

Church News.

THE attendance at the Pointe-Aux-Trembles mission school is nearly 120.

REV. WM. DONALD, late of Pictou, was received into Los Angeles presbytery, California, at its last meeting.

REV. DR. BURNS, Halifax, is writing in the Halifax Witness a series of interesting, valuable papers on the "Rise of our Church in the North-west."

MR. SCHIVERRA the well known evangelist, began last week a series of meetings in the West Presbyterian church, city, Rev. R. Wallace, pastor.

SPECIAL evangelistic services have recently been held in Kenyon presbytery of Glengarry, Rev. F. McLennan pastor. The results are very encouraging.

REV. D. MCKENZIE of Earlton, has received a unanimous call from St. Columba church, Lochiel, Ontario, in connection with the Church of Scotland.

THE Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was observed in Cooke's church, Toronto, on Sabbath last, 31st Oct. There were added to the membership of the church twenty-eight, making a total of forty-four since Rev. Mr. Patterson took charge of the congregation a few months ago.

FROM the Evening Bulletin of October 20th, we learn that Rev. J. A. F. McBain, late of North Georgetown, Que., was inducted on the 27th ult. into the pastorate of Clifford street Presbyterian church, Providence, R.I. At the anniversary services on the following evening, Mr. McBain received a very warm welcome from his new congregation.

THE anniversary service of Dawn Centre Presbyterian church were held on Sabbath and Monday, October the 25th and 26th. Rev. Mr. Henderson preached on Sabbath, and on Monday evening a very successful tea meeting was held. Short and pithy addresses were delivered by Mr. John McLaughlin, Mr. Wm. Jordan, Rev. Mr. Henderson, and T. H. Anderson of Dresden; Rev. Mr. Becket of Thamesville, occupied the chair, and the Dresden Presbyterian choir furnished the music. The proceeds netted \$62.50, which leaves the church free of debt.

THE Presbyterial Society of Brandon met in Brandon, Tuesday evening, October 19th. Representatives from Bugley, Humesville, Chater, Brandon and Portage Auxiliaries were present. The President, Mrs. McEwan, stated that owing to her intended removal to Ontario, she was compelled to resign her office. Mrs. MacTavish, Chater, was then elected President for 1887. Mrs. Mackay, Portage and Mrs. Douglas, Brandon, were elected Vice-Presidents, and Mrs. Irwin of Brandon, Corresponding Secretary. The remaining officers elected previously, are Mrs. Patterson, Humesville, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Dr. MacDermott, Brandon, Treasurer.

A PUBLIC meeting of Knox Church Y.P.C.A., Toronto, was held Friday evening, Oct. 29th, in the lecture room of the church. There was a large attendance, the hall being filled to its utmost capacity. Rev. H. M. Parsons, Hon. President, occupied the chair and delivered an excellent opening address. The following contributed in an able manner to the musical and literary part of the programme: Miss Gussie Wilson, Miss Annie Wilson, Miss Scott, Miss Fox, and Messrs. Major and Galbraith. Refreshments were served by the ladies during the evening, and on motion of Mr. J. Knowles, Jr., seconded by Mr. H. Hancock, a hearty vote of thanks was given to those who had contributed to the enjoyment of the evening.

FROM all directions says the Halifax Witness, we hear of preparation for special evangelistic services during the winter. Presbyteries are arranging conferences on the subjects and making special efforts to reach the unevangelized—those who are not usually under the influence of the Gospel. Brethren help one another to conduct series of meetings. Great results are expected, and are prayed for. The experience of many of our churches during the past year encourages a renewal and extension of special effort. Pastors who have been toiling faithfully for years, sowing much and reaping little, are often gladdened with great in-gatherings in connection with a series of special services. But perhaps the main object should be to reach those who habitually neglect the Gospel.

DR. LYALL of the English Presbyterian mission to China, lately occupied the pulpit of Fort Massey church, Halifax. He gave an interesting description of the portion of the Chinese empire of which Swatow is the chief city, and told of the customs and religious beliefs of the people and of the difficulties in the way of reaching them with the gospel. The method of missionary operations among the Chinese was explained. The hospital at Swatow, with which Dr. Lyall is connected, is an important factor in the work. The progress of the gospel in China, especially during the past ten years, has been very encouraging, the number of converts being double of that in the previous decade. Reference was made to the fact that the first missionary to the district in which Dr. Lyall labours was a near relative of the pastor of Fort Massey church, the Rev. Mr. Burns, who commenced his labours there about the year 1836.

