

## MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

THE Rev. J. Gaudier, of Fort Coulonge has declined the call given him by the congregation of St. Columba and St. Paul's Madoc, in the Presbytery of Kingston.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.—Dr. Wardrope acknowledges with thanks the receipt from the family of Rev. Dr. James, of Hamilton, of \$250 for the erection of a chapel in Formosa. This remittance comes accompanied with the expression of the hope that the "Mission Band" connected with Dr. James' church may be able permanently to sustain a native preacher.

DR. WARDROPE likewise acknowledges with thanks the receipt from Mitchell, Ont., per Miss Forrester, of \$30, for tuition of a native student at Indore. This amount the donors hope to give annually for that purpose. Also, for a similar object, of \$20 50 from "Algoma." "Algoma's" gift, it is expected, will be made up to \$30 annually. It is most gratifying to see the upspringing of an interest in this work. It is hoped that the interest will increase and extend month by month.

The anniversary tea-meeting in connection with the Presbyterian Church, Sutton, was held in the hall of the Queen's Hotel, Sutton, Wednesday evening, Jan. 16th, 1884. After tea the company adjourned to the church which was well filled and listened to addresses delivered by the Rev. Messrs. Baker and Toole, resident ministers, and the Rev. F. Smith, of Markham. The church choir and others gave excellent music. During the evening an address accompanied by a purse containing \$50 was presented to the pastor the Rev. J. Fraser.

THE Sabbath school of St. Andrew's Church, Markham, have moved in the matter of "juvenile mission work," and by means of a small bazaar and entertainment realized some \$60 to be given to the mission schemes of the Church. The annual meeting of the congregation was held on the 14th of January, when the reports presented showed the finances of the congregation to be in a healthy condition. The annual missionary meeting was held on the 28th ult., where, though the night was very stormy, an unusually large number assembled, and it is expected the collections of this year will be considerably in advance of the past. At this meeting the matter of Augmentation of Stipends was ably presented by the Rev. Mr. Milligan, of Toronto.

THE sixth anniversary of the dedication of Knox Church, Harriston, was observed last Sabbath, when Rev. J. C. Smith, B.D., of Guelph, preached able, instructive, and appropriate sermons to congregations which filled the large church to its utmost capacity. On Monday evening the ladies of the congregation entertained to an excellent tea, nearly 500. After tea very entertaining and humorous addresses were given by Mr. Smith on "Prejudice, aim and personal fidelity as related to Church work"; and by Mr. Fraser, of Mount Forest, on "St. Patrick," the patron saint of Ireland. Short addresses were also given by the local ministers. The music by the choir was excellent. The amount realized was over \$200. The pastor, Rev. J. Campbell, and congregation are to be congratulated on the manner in which the debt on the church is being reduced. Five years ago, the debt was \$9,000, and the membership was only 132, and now the debt is less than \$4,000, and the membership is over 300.

THE Church and Manse Building Board are doing good work in disseminating information about the mission work in Manitoba. They printed 6,000 copies of the Home Mission and Building reports with maps cuts, etc., and had them registered in Canada and Britain. A package was sent to Dr. MacGregor, of Edinburgh, and he called at once for 1,000 additional copies. We understand that the Rev. James Robertson is in Ontario now in connection with the North-West and is receiving gratifying encouragement. At the close of a meeting in Ayr the other evening, Mr. David Goldie stepped up to him and handed him \$300 for the Church and Manse Building Fund. We feel persuaded from what we know of the work of the Building Board that one of the most effective means of advancing our work in the North-West is to give the Board the means to meet the demands made on them for building. People need places to meet in in the North-West as well as in Formosa, and missionaries need houses too. Let no one show his appreciation of this work by leaving it to others to help. Ten

thousand dollars now will be worth more than fifty thousand ten years after this.

As usual a Thanksgiving meeting was held in the Métis manse on New Year's morning. On account of the great storm a few days before, the attendance was very small, quite different from what it is on such occasions, when the weather and roads are favourable. After the thanksgiving services proper, the pastor read a sketch of the life of William Tyndale. Several received rewards for proficiency in Scripture history. A collection on behalf of the Zenana Mission was taken up. The blessing was pronounced, after which refreshments were handed round. Then the singing of the National Anthem closed the meeting. The walls of the parlour were covered with pictures and flags. One of the latter was a carefully executed copy by the pastor of the famous covenant flag, "The Bluidie Banner." In the centre of the parlour was an imitation statue of Tyndale copied by the pastor from a photograph of the statue to be set up in honour of him in London. The tables are covered with work of different kinds. Several French Canadians showed their interest in the exhibition by lending articles for it. Two attempts to hold another meeting were made. The first, however, owing to the state of the weather and roads was another failure. The second, for the same reason, was next to one. Comparatively few were able to visit the exhibition. Among those who did visit it, was the priest of the parish. He has done the same on several former occasions.

