

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

REV. R. C. MOFFAT, of Walkerton, was presented with a purse containing \$75 by the members of his congregation recently.

THE Rev. Mr. Syme supplied the Presbyterian church, Windsor Mills, Que., the three last Sabbaths, and is likely to receive a call from the congregation worshipping there and at Melbourne.

THE Rev. R. H. Warden, has been presented by the Cote des Neiges Presbyterian church with a purse of \$50, as a recognition of his kindness in providing for the pulpit there during the absence of a settled pastor.

A FEW of the ladies of St. Andrew's Church, Almonte, lately called at the manse and presented Mrs. Bennett with a handsome and valuable silver tea set. The gift was suitably acknowledged by Mr. Bennett on behalf of his wife.

A SECOND Presbyterian congregation was organized on the 25th ult., in the northern part of Winnipeg. They will memorialize the Presbytery this week to extend a call on their behalf to the Rev. C. B. Pitblado, of Halifax, offering \$2,000 per annum.

THE annual report of the Orillia Presbyterian Church for the past year is encouraging. The total contributions of the congregation amounted to \$2,477. Of this sum \$320 were devoted to schemes of the Church. The attendance at Sabbath school and Bible class numbers 260, with twenty-two teachers, and an income of \$219.67.

THE Rev. J. A. F. McBain, of Chatham, N.B., having been lately in rather poor health, received leave of absence from his congregation for ten weeks to rest and recuperate among his friends in Ontario. We are glad to understand that the change has been very beneficial, and that Mr. McBain hopes, by the close of his furlough, to return to his work with restored health and renewed vigour.

FROM the last annual report of the First Presbyterian Church, Detroit, it appears that the total membership of the congregation in 1880 was, 758. The sum raised for the support of ordinances in the congregation was \$6,052.35, and for extra-congregational benevolent and Church schemes, \$10,335.77. This was surely something like the thing—though of course, in all cases, before settling whether a man or congregation has been devising liberal things, it is necessary to know not only what has been given, but what has been left after the giving was completed.

WE are glad to learn that the ministers of the First Presbyterian Church, Brockville, have in their possession subscriptions payable in one year from now, which will leave a debt of only \$6,700 on the church. This is surely a case of very unwonted Christian liberality. It is not much more than a year since this congregation took possession of a new church which cost \$34,000. A year hence its indebtedness will be less than seven thousand. Indeed, perhaps the tide of zeal and liberality will by that time have risen so high as to extinguish the burden altogether.

WE understand that the Rev. Prof. Campbell, of the Presbyterian College, Montreal, has just received an official letter from the Roumanian Minister of Religion and Public Instruction, informing him that H. R. H. Prince Charles, who is one of the patrons of the *Institution Ethnographique*, has conferred upon him the decoration of the Order of Merit of Roumania, of the first class, with the patent, authorizing him to append to his titles the letters M.S.R., which are the symbols of the Order. The Order is conferred "in recognition of services rendered to the cause of science." A short time ago the *Institution Ethnographique* decreed to the same gentleman its *grande médaille d'honneur* for similar services.

THE annual tea-meeting of the St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Delaware, was held in the Town Hall, on the evening of the 16th ult., and although the night was not very favourable, the hall was well-filled with an intelligent and appreciative assembly. A portion of the St. Andrew's choir, London, was in attendance, and took charge of the music for the evening. On account of the large staff of speakers present—four from the Presbyterian church, two from the Methodist, and one from the Church of England—this part of the entertainment was unusually protracted. The audience was also entertained with a recitation given by one of the ladies of the church, which

received universal applause. The committee of management deserve great credit for their diligence in this matter. The proceeds of the meeting amounted to \$81.—COM.

THE annual tea-meeting of St. Andrew's Church, East Oxford, was held on Thursday evening, the 24th ult. Notwithstanding a drifting snow storm, a large number of the congregation and of friends from other churches gathered out, and by the time they had all got into the church it was found to be well filled with an attentive and appreciative audience. An excellent and sumptuous tea was provided by the ladies, in the school-house. This being over, the programme was proceeded with, in the church. The Rev. D. M. Beattie, B.A., pastor of the congregation, occupied the chair. Addresses were delivered by Rev. Jas. Little, of Princeton, Rev. D. D. McLeod, of Paris, Rev. W. T. McMullen, of Woodstock, and Rev. Mr. Tougue, of Cathcart. The choir, led by Prof. Tanney, of Woodstock, rendered a number of choice musical selections. The proceeds of the evening amounted to something over \$70. It is to be applied on the manse which the congregations of Blenheim and Oxford are going to erect, during the coming summer, for their minister.

THE annual congregational meeting of St. Paul's Church, Peterborough, was held on the 19th of January. The basement of the church was crowded with members and adherents. There are now connected with the congregation 245 families and 500 communicants. The report of the deacon's court shewed that there had been raised for the ordinary revenue of the church, \$3,774. This is a considerable increase over what was raised last year, owing to the adoption of the envelope system instead of the ordinary collections. The report of the Missionary Society shewed that there had been raised for the schemes of the Church, \$1,600, of which \$260 was contributed by the Sabbath school. Of this, \$500 was sent to Home Missions, \$422 to Foreign Missions, \$378 to French Evangelization, \$100 to College, \$50 to Aged and Infirm Ministers, \$53 to Assembly and Synod Funds. The report of the Sabbath school shewed that the church and mission schools were in a flourishing condition, between four and five hundred children receiving instruction.—COM.