FROM a report on statistics just issued by the presbytery of Brockville we learn that within the bounds of the presbytery there are nineteen congregations and five mission stations, comprehending forty-one places in which Presbyterian services are maintained. The church buildings will accommodate 9,435 persons, which is sufficient for all the Presbyterian population. Of 1,693 families which profess to adhere to the Presbyterian Church, only 1,243 contribute to the support of the Church, the remaining 450 giving nothing. The number of communicants is 2,554. The names of 269 have been added during the past year and 149 removed, leaving a net gain of 120. There are fifteen ministers, 102 elders, and 218 other office bearers. The Sabbath schools in connection have 248 teachers and 2,150 scholars. There are 4,869 volumes reported in Sabbath school libraries. Fifteen manses provide accommodation for as many ministers' families, and six congregations rent houses for their ministers. For all purposes there has been raised during the year \$26,605 as against \$24,615 the previous year. Of this \$22,230 was given for congregational purposes, being a little more than \$13 per family or \$8 per member. Of this \$12,349 went for ministers' stipends and \$4,462 for the schemes of the Church. The Sabbath schools gave \$428.

A CORRESPONDENT writes:—Sabbath, the 21st ult., was an auspicious day for Casselman, and refreshing to the small company of God's chosen ones there, for the new Presbyterian church was opened for Divine worship. The Rev. Principal Caven, of Knox College, Toronto, officiated, and delivered two highly instructive discourses. They were appropriate to the occasion, and judging from the attention exhibited, were highly relished by the audiences. The church is a neat and handsome structure, well planned, admirably proportioned, and tastefully executed so far as it is advanced. As yet it is incomplete; but when finished will prove a pattern of modest simplicity, neatness, taste, and comfort. It reflects at once great credit on the accomplished architect, Wm. Miller, Esq., who has spared neither pains nor labour in the superintendence of the work; and also, on the piety and fortitude of the working few, who have so nobly begun this arduous undertaking, and so faithfully and energetically prosecuted it thus far. The following evening, Monday 25th ult., a social was held, which was also well attended, and passed off very pleasantly and profitably. Excellent and timely addresses were delivered by Revs. F. W. Farries and G. Clark of Ottawa; and afterward an agreeable season of social converse was spent. A bountiful repast was provided by the ladies. About one-half of the debt upon the church was wiped off by the generous and impromptu contribution of a few friends present; it was supposed that there would be little difficulty in obtaining the remainder by-and-by; all this reflecting highest honour on the little mission at Casselman. Then, by the help of friends from abroad, the whole edifice will be creditably finished without much, if any, encumbrance left. Throughout all the services the choir performed their part very well, and contributed not a little to the enjoyment of this convivial evening. Something of a novelty was introduced, which excited some merriment and added considerable zest to the evening's entertainment—viz., a Gaelic speech and song! On Saturday evening, 30th ult., a few kind friends met at the house of the Rev. Wm. M. and Mrs. Christie, Nepean St., Ottawa, to celebrate their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary. An enjoyable evening was happily spent in pleasant social intercourse, liberally interspersed with music and song. The auspicious and interesting event was duly commemorated, and many warm congratulations were tendered by those present not only, but also by not a few who regretted absence. The presents were rich, varied, choice and valuable.

