

## Ministers and Churches.

THE Rev. Hugh Rose, of Elora, gave his illustrated lecture, "A Walk Through Rome," in Knox Church, Guelph, last week. The lectures of Mr. Rose have been viewed and listened to with the greatest delight where they have been given.

DR. REID has received, from "A Friend to Missions," \$500 for North-West Missions. Will the liberal donor kindly let Dr. Reid know whether the gift is intended for Home Mission work, or for work among the Indians, the latter being under the direction of the Foreign Mission Committee?

THE Canadian Auxiliary of the McAll Mission held their monthly meeting in the Mission Hall, Thursday, April 1, with an increased attendance, showing more interest in this work. Interesting articles were read on the work carried on in France. The treasurer reports \$39 on hand. At the close of the meeting, \$10 was handed in as a first instalment for a life membership; \$25 constituted any one a life member.

THE able lecture recently delivered in College Street Presbyterian Church by Principal MacVicar, of Montreal, is, by special request, to be repeated in Central Presbyterian Church, this city, on Thursday, 15th inst. The subject—"What Great Men Know but Dare Not Speak Of, or Romanism in Quebec,"—is of the greatest interest and importance, and the learned lecturer, intimately conversant with his theme, speaks out right manfully.

A SHORT time since, Mr. S. M. Mash, student of Knox College, who has been labouring at Big Bay during the winter months, was agreeably surprised by a visit from the young people of Big Bay congregation, who presented him with a handsome Bible, as a token of their esteem and appreciation of his labours among them. After an enjoyable evening, and partaking of the good things provided by the young ladies, and an appropriate psalm read, and prayers offered, the young people left for their homes highly delighted with the evening's enjoyment. This is only one of the many tokens of the people's good will in this field.

THE ladies of the Scotch Presbyterian Church, New Jersey, gave their annual soiree and supper lately, which was well attended and very enjoyable. The new pastor, Rev. D. Mitchell, occupied the chair. After singing and the doxology, Mr. Imbrie congratulated the congregation on the auspicious circumstances under which they were met. He had known their pastor many years, and said he could not but anticipate a bright future for the church. Two students from Queen's College, Kingston, Messrs. McLaughlin and McNaughton, spoke kindly of Rev. Mr. Mitchell and his work in Canada, and predicted a successful pastorate. Rev. J. Carmichael, M.A., of Norwood, Ont., stated that Mr. Mitchell was one of his warmest friends, and there was no man for whom he had a greater respect. He then delivered a thoughtful and telling address upon "Order," in which he commended this principle for successful church work.

THE Rev. T. R. Welch, D.D., United States Consul at Hamilton, died from heart disease very suddenly on the night of the 26th inst. Deceased was born at Nicholasville, Ky., on September 25, 1825. He was a graduate of Centre College, Danville, Ky., also of Princeton Theological Seminary. He was a clergyman of the Presbyterian Church for thirty five years, twenty five of which were spent in the pastorate of the First Presbyterian Church at Little Rock, Ark. Poor health caused him to resign his pastorate, and in June last he entered upon the duties of United States Consul at Hamilton. Dr. Welch made a favourable impression upon the people of Hamilton from the first, and his death has cast a gloom over his friends, and especially the congregation of Knox Church, by whom he was revered. His remains were taken to Little Rock for interment. Funeral services were held at Hamilton; the pall bearers were Revs. Messrs. Sealer, Fletcher, Lyle, Laidlaw, Goldsmith and Dr. Burns. The flags on the public and other buildings in the city were displayed at half mast in respect to his memory.

On the 25th inst., after a thorough renovation, the basement of Knox Church, Embro, was re-opened. Rev. James Little, of Princeton, preached at eleven a.m., and Rev. W. Wylie, of Paris, at half-past seven p.m. The people turned out well, and were rewarded by being privileged to hear very able and impressive discourses. About two years ago the auditorium of this church underwent a renovation, costing about \$900; and the whole amount was put down on the collection plate on the day of the re-opening. Again, in connection with the present renovation, to the extent of about \$500, the congregation had the satisfaction of returning to their homes with the pleasing thought that all was paid. The basement has been divided into a large lecture room, Bible class, and infant class rooms, with a comfortable vestry. The whole basement is now bright, cheerful, well ventilated, and as suitably adapted to Sabbath school work as any school room in Western Ontario. It is very encouraging to the pastor (Rev. Gustavus Munro), who is about completing a pastorate of thirteen years, to find that the young people of the congregation, under whose auspices the present renovation was undertaken, have been able to commensurate the work so satisfactorily. Knox Church, Embro, believes in keeping out of debt.

