

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

THE Presbyterians of Warminster have presented a full purse and an address to the Rev. R. Fairbairn, B.A.

THE Rev. D. Tait, B.A., has been presented with a silk pulpit gown by the Ladies' Aid Society of St. Andrew's Church, Berlin.

THE annual Sabbath school convention of the Presbytery of Lindsay will be held in the Presbyterian Church, Uxbridge, on Wednesday, February 23rd, 1881, at ten o'clock a.m.

ON Tuesday, the 23rd ult., Mr. Thomas Muir was presented by the teachers and scholars of the London East Sabbath school with an address and a beautiful silver ice pitcher, a tray, two goblets, etc. Music and speeches filled up the evening's programme.

LAST week the interior of St. John Presbyterian Church, Emerald street, Hamilton, was repainted and generally improved. The appearance of this neat little church will be considerably enhanced after the workmen get through with the improvements.

THE social given by Mrs. Vancamp on Thursday evening of last week, in connection with the Ladies' Aid Association of St. Andrew's Church, Berlin, was a highly successful one. The attendance was large and the entertainment all that could be desired.

THE Rev. Mr. Little's discourse last Sabbath evening on the death of the late Miss Galbraith of Princeton, drew many tears from his listeners who were made up of almost the entire neighbourhood, the other places of worship having forgone their services on the occasion.

WE regret to learn that the Presbyterian church at Springville, was entirely destroyed by fire on Sabbath morning. The church was a brick one, and erected in 1859, with accommodation for 500 worshippers. The cause is supposed to have been accidental. There was an insurance of \$2,000 on the building.

THE Kirkfield correspondent of the Lindsay "Post" speaks in high terms of the Presbyterian social recently held in that village, at which the handsome sum of \$126 was realized—a sum sufficiently large to relieve the Church from all financial difficulty. The labours of Mr. A. Cuthbertson, of Knox College, was also referred to in very complimentary terms.

THE Dundas "Banner" says: "The many friends of the Rev. Mr. Herald, who is stationed at Prince Arthur's Landing this winter, will be greatly pleased to hear that his ministry in that place is being very successful. So much so indeed that the church is being fitted up with additional seats to accommodate the large number of hearers who attend the services held by Mr. Herald."

THE Chesterfield Presbyterian annual social on the 18th ult., was, as usual, the treat of the season. Rev. W. Robertson, M.A., occupied the chair. Excellent addresses were delivered by the Revs. James Little, Princeton, J. Thompson, Ayr, and W. A. McKay, B.A., Woodstock. The proceeds amounted to \$138, which we understand is to be devoted to the purchase of additional volumes for the library.

KNOX Church, Woodstock, held its annual meeting on Wednesday, 18th inst. The year had been one of unbroken prosperity and peace. The total receipts for the year were \$4,038.86. It was found that the state of the funds was such that \$500 could be devoted to cleaning, kalsomining and cushioning the church, which will be proceeded with at once. A thousand dollars of the manse debt had been paid during the year.

A TEA-MEETING for the benefit of the Presbyterian church of Port Stanley was held on the 13th ult., in the town hall of the village. After tea, various pieces of music were rendered and appropriate readings given. The Rev. Mr. Fraser and the pastor, Mr. Paradis, gave appropriate addresses. Another meeting, principally for the young, was held on the succeeding Tuesday. The proceeds of the two meetings amounted to \$68.89.

THE anniversary services of St. Andrew's Church, Blyth, were conducted on Sabbath, January the 9th, when excellent sermons were preached by Rev. G. M. Milligan, of Toronto, to large and appreciative audiences, the collections amounting to \$91. On the Monday evening following a tea-meeting was held, which was numerously attended, the total amount

realized in connection with the occasion, including the Sabbath collections, being \$238.

THE united congregations of Dunbar and Colquhoun, Presbytery of Brockville, have been specially kind to their new pastor, the Rev. Mr. Nelson, who was settled there in September last. On returning from his marriage trip on the 3rd inst., there were very cordial receptions at both stations, and very handsome presents with everything which could encourage the young minister in the beginning of his work. All friends will join in cordial good wishes.

THE annual financial meeting of St. Andrew's Church, Berlin, took place on Tuesday, the 18th inst. After devotional services by the Rev. Mr. Tait, the pastor, Mr. J. M. Muir was appointed chairman, and Mr. John McDougall, secretary. The financial statement was then read by the secretary, which shewed the congregation to be entirely out of debt. After a hearty vote of thanks to the retiring trustees, others were elected for the current year.

THE Presbyterians of Newboro', in a quiet, informal way, recently, made their newly settled pastor, Rev. David Y. Ross, M.A., a present of a purse of thirty dollars. Knowing that money answereth all things, and that the expenses of the settlement of a young minister are heavy, they have generously endeavoured to share the burden. This is not by any means the first handsome present Mr. Ross has received from the warm-hearted people of his congregations.

AT the last meeting of Knox Church Young People's Christian Association, Toronto, the following officers were elected for the current year viz: Hon. President, Rev. H. M. Parsons; President, W. B. McMurrich, M.A.; 1st Vice-President, John Hamilton; 2nd Vice-president, James Knowles; Treasurer, James Livingston; Secretary, Alexander Sinclair; Assistant Secretary, Archibald McIntyre; Editor, Angus McKay; Executive Committee, R. A. McAllister, D. Urquhart, and Dr. Davidson.

THE annual congregational meeting of St. Andrew's Church, Whitby, was held on Monday evening, the 17th ult., and was largely attended by the members and adherents of the Church. The chair was occupied by John Shier, Esq. The annual report of the managers was presented by Mr. J. S. Robertson, chairman of the Board; the Treasurer's report by Mr. Harrower; and the report of the session by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Abraham. All went to shew the year 1880 to be—both in its temporal and spiritual aspects—the most prosperous year in the history of the church, since the union of the churches in the fall of 1875.

