

Ministers and Churches.

THE Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in connection with the Presbyterian Church, Brandon, held a very successful free social in Knox Hall lately.

IN response to requests from many quarters, a full supply of the "Children's Hymnal," in the Tonic sol fa notation can now be had at the office of publication.

A PLEASANT and successful social was recently given by the young people of the Presbyterian Church at Warwick's School, Morris, and was well attended.

THE Rev. R. W. Robinson, of Watertown, preached the anniversary sermons of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Simcoe, on a recent Sunday to large congregations.

A very successful concert was held recently at Cypress River, Manitoba, in aid of the Knox Presbyterian Church. Instrumental music of high standard was well rendered.

THE members of the Presbyterian Church at Elmville contemplate building a new church in that village, the old one being too small to accommodate the large congregation.

THE sermon at the induction of the Rev. F. Cockburn, M. A., into the charge of Dumfries Street Church, Paris, was preached by the Rev. Herbert C. Ross, of Knox Church, Ingersoll.

THE Rev. Mr. McAuley, Presbyterian minister in Dalhousie and North Sherbrooke, lost his voice about a year ago, and, there being no appearance of its restoration, he has determined to resign.

MR. ALEXANDER STEWART, Brussels, for over twenty-five years an elder in the Presbyterian Church, was lately presented with an address and a well-filled purse by members of the congregation.

THE Rev. Mr. Campbell, of Toronto, has filled the pulpit of Burns' Church, Ashburn, for two Sundays. Sacramental services were held on Sunday week, when the attendance was unusually large.

THE Presbyterian congregation of Colourg has extended a hearty and unanimous call to Rev. G. L. Freeman, B.A., of Deer Park Presbyterian Church, North Toronto, with the offer of a stipend of \$1,400.

THE Rev. Dr. McClelland is, to all appearances, rapidly recovering health and vigour. He has not yet attempted to conduct divine service, although he has assisted at several important meetings since his return to Ashburn.

THE Rev. Dr. Moffat, secretary of the Upper Canada Tract Society, gave an account at Weston last week of the work done by the society in Ontario and Manitoba. He afterwards gave a lecture on "The Life and Work of Chinese Gordon."

IT is expected that the Rev. Mr. Brown, the Presbyterian Minister, who had been supplying at Treherne for some time, will, it is expected, upon the division of the district, receive a call from Treherne. Mr. Brown is very well liked and has in his short sojourn made many friends.

THE school room of Lrskine Church, Hamilton, was filled to overflowing last week by an enthusiastic audience assembled to listen to a programme of readings by Professor S. H. Clarke. The entertainment was under the auspices of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavour of the Church, and was thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

THE officers of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of Lanark and Renfrew Presbytery are: President, Mrs. A. Irving, Pembroke; vice-presidents, Mrs. F. T. Frost, Smith's Falls, Mrs. A. H. Scott, Perth; treasurer, Mrs. Charles Frost, Smith's Falls; recording secretary, Miss Lizzie Stewart, Renfrew; corresponding secretary, Mrs. S. S. M. Hunter, Pembroke.

THE annual meeting of Knox Church, Berrie, auxiliary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was held on the 1st inst. The report showed considerable progress during the past year, having raised \$30.46 for Foreign Missions. The following officers were elected for the current year: President, Mrs. James McKinney; secretary, Miss A. Ross; treasurer, Mrs. Wm. Henderson.

THE Lindsay Post says:—The Rev. Mr. Patterson, of Cooke's Church, Toronto, preached in St. Andrew's Church last Sunday, morning and evening, to very large audiences. Mr. Patterson is a young minister of fine talents and is worthily and ably filling one of the historic pulpits of Toronto. He was some years ago at Oakwood and Cambray, and quite a number came in to hear him.

A TEA MEETING was held in the Presbyterian Church, Craigvale, recently. The Rev. Mr. McConnell, pastor, occupied the chair. The Thornton choir sang several fine selections in a very creditable manner, while the Rev. Mr. Savage, Mr. W. Armstrong and Dr. Palling attended to the literary tastes of the audience. Altogether the affair was a grand success. About \$90 was realized.

