

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

THE contract for a new Presbyterian church in Urborne has been awarded. It will cost between \$4,000 and \$5,000.

At a united meeting of the congregations of Shakespear, St. Andrew's and Hampstead, held at the former place—Rev. J. K. Hyslop, presiding—it was unanimously agreed to call the Rev. Mr. McClung, of Balaklava.

THE new Sabbath school building connected with the Presbyterian church, Sarnia, was opened with special services on Sabbath afternoon. It is a commodious edifice, and has been very handsomely fitted up.

ON Thursday evening, the 23rd instant, a number of the members of Knox Church, Sutton, called upon their pastor, the Rev. Jas. Frazer, at the Manse, and in the name of the congregation presented him with an address and valuable buffalo robe, and Mrs. Frazer with a fur cap.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, Montreal, one of the finest buildings in the city, is to be still further beautified. Arrangements are being made for the early completion of the spire. Dr. Jenkins is the honoured minister of St. Paul's, and largely through his exertions the debt on the church was liquidated last summer.

A MEETING of the Montreal Presbytery was held in Calvin Church, Laguerre, on Tuesday, Dec. 21st, and inducted the Rev. Telesphore Brouillette to the pastoral charge there. In a district largely French, Mr. Brouillette will not only minister to the old country settlers, but aid in the important work of French Evangelization.

REV. G. M. CLARK, of the Presbyterian church at New Edinburgh, was presented with an address and a beautiful arm chair, and Mrs. Clark with a silver-mounted pickle jar and stand. A suitable reply was given to the address. Mr. Clark has just completed a year's pastorate of the church named, and is popular with the people.

THE Ottawa "Free Press" contains an extended notice of the Christmas festival in connection with the French Presbyterian church in that city, which was held in the Odd Fellows' Hall. It was a most successful entertainment, and must prove very encouraging to the Rev. Marc Ami, the pastor, who has been faithfully labouring in this field for some time past.

ON the 20th inst. Messrs. Robert Macgregor and George McClenaghan waited on the Rev. C. M. McKencher, and in the name of the congregations of English River and Howick, presented him with an elegant and substantial family cutter and a sum of money. This is now the third time the congregations have expressed in a tangible form their kindly feelings towards their pastor and his family.

At the recent special Presbyterian congregational meeting at Whitechurch, it was unanimously agreed to purchase a glebe of five acres from Mr. Thomas Dunn, and to build thereon in the coming season a brick manse and outbuildings. The following building committee was duly appointed. Messrs. James Hamilton, James Martin, John Inglis, H. D. Henderson, James Ross and John Gillespie.

THE Rev. R. Scott, Presbyterian missionary, has received a call from the congregations of Hurns' Church and Brooksdale, Zorra. He has laboured for several years with much acceptance in his present large field, containing the following preaching stations: Midland, Wyebridge, Wyevalle, Penetanguishene, Vasey, and Miller's in Medonte. We understand he has accepted the call, much to the regret of those to be deprived of his services.

REV. J. A. ANDERSON, B.A., of Whitechurch, when spending his Christmas holidays at his father's home at Tiverton, was presented with an address and purse of money by a few of the friends of that congregation as a slight recognition of his services during last summer, when for a considerable time he relieved his father of his Sabbath services by occupying his pulpit. The purse was intended to be used in making an addition to Mr. Anderson's library.

THE anniversary tea-meeting, held in Union Church, Brucefield, on Friday evening last, was a very pleasant and successful affair. The chair was occupied by Rev. Mr. Thomson, pastor of the congregation, and suitable addresses were delivered by Rev.

Messrs. McCoy, of Egmondville; Danby, of Varna; and Livingstone, of Bayfield. On the following Monday evening the Sabbath school children had their tea-meeting, and a right good time they did have.

AT this season of the year every Presbyterian family in the Dominion should make provision for the monthly visits of the "Record"—the official organ of the Church. The price—only 25 cents per year—places it within the reach of everyone, and all should take and read it. Mr. James Croil, 260 St. James street, Montreal, will, we feel certain, be pleased to have thousands of orders during the present month. These should be sent in at the earliest moment possible.

THE Presbyterian congregation of Gloucester held a very pleasant soiree in their new church recently. Mr. Hugh Masson was called to the chair. Tea was served, and judging from the manner in which it was partaken of, all hands seemed to consider that the ladies were good cooks. After tea, the musical and literary part of the programme was proceeded with. In bringing the proceedings to a close, the Rev. Mr. Monroe made a few appropriate remarks, thanking all who had assisted at the soiree.

AN entertainment consisting of vocal and instrumental music, readings and addresses, was held in the Presbyterian Church, Mimosa, on Christmas eve. There was also a Christmas tree. Before the presents on the tree were distributed, the Rev. W. Milligan, pastor of the congregation, was presented with a handsome black Persian lamb fur cap, by the ladies of the congregation. At the same time Mr. W. A. Allyn, student of Theology, Toronto, who is visiting around Mimosa, was also presented with a fine pair of winter gloves, by the ladies. Both the recipients feelingly expressed their thanks for the gifts.

ON the evening of the 23rd ult. a Christmas tree entertainment was held in the basement of the Presbyterian church, Cardinal. The Sabbath school children gratified a full house with music, recitations and readings. "Santa Claus" (in full regalia) then dispensed about \$30 worth of presents to the Sabbath school children, whose number has greatly increased during the year. The last act of Santa Claus there was to present the pastor, Mr. McKibbin, in the name of the Cardinal (Edwardsburg) branch of the charge, with a very good coon-skin coat, worth about \$45. Kind and encouraging words accompanied the gift, which is but one in a series of such favours shewn their minister and his family by the same people.

