

## MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

THE Rev John Rennie had a Christmas gift of \$50 sent to him by his Carlisle congregation.

REV. J. C. TIBB, recently appointed to Rapid City, preached his first sermon there on the 25th ult.

A UNANIMOUS call has been forwarded by the Cobourg congregation to the Rev. R. P. McKay, M.A., of Scarboro'.

ON January 4th, Rev. Jas. Farquharson was ordained and inducted into the pastoral charge of Rock Lake district.—COM.

THE proceeds of a New Year's entertainment given by the Presbyterians of Wallaceburg, on the evening of the 2nd inst., amounted to nearly \$60.

A BAZAAR and social held in connection with the Dumfries street Church, Paris, in the last week of 1881, were well attended, pleasant and profitable.

THE proceeds of a bazaar held by the Presbyterian Aid Society of Gravenhurst, in the closing week of 1881, amounted to the handsome sum of \$300.

AT the annual congregational meeting of the Central church, Galt, recently held, an addition of \$300 was voted to the salary of the pastor, Rev. J. A. R. Dickson.

THE Presbyterians of Dungannon held a successful tea meeting on the evening of the 2nd inst. The assemblage was large, and a most pleasant time was spent.

THE health of Rev. Dr. Black, of Kildonan, has been somewhat improving since last Wednesday (January 4th), and his condition is now regarded as more hopeful.—COM.

THE Bible class of the Central Church, Hamilton, held a very pleasant social on the evening of the 12th inst. The programme included readings, singing, instrumental music, etc.

REV. JAS. ROBERTSON, Superintendent of Missions, in a three days' canvass of Winnipeg, collected \$12,000 as the nucleus of a Church and Manse Building Fund for Manitoba and the North-West.

THE annual entertainment of the Wyoming Presbyterian Church Sabbath school was held on the 11th inst. Speeches, recitations, music, and refreshments made up the programme. The proceeds amounted to \$13.

ON New Year's eve a rosewood desk, inlaid with ivory, pearl and silver, a liberal supply of stationery, and a gold pen, were sent as a present to the Rev. R. J. Beattie, of Port Hope, by the members of his Bible class.

A HANDSOME set of harness was presented to the Rev. J. K. Baillie, of Churchill, on the evening of the 29th ult., by the members of his Bible class, who at the same time made Mrs. Baillie the recipient of a beautiful tea set.

ON the evening of the 11th inst., the Rev. D. H. Fletcher, of Hamilton, delivered a lecture in Knox church in this city, under the auspices of the "Willing Workers' Mission Band." The subject was "A Visit to Palestine."

A TEA meeting was held by the Presbyterian congregation of Cookstown on the evening of the 2nd inst. The speakers were Revs. Dr. Fraser, W. McKee, J. J. Cochrane, M.A., and Mr. Galloway. The proceeds amounted to \$55.

THE Sabbath school anniversary of the West Presbyterian church, in this city, was held on the evening of the 12th inst. Mayor McMurrich occupied the chair, and several addresses were delivered, interspersed with the singing of hymns by the scholars.

ON the evening of the 6th inst. the Sabbath school children of the Presbyterian church, Picton, enjoyed their usual annual entertainment; and on the 9th a very successful social was held towards procuring an organ for the basement of the church.

THE Presbyterian Sabbath school children of Gravenhurst were pleasantly entertained on the evening of the 2nd inst., and received presents of books, cards, toys, etc. The school is prospering, the number on the roll being over 100, and the average attendance 73.

ON the evening of the 2nd inst., a tea meeting was held in the Presbyterian church at Alton. The various items on the programme, including addresses by several gentlemen from a distance, are reported to

have given satisfaction, and the same is said of the financial result.

THE congregation of River street Church, Paris, had a pleasant and highly successful social meeting on the evening of the 29th ult. On the following evening the annual missionary meeting was held, when addresses were delivered by the Rev. Dr. Cochrane and Rev. Dr. Wardrope.

MR. A. F. TULLY was inducted into the pastoral charge of Knox Church, Mitchell, on the 12th inst., Mr. D. Gordon presiding, Mr. McClung preaching, Mr. Wright addressing the minister, and Mr. Wilson the people. In the evening Mr. Tully was welcomed by a public social entertainment.—COM.

A LEA meeting was held in connection with St. Andrew's Church, Blyth, on the evening of the 9th inst. Several addresses were given, one of which, by the Rev. Walter Inglis, of Ayr, relating some of his missionary adventures in Africa, attracted special notice. The total receipts amounted to \$240.

ON the evening of the 2nd inst. a few of the Sabbath school teachers and other members of the Presbyterian church at Gravenhurst presented Mrs. Dawson, wife of their pastor, with a silver butter-cooler and some other valuable articles, in recognition of her services as organist and leader of psalmody for the congregation.

A SOCIETY of "Willing Workers" has been organized in connection with the Presbyterian congregation of Essa Town Line. The immediate object in view is the raising of funds to build a new church or repair the old one. They are already at work. Their first parlour social yielded \$18, the second \$16, and the third is still to be heard from.

THE second anniversary of the Sabbath school in connection with the Presbyterian congregation of Churchill was held on the evening of the 27th ult. The programme consisted of music, readings, and recitations, presentation of prizes, general distribution of confectionery, and an address by the pastor, Rev. J. K. Baillie. The proceeds amounted to over \$18.

AT the anniversary soiree of the Charleston Presbyterian church, held on the evening of the 2nd inst., Mr. Wm Clark occupied the chair, and addresses were given by Rev. Messrs. Hicks, of Charleston; Fraser, of Claude; Gray, of Laurel; Reid, of Orangeville; Dr. Robinson, M.P.P., and Mr. Robert Smith, student, of Knox College. The proceeds reached \$91 52.