A LECTURE was delivered about two weeks ago in the Presbyterian Church, Kilsyth, by the Rev. John Somerville, on "Life in Sunny Italy." Those present enjoyed a treat. The lecturer in a pleasing and graphic style described the journey over and through the Alps—the objects of interest in the leading cities—the principal characteristics of Italian life, and concluded by contrasting Italian life with our own.

THE Executive Committee of the Evangelical Alliance begs to intimate that the Secretary, the Rev. Alexander Campbell, has commenced his work of organizing branches of this Alliance, and otherwise promoting the objects of the Society. Mr. Campbell will be glad to receive communications or suggestions from ministers or others as to the work and interests of the Alliance; his address is Cote St. Antoine, Montreal.

A MARITIME Province exchange says: A few days ago an express parcel, prepaid, arrived at Chatham, N. B., for Rev. N. McKay, which proved to be a superb suit of broadcloth, as a token of esteem by his former congregation at Summerside, Prince Edward Island. The articles were made up by Mr. D. Stewart, Summerside, and are of the best quality. It is very gratifying to Mr. McKay to be so kindly remembered by the people of his old charge, from which he has been separated for nearly four years.

ON the evening of the election of officers for the Knox College Literary Society the following gentlemen were elected: J. Crawford, B.A., president; N. Shaw, B.A., J. Drummond, B.A., vice-presidents; J. W. McMillan, B.A., critic; A. Carrick, recording secretary; A. Stephenson, corresponding secretary; F. A. Nichol, treasurer; W. D. Kerswell, secretary of committee; W. C. Ewing, curator; W. H. Grant, T. Mitchell, J. Little, councillors.

THE Rev. Mr. McKay, of Woodstock, delivered his lecture on "Canada and Temperance" in the King street Presbyterian Church, London, last week, and was listened to by an audience that nearly filled the edifice. The reverend gentleman handled his subject in a masterly way, and his review of the temperance question as it affected the material in crests of Canada seemed to impress his hearers. Rev. Mr. Rogers presided, and suitable music was supplied by the choir.

THE services on Wednesday week in connection with the induction of the Rev. John Eadie in the Presbyterian Church, Queen Hill, were very solemn and impressive. The Rev. John Gillies, of St. Andrew's, Paisley, preached a very suitable sermon, and the Rev. J. Anderson and Dr. Scott addressed the minister and congregation, respectively. The call from Pinkerton and West Brant was declined by Mr. J. C. Tolmie. On Sunday week Mr. Eadie occupied the pulpits of his new charge, and preached able and instructive sermons.

At the meeting of Synod of the Maritime Provinces in Charlottetown, last September, the alumni association of the Halifax Presby-

terian College agreed to purchase a copy of the publications of the "Palestine Exploration Fund" for the benefit of the college library. The purchase was accordingly made, and the payment falls due at the end of the present month. The entire cost, including interest and other incidental expenses will be in the neighbourhood of \$140. As yet only a fraction of this amount has been forwarded to the secretary of the association, Rev. Thomas Cumming, Truro.

THE *Norfolk Reformer* says: Too much praise cannot be given to the Ladies Association of Knox Church, for the manner in which they managed their splendid entertainment in the town hall on Thursday evening last. The arrangements were perfect throughout, and the eatables all that mortals could desire. The ladies were determined that all the guests should have a hearty welcome and be made comfortable and they succeeded in their efforts. The stage was nicely fitted up and a good entertainment was given. Mr. Hugh Ivey presided and kept everybody in good humour.

THE *St. John Telegraph* says: The Rev. Thomas Cumming preached at both services in the Carleton Presbyterian Church last week, in the absence of the pastor, Rev. W. Stewart, at Springhill, N. S. The reverend gentleman was remembered by many members of the Carleton Church, who heard him when he preached there some twenty years ago. The memory of his able efforts at that time attracted a large congregation to both services last week, at which the hearers were in no wise disappointed.

THE lecture hall of St. Mark's Presbyterian Church, Montreal, was well filled last week on the occasion of the Young People's concert, the proceeds of which are to be devoted to the paying of the debt resting on the Church. The spirit which prompted the young people is a very commendable one, and they are to be congratulated on the success which crowned their labours in so worthy a cause. The pastor, Rev. John Nichols, occupied the chair, and delivered a few remarks appropriate to the occasion.

