

Ministers and Churches.

KEMBLE Presbyterians are building a new manse to cost \$1,000.

REV. WILLIAM MEIKLE, B.A., Queen's, the evangelist, is holding revival services in Sydney, Cape Breton.

THE Rev. Alexander Jackson, Galt, will preach in College Street Presbyterian Church, Toronto, next Sabbath morning and evening.

NINETEEN new members have been added to the Presbyterian Church, St. George, during the year, making the total membership 160.

THE Rev. A. T. Love, of St. Andrew's Church, has been elected Moderator of the Presbytery of the district of Quebec in succession to Dr. Mathews.

MR. G. M. MACDONNELL has received a letter from Principal Grant, which states that he is in excellent health and that he will be in Kingston in December.

DR. ROBERTSON, Superintendent of Presbyterian missions in North-West, has selected A. M. Smith, of Queen's University, as a missionary for British Columbia.

THE New Presbyterian Church at Georgetown, which has just been opened, cost \$14,000, of which \$9,500 is provided for. A \$1,000 organ is to be put in the church at Christmas.

THE anniversary services of the Orillia Presbyterian Church will be held on the first Sunday of December. Both morning and evening sermons will be preached by the Rev. Dr. McLaren.

THE Rev. S. H. Eastman, Oshawa, recently gave an account of his California trip to a large and appreciative audience in his own Church. The sketch included only the westward journey, observations in California and returning being reserved for another evening.

MISS MCGREGOR will, if desired, give addresses on the following subjects to the various branches of the W. C. T. U. or other temperance societies. Drinking Customs in the East, Word Pictures of Indian life, The Fire Worshippers of India. The address, 19 Duke Street, Toronto.

HAWKESBURY and L'Orignal Presbyterians are concerned over the residence of the joint pastor for both places. There is at present a vacancy and each town insists upon having the manse. The outlook is that each village will retain its own pastor, though the financing would be simpler in the old way.

THE Rev. A. B. Dobson, Presbyterian minister at Jarratt's, has been holding a series of special services of late with gratifying success. Rev. A. A. Arketts, of Warmist, is assisting Mr. Dobson in the good work. When the shepherds of the different flocks unite forces, blessing must follow. A great revival at Jarratt's is expected.

A VERY successful five o'clock tea and promenade concert was held by the ladies of Knox Church, Goderich, on the 1st inst. in the town hall. The sum of \$240 was realized. In the course of the evening, the lately inducted pastor, Rev. J. A. Anderson, was presented with a very rich pulpit gown, and Mrs. Anderson, with a handsome silk cushion.

THE Pembroke Observer of a late date said: In the Presbyterian Church, on Sunday morning, the pastor spoke strongly in favour of a large attendance at the Wednesday evening prayer meeting, and said that it should be considered an impertinence for any one to get up an entertainment on that evening, as it was the evening set apart for prayer by the Protestant churches of the town.

MRS. J. C. NICHOLS, of Peterboro', has extinguished the debt of St. Andrew's Church there with a subscription of \$12,000. She also contributed a cheque for \$3,000 to the Building Fund of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church. With the presentation of the Nicholls' Hospital building and a \$5,000 Endowment Fund and her contributions to church purposes, Mrs. Nichols is making good use of her great wealth.

THE Farringdon Independent Church Sabbath school, Brantford, has kindly sent to our Home Mission Fund the sum of \$200 (through Dr. Cochran) towards paying the expenses of a missionary in the North West last summer. Such a handsome contribution on the part of a Church, not directly connected with the Presbyterian Church, should stimulate other Sabbath schools and congregations to similar liberality.

At the meeting of the Presbytery of St. John, held at St. Stephen, Home Mission work was the principal subject for discussion, and in this connection a number of accounts from catechists and probationers were read. Some were ordered to be paid and some were referred. A communication from the Synod of the Lower Provinces was read, authorizing the Presbytery to sell some land at Grand Falls, and also giving them power to manage the McLaggan bequest.

