

## Ministers and Churches.

THE membership of Knox Church, Toronto, has now reached over 1,000.

THE congregation of St. Paul's, Ottawa, have decided to build a new church. This congregation was formerly known as Daily Street.

MR. H. R. FRASER, B.A., has won the Smith Scholarship, awarded in Knox College for the best essay on "The Love of God in Relation to Obedience."

DR. COLLIER has received from Rev James Robertson \$155, being subscriptions from a few friends in Manitoba in aid of the Home Mission Fund.

THE Rev Dr. Sexton preached an eloquent sermon on Christmas morning in Knox Church, St. Catharines, on "The Birth at Bethlehem." There was a large attendance.

THE untimely death of Miss Macneil, eldest daughter of the Rev. L. G. Macneil, the esteemed pastor of St. Andrew's Church, St. John, N. B., is much regretted by a wide circle of friends. Miss Macneil took ill while attending school in Edinburgh last spring, and although the best medical aid was secured, she succumbed to the disease and died recently in the manse at St. John.

THE annual meeting of the Willing Workers, Heady, was held in the manse December 14, when the following officers were appointed for the ensuing year: Mrs. Stewart, president; Mrs. Carr, Miss Brown, vice presidents; Miss Barber, treasurer; Miss Bremner, secretary. The society has been organized for over a year, has raised a little over \$57, sent donation to Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, a box of clothing for the Indians, besides repairing church and manse.

A FEW evenings ago over 100 members of Union Church, Brucefield, congregation gathered at the manse, and presented the pastor, Rev. J. H. Simpson, with a very handsome Portland cutter and beautiful black robe, and Mrs. Simpson with a handsome gold watch, both accompanied with a kindly worded address setting forth the very high estimation in which they are held by the congregation. After a sumptuous repast, social conversation, vocal and instrumental music, and a few expressive addresses, the company parted, wishing their pastor, Mrs. Simpson and family the compliments of the season.

THE induction of Rev. W. W. Percival to the pastoral charge of Richmond Hill and Thornhill took place in the former place on Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 20. The church was comfortably filled with members from the two congregations and friends from the other denominations. Rev. Mr. McLeod, Moderator of Presbytery, presided. Rev. J. A. Grant preached an excellent discourse from the words, "If ye know these things happy are ye if ye do them." Rev. G. M. Milligan delivered the charge to the pastor, and Rev. G. E. Freeman addressed the assembled congregation. After the service all adjourned to the basement of the church, where the ladies of the congregation had provided a social dinner. Mr. Percival received a hearty welcome from all present, and he and his congregations enter upon the work with every prospect of success.

THE usual Christmas examinations were conducted in Manitoba College on December 19, 20, 21 and 22. The number taking part in them was so large that for the first time the large hall was found altogether too small, and one of the class rooms had to be brought into requisition. The classes meet again on Wednesday, Jan. 4, when some additional students are expected to enter the college. A contribution of £100 sterling has again been received from the Presbyterian Church of Ireland. It says not a little for this Church, that its interest and liberality towards educational and mission work in the Colonies are unaffected by the grievous agitation of which Ireland is the seat. The college is already experiencing the benefit in its finances, of release from the mortgage debt; but, on the other hand, a very large outlay has been incurred by necessary changes in the heating apparatus, and by other improvements demanded by a proper regard for the health of those residing in the college.

THE number of Chinese in Winnipeg is not large, not more probably than ten or twelve. A movement was originated some months ago by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Association with a view of promoting their spiritual welfare. The work is carried on under the superintendency of Mrs. Watt, who is aided by a number of earnest Christian ladies. A meeting is held every Sabbath afternoon in the rooms of the Y.M.C.A., and from the first much interest has been manifested by the Chinese in this effort to promote their welfare. Already some of them have attained a considerable knowledge of Christian truth, and may be seen every Sabbath in the Presbyterian Church. Some who have had to leave for other places in the North West have continued to write to their teachers, and are found in attendance on public worship in their new places of residence. Altogether the workers are much encouraged.