THE Rev. E. Scott, of New Glasgow, lectured lately at Truro, on the "Holy Land." The audience filled the hall. The lecture was most interesting. Mr. Scott used the large Bible map of the Holy Land with great effect. Mr. Robbins, who presided, in tendering the vote of thanks to the speaker, said that the lecture accomplished two things. First, it was exceedingly instructive. Second, it confirmed our faith in the Word of God. The Ladies of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, under whose auspices the lecture was delivered, are much pleased with the success crowning the lecture.

THE Rev. Andrew Wilson, of Toronto, lectured in St. Andrew's Church, Pickering, lately, on "Scotland's Martyrs and the principles for which they suffered." The lecturer pictured the death scenes of the prominent martyrs of Scotland during the Protestant Reformation and during the persecution of the Covenanters. The Presbyterian church had gone through the fiery furnace of persecution in Scotland, in order to preserve to us civil and religious liberty, and the fruits of their sufferings should be guarded with jealous care to-day. The lecture was listened to attentively by a very fair audience.

THE corner stone of the new St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Victoria, B.C., was laid recently by the Hon. John Robson, Provincial Secretary, in the presence of a large concourse of people. Addresses were delivered by many clergymen in the city who attended the meeting of the Presbytery, also by the Right Rev. Bishop Oridge, Archdeacon Scriven and others. An historical statement of the church was read, and the document placed beneath the stone with coins, the daily papers, etc. The proceedings were very interesting, and were enlivened by the presence of "C" Battery band. The new church will be a credit to the city.

THE Rev. John Wilkie has received, through Rev. R. McNabb, of Beachburg, \$50, the amount voted by the congregation for the support of native Christian work in India. Mr. McNabb, in forwarding this money, says: "An equal amount, we trust, will be sent next winter. I may say this special effort has in no way interfered with our ordinary contributions to Missions. Our ordinary contribution to Foreign Missions in 1888 was considerably over contributions in 1887. Including \$50, we contributed to Schemes in 1888, \$334; in 1887, \$200; in 1884, \$134. This is certainly a good showing, and indicates what quiet and earnest effort can do."

IN connection with the Presbyterian congregation of New Carlisle, Province of Quebec, about twenty families in Paspébiac are making a vigorous effort for the immediate erection of a Presbyterian church. Three of these families have made a free gift of an excellent site. The rest have subscribed liberally, so that more than two-thirds of the required amount are secured. The friends of the cause have an opportunity of helping those who have shown that they deserve help by doing all in their power for so worthy an object. The Rev. F. W. George, New Carlisle, P.Q., or Mr. John P. LeGrande, merchant, Paspébiac, P.Q., will thankfully receive any donations for the above objects.

ON Sunday evening last says the Port Elgin Times, the Rev. James Gourlay preached an able sermon on the duties, discouragements, successes and responsibilities of the Christian minister. At the close of his discourse he referred in very feeling terms to the fact that fourteen years ago that very day, March 3, he had been ordained and inducted into the pastoral charge of Port Elgin. During these fourteen years the congregation had enjoyed in large degree the blessing of harmony and progress. In entering on the fifteenth year of his pastorate of this place, Mr. Gourlay confidently relied on the support and sympathy of the whole congregation. As a citizen of Port Elgin, he enjoys the esteem and confidence of all classes and denominations.

THE Rev. James Murray, B.A., B.D., of Wentworth Presbyterian Church, exchanged pulpits last week with Rev. Mr. Young, of Niagara Falls. Mr. Young preached morning and evening to large congregations. In the morning he spoke from the words, "Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children" (Eph. v. 1). At the close of his sermon he bitterly denounced the desecration of the Lord's Day by the railway companies at the Falls and by the opening of the Welland Canal, and appealed to the Christian public to assist in the movement to stop all such desecration. In the evening he preached from the text Matt. xix. 20, "What lack I yet?" A Society of Christian Endeavour has been formed in connection with the Wentworth Church.

THE Women's Foreign Missionary Society in connection with the Toronto Presbytery held its annual meeting in Cooke's Church, yesterday. Mrs. G. H. Robinson presiding, and a large audience present. The following officers were elected: Mrs. W. B. McMurrich, president; Mrs. Brimer, Mrs. Bell and Mrs. Argo, vice-presidents; Miss George, Secretary; Miss Reid, Treasurer. The secretary's report showed that thirty-one auxiliaries and sixteen mission bands were under the control of the association. The report of the treasurer showed that during the year \$5,000 has been collected. Miss Smellie gave a very interesting reading on "The North-West Indians," and Mrs. McCurdy read an able paper on "Missions." Mrs. John Harvie had charge of the question drawer.