CALVIN Presbyterian Church, Laguerre, held their annual missionary meeting on Thursday, October 18. The chair was taken by the pastor, the Rev. Hugh McLean, who conducted devotional exercises and gave the introductory speech. Earnest and eloquent addresses were delivered by the following ministers: The Rev. Dr. Watson, on Foreign Missions; the Rev. John C. Martin, on Home Missions; and the Rev. J. B. Muir, on French Evangelization.

At a congregational meeting held in St. Andrew's Church, Glencoe, on October 16th, it was resolved to proceed at once with the erection of a new church. The site chosen is that which was occupied by the Burns' Church, destroyed by fire some years ago. The Building Committee have met with a success in obtaining subscriptions such as will enable them to build a church which will be a credit to the village and congregation. This will be the third new Church put up by the Glencoe congregation within four years.

THE Brampton Presbyterian Y. P. A. organized for the season last week, when the following officers were appointed: Rev. E. D. McLaren, honorary president; Mr. G. R. Anderson, president; Mr. Hutton, first vice-president; Miss

McClelland, second vice-president; Miss Haggert, secretary; Mr. John McClure, treasurer; Misses Cameron, Robertson, Dick, Pringle, Robinson, Rowe, and Rachel Ballentyne, and Messrs. McQuarrie Brown, S. McCandless, Buckingham, Andrew Douglass, McLaughlin and Eadie, councillors.

KNOX Church Young People's Christian Association have resumed work for the ensuing season. The following are the officers elected, viz.: Rev. H. M. Parsons, D.D., honorary president; Mr. W. J. Greig, M.D., president; Mr. James Knowles, jun., 1st vice president; Miss Emma Parsons, 2nd vice-president; Mr. John A. Imrie, treasurer; Mr. William McDougall, secretary; Miss C. Ashby, assistant secretary; Mr. R. U. McPherson, B.A., editor; Miss Lillian Winnett, Miss Maria Mackay, Mr. John Wanless, jun., and Mr. Peter Campbell, Executive Committee.

THE communion service in St. Andrew's Church, Strathroy, on November 4, was conducted by the pastor, Rev. T. Macadam. The attendance of communicants has been steadily increasing, being larger than ever before, and twice as large as it was a few years ago. Thirty-five members have been admitted during the year on profession of faith in Christ, in addition to those received by certificate. The pastor preached an appropriate sermon on the text, "I sleep but my heart waketh," and in the evening the Rev. W. S. Ball, of Vaneck, delivered an eloquent discourse on "Abiding in Christ."

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, Peterboro', held their anniversary on Sabbath, November 4. Sermons were preached by Rev. R. N. Grant, of Orillia. Monday evening there was an old fashioned soiree. Addresses were delivered by Rev. R. N. Grant, and the ministers of the town. Rev. Alexander Bell, the pastor, said that he had a very pleasant duty to perform, and that was to announce that they were free of debt through the generosity of Mrs. Nichols, who had quietly put her cheque on the collection plate for \$12,000. The Presbyterians can now be picked out on the streets of Peterboro' by the broad smile on their faces.

THE anniversary services in connection with the Dawn Centre Presbyterian Church were held on Sunday and Monday, October 27 and 28. Services were conducted on Sabbath by the Rev. Mr. McCauley, of Galt, and Rev. S. T. Bartlett, of Dawn Mills, and on Monday the annual tea-meeting was held. Tea was served in the town hall, after which the audience adjourned to the church, where addresses were delivered by Rev. Mr. Tailach, of Dresden, Rev. S. T. Bartlett, of Dawn Mills, and Mr. William Nesbit. The chair was occupied by Mr. T. B. Anderson, of Dresden. The choir of the Dresden Presbyterian Church furnished the music. Proceeds amounted to \$58.