THE anniversary services of the First Presbyterian Church, Brantford, commemorative of the opening of the new church, were observed on the 14th and 15th of March. On Sabbath, 14th, the services were conducted by the Rev. Wm. Wylie, of Paris, who preached suitable sermons both morning and evening. His sermons are spoken of as being very acceptable, and his preaching of a very high order, and fresh and forcible in the manner of presenting the truth. On Monday evening the usual tea meeting was held. It was more than usually successful in every respect. The audience was larger than formerly, nearly 500 people being present. The Rev. Dr. Beattie, pastor of the church, occupied the chair

and spoke very briefly. The Rev. Mr. Sinclair, of Mount Pleasant, who was for three years a missionary in the North-West, and who was at Prince Albert during the rebellion, was the first speaker. He gave much information in regard to the condition of the Indians, and urged the necessity there was for giving them food and also the ordinances of religion. Mr. Wylie alluded to the Indian problem as it exists in the United States, and spoke at some length of the evidences of prosperity he observed in connection with this church in which they were met. The other speakers were Rev. Mr. McTavish, St. George; Rev. Mr. Carey, of the First Baptist Church; and Rev. G. C. Mackenzie (Episcopal), of Grace Church. He expressed himself as having pleasure in being present and stated that he was pleased with the solid, sensible addresses to which he had listened. He also expressed the high esteem he had for Dr. Beattie, and wished him and his congregation abundant and continued prosperity. The choir aided very materially, under the efficient leadership of Mr. R. Fax, to make the proceedings enjoyable. The services were in every sense successful and cheering on both occasions, and the proceeds of the services were about \$180.

THE Rev. Allan Findlay writes: Allow me through your columns to acknowledge the receipt of the following sums contributed for church building in the Muskoka field in answer to my appeal of a few weeks ago, viz.: Rev. R. Hamilton, \$5; Miss Kate E. Moir, \$5. It is not yet too late for any others who may wish to do so, to assist in the erection and completion of these ten churches which must be attended to during the coming summer. As to Sabbath school supplies I have much pleasure in acknowledging the offer of these from Mrs. Abbot, Tottenham, J. Reid, Cardinal, Miss M. Brown, Newmarket, J. A. McCrae, Guelph, Miss Kate F. Moir, Caistorville. Thirteen schools will be supplied by these, but some are still unsupplied. Barrie Sabbath school also donates a library—a few more could be placed where they would do good. One signing herself "a Wayward Lassie" sends \$5 for the benefit of the schools; her wishes will be thankfully complied with. I want in closing to copy just one sentence from her letter as a word of encouragement to the many faithful Sabbath school and Bible class teachers who may read this—who, it may be, despond because they see no fruits of their labours—and, perhaps, it may be taken as a word of direction by many of the "lads and lassies" among your readers who may not consider themselves "wayward," but who, it may be, lack in duty: "I can spare this amount now because through the instruction of an earnest, consistent Bible class teacher, I have been led to systematic giving." More of this teaching, and of this practice as the result of it, would make a wonderful change in the current literature of the Church, fewer of these appeals for help to the weak and struggling or for aid to the languishing Schemes of the Church, and a marvellous increase in the comfort which those who profess to serve Christ would enjoy in their religion. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, ye have done it unto Me."