FROM the Abstract of Report for 1885-6, presented to the presbytery of Sarنيا by the Committee on Statistics, Rev. Thos. Macadam, Strathroy, convener, we glean the following: In the presbytery there are thirty-nine churches, constituting nineteen ministerial charges and two groups of mission stations, viz: (1) Sombra and Juthel, and (2) Guthrie church, Black Creek and Wabano. Presbytery clerk, Rev. Geo. Cuthbertson, Wyoming, convener of Home Mission committee and treasurer, Rev. H. Currie, Theford. There are eighteen ministers in active service, and three without charges, viz: Revs. J. McRobie, W. Doak and P. Currie. Of these, fourteen have manses and one a house rented by the congregation. The number of families reported is 1067, and the number of communicants 2,893. The number of members added during the year by profession was 282. Net gain of membership over last year, 385. There were 192 baptisms, 172 being infants and 27 adults. There was reported a staff of 114 elders, and 193 other office bearers. To the twenty-three congregational prayer meetings there gathered weekly 863 worshippers, or an average of thirty-eight for each. There are thirty Sabbath schools, about 300 teachers, etc., and about 3,000 scholars. Eleven congregations have missionary associations. Our ministers receive annual stipends averaging \$900 each, being about the average for the whole Church. The presbytery received from the augmentation fund \$899 last year, and contributed to the fund \$366. Our total payments for all purposes were \$32,058, being at the rate of \$1,781 for each ministerial charge. Of this, \$27,125 was expended for congregational purposes, being an average for each pastoral charge of \$1,595. And \$3,582 was paid to the missionary and other schemes of the Church. One large congregation and the mission stations did not report. These would have increased the above figures considerably. Two manses have been built during the year, one at Theford, the other at Camlachie; and the Aberarder congregation have built a church. The attention of congregations is specially requested to the resolution of last General Assembly. "That it be an injunction to presbyteries to instruct congregations to change their year, where necessary, so as to correspond with the calendar year." Of our ministers 489 have manses, and fifty-five have houses rented for them by their congregations. There were thirty-two new churches built during the year, and sixteen manses. The total increase of the income of the Church over the previous year was \$22,600. It would have been very much greater but for a decrease in the synod of Montreal and Ottawa of \$24,970, and in the synod of Hamilton and London of \$8,631.

OBITUARY.

MR. ALEX. ANDERSON.

ON Sunday morning, October 17th, there passed from the earth another of those old settlers, who by their piety and sturdy worth have done so much for this country. We refer to the late Mr. Alex. Anderson, of Gloucester. At the time of his death he was an elder in St. Paul's church, Ottawa, and had been in the eldership for over forty years. Born in Selkirk, Scotland, in 1808, he came to this country in 1837 and settled in what was then known as Bytown. Since that time until his death he has not ceased to pray for and to labour for the welfare of Zion with a sincerity and an earnestness that made an impression on all who knew him. He was remarkable for the simplicity, directness and earnestness with which he led his fellow-worshippers to the throne of grace, and there are many living who have reason to bless his prayers as well as his earnest, faithful entreaties, teachings and administrations. His life had been fully rounded out. His work was done. His family had grown up and were all following in his footsteps. His last words "Come quickly Lord Jesus" were singularly appropriate to the man's life and faith. Such men are the real strength and glory of our Church. God grant that as one after another they are removed from our midst, others may be raised up to take their places.

MRS. FENWICK.

JANET ARCHER, widow of the late John Fenwick, and mother of the Rev. Thos. Fenwick, died at Vaughan, Ont., on the 26th of October, aged eighty-seven years. With her has passed away another

"old landmark." In 1831, she came from Scotland with her husband and their only child to Toronto, then called York, where they lived twenty years. She was about the last survivor, if not the very last, of the first communicants in the St. Andrew's church in Toronto, now no longer standing. She prepared for the occasion the bread used at the first communion in it. She lived twenty-two years in Melts, Que., with her son who was pastor of the Presbyterian church there. With real sorrow, the Protestants, and several of the Roman Catholics there, and many of the summer visitors, will hear of her death. She is held by them in loving remembrance on account of her kindness. Many a time she has put herself to great trouble and inconvenience for the good of others. Her needlework and the proofs which she gave of her mechanical skill, have been greatly admired by many. Best of all, we have good reason to believe that she loved the Saviour. She delighted to attend the ordinances of God's appointment. No tiffing reason kept her from them as long as she was able to attend them. About the beginning of last month she caught a cold, from which she suffered greatly for some time. Though she recovered from it, she sank under the weakness in which it left her. Her son, who has hardly ever been absent from her since his return from Europe at the beginning of the year, was beside her when the Lord took her from him. He has to journey here below without her for but a few years at the longest. He shall meet her again. He looks forward to doing so where there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things shall have passed away. T. F.

