

Ministers and Churches.

THE congregation of Carberry and Petrel have given a unanimous call to Rev. Angus Robertson, of Lethbridge, N. W. T.

THE announcement that the name of St. Joseph Street Presbyterian Church, Montreal, had been changed to Calvin Church turns out to be incorrect. St. Joseph Street Church retains the designation by which it has long been known.

KNOX CHURCH, Cannington, held its annual social on the 9th inst., when the Rev. F. Cockburn, M.A., of Ladbroke, delivered his interesting lecture on the "Sights and Impressions of the Old World." The attendance was good, and the total receipts nearly \$87.

A LECTURE, under the auspices of the College Street Presbyterian Y. P. A., will be delivered next Monday, 22nd inst., by Rev. Principal MacVicar, on "What Great Men Know but Dare not Speak." A vigorous and powerful lecture may be confidently expected.

On the 20th ultimo, Rev. Alexander McTavish was inducted at Humesville into the pastoral charge of Chater and associated stations, where he has been labouring for the past year by appointment of Presbytery. The field is large, the people are in sympathy with their minister and the minister in full sympathy with the work in Manitoba. The future is promising.

THE Leslieville Presbyterian congregation held their annual social last week, at which May or Howland presided. Addresses were delivered by the pastor, Rev. W. F. Fzrell, Rev. Dr. Potts, Rev. Charles Langford, Rev. E. Baker, Rev. Mr. Hartyett, and Mr. R. McIntyre. The choir contributed to the enjoyment of the audience, and a most agreeable and profitable evening was spent.

On Thursday, January 14, the Presbytery of Bruce met at Tara, to ordain and induct Rev. W. G. Hanna, B.A., into the pastoral charge of that congregation. Rev. A. Tolmie presided and addressed the people, Rev. J. Moore preached, and the pastor was addressed by Rev. J. Ferguson. The large attendance at the induction services showed that the call was thoroughly unanimous, and the kindly welcome he received argues well for a successful ministry.

LAST week, at the annual missionary meeting at Churchill, excellent addresses were delivered by the Rev. D. D. McLeod, of Barrie, and the Rev. J. Cochrane, of Thornton. On the following Sabbath Mr. Goforth, of Knox College, clearly and forcibly presented the claims of missions upon the prayers and liberality of the Christian Church, and in the evening delivered a very stirring address upon China as a mission field. These services were very much appreciated, and large congregations were assembled upon both occasions.

THE anniversary services of the Presbyterian Church, Bridgen, were held on Sabbath, February 7, when able and appropriate sermons were preached morning and evening by Rev. R. Thynne, of Port Dover, to large and appreciative congregations. On Monday evening, February 8, the annual social was held, and proved a great success. Appropriate addresses were delivered by Rev. C. W. Vallick, Rev. J. R. Johnston, Rev. J. Thompson, Rev. G. Grant, Rev. R. Thynne, and Mr. Flemming, of Sarnia. Excellent music was furnished by parties from a distance. The most successful social ever held in Bridgen was brought to a close by Rev. C. W. Vallick pronouncing the benediction. The amount realized was \$204.

THE annual meeting of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Walkerton, was held on the evening of the 21st ult., and, notwithstanding the hard times, the following favourable statement was shown:—Income for year ending with 1885: Plate collections, \$448.57; envelopes, \$883.34; other sources, \$175.65; total, \$1,507.56. Expenditure: minister's stipend, \$1,000; other expenses, \$449.17; total, \$1,449.17. Balance on hand, \$58.39. Average attendance at week night service, forty. The Sabbath school has more than doubled its number. The Bible class in connection with the Sabbath school has risen from ten to fifty. There are eighty-three names on the communion roll, and there were added during the year about forty one, part of the number reported last year.