THE *Orillia Packet* says: The yearly meeting of the Orillia Presbyterian congregation was held lately. The Rev. R. N. Grant opened the meeting with devotional exercises, and gave a brief address, showing what causes the congregation had for thankfulness. Mr. W. I. Forbes, the session clerk, read the address of the session. It expressed gratitude to God for the many mercies vouchsafed to the congregation during the past year, referred to Mr. Wm. Harvie being elected as a member of session, to the appointment of a committee of ladies for each elder's district, to an addition of fifty-four members during the year, to the liberality of the Bible class in presenting an organ to the Church, and to the building of the new manse. Mr. G. A. Chase, the treasurer, read the financial report. It stated that, notwithstanding the extraordinary expenses, amounting to over \$300, connected with the building of the new manse, the income for the year met the expenditure, less the small sum of \$44.57, and that this deficiency was far more than covered by arrears. Mr. T. J. Decatur, the secretary, read the report of the Sabbath school. It showed increase and progress. There are thirty-one teachers and officers, and 314 scholars, divided into twenty-five classes. The average attendance for the year was 204. The infant class, still so efficiently taught by Mrs. P. Bertram, numbers 123. On a new library \$100 have been laid out. The total income, including the balance of last year, was \$319.93. Mr. W. I. Forbes, the treasurer, read the report on the Schemes of the Church. It stated that the amount contributed for these purposes was, including a contribution of \$30 from the Sabbath school for Point-aux-Trembles Institution, \$576. Summing up the several financial items, they are as follows: Lord's Day offerings and contributions, \$2,257.23; Sabbath school, less \$300 for missions, \$289.93; Bible class, less expenses, \$253.00; Schemes of the Church, \$576; Cemetery Fund, \$204.04; Miscellaneous, \$100; total, \$3,771.40.

ANNIVERSARY services have just been held in Angus and New Lowell. In Angus, on February 21, Rev. D. D. McLeod, of Barrie, preached morning and evening, and Rev. G. Hewitt (Methodist) in the afternoon. At each of these services most excellent sermons were delivered in the hearing of large and eager congregations. On Monday evening, February 22, the usual tea meeting was held. Addresses by Rev. Messrs. McLeod, McCornell, Acheson, Hewitt and Cochrane, readings and recitations by Miss Bell, of Creemore, Mr. J. McL. Stephenson, Barrie, and Mr. J. A. Mather, New Lowell, and most excellent music by the Presbyterian Church choir, Barrie, completed a very enjoyable programme. During the evening Mr. McBeath, on behalf of the congregation, presented Miss Esther Cooper with a beautiful gold chain as an expression of gratitude for her kindness in officiating at the organ for the past two years; accompanying the chain was an address to which her father, Mr. Alex. Cooper, senior elder, replied, and after heartily returning thanks on behalf of his daughter, reviewed the marked progress both the congregation and the Sabbath school had made under their present pastor, Mr. Leishman. In New Lowell, March 14, Rev. D. McLaren, of Knox College, preached both morning and evening to large, attentive and delighted congregations. At the close of the

morning service he congratulated the congregation on their prosperity and on their very beautiful church. He said he was glad to know that the Gospel of Jesus Christ was faithfully preached to them every Sabbath, as a beautiful church without a faithful preaching of Jesus is a poor thing. On Monday evening following a social and tea meeting was held in the Town Hall, which proved a grand success. Excellent recitations by Miss Bell, of Creemore, music and readings by local and imported talent, also addresses by the pastor, Mr. Leishman, and the Rev. Mr. Henry, of Creemore, delighted the large audience. Presbyterianism seems to have taken a new start in both these congregations and to be gaining a firmer hold on the people—a success no doubt resulting from the united efforts of the minister, session and congregation all working heartily together. Two years ago Rev. Mr. Leishman was called to this field, then consisting of Angus, Airlie and New Lowell, the three sections offering \$950 per annum. Since induction Mr. Leishman has driven twenty-four miles every Sabbath and preached three times; besides weekly services in different parts of the field. The work has prospered, and now by the sanction of the Presbytery, Airlie is separated, leaving Angus and New Lowell to form a distinct charge offering their pastor, Mr. Leishman, \$800 a year and manse, the change to take place on the 1st April. Airlie, in connection with another station which Mr. Leishman has recently opened, will be placed under the care of a student during the summer. We trust the change will be advantageous and the cause still prosperous.