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MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERY.

BRANDON.—An adjourned meeting of the presbytery of Brandon was held in Carberry on the 27th and 28th October. The following ministers were present: Messrs. Duncan (moderator), Todd, McTavish, Haig, Anderson, Omand, Simpson, Mowat. Elders present: Messrs. Douglas, Elder and Humphries. Messrs. Currie and Rowand of Regina presbytery, and Mr. J. W. Bell of Methodist Church, Carberry, being present were invited to sit as corresponding members. The clerk being absent, Mr. A. McO. Haig was appointed to act as clerk pro tem. The presbytery then proceeded to induct Mr. D. Anderson, B.A., to the charge of Carberry congregation. Mr. Todd of Minnedosa, delivered an able sermon from the text, John xvii. 17: "Sanctify them through Thy truth; Thy word is truth." treating—1. The object implored; the sanctification of all believers. 2. The means employed—the truth—God's word. 3. The sanctifier—God. After the usual questions had been put and answered, the right hand of fellowship was extended to Mr. Anderson. Mr. Mowat addressed the minister, taking as his text the charge of Paul to the Ephesian elders, Acts xx. 28, showing the duty of the pastor to be first to himself and then to his flock. Mr. McTavish addressed the people, setting before them their duties in relation to their newly elected pastor. Mr. Douglas reported having moderated in a call from congregation of Virden, in favor of Mr. A. Currie. After hearing the commissioner a deputation was appointed to visit Virden and stations associated to arrange some preliminary affairs, after which the call is to be placed in the hands of Mr. Currie. The deputation is composed of the following members of presbytery: Messrs. Duncan, Douglas and Rowand. They are also empowered in case Mr. Currie accepts the call to arrange for his induction. Mr. Sutherland reported that he had moderated in a call at Souris, in favor of Mr. W. M. Omand. This was on motion received and sustained as a regular gospel call and placed in the hands of Mr. Omand; and as Mr. Omand signified his acceptance, arrangements were made for his induction to take place on Tuesday, November 16th, at three p.m., the moderator of presbytery to preside, Mr. Anderson to preach, Mr. Douglas to address the minister, and Mr. Sutherland the people. Mr. Ogilvie was appointed to the charge of Rapid City.

ST. JOHN.—Presbytery met in St. Andrew's Kirk, St. John, 26th October, and being constituted, Rev. J. A. McLean was appointed moderator for next six months. Rev. A. McDougall, previous moderator, was thanked for discharge of the duties of his office during his term. Rev. James Gray's application for leave to retire was taken up. After deliberation, motion was passed expressing regret that Mr. Gray should see it necessary to adhere to his request, and releasing him from the pastoral tie, after application to that effect has been made and approved by next General Assembly. Mr. Millen's application for leave to retire was taken up, when on motion it was agreed to place the matter, with recommendation to grant, before next General Assembly, and place Mr. Millen on the Aged and Infirm Minister's Fund, after which the severance of the pastoral tie to be carried into effect. Mr. Fotheringham presented a report of the committee on Systematic Benevolence, making important recommendations regarding the carrying out of the scheme, which were adopted. The report was ordered to be printed. Moderation in Caleb, St. George and Pennfield, being asked for was granted, the moderator of session being empowered to moderate when it appeared to him judicious to do so. Mr. Bruce presented report on Augmentation, recommending allotment with reduction of ten per cent. on past year. The report was adopted. Arrangements were made for the ordination of Mr. McLennan in connection with the mission charge of McAdam and Vameboro', on the 9th November. Several reports from catechists were presented by Mr. Stuart, convener Home Mission Committee and approved. Reports of administering the communion in mission fields were received from Mr. Gray and Mr. Murray and approved. A deputation was appointed to visit New Kincardine and Richmond, to stir up the people to better support of ordinances among them. Mr. McLeod's application to have a certain literary status recognized with the view of shortening the term of study for the ministry, was referred to Examination Committee. Application of Mr. F. W. Murray to like effect was also referred to Examination Committee. It was agreed meantime to recommend Home Mission Committee to give him employment in some suitable field. Appointments of delegates to next General Assembly are to be made at meeting of presbytery in March.—JAMES BENNET, Clerk.

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