THE West Presbyterian Church, Toronto, Band of Hope commenced their meetings for the season last Thursday evening. There was a good attendance of members, most of whom have been connected with the band since its organization in 1886. The officers are: David Miller, superintendent; Captain Sylvester, assistant superintendent; Dr. Robert Moffat, secretary; Miss Edith Wythe, assistant secretary; Miss Carrie Smiley, treasurer; Miss MacGregor, organist. There is also a committee of management, which has been strengthened by the addition of several active workers. The interest in the meetings has been well sustained, and the work is entered upon at this time with increased expectations. The motto for 1888-89 is, "Do thyself no harm."

THE Tait's Corners Presbyterian Church connected with the Glencoe congregation was opened for divine service on Sabbath, October 21st. The Rev. Professor Ross, B.D., of Queen's College, Kingston, preached in the morning and also in the afternoon, and the Rev. J. R. Johnston, M.A., of Alvinston, in the evening, to large congregations. The services were continued on the following Sabbath, when the Rev. W. R. Sutherland, the father of Presbyterianism in this district, officiated in the morning, and the Rev. Mr. Butt (Methodist) in the afternoon. On Monday, the 22nd October, an entertainment, which proved in every way a success, was held in the new church. The total receipts in connection with the opening services amounted to \$212. The payment of the church is about entirely provided for.

THE Canadian Auxiliary M'All Mission held its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, Nov. 1, in the Y. M. C. A. building, Mrs. E. Blake presiding. The treasurer's report showed that \$539 94 had been collected up to date. An exceedingly interesting letter from Mr. M'All was read, describing the opening of a new hall at Grenelle. This is the first hall built by the Mission. Hitherto the meetings have been held in rented buildings. This is not new work at Grenelle; it is fourteen years since the first meeting was held there. The letter recounted the difficulties Mr. M'All and his co-labourers met with in establishing a Sunday school which now numbers 200. Fresh work has been begun by the Mission in the historic old town of Poitiers, with its 40,000 inhabitants. A pleasing feature of the meeting was a French hymn, sung by Miss McCallum from the collection used by the Mission in France.

THE Belleville Intelligencer has this reference to the lady missionaries designated at Kingston last week. Miss Jennie Sinclair was born in Madoc, and always resided there with her parents until three years ago. After teaching school for one year in Deseronto, she entered the Woman's Medical College, Kingston, to pursue a course in medicine, and has been there about two years. Miss Sinclair was carefully brought up in a Christian home, under the pastoral care of Rev. D. Wishart, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, Madoc. She united with the church about seven years ago, and has been an active worker in the cause of missions. In response to an urgent demand, the Foreign Mission Board of the Presbyterian Church in Canada decided to send two more lady missionaries to India, to engage in the zenana work. Miss Sinclair and Miss Scott have been chosen for the field. Miss Scott, who goes with Miss Sinclair to the mission field, was born at Burnbrae, near Campbellford, and was brought up under the pastoral care of Rev. Dr. McNeil. She was a teacher in the Marchmont Home for two years, afterwards took a partial course in medicine in Kingston, and has lately been engaged in teaching in Manitoba. She

is an earnest consecrated Christian lady and intently devoted to mission work.

THE congregation of East Toronto, held their anniversary services on the 28th of October last. The speakers were Rev. E. D. McLaren, B.D., of Brampton, in the morning; Dr. Caven, of Knox College, in the afternoon; and Rev. J. Neil, of Charles Street, city, in the evening. The little church was full on each occasion, and the speakers evidently enjoyed the masterly discourses that were given. On the following Monday evening the anniversary tea meeting was held. A novel feature in connection was a tent erected at one side of the church in which the tea served. It was all done systematically and none were looked. When the inner man had been satisfied, all took themselves to the church. There was an arrangement on the platform. Through the kindness of the Church choir, those present were entertained with a musical programme of a high order. The Rev. T. T. John was the chairman, discharging his duties with his customary tact and good humour. The Rev. Mr. Wellwood made a short address, and was followed by a more lengthy one from Rev. Mr. Idle. The Rev. Mr. Patterson told a little tales, in which wit and instruction were delightfully blended. It was a well-spent evening, and the only expression of regret uttered was that it did not last longer.