THE annual meeting of St. Paul's Church, Peterborough, was held in the school room, on Wednesday, January 27, and was largely attended by the members and adherents of the church. The past year has been an eventful one in the history of the congregation, the church having been enlarged and a Sabbath school room built at a cost of \$31,000. There are connected with the congregation 305 families and 620 members. The ordinary revenue of the church, which is raised by weekly offerings, amounted to \$4,689. There was contributed for the building fund \$4,474. The Ladies' Aid Society raised \$3,861, out of which they paid \$3,000 for the organ, putting it into the church free of debt. The congregation contributed \$1,525.33 for the Schemes of the Church. This makes a total of \$14,549 raised for all purposes during the year.

THE Presbytery of Barrie met in the Presbyterian Church, Bracebridge, on Tuesday, 5th Jan., for the ordination and induction of Dr. Wm. Clarke, late of Paris, Ont. The Rev. Alex. Dawson, B.A., of Gravenhurst, presided: the Rev. W. A. Duncan, M.A., of Churchill, conducted divine service and preached an appropriate sermon from 2 Cor. xiii. 5. Mr. Dawson related the steps taken in the case, put the questions of the formula, and offered the ordination prayer, the members of Presbytery all taking part in the laying-on of hands. The new minister and the congregation respectively were then very solemnly and appropriately addressed by the Rev. R. N. Grant, of Orillia, and the Rev. D. D. McLeod, of Barrie. In the evening the ladies of the congregation entertained the ministers and friends in the Temperance Hall, where, after a sumptuous hot supper, the large audience was addressed in telling speeches by the members of Presbytery, Mr. Dawson, the moderator during the

vacancy, presiding. The choir rendered excellent service in giving with pleasing effect some well-chosen selections of sacred music.

THE annual business meeting of the Port Stanley Presbyterian congregation was held in the church on Monday, the 18th ult. The reports read were most satisfactory and encouraging. Eighteen members have been added to the roll during the year. The attendance at the Sabbath services has very much improved, while that of the Sabbath school has more than doubled. The report of the managers stated that the year just closed was the most successful and prosperous in the history of the congregation. The Ladies' Aid raised over \$300 during the year, all of which has been expended in necessary repairs on the church. The whole amount raised by the congregation during the year was over \$1,200. It was unanimously agreed to increase the amount paid by the congregation toward the minister's salary \$50. The following are the names of the managers for the ensuing year: Messrs. W. Fraser, T. A. Meek, E. Ernschaw, James Meek, A. Tomlinson, R. Hepburn, D. Black, D. Cormie, and H. Harris. Messrs. R. Thompson and L. Fleckenstein were elected auditors. A hearty vote of thanks was tendered to Mr. D. May for the energetic and highly satisfactory manner in which he had discharged his duties as treasurer, which office he still holds. The meeting closed with the benediction.

At the annual meeting of St. Andrew's congregation, London, the pleasing announcement was made that the debt resting on the church had been wiped off. From the session report submitted it is ascertained that the list of communicants, after careful revision, contains 619 names. In the past year fourteen members have been removed by death, thirty-two have been transferred by change of residence to other congregations; in all, forty-six. Thirty-seven have been enrolled upon their own confession of Christ, fifty by certificate from other congregations, making additions in all of eighty-seven. The rite of baptism has been administered to one adult and thirty-four infants. The number of families claiming connection with the congregation entered on the pastor's visiting list is 370. The treasurer's statement shows that the following amounts have been raised by the congregation in the year 1885: From church collections, \$2,135.65; pew rents, 2,434.10; balance of subscription list for liquidation of church debt, \$2,000; lots sold in cemetery, \$31; anniversary concert, net, \$140.20; the Ladies' Aid Society, \$220.81; the Foreign Mission Society, \$184.26; St. Andrew's Church Missionary Association, \$773.29; collection for Rev. Mr. Bone's mission, \$10.50; collections in Bible class, \$35; collections in Sabbath school, \$136.41; Presbyterian Association, \$68; collections at Mr. Annand's and Mr. Grant's missionary services, \$25; for London East Church, \$121; total, \$8,315.20. The Missionary Association treasurer's report showed the amount collected for the year to be \$773.29, a decrease from the previous year of some \$200, which is largely attributed to the effort made by the congregation to wipe off the church debt, and which in several cases lessened the ordinary and special sums usually subscribed to the Schemes of the Church. At the annual meeting the Organ Question came up for discussion once more. At a subsequent meeting a large majority voted for the organ, and steps were taken for its introduction. St. Andrew's Church, London, under the pastorate of the Rev. J. A. Murray, continues to make healthy and substantial progress.