A SOCIAL, with a Christmas tree, was held on the 17th, by two of the five Sabbath schools in connection with St. Andrew's Church, New Richmond. The building was densely packed, and the young people were made happy by the distribution of 112 prizes and presents. The following scholars repeated the whole of the Shorter Catechism without a mistake: Anne May Campbell, Jessie McCormick, Anne Gilker, Gordon Moir, Wm. Cochrane, Willie Lindsay, Jas. Campbell; and Boyd Doddridge, Laura Gilker, Jane Campbell and Katie Lindsay with one mistake. At the close of the musical programme, short addresses were given by the pastor Rev. Mr. Lindsay, and Mr. R. H. Montgomery, to whose lady the Sabbath school is very largely indebted.

THE congregation of Esson Church held their usual soiree to celebrate the anniversary of the ordination of their pastor, the Rev. R. Fairbairn, B.A., on the 15th instant. As the weather was favourable and the roads good, the meeting was more than usually well attended. Among those present there were several from Orillia. Mr. Drury, Reeve of the township, occupied the chair, and gave an excellent introductory address. Able and instructive addresses were also delivered by Revs. J. Gray, M.A., J. I. Hindley, M.A., and R. Fairbairn, B.A. The choir of the congregation gave some excellent musical selections. The meeting was dismissed at a seasonable hour, with the benediction, by the Rev. J. I. Hindley. An enjoyable social was held on the following Friday evening, which also was well attended. The amount realized from both, \$38.50.

OWING to the unflagging exertions of Rev. Mr. Thompson, of Brucefield, who is moderator for Caven Church, he has, within the past few weeks, gathered together that congregation, and the members are now taking a lively interest in the cause dear to them, so much so, that there are now from seventy to one hundred members. At a meeting on Monday last

week, the following managers were appointed Messrs. Wm. Bawden, P. Lang, James Ramsay, R. Monteith, and D. Wanless. The session had also three new elders added to the list—Messrs. J. Anderson, D. McKay and A. Whiteford. James Ramsay was appointed Treasurer, and Mr. D. Wanless, Secretary. Dr. Lutz and Mr. G. Samwell were appointed auditors for this and last year. It is proposed to at once set to work and adopt some scheme that will wipe off all the heavy debt now hanging on the church.

THE young ladies in connection with the Dunbar ton Branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, held their first parlour social on the evening of the 30th ult., in the house of John Parker, Esq., kindly granted for the occasion. Despite the intense severity of the weather, the social, in all its aspects proved a very agreeable and gratifying success. After a sumptuous tea and its attendants, exhibiting at once the zeal and the skill, the taste and the tact, of the ladies, the Rev. Mr. Kennedy was called to the chair, and the report of the secretary was read, which shewed that while the Society had been three years in existence, the gatherings at monthly meetings by ten cent contributions amounted in the first year to \$10, in the second to \$19, it is expected that this year they will exceed \$30 for this mission alone. The adoption of the report was moved in a few deservedly commendatory remarks by the Rev. John Dunbar, and seconded by J. Parker, Esq. Thereafter an exceedingly pleasant evening was spent, in which readings and recitations, vocal and instrumental music, at once excellent and appropriate, formed the chief part of the entertainment.

THE South Mountain Presbyterian church, which has been erected during this year, was opened and dedicated to God for His worship, on Sabbath the 19th ult. The Rev. F. McQuaig, of Chalmers' Church, Kingston, officiated at the several diets of worship. His services made a deep impression upon the audience. His sermons were appropriate to the occasion, very instructive, and such as refresh the soul. Divine service was conducted three times during the day, and the church was insufficient to accommodate the number of people who came up to worship at the evening service. It was supposed that over one hundred people had to return home, not even being able to get standing room around the door. The church is constructed to seat about two hundred and fifty. The Rev. A. Henderson opened this station two years ago, beginning with ten families, and, through the energy and perseverance of pastor and people, the Presbyterians have the most handsome edifice in the village, and one situated on the most commanding site. The church has no encumbrance, and the pastor begins his work afresh with the new year, with every symptom of continued prosperity.

A NUMEROUSLY attended social was held at the manse of South Gower, on the 7th inst., in order to afford an opportunity to the members and adherents of the Rev. J. Leishman's charge, to bid him farewell on occasion of his leaving for another field of labour. The manse was crowded to its utmost capacity, with not only persons belonging to the congregation, but many other friends. After an ample supply of refreshments had been served, the assembled friends were entertained with vocal and instrumental music; and as the evening advanced, a chairman having been chosen, the meeting was called to order, and two addresses from the South Gower and the Mountain branches respectively of the rev. gentleman's charge were read, accompanied by a present to Mrs. Leishman of a beautiful silver butter-cooler, spoon-holder and spoons, and to Mr. Leishman of a purse of money. These addresses expressed the great regret felt by his people at Mr. Leishman's departure, but their prayer that he might be blessed in his new field of labour. Sentiments similar to those in the addresses were also expressed by some members of Presbytery present, and elders from neighbouring congregations.

THE new manse of Claude was taken possession of last Tuesday evening, 28th ult., by well nigh 100 of old and young, from the Claude congregation. An address, signed by Mrs. Wm. Akitt and Mrs. John Smith, on behalf of the congregation and friends, and read by Charles Robinson, M.D., M.P.P., was presented to Rev. R. D. Fraser, M.A., the pastor, in which reference was made to his earnest labours during his ministry in the place, and best wishes were offered for his future success, and for the health and happiness of Mrs. Fraser and their children. The