THE Ottawa Citizen, in a recent issue, gave a full outline of the church accommodation provided in the Capital of Dominion. The following is the portion relating to Presbyterian Churches: Rev. Mr. Farries, of Knox Church, said that the seating capacity in his church was about 1,200. The revenue was received from weekly offerings and the pews were free, although they were apportioned to parties who regularly attended the services. There were very few really poor people in the congregation, almost all of the attendants being capable of contributing something to the Church Fund. What poor people were in need of assistance were assisted by a fund, under the control of Session, for the relief of any who may be in distress. said that from a long experience in the city he was convinced that almost all the poor people either attend church, or at least claim that they do. The revenue for the church was derived from the envelope system, and it was found to work well. Mr. Whillans, trustee of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, said. There are about 550 sittings nearly all being taken up. The pews are not rented, are apportioned to the attendants. Whether a worker gives much or little, he can get a seat, and there is no preference in any case. There are not many poor in the congregation, almost all being able to contribute something. There are a few people who have to be helped by the congregation. The envelope system is in vogue in this church. Last year the income derived from that source amounted to about \$1,650. Mr. Hugh Allan stated that there were about 700 sittings in the Bank Street church. The revenue is mainly derived from the envelope system. Almost everyone in the congregation can pay something. Although a wealthy body there are very few really poor in the congregation. The seats are apportioned. Anybody who announces his intention of attending the church is immediately provided with a seat. He is simply asked to contribute what he can. If he can afford to give nothing he is welcome and has a seat of his own. The man who gives five cents a Sunday gets a seat just as good as the man who gives \$5 a Sunday. The name of each pewholder is placed on the seat. St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church has a wealthy and earnest supporter in Mr. Peter Larmouth. The seating capacity of St. Andrew's is about 900. Every seat is filled and consequently vacant seats there are none, with the exception of a few in the gallery reserved for strangers. The pews are rented and an income of \$4,000 is derived from same. It has been found necessary to refuse a large number of applications for sittings. Among the congregations are a great number of what are termed labouring men. Questioned as to the number of poor in the congregation Mr. Larmouth said: They are very few, we attend to them and contribute to the support of a great number outside our own congregation. At the New Edinburgh church there is seating accommodation for 400 persons. The seats are allotted and the revenue is raised from envelope contributions. Erskine church, Rochester, has a seating capacity of 600, with allotted seats and the envelope system. prominent gentleman in the Presbyterian community, marked to the *Citizen* recently, that among the Presbyterians there were literally no poor. It was in the Anglican and Roman Catholic communions that this class was found. He held that there was not a poor Protestant in Ottawa, who, if he chose to attend church, would not have a seat allotted to him, whether he chose to pay anything to the support of the church or not.

THE AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS' FUND

The General Assembly at Halifax last June resolved to appeal to our people to raise \$200,000 capital by contributions, chiefly from our wealthy people, aided by contributions from our congregations generally. The General Assembly Committee for this Scheme have appointed Mr. William Burns, who has been so successful in securing an endowment for Knox College, as agent for this object, and he and Mr. J. K. McDonald, the Convener of the Committee, design soon to commence operations; and hereby solicit for them the hearty co-operation and generous contribution of all our Presbyterian people. There need no difficulty for our Church to raise this proposed capital; our wealthy men take the lead and contribute as God prospered them. (1 Tim. vi. 18.) The greater part of it should be raised by the wealthy so as not to interfere with the yearly contributions to this and the other funds. Ten of our wealthy men each giving \$10,000, or twenty \$5,000 would raise the half of this amount; and one \$1,000 each, or five hundred \$200 each, would raise the other \$100,000. Surely we have enough wealthy men to contribute these amounts, to be paid in three or four years—paying interest on the amounts till paid up. So not such persons dedicate a portion of their means to the service of Him who gave them their power to get wealth.