ON the evening of the 2nd inst., a more than ordinarily pleasant farewell meeting was held in the house of the Rev. D. Mann, near Granton, in view of his early departure for a new field of labour. Early in the evening his many friends began to gather, and continued to arrive until about half past seven, when the whole house was completely packed, upstairs and down, not excepting the bedrooms. At the proper time Mr. and Mrs. Mann were asked to take seats in the largest room; and in the presence of as many as could find standing room, Mr. William Fotheringham, clerk of his late session, in name of those present, read an affectionate address to Mr. Mann, and in the name of many warm friends, Mrs. R. Radcliffe and Mrs. W. Spence presented Mrs. Mann with a handsome set of china and some valuable pieces of silver and crystal ware, as a token of regard and remembrance. Mr. Mann suitably and feelingly replied to the address, and, for Mrs. Mann, thanked the donors for their present. Social intercourse and friendly greetings filled up the rest of an evening that many present will look back on with satisfaction many days hence.

THE Brockville First Presbyterian Church Sabbath school held their anniversary on the 11th ult. There was a full attendance of both scholars and parents. The commodious and handsome basement was further beautified by evergreens twined round the pillars, and by suitable mottoes hung on the walls. Mr. John Reid and his active committee added, in this way, much to the pleasure of the evening. The refreshments were served to the children at 6 p.m. At half-past seven the chair was taken by the superintendent, Mr. Robert Gill, who discharged his duties with much tact and ability. Suitable addresses were delivered by Mr. McGregor, Principal of the High School; Robt. Crawford, formerly of the Hudson's Bay Company; Mr. John Gill, one of the elders of the church; and by the pastor, Rev. Geo. Burnfield. Music was supplied by the scholars. Prizes were distributed to a number of the infant class, by their teacher, Mrs. John Gill, for regularity of attendance and for good recitations. Mr. John Reid also distributed prizes to the most successful

scholars of his class. The pupils of Mr. Jas. Kyle, who has taught the class for five years, presented him with a beautiful book, as a token of their affection for him. Mr. Kyle replied in suitable terms. The entertainment closed, after each scholar received a package of fruit and candy, by singing. This was the most enjoyable and successful anniversary ever held in the church.

THE Presbytery of Glengarry has printed for circulation in the congregations within its bounds the report of a special committee which visited these congregations during 1880. The report is very full, and calculated to be very useful, giving as it does an exhaustive view of what each congregation has been doing, wherever any of them have been coming short, and throwing out, in a friendly, faithful way, hints as to how the work of the Lord may in future be prosecuted with greater efficiency and success in the several localities. We cannot, of course, give extracts from such a lengthy document, but we can say with all truth that, so far as we have examined it, there is nothing throughout which any Christian people could regard as offensive, though some of its statements are very faithful. In one case, for instance, the congregation is asked to treble its contributions to the schemes of the Church, "and thus have the sweet consciousness of having done its duty." Another is told that only about a quarter has been contributed of what ought to have been, and the kindly wondering question is asked, "What came over our brethren?" And so it goes on faithfully and discriminatingly telling the truth to each, but in friendliness and love. The example of Glengarry, both in visiting congregations and in publishing the results, might be imitated by other Presbyteries to good purpose.

FROM the printed reports of the various departments of work connected with St. Paul's Church, Montreal, it is evident that the past year has been one of great prosperity. The number of communicants on the roll is at present 510. This is somewhat of a decrease as compared with the previous year, but such decrease is to be attributed chiefly to a very thorough revisal of the roll, and the erasure of the names of such as had practically ceased to be members, though not formally disjoined. From the report of the trustees it appears that the sum paid during the year on account of debt was \$7,455.65. The church is thus entirely free, and there is every prospect of the building being completed according to the original design without any new debt being incurred. The ordinary revenue exceeded the ordinary expenditure by \$388.75. The number of sittings in the church is 893; of these 816 are let. The ordinary and extraordinary receipts for congregational purposes amounted to \$13,730.52; for schemes of the Church, \$3,469.69; for poor of congregation, \$375.22; for Queen's College Endowment Fund, \$8,240; Sabbath School Missionary Collections, \$457.25; Young Women's Association, \$165; the Dorcas Society, \$369; other payments, \$2,635; making in all \$29,441. While this is an exceedingly gratifying exhibit of the year's work, we notice from the address of Dr. Jenkins, given in the report, that not one-half of the members contribute anything to the Missions of the Church. Some, we are told, contribute liberally, and a few may be spoken of as even munificent in their giving, but if all were to give according to their ability, large as the aggregate from St. Paul's for missionary purposes is, there is no reason why it should not be at least double. The same complaint may justly be made in reference to almost every congregation in the body, so that if all were contributing even on the scale on which some are at present doing, the missionary income of the Presbyterian Church in Canada would be at once doubled and more.

ON Sabbath, the 12th of February, the congregation of Knox Church, Palmerston, held their anniversary services. The funds raised by these services are to be applied to the paying off the debt on the building. The Rev. W. Inglis preached morning and evening. In the morning his text was, the Words of David to Ornan (1 Chron. x. 24); Paul's Prayer, in Ephesians iii. On both occasions the truth was quaintly and ably presented, and applied to the hearers with such power as will be long remembered by many. On Monday afternoon, a bazaar under the auspices of the ladies of the congregation, was opened in the Town Hall, when a number of useful and ornamental articles were offered for sale and disposed of, assisting materially the object in view, namely, paying the debt.