamilton, D. Mills, W. J. Lind and J. W. Ferguson be appointed to act as ushers and take up the collection. That the usual grant of \$50 be made to Sunday school and that the congregation stand while singing, instead of remaining sitting, as at present. The financial statement was also submitted, showing that the receipts amounted to \$3,008.47, and that a small balance was left. Messrs. J. I. Anderson, M. D. Fraser, Gibson, Bapty and Robert Reid were appointed to act with the Session in the matter of music. Mr. Anderson was re-appointed clerk. Mr. A. M. Hamilton, re-appointed treasurer. Auditors—Dr. Hotsca and Dr. Hodge. The report of the Ladies' Aid showed a balance on hand of \$468.10, a total amount raised since its inception of \$1,208.10. The surplus funds had been voted to assist in a grant to Dr. Proudfoot, and they also promised to do their best to assist in paying off the debt incurred. They acknowledged the bequest of Miss Smibert of \$500, as from one of their first and most useful members. The Sunday school report was read by Mr. John Anderson, showing seventeen classes and twenty-two officers and teachers on the roll, and 136 children. The contributions of the school to the various schemes of the church were very creditable. Mr. L. Gibson read the report of the Congregational Missionary Society. The amount raised for missions during the year was \$665.31, distributed as follows: Foreign Missions, \$239; Home Missions, \$167.31; Augmentation, \$80; French Evangelization, \$75; Aged and Infirm Ministers, \$36; Knox College, \$40; Manitoba College, \$15; Assembly Fund, \$8; Wel-lana Canal Mission, \$5. The report of the Woman's Foreign Mis-