THE Young People's Association of the Bank Street Presbyterian Church, Ottawa, assembled last week at the residence of their worthy pastor, the Rev. Dr. Moore, and presented him with a nicely finished study desk and easy chair. The address was engrossed, and was presented by Mr. N. McKinnon. It expressed gratitude for the bene received from the meetings of the association, and the good work it had been enabled to accomplish; warm personal esteem for Dr. Moore, wishing him seasonable compliments and future prosperity and happiness in his work. The *Free Press* adds: The worthy recipient, who was busily engaged in his study, when called on, was very much surprised, but made a very appropriate speech in reply. He expressed his gratification at receiving such a valuable and handsome gift from the Young People's Association. He reviewed the labours of the Young People's Association during the year, and assured them of his hearty sympathy in their work.

THE *Evening Bulletin* of Providence, R. I., says: The vestry of the First Presbyterian Church was filled last evening by the members of the Sunday school and their friends, who met to celebrate the Christmas festivities in proper form. A large Christmas tree, which stood just behind the reading desk, was decorated with the usual ornaments, and a quantity of gold and silver tinsel. To the left of the tree was a large arch of evergreens with the word "Saviour," in large letters, surmounted by a golden star. The exercises were conducted by Dr. T. Williams, of this city, assisted by Rev. James A. F. McBain, pastor of the church, and consisted of an address by the pastor, singing by the church choir, and appropriate songs by the members of the Sunday school. Every scholar received a book and some other useful article, while every person present was given a paper bag containing a generous supply of fruit and candy. The members of Mr. McBain's Bible class did not forget their pastor, and he was made the recipient of a handsome reading chair, and revolving bookcase, while Mrs. McBain received from the members of the Ladies' Aid Society connected with the Church a comfortable willow rocker. A pleasing feature of the exercises was the presentation of a Bible to James Simpson, the boy who had brought into the Sunday school the largest number of pupils during the present year.

THE Ottawa Ladies' College, the re-opening of which we advertised in another column, is one of the important educational institutions in the country, and supplies a want not fully met, and which cannot well be fully met by the ordinary national schools and colleges. It has special claims upon the support of our Church, and both because of the work it has done, because of what it is still doing, the excellence of its staff of instructors and the completeness of its course of study, it deserves a far heartier support than has ever received at the hands of our Church. It is worse than discreditable to Protestants, and particularly so for Presbyterians, having a college like this, to send their daughters, as not a few do, to Roman Catholic schools, and endanger their faith and eternal well-being to save perhaps a little more expense. A very successful term's work of this college closed a few days ago, and a new term will begin on 1st inst. We can cordially commend the Ottawa Ladies' College to the support and confidence of the members of our Church, especially to those in the eastern part of the Province, to whom it has the additional merit of convenience. The situation of the college is exceedingly fine and healthy, and during the past term, in spite of much malarial sickness in the city, not even one case was found among the students living in the building. The terms of the college are as reasonable as can be looked for, and the moral and religious influences are such as to deserve the confidence of the parents and friends of students attending it.