PRESBYTERY OF SAUGEEN.—This Presbytery met in Knox Church, Harrison. Mr. Crozier was appointed Moderator for the next six months. Mr. Strath gave in a minute of Mr. Nicol's resignation, which was received and adopted. The Rev. J. K. Smith, of Galt, was nominated as Moderator of the next General Assembly. The Presbytery agreed to unite Woodland with East Normanby and Ayrton. Mr. Strath was appointed Moderator of Session. Mr. Morrison was appointed Moderator of the Session of North Luther, Ross and Gordonville. Mr. Strath was appointed to attend to the supply of these congregations. Leave was granted the people of Riverview to build a church. Mr. Wilson was appointed to ordain elders in Riverview and Corbuden, and to act as Moderator of Session when formed. The following are the commissioners to the General Assembly: Ministers, by rotation, Mr. McLeod and Dr. Campbell; by ballot, Messrs. Morrison and Wilson, elders: Messrs. Peter M'Gregor, James Murdock, Alex. McPherson and John Inkster. The reports of parties appointed to visit and receive congregations were received and the grants needed applied for. The Home Mission agent was also instructed to procure students for the mission stations during the summer. A call with relative papers was presented and read, from Free St. John's, Walkerton, to the Rev. Dr. Campbell. Parties are cited to appear at an adjourned meeting in Mount Forest, on the 13th April next, at half-past one o'clock p.m.—S. YOUNG, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.—The quarterly meeting of this Presbytery was held at Kingston, commencing on March 15 and ending on March 17. An obituary minute was adopted in regard to Mr. Daniel Gilmour, representative elder from Tamworth, referring to his exemplary life and the loss sustained by the Church through his removal. The committees appointed to visit congregations in the interest of the Augmentation Fund reported. It was found that certain vacancies would suffer loss by the enforcement of the rule requiring licentiates to spend six months in the mission field, whereupon it was decided to ask the Assembly to rescind said rule in so far as it applies to students in our own colleges. Mr. Maclean presented the Home Mission report. A petition from Sidney, asking for a supply of ordinances, was granted. The Sharbot Lake field was divided into two sections, and the same grants in general recommended for supplemented congregations and mission stations. The following were appointed commissioners to the General Assembly: Ministers, by rotation, Messrs. John Mackie, M.A., James Cumberland, M.A., William S. Smith and John Robertson, by ballot. Mr. M. W. Maclean, M.A., Principal Grant, D.D., and Mr. Henry Gracey, elders, Messrs. John Duff, George Gillies, W. P. Hudson, M.P.P., A. F. Wood, M.P.P., William Craig, A. G. Northrup, and Rev. E. C. McLean. There was tabled a list of the students of Queen's College seeking employment in the mission field. It was carefully scrutinized, and those applying for the first time were examined with a view to ascertain their fitness for such work. The congregation of St. Andrew's Church, Picton, obtained permission to sell a portion of their manse property. Mr. Cumberland presented a report on the Fredericksburgh Church property, and submitted plans for the repairing of the house of worship on it, and an overture to the Synod of Toronto and Kingston thereanent. Twelve students of Queen's College made application to be taken on trials for license. The remit on vacancies was disapproved; that on printing was approved. It was agreed to transmit to the Synod a memorial of the Rev. David Beattie. An overture to the Assembly in reference to the supply of vacancies, submitted by Mr. Maclean, was adopted. The treasurer's report was presented. The Rev. James K. Smith, M.A., of Galt, was nominated as Moderator of next General Assembly. The following committees were appointed to arrange for the dispensation of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at the stations on the line of the Kingston and Pembroke Railway, and in North Hastings: Messrs. Houston and Mackie for the former field, and Messrs. Maclean and Wilkins for the latter. Messrs. Millard and Gracey were charged with the duty of preparing a suitable obituary minute in relation to the Rev. A. Matthews, formerly minister of Lansdowne and Trenton. A public meeting was held on the evening of Tuesday, under the auspices of the Woman's Foreign Mission Society of the Presbytery of Kingston, and addresses delivered by several ministers. An adjourned meeting was appointed to be held in St. Andrew's Hall, Kingston, on Tuesday, 11th day of May ensuing, at ten o'clock a.m.—THOMAS S. CHAMBERS, Clerk.