SINCE the induction of Rev. C. B. Pitblado to the pastoral charge of St. Andrew's congregation, Winnipeg, the attendance at the Court House (where the services are held) has been such as to tax its seating capacity to the utmost. The congregation have decided to build a new church next summer, with sitting accommodation for at least 1000, at a cost of \$35,000.—COM.

THE Missionary Society of Erskine church, Montreal, has distributed \$2,500 to the following objects: Assembly's Home Mission Committee, \$900; Foreign Missions, \$650; French Evangelization, \$170; College Fund, \$450. The Sabbath school of the same church has decided to contribute \$90 for the French Evangelization, \$40 for Home Missions, and \$115 for Foreign Missions.

THE new Presbyterian church at Portage la Prairie was formally opened on January 1st. Rev. C. B. Pitblado, of Winnipeg, officiated in the morning and evening, and Rev. Mr. Wellwood in the afternoon. The church is a handsomely finished structure, being seated to hold about five hundred. The rapid growth of the place will doubtless soon render a second congregation necessary.—COM.

THERE was a large and enthusiastic gathering at the social meeting held on the evening of the 9th inst., to celebrate the thirty-seventh anniversary of Knox Church, Hamilton, and the fifth anniversary of the Rev. Dr. James's pastorate. Addresses were given by Revs. J. Murray, of London, who had preached the anniversary sermons on the previous Sabbath, Goodman (Methodist), R. J. Laidlaw, and the pastor.

It appears that the "Christmas tree" flourishes and bears fruit even in Manitoba, for we learn that two specimens of it yielded their produce in due season to the Sabbath school children of Knox Church, Winnipeg. That is "good news from a far country," but it is still better to hear that the Sabbath school

itself flourishes also. The average attendance during last year was 151, exclusive of the Bible class, which averaged 63.

ON the evening of the 28th ult. a tea meeting was held by the Presbyterian congregation of McIntyre. Speeches, music, readings and recitations filled up an excellent programme. Among the speakers, special mention is made of the Rev. D. McDonald, of Creemore. The proceeds amounted to \$70, exclusive of expenses. The Sabbath school children enjoyed their Christmas tree on the 2nd inst. Presents to the value of about \$80 were distributed.

THE Rev. W. J. Smyth, B.A., of Quaker Hill, Uxbridge, was agreeably surprised on the evening of the 5th inst. by the sudden entrance of nearly the whole congregation, together with many friends of other churches. An affectionate address was read by one of the members, and a purse containing \$62 was presented to Rev. Mr. Smyth. A large quantity of oats and numerous valuables were also presented. Mr. Smyth made a suitable reply.—COM.

THE Sabbath school anniversary of Mill street Church, Port Hope, took place on the evening of the 30th ult. The pastor, Rev. J. Cleland, gave a short address, and distributed the prizes awarded to scholars for regular attendance and correct repetition of the Shorter Catechism. The congregation took advantage of this meeting to present Mr. Cleland with a purse containing \$56, and he also received a copy of the "Life and Speeches of John Bright" from his Bible class.

ON New Year's Day five scholars in the Campbell settlement, section of Merse congregation (county Essex), competed for a Bible, the test being the correct repetition of the Shorter Catechism. Misses Bella Beattie and Bella Brydon repeated the whole. The others—Addie Beattie, and Sarah and Maggie Brydon, who are under ten years—repeated the first half so well that the congregation contributed as much as provided Bibles for each. These were publicly presented to the scholars by their pastor, Rev. John B. Scott.—COM.

THE annual congregational meeting of St. Andrew's church, Thamesford, was held in the basement of the church on the 5th inst. Mr. G. Telfer was called to the chair, D. Lawrence acting as secretary. The envelope system of collecting the pew rents had been adopted last year, and the auditors' statement shewed that it had been a decided success. There had been nearly \$1,200 collected for congregational purposes, over \$500 for the schemes of the church, and considerably more than \$200 for Dr. McKay's Formosa Mission, making a total of about \$1,700.

THE Sabbath school children of St. Andrew's Church, Perth, had a Christmas tree—two trees, in fact—on the evening of December 23rd. It was a time of present-making all round. Among the many gifts was a purse of money to the minister and his wife. The admission fees, intended for the Sabbath school library, amounted to \$24.92. On the following Monday evening (2nd inst.) the annual social meeting of the congregation took place. Addresses, readings, etc., were given by Rev. Messrs. Dey and Stuart, Mr. T. H. Bothwell, and Mr. McGregor, of the Brockville High School.

THE annual congregational meeting of St. John's Presbyterian Church, Hamilton, was held on the evening of the 9th inst. The managers presented a statement shewing all current expenses fully paid and a small balance on hand. The amount contributed for all purposes during 1881 was \$3,519 46, being a considerable increase over the previous year. It was agreed to adopt the new hymn book of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, instead of the Scottish Hymnal hitherto used. It is expected that the Rev. T. Goldsmith, pastor of this congregation, who has been laid aside for some time by sickness, will be able to resume his pastoral duties about the second week in February.

THE Rev. James McCaul, B.A., of Stanley street Presbyterian church, Montreal, presented each member and adherent of his congregation with a very nicely got up New Year's card, containing good wishes and prayers expressed in the sweet and solemn language of Scripture, and a few searching questions as follows. (1) Have you yet sought and secured the salvation of *your own soul*? (2) Are you as anxious about the salvation of the *souls of others* as you should be? (3) Are you as *regular* in your attendance on