IN spite of the inclemency of the weather, a large and appreciative audience met in Convocation Hall, on Friday evening, February 5, when the Knox College Metaphysical and Literary Society held its last public meeting for the session. The chair was taken by Dr. Wilson, President of University College, who presided in his usual happy manner. The opening piece on the programme was a musical selection by the Glee Club, "Let the Hills Resound"; an encore being demanded, "The Men of Harlech" was sung with great spirit by the club. In regard to the singing of the club during the evening, it is sufficient to say that they on this occasion surpassed any former effort. Mr. J. McGillivray, B.A., read an essay on "The City of the Saints and its Suburbs," in which he gave a graphic picture of an Egyptian city of the fourth century inhabited by a band of devoted ascetics. The next number was a quartette, "Evening's Twilight," rendered with great taste, and with fine effect, by Messrs. Gordon, Tibb, Hamilton and Mustard. In response to an encore they gave "Sailors' Chorus." J. J. Elliott, B.A., next gave a reading, "Schoolmaster's Story," with such effect as to show that not only did he enter fully into the feelings of the author, but that he was able to convey them to the audience, which listened with wrapt attention. The Glee club then rendered "Comrades in Arms," which so thrilled the company that an encore, "Laugh, Boys, Laugh" was required to relieve the strain. The subject for debate was "Resolved, That no crime against the State should be punished by death." Messrs. J. W. Rae and C. A. Webster, B.A., supported the affirmative, Messrs. G. A. Francis and D. McKenzie, B.A., the negative. Each of the debaters spoke forcibly and to the point. The chairman, though expressing himself personally in favour of the negative side of the question, decided that the arguments of the affirmative were not refuted by the negative, and accordingly gave his decision in favour of the former. After a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman, the audience sang the National Anthem, and the meeting was closed as the Principal pronounced the benediction.

THE London Advertiser says: The annual meeting of the members of St. James' Church congregation was held lately, Rev. D. McGillivray, pastor, in the chair. The Rev. G. Rowitt was appointed secretary of the meeting. It having been decided to make the church year end on the 31st December, this meeting was held three months earlier than usual, and the reports presented were therefore only for nine months. The managers' report showed the church to be in a highly flourishing condition, and it was duly received and adopted. The treasurer's report placed the receipts for the past nine months at \$1,573.73, which is equal to more than \$2,000 per year. Of this amount \$393.43 was raised by the

Ladies' Aid Society and \$115.60 by the Sabbath school. Both these latter bodies were shown to be most flourishing. The session report showed the number of families belonging to the congregation to be ninety and the number of communicants 152, being an increase of fifty for the year. The number of pupils on the Sabbath school roll was stated to be 135, teachers ten, and officers three. Considering the fact that the opening of Knox Church, London South, affected St. James' congregation considerably, this report was considered highly satisfactory. The following gentlemen were elected to the board of managers for 1886: Messrs. G. Rowitt, James Mitchell, S. Edgar and — Charteris. These gentlemen take the place of Messrs. Jones, Rowitt, McRae and McKeechie, the retiring members. The old managers who still remain upon the board are Messrs J. Irwin, R. Ferguson, H. Omand, W. Webster and R. Munroe. Messrs. A. K. Melbourne and G. Rattray were re-elected auditors. Before the close of the meeting Mr. A. K. Melbourne took occasion to move a hearty vote of thanks to Rev. D. McGillivray for the energy and diligence he had displayed in church work during the year. He congratulated the congregation upon the satisfactory reports presented. They were the best reports he had seen in the church for fifteen years. He said this was owing altogether to the energy, faithfulness and ability of their esteemed pastor, and that to him were now due the thanks of the congregation. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting closed with the benediction.

