

## Intelligence.

### Annual Report of St Mary's Church, Partick, Glasgow.

We have received the congregational report of the above church, now ministered to by the Rev. C. M. Grant; and, as many of our readers are deeply interested in Mr. Grant, and as the report itself must be gratifying to every lover of the Church, from the remarkable progress it chronicles, we make no apology for giving a brief abstract of it in the *Record*, to whose pages his brilliant letters from India were always so welcome.

With regard to additions to the Communion Roll in 1872, they numbered no fewer than 221, 80 of these being for the first time, and 141 by certificate. That there was no corresponding loss is shewn by the fact that at the regular October communion, 1871, the total number communicating was 326. In October, 1872, the number rose to 530. The roll has been thoroughly purged, and now shows a membership of 620. The Communion is administered three times a year, and the rule is, that absence from the three communions, without satisfactory explanation, is taken as evidence that the member has either "left" or "lapsed."

As to the Sunday School, the Superintendent's Report shews that during 1872, the average attendance of scholars was 335, and of teachers 45; number on roll 406 scholars and 48 teachers. We cut the following paragraph from the Report, signed by the Superintendent and the Secretary of the school:—

"We have much pleasure in laying before you this Report, because we think it indicates the existence of a life and energy in the Sabbath school which cannot fail to be gratifying to all who take an interest in this agency of the Church. But we cannot omit to observe that the increased numbers of scholars and teachers, and the marked improvement which has taken place in the discipline of the school, are mainly due to the influence of Mr. Grant, whose personal and unremitting attention to the work of the school has been productive of these and many other encouraging results, which cannot be referred to in suitable terms in a short business report; however, we take this opportunity of expressing our warmest

gratitude to Mr. Grant for this uniform interest in us and in the children attending the school; and further, for the special service in having obtained from you means to furnish us with a suitable building in which to conduct our school; and we also thank the congregation for the liberal and hearty response which was made to the appeal for funds for this purpose."

As to money raised for all purposes during the year, it amounts to the very respectable sum of \$7300, of which nearly \$1000 was for the six schemes of the General Assembly. On this head the language of the Report is, "*Measuring ourselves by our neighbours, we need not be ashamed; measuring ourselves by the calls of God, the necessities of the Church, and our own abilities, humility and repentance become us.*"

The facts we have given speak for themselves. Comment, except to thank God, is indeed superfluous.

### St. Gabriel's, Montreal.

The Annual Report of this interesting and important charge is again before us. It is, as on former occasions, well worth the perusal. The congregation under the able ministry of the Rev. Robert Campbell, M. A., is in a flourishing condition. The organization of St. Gabriel's has always been complete, but never more so than at present. The congregation is divided into seven districts, each under the supervision of an elder whose duty it is "*to visit the families in the district, to note changes of residence, and to inform the minister and Session of special cases of sickness or poverty.*"

There are in connection with the congregation a Sunday School, a Bible Class, a young men's Association, a Missionary Association, and a Dorcas Society.

The number of families in connection with the congregation is 168—showing a total increase of 9 families during the year. There are on the communion roll in all 305 communicants, with an increase during the past year of 25. These figures show the prosperous condition of the congregation spiritually,—what says the Report of the financial part?

If we understand the Report aright there are \$392.00 of arrears. This should not be allowed to stand one hour