THE Presbyterian cause at Rosemont is prospering under the care of its faithful pastor, the Rev. K. B. Smith, as the following facts will show. Regular attendance has increased from about twenty to at least 120. Number of names on roll March, 1885, fifty five. Number of names added since that date, thirty-two—twenty six by profession of faith, and six by certificate. During 1887 alone twenty-four names have been added—twenty-one by profession of faith, and three by certificate. During this period there have been fourteen removals by death and otherwise. Number on roll at present date, seventy-five. The same hopeful and encouraging state of things prevails at Mansfield. Regular attendance has increased from about twenty or twenty-five to 140 or 150. Number of names on roll March 31, 1885, about fifty-three. Number added since that date, forty-two—thirty six by profession of faith, and six by certificate. During 1887 alone twenty were added by profession of faith and two by certificate. Number of removals, nineteen—four by death, the balance removing from the bounds of the congregation. Present number on roll, seventy-six. Number added to united roll since March 31, 1885, seventy-four—sixty-two by profession of faith and twelve by certificate—of which number, forty-seven—forty-one by profession of faith and six by certificate—have been added during 1887. During the months of February and March seven weeks of special meetings were held, which partly accounts for the marked increase during the past year. A correspondent writes, "This may seem small to some of your readers, but when the uncultivated state of the field three years ago is considered, we have reason to be filled with gratitude for the amount of success which has accompanied the sowing of the seed. The Sabbath school and cottage prayer meetings are also very well attended. The church at Rosemont has also been rejaunted, and new sheds at Mansfield during 1886 and 1887."

PREBYTERY OF KINGSTON. This Presbytery met at Belleville in quarterly session on December 19 and 20. Mr. Robertson was appointed Moderator for the ensuing six months. Mr. George was made agent for the Foreign Mission Fund within the bounds, and Mr. McQuibbin, Convener of the Presbytery's Committee on Temperance. The amount contributed by the congregations of the Presbytery for the relief of the Newburgh congregation, a offering by the was \$342.47. Arrangements were made for the visitation of supplemented congregations east of Napanee, and for the organization of a station at Portsmouth. The following assessments were made: Forty-seven cents per communicant for the Home Mission Fund, 40 cents per communicant for the Augmentation Fund, and 15 cents per paying family for the Presbyterian Fund. Mr. Maclean, Convener of the Presbytery's Home Mission Committee, presented in a forcible manner the urgent claims of the two former funds. It was recommended that Woman's Missionary Societies be formed in each congregation. A petition was presented from Concession, etc., in favour of a minister or ordained missionary, promising for his support \$450 per annum. The Home Mission Committee were authorized to secure a missionary as soon as possible. Mr. Cumberland reported that the Memorial Church, Fredericksburgh, was opened in November, and that \$1,268.46 had been contributed toward it. The name of Mr. Robertson's field will