THE following reports were submitted at the recent annual meeting of Park Avenue Presbyterian Church, London, at which the pastor, Rev. Dr. Proudfoot, presided. The report of the Sabbath school showed the number of teachers and officers on the roll to be twenty-five, and the average attendance about twenty. Number of scholars on roll, 149; with average attendance of a little over 114. Thirty scholars were added to the roll during the year, while twenty-six left, a net gain of four. Receipts of year (including a balance of \$24.66) were \$221.72; the disbursements, \$214.67, leaving a balance on hand of \$7.05. The amount collected for missionary purposes in 1885 was \$200, as compared with \$170 the year previous, showing an increase of \$30. The distribution was as follows: Home Missions, \$60; Foreign Missions, \$50; French Evangelization, \$30; Augmentation Fund, \$30; Aged and Infirm Fund, \$30. The establishment of a young men's Bible class is noted. The superintendent asks the parents to see that their children attend Sabbath school regularly, and have their lessons properly prepared. Acknowledgment is made of the aid given by the congregation toward the support of the Sabbath school whenever appealed to, and the hope expressed that a continuance of prosperity may be enjoyed in future. The mission report for the year expresses satisfaction at the contributions to the several Schemes of the Church, which were \$337.57, an increase of \$27.14 over the previous year. The contributions of the Sabbath school were \$200—a total of \$537.57, and the total increase of \$57.14, or an average per member of \$3.07. This is the highest of any congregation in the London Presbytery. An instalment of the Knox College Endowment Fund also fell due during the year, and probably \$500 has been paid on that, so that the total contributions will aggregate over \$1,000. The committee recommend that the amount contributed be allotted as follows: Home Missions, \$100; Foreign Missions, \$100; Knox College Fund, \$100; French Evangelization, \$29.57; Assembly Fund \$8. The Committee of Management in their report reverted to the statement made last year to the effect that the weekly offering (which had only been in existence two months then) would prove successful, and they have pleasure in reporting a small surplus. The system has proved a great success through the energetic and methodical manner in which the details were attended to by the treasurer, and the equally hearty manner in which the congregation seconded his efforts by making their offerings both regular and liberal. The financial statement shows the total receipts to have been \$2,865.82 (including a balance of \$29.64 from 1885); the disbursements \$2,848.82, leaving a balance of \$17 to 1886. The report concludes: While the Committee cannot but congratulate the congregation on the favourable report they have been able to present, and commend them upon their increased liberality, they would, at the same time, draw their attention to the fact that if members and adherents would increase their weekly offerings by one-half, the entire debt on the church would be wiped out in two years, and they would then be at liberty to give more largely to the other Schemes of the Church.

PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.—This Presbytery met in the David Morrice Hall, on the 12th ult., when a large number of ministers and elders were present. The Rev. R. H. Warden, Moderator *pro tem*. Professor Campbell was elected Moderator for the next six months. Rev. Mr. Warden, Convener of the Presbytery's Home Mission Committee, reported that the supply for the past quarter had not been quite so regular, owing to the small-pox epidemic. With regard to Mr. Cruchet's application at last meeting, which had been referred to the Home Mission Committee for consideration, the committee had appointed Professor Scrimger and Rev. Mr. Warden to visit the Canning Street congregation and report to the Home Mission Committee. Mr. Warden also reported that the Rev. Hugh McLean, probationer, with a commission from the Colonial Committee of the Free Church, was daily expected, and the committee recommended that he be appointed to Laguerre for a time. The Presbytery held a special meeting next day and received Mr. McLean, who furnished proper credentials. Rev. Mr. Heine read the report of French work within the bounds during the past two quarters, giving details connected with the several congregations and stations, showing the attendance and additions to the membership, and speaking very hopefully of the work generally, in the schools as well as in the other fields of labour. The report was received and the members expressed their deep gratification with the facts and tone of the report. Rev. Robert Campbell, Convener of the Presbytery's City Mission Committee, read the report for the past quarter, showing the work of the missionary and the prosperous condition of the fund. The missionary's diary