THE annual congregational meeting of Chesley Presbyterian church was held on the 17th of January, the pastor, Rev. John Ferguson, M.A., B.D., presiding. The treasurer, Mr. M. A. Halliday, reported that he had a balance on hand of \$209 after paying all the expenses of the year. The receipts from ordinary sources amounted to \$1,660—above \$150 higher than ever before—and the total contributions from all sources about \$2,000. The Sabbath school report showed that the school had increased in attendance, teachers and finances, and was in a more prosperous condition than it had ever been since its formation. The report of the Total Abstinence Society, which was organized last June, in connection with the congregation, by unanimous resolution of session, showed a membership of 231, and was in a healthy condition, and doing much good in the cause of temperance. Mr. D. M. Halliday, on behalf of the Building Committee, reported having received plans and specifications for a new church, tenders were now being called for, and building operations would be commenced in spring. The pastor reported on behalf of session. The amount raised for the schemes of the Church by the Ladies' Missionary Association, including Thanksgiving collection and private contributions, amounted to \$268—the largest amount yet raised for this purpose. Special meetings had been held during the year which had resulted in a number, especially young people, deciding for Christ. The membership of the congregation was now 220—exactly double what it was four years ago; twenty-five had been added during the year, four had been taken away by death, and sixteen had left the community, most of them having gone to the North-West. He recommended the adoption of the envelope system, and the printing of the Annual Report, for distribution in the congregation. After discussion both recommendations were unanimously adopted. The retiring managers, Messrs. P. McTavish, W. Ross and M. Schroeder were re-elected for three years, and the meeting closed with the benediction.

AT Fergus the annual congregational meeting and social was held on Monday evening 21st Jan., and proved satisfactory and highly encouraging. The attendance was good. After the viands had been disposed of, and the choir had gratified the audience by a few selections, the pastor, Rev. J. B. Mullan, was requested to preside which he did in his usual happy way. The various reports were then read and adopted. That of the trustees and managers showed that the minister's salary for 1883 had been paid in full, and that a debt of \$162 reported the year before had been removed, chiefly by a special effort of the members of the church, many of whom cheerfully fell in with a recommendation that each should give one dollar for the purpose. The removal of this difficulty rendered it easier for the meeting to unite in recommending that the minister's salary should be raised this year at least \$100 and if possible \$200 which it was felt should have been done long before, and in all probability, it

would not have been delayed till now, but for his well-known zeal for the interests of the schemes of the Church, leading him to desire to forego his own interests while he could manage to do so. The two retiring trustees and managers were re-elected with thanks to him and to the whole body among whom the greatest unanimity prevails. The Sabbath School and Kirk Session reports were read and adopted. During the year \$136 had been collected for Sabbath school purposes; ninety-two by means of mite chest contributions by the scholars every Sabbath, the balance by quarterly forenoon church collections when a sermon is preached to the scholars, and by another anniversary collection in the church, and by donations occasionally in the course of the year. Ten dollars had been given to mission schools in Trinidad, ten to the Formosa and five to the New Hebrides mission. An orphan is supported by the school, at Poona; and half the cost of the support of a pupil at the Pointe-aux-Tremble Institute, the other half being provided for by the congregation, chiefly through collection at the social, which on this occasion amounted to nearly \$19. The report of the Ladies' Association was equally gratifying, and was read by the Rev. Mr. Mullan, and a cordial vote of thanks deservedly awarded them, including particular mention of Miss Hewitt for numerous services cheerfully and voluntarily rendered.

PRESBYTERY OF WHITBY.—This Presbytery met at Oshawa on the 15th inst. J. J. Cameron was elected moderator for the current year. A committee with Mr. Carmichael, convener, was appointed to examine the remit from the General Assembly on "Probationers." The committees on missionary meetings and Knox College Endowment gave in interim reports and expected to give full reports at next meeting, of what has been done by this Presbytery. Mr. McLeod, Central Church, Toronto, addressed the Presbytery at considerable length on the augmentation scheme and on motion it was agreed that the Presbytery records its thanks to Mr. McLeod for his very interesting address, expresses its deep interest in the scheme, and instructs the committee already appointed, to prosecute this matter to the best of their ability, and if they see fit, make arrangements for pulpit exchanges on some Sabbath. Mr. George Philip, as commissioner from the congregation of St. John's, Pickering, spoke in reference to the erection of their new church. The Presbytery encouraged the congregation to continue their services in Brougham, and do the best they can do to provide church accommodation in the village. The congregations were reminded of the collection appointed to be taken up this month in behalf of the Manitoba College. Mr. Crozier laid his demission of Port Perry on the table, and a committee was appointed to visit the congregation and report at next meeting. Mr. Eastman presented an overture anent the reduction of the number of theological colleges, as follows: "Whereas, there are at present six theological colleges in connection with our Church, and whereas, it is generally admitted that the support of so many colleges for the training of candidates for the ministry involves serious loss to the Church, in means and efficiency; therefore resolved, that this Presbytery overture the Venerable, the General Assembly, appointed to meet in Toronto in June, 1884, to take into its serious consideration the practicability of reducing the number of such colleges by whatever method may seem most feasible, and most for the good of the Church, and for the glory of God." Owing to the lateness of the hour, and the importance of the subject, it was agreed to lay the overture on the table for discussion at the next meeting of the Presbytery. The next meeting of the Presbytery is to be held in St. Andrew's Church, Whitby, Tuesday, 25th March, at eleven o'clock a.m.—A. A. DRUMMOND, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF PETERBOROUGH.—The Presbytery of Peterborough met in the Mill Street Church, Port Hope, on the 15th January, presided over by Mr. Cooke, moderator. There were thirteen ministers and six elders present. Much business was done not of interest to the public. Arrangements were made for completing the work of the visitation of all the congregations not yet visited. The report of the Committee on Augmentation of Stipend was re-committed until the work assigned to them be completed. Mr. Cleland was authorized to moderate in a call, when requested, in the First Church, Port Hope. Mr. Bennett, the convener, read the report of the Committee on Statistics, with its recommendations. The report was received and its recommendations adopted. Its