THE *Bradford Witness* says: Last Sabbath evening was devoted by the pastor of the Presbyterian Church to a service for the children, who by a special request assembled, and at an early hour filled up the centre of the church. There was also a good congregation present. The service was very pleasant and interesting throughout. The sermon was listened to most attentively by the children, and we hope many of the simple truths received. The "sweet story of old" was woven afresh from Paul's words to Timothy in his first epistle, first chapter, fifteenth verse. "This a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ came into the world to save sinners." Though already plain, it was further beautifully simplified and illustrated in a manner most suitable for the conception of the children.

THE *Stratford Dispatch* states that at last communion in St. Andrew's Church, of which the Rev. T. Macadam is pastor, three

adults were baptized previous to being admitted to membership, and seventeen new members received, eleven on profession of faith in Christ, and six by certificate. The number partaking on March 3 was the largest that has ever attended, the membership is steadily increasing at each communion in spite of very numerous removals, till on this occasion there were more than twice as many as participated a few years ago. After mentioning a very interesting meeting of the Church-Guild attended by nearly 100 young people the same evening, the *Dispatch* says of the whole day: "No one present could fail to be impressed with the healthy and vigorous condition of the congregation."

A VERY successful anniversary meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in connection with Ebenezer Church, Saltspings, Pictou, N. S., was held recently, the pastor, Rev. J. A. Cairns, presiding. The church was well filled with an attentive and appreciative audience. Appropriate music was rendered by the choir, kindly assisted by members of the choir of St. Luke's Church and other friends. Miss Lena Fraser, of Hopewell, presided at the organ. Interesting and practical addresses were made by the Rev. Mr. McLean, of Hopewell, the Rev. Mr. Forbes, of Durham, and the Rev. Mr. Fitzpatrick, of Saltspings. The meeting was very enjoyable and profitable. At the close a collection of \$18 was taken in aid of the society. During the three years of its existence this society has manifested commendable zeal and liberality in mission work, and promises well for the future.

THE current issue of *Queen's University Journal* contains the list of Ottawa and Montreal subscribers to the Jubilee Endowment Fund. The leading donors in Ottawa were: Sanford Fleming, C. M. G., \$10,000; McLeod Stewart, and James Isbester, \$2,500 each; John Shultz, M.D., \$1,000; Allan Gilmour, \$1,500; W. Dale Harris, E. H. Bronson, M.P.P., Robert Bell, Sir James Grant, M.D., Paterson and Law, and James Gordon, \$500 each. In Montreal the chief subscribers are: Andrew Allan, \$5,000; Thomas A. Dawes and R. G. Reid, \$2,500 each; J. Bennett and J. P. Dawes, \$1,000 each; James Barclay, Robert Campbell, D. Macmaster, A. G. McLean, Hugh McKay, A. T. Drummond, Mrs. James Johnston, Mrs. J. Aitken, A. F. Gault, Colin McArthur, Alexander Ewan, James Cantlie, Hugh McLennan, John Morrison, John C. Watson, John Hope, and Andrew J. Dawes, \$500 each.

THE *Georgetown Herald* says: The Rev. Dr. Moffat, secretary of the Upper Canada Religious Tract and Book Society, presented the claims of this society in the Presbyterian Church last Friday evening, to a rather small audience. The society has at present working under its auspices five colporteurs, who are working respectively in the Muskoka regions, the Madoc fields, counties of Huron, Bruce and Perth, in Manitoba, and among the sailors on the Welland Canal. Within the last six months, three of these men have travelled as many as 2,400 miles, visited 6,100 families, and distributed 1,800 Bibles and 2,000 religious books. The object of the society is to reach the poor and needy of every nationality. Rev. Dr. Moffat stated that it was the desire of the society to place twenty-five men in the field as soon as financially able. Dr. Moffat then gave his lecture on "Chinese Gordon" after which a collection was taken.