hereafter be known as Ernestown and Fredericksburgh. A committee was appointed to examine the draft Book of Forms, to report thereunto at an adjourned meeting to be held in Chalmers Church, Kingston, on January 24, at eleven a.m. In regard to the remit on the Constitution of the General Assembly, the following resolution was adopted: That the remit be approved with this alteration, "Instead of reducing the membership the meetings of the Assembly be made triennial." The consideration of the Marriage remit was deferred to the next quarterly meeting. At the adjourned meeting in January, Mr. J. J. Smith, missionary-elect, is to be examined with a view to a license, and if matters are satisfactory his ordination will take place the same evening. A Sabbath School Convention was held under the auspices of the Presbytery in St. Andrew's Church, Belleville, commencing on December 20 at three p.m. There were five sessions held, and the questions considered were of great practical value in the management and prosecution of Sabbath school work. Next meeting to be in Cooke's Church, Kingston, on Monday, March 19, at three p.m. — THOMAS S. CHAMBERS, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF QUEBEC. — This Presbytery met in Quebec on the 20th Dec., Rev. James D. Ferguson, Moderator, presiding. Elders' commissioners in favour of Mr. James Hadie, Sherbrooke, and Mr. Kenneth A. McIver, Lingwick, were accepted. Rev. A. O. Brown, of Miramichi Presbytery, was invited to sit and correspond. A letter from the Rev. Donald Mackay, ordained missionary, Metis, and now in Scotland on leave of absence, was submitted and read tendering his resignation to the Presbytery. The Presbytery with regret accepted the resignation, to take effect forthwith. The Rev. John McCarter, late of the Presbytery of Miramichi, was appointed to Metis for three months. A petition from the congregation of Lingwick and the mission station of Gould, largely signed by members and adherents, praying the Presbytery to take steps toward uniting the said congregation and station was received and considered. After due consideration it was resolved to take no action until the next meeting, in the hope that by that time a basis of union satisfactory to all interested may be agreed upon. Mr. Tanner, Convener of the Presbytery's Committee on French Work, reported for the last quarter. The report set forth that there are eleven labourers engaged in French work within the bounds; that the Rev. T. Z. Lefebvre is meeting with encouraging success in Quebec City—from five to fifty Roman Catholics attending the evening services, a number of whom desire to unite with the Church, that the average attendance of the missionary day school (Quebec) is twenty-seven, a number of whom are children of Roman Catholic parents; that the night classes are attended by five Roman Catholic young men; that the attendance at the school in Ditchfield is decreasing, owing to the opposition of the priests; and that Mr. Charbonnell had, during the year, celebrated three marriages, thirteen baptisms and three burials. On motion of Mr. Weir, seconded by Mr. A. Lee, it was resolved, That the Board of French Evangelization be respectfully requested to intimate to the Clerk of the Presbytery of Quebec any appointment of missionary, colporteur, or teacher, to labour within the bounds, that the work of such labourers may be under the supervision of the Presbytery? The following resolution, on motion of Mr. Charles A. Tanner, seconded by Mr. A. Lee, was carried on division, That in the opinion of this Presbytery, the determination of the Board of French Evangelization to increase the size of the Pointe-aux Trembles buildings is unwise, and that, therefore, they respectfully request the Board to reconsider their resolution, and instead of increasing the Pointe-aux Trembles schools, to open a new school in Quebec or Sherbrooke or Ottawa. Mr. Lee, of Sherbrooke, was appointed Convener of the Presbytery's Home Mission Committee, in room of Mr. Pritchard, who has left the bounds. Congregations and mission stations were urged to give liberal support to the Home Mission and Augmentation Schemes. Mr. MacLeod (Richmond) was appointed *ad interim* Moderator of the Session of Danville. Provision was made for the visitation of augmented congregations. Mr. Pritchard, late of Danville, at his own request, continues under the care of the Presbytery. The congregation of Sherbrooke were granted leave to borrow \$7,000 on their property, for the purpose of erecting a new church. Drs. Cook and Mathews and Mr. Love, were appointed a committee to examine the new Book of Forms. Principal Grant (Kingston) was nominated for the Moderatorship of the next General Assembly. The Presbytery adjourned, to meet in Sherbrooke on the third Tuesday of March next, at eight p.m. J. R. MACLEOD, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF SARNIA. — This Presbytery met in St. Andrew's Church, Sarnia, on Tuesday, 20th ult., Rev. J. C. Tibb, Moderator. The Presbytery took up the consideration of a call from Beaverton and Cambridge in the Presbytery of Lindsay, to Rev. D. C. Johnson, of Oil Springs and Oil City. The call was read with extracts from the minutes of Presbytery and the reasons for translation. There were also read resolutions from the congregations of Oil Springs and Oil City in the matter. Parties were called for. Rev. Mr. McDonald and Mr. George Bruce and Rev. Mr. Johnson for himself. Parties were heard in the above order. Mr. Johnson intimated his acceptance of the call from Beaverton. There was laid on the table and read a call from West Tilbury and Comber, in the Presbytery of Chatham, to Rev. Mr. Leitch, of Point Edward. It was agreed to order the same to lie on the table and cite parties to appear for their interests on the third Tuesday of January next in St. Andrew's Church, Sarnia, at one p.m. Rev. Mr. Currie, on behalf of the deputation appointed to visit the Brooke people, gave in a report, which was received. There was read a paper from that section asking to be organized into a mission station, and asking the continuance of the services of Mr. McKee, at present labouring among them, also promising \$200 annually, and asking the aid of the Presbytery in maintaining services as proposed. Messrs. Lindsay and McLennan were heard in support of the matter. After discussion it was agreed to thank the committee for their