THE annual soiree in connection with the Presbyterian Church, Shelburne, was held in the town hall, on Tuesday evening, the 15th ult., and was a grand success in every particular. The attendance was large, and was composed of not only persons belonging to the congregation, but many other friends. After an ample supply of refreshments had been partaken of, the many friends present were entertained by a lecture on the "Sins of the Pews," which was ably handled by the lecturer, Rev. Mr. Smith, of Toronto. The lecturer for his able address, and the ladies of the congregation for the excellent tea provided, were accorded hearty thanks.

THE other evening Rev. Mr. Rainsford of the Anglican Cathedral attended a meeting in St. James' Square Presbyterian Church, Toronto, at which Rev. Dr. Mackay spoke of his experiences as missionary in Formosa. Mr. Rainsford said: The best antidote to the materialism of the present time was the cultivation of the missionary spirit. Self was the great god of the day, and a spirit of practical missionary zeal best opposed it; that spirit which animated Paul, the "fanatic of Tarsus." Mr. Rainsford, in conclusion, said that he believed God had specially blessed the Presbyterian Church in Canada, because, as he believed, it had gone into missionary work to a greater extent than any other body in the country.

AT the recent annual meeting of Old St. Andrew's congregation, Toronto, the reports of the sessions and managers were read and adopted. The floating debt, which amounted to \$3,097.65 at the beginning of last year, has been wiped out. The organ fund has also been extinguished. The total amount raised by the congregation during the year was \$9,223.80. The attendance at the Sabbath school is 225. Four years ago the roll shewed a membership of fifty-four, now it contains a revised list of 312 members. The three managers elected for the

next three years were Messrs. Jardine, Pringle, and McMaster. Under the pastorate of Rev. G. M. Milligan, M.A., Old St. Andrew's is flourishing, and we expect to be called upon to chronicle ever increasing prosperity year by year.

THE annual report of St. David's Church, St. John, shewed that the various sums raised by the church during the year amounted in all to \$5,838. There was also an additional sum of \$3,500 subscribed to reduce the floating liability, and it has been reduced by that amount. The present membership is 346. The Sabbath school has twenty-three teachers and 214 scholars, under Mr. John Stewart, superintendent. There is also connected with the church a Young Ladies' Association, a Mite Society, a Young Men's Association, and a large and flourishing Bible class, under the pastor, Rev. Dr. Waters. The trustees for the current year are: Hon. John Boyd, Alexander Duff, Wm. Ewing, J. Willet, J. P. C. Burpee, John Yeats, A. Miller, J. Shaw, and B. Hevenor.

ON Thursday evening last the annual tea-meeting in connection with Derry West Presbyterian church was held. The attendance was good, the church being comfortably filled. Tea was served in an adjoining hall, on the conclusion of which the chair was taken in the church by the Rev. James Pringle. A brief, but neat and pointed address was given by the Rev. Mr. McLaren, in which he gave a synopsis of the principal traits of character which go to constitute the true gentleman, and pointed out the many defects and blemishes which are too often found in those who desire to be considered as such, and which should be corrected and avoided by all. Readings were given by Miss Brown and Messrs. G. Ballentyne, R. Haggert and R. J. Williamson, all of which were appropriate and remarkably well rendered.

ON Sabbath, the new Presbyterian Church in the township of Admaston, about eight miles from Renfrew village, was formally opened—Rev. Dr. McVicar of Montreal, conducting the dedicatory services. At both morning and afternoon services the building was crowded to its fullest capacity. The services were deeply interesting. The new church, which was commenced about the first of May last, is a neat brick one, 34x50 feet, with a seating capacity of 300, and it is considered a cheap job. The money needed was subscribed, and all has been paid, with the exception of \$350, which is not due until April. The church is well warmed and lighted and the pulpit platform neatly carpeted. The successful building of the church is in no small degree due to the energy and perseverance of Rev. Mr. McKillop, who is deservedly popular with and highly esteemed by his congregation.—COM.

THE annual meeting of St. Catharines Knox Church Missionary Society was held on Wednesday evening, 10th inst. There was a good attendance, and a profitable evening spent. Addresses were given by Mr. R. Lawrie, and the pastor, Rev. G. Burson. The report for the year shewed amount collected to be \$331, and \$130 from the Sabbath school, which was quite an increase over last year's collections. The appropriations were: for Home Mission, \$150.80; Foreign Missions, \$100; French Evangelization, \$103.35; Colleges, ordinary fund, \$53; Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, \$15; Widows' and Orphans' Fund, \$15; Assembly Fund, \$13.25; and Manitoba College, \$10.60. A hearty vote of thanks to the young lady collectors, for their labour of love in the cause of missions, and singing the doxology, brought this, the twelfth annual meeting, to a close.

THE annual meeting of the Port Elgin Presbyterian church was held on the evening of Tuesday, the 18th inst., the Rev. J. Gourlay presiding. The total contributions for the year amount to \$1,688, of which \$1,040.96 was for congregational fund, \$120.11 for church building fund, \$417 for manse, and \$110 for missions. During the year the Sabbath school collections amounted to \$50.21, of which \$15.44 was for missions. The whole amount raised by church and Sabbath school was \$1,738.30, being \$368.80 more than last year. Messrs. Neil McGillivray, John Burgess, John C. Kennedy, and John Falconer, were elected managers in room of those who retired. The meeting was most hearty and harmonious, and ere separating, arrangements were made for putting forth an effort to clear off the debt still remaining on the church. Altogether, the congregation is in a healthy and flourishing state.

THE annual meeting of the Presbyterian church, Harrington, was held in the church on Thursday, 20th