THE annual meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in connection with the Presbytery of Lindsay, was held in Sunderland lately. Upwards of one hundred ladies of the different auxiliaries within the bounds were present, and great interest was manifested in the proceedings. Mrs. Cockburn, of Uxbridge, presided with grace and efficiency. Upwards of \$300 were raised, besides large quantities of clothing for the Indians forwarded to the Northwest during the past year. Addresses were delivered by the Rev. Mr. Wilkie and Miss Ross, returned missionaries from Indore, India, which must have deepened the interest and enlarged the information of all present in the great work of evangelizing the heathen generally, and especially of elevating the women and girls of the east. The Presbyterians of Sunderland handsomely entertained both Presbytery and Woman's Foreign Missionary Society—some 150 guests—to both dinner and tea in the Town Hall.

THE regular monthly meeting of the Canadian Auxiliary of the McAll French Mission was held recently at Association Hall. Mrs. Blake occupied the chair, and there was a good attendance of the lady members of the mission. After the usual devotional exercises Miss Mary M. Caven, the treasurer, read a statement for the year ending February last. It showed that \$1,326 had been received during the year, and that \$1,200 been remitted to France, whilst \$91 had been expended in incidental expenses, thus leaving a balance of \$35. Since the auditor's report, however, further contributions had been received, and they now had a balance of \$279 to begin the new year with. A letter was read from M. Durlleman, the missionary in charge of the two stations at Rochefort and La Rochelle in connection with the auxiliary, reporting a steady progression of the work all along the line. Miss Tilley read an interesting paper on "Nehemiah, His Life and Work," after which the meeting adjourned.

THE *Canadian Baptist* says: The Missionary day in McMaster Hall for February was held on Wednesday of last week and was full of interest. Mr. C. E. McLeod read a good paper on mission work in Japan. Dr. Kellogg, of the St. James' Square Presbyterian Church, who spent several years as a missionary in Northern India, spoke for over an hour out of his own experience on practical missionary questions. The agreement between Dr. Kellogg and ex-missionaries Hallam and McLaurin as regards missionary methods was remarkable. Dr. Kellogg stated that the views he set forth were views on which the missionaries of Northern India were a unit. We all esteemed it a rare privilege to hear so intelligent a man speaking out of a rich personal experience on such momentous themes. Mr. L. S. Hughson read a well prepared paper on Russia as a Mission Field. These monthly missionary days constitute a very valuable feature of our College life, and we feel that the time thereby withdrawn from the regular work is well spent.

THE reception meeting in honour of the induction of the Rev. Edward Cockburn, M.A., formerly of Uxbridge, to the pastorate of Dumfries Street Presbyterian Church, Paris, was an eminently successful and enjoyable affair. The attendance was large, the provision made by the ladies was of the best, and the speeches were of a high degree of excellence. Not the least interesting feature of the meeting was the handsome recognition of Dr. Cochrane's neighbourly services to the congregation, and this not only during the late vacancy when he acted as Moderator of Session, but for the quarter of a century during which he has been pastor of Zion Church, Brantford. Dr. Cochrane made a neat acknowledgment of the kind words spoken and the gift presented. The large audience was addressed by the Rev. Messrs. Wylie, River Street Church, Paris; Unsworth, Congregational Church; Hardie, Ayr; Pettigrew, Glenmorris; and Mr. Whitehead, on behalf of the Session, tendered a cordial welcome. The new pastor, Mr. Cockburn, made a graceful and an appropriate response to the addresses. The prospects of Dumfries Street Church, under the care of Mr. Cockburn are of the most encouraging character.

THE annual meeting of the Woman's Foreign Mission Societies and auxiliaries in connection with the Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew was held on Tuesday week—morning and afternoon sessions,—in the morning in the basement of the Presbyterian Church, while the gentlemen of the Presbytery meeting were in the church above, and in the afternoon in the church proper, while the gentlemen met in the basement. At the morning session, after devotional exercises, the officers for the current year were elected: Mrs. A. Irving, of Pembroke, president; Mrs. F. T. Frost, of Smith's Falls, 1st vice-president; Mrs. A. H. Scott, of Perth, 2nd vice-president; Mr. Charles Frost, of Smith's Falls, treasurer; Miss Lizzie Stewart, of Renfrew, recording secretary; Mrs. S. S. M. Hunter, of Pembroke, corresponding secretary. In the afternoon, the address of welcome was read by Mrs. S. McDou-