

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

THE Rev. A. J. Colter has declined the call to Nelson, Manitoba.

REV. MR. FERRIS, of the Brandon Presbyterian Church, has resigned, through ill health.

DIVISION ST. congregation, Owen Sound, have added \$100 to the Rev. J. Somerville's salary.

REV. MR. BEAMER, Wardsville, has received a call to the First Presbyterian Church, Cass City, Mich.

THE Rev. John Dunbar, Danbarton, Ont., is a frequent contributor to the "Scottish American Journal."

THE Rev. R. A. Bilkey, of Christ Church, Reformed Episcopal, preached at Queen's College, Kingston, last Sabbath.

AT Sherbrooke, Quebec, there is a movement for the amalgamation of the Presbyterian and Congregational churches.

REV. MR. MCKELLAR, Presbyterian minister of High Bluff, has started on a missionary tour through the Cypress country.

REV. THOS. G. SMITH, D.D., of St. Andrew's Church, Kingston, has been nominated to the pastorate of St. Andrew's church, St. John, N.B.

MR. D. ORMISTON, Whitby, delivered an able address on "Hindrances to Sabbath School Work," at annual convention of the South Ontario Sabbath School Association.

THE Montreal Presbyterian College Philosophical and Literary Society, held their first public meeting of the season in the David Morrice Hall. A pleasant and profitable time was spent.

THE Rev. Dr. McNash, Cornwall, forwarded a paper on "Atopographical argument in favour of the early settlement of the British Isles by Celts, whose language was Gaelic," which was read at the Canadian Institute last week.

THE first of a series of college sermons was given in the David Morrice Hall, by Rev. Principal McVicar, to a good congregation, composed largely of friends as well as students. Appearances promise a large measure of success to the course of sermons.

CHALMERS CHURCH congregation, Woodstock, reports \$1,738 on hand this year after meeting all its liabilities. About \$1,300 of this has arisen from the sale of some land. The congregation has added \$200 a year to the salary of their pastor, Rev. W. A. McKay, B.A.

ON Friday evening last Mr. James Knowles, jr., one of the teachers of Knox Church Sabbath school, Toronto, was presented with a very handsome silver cruet stand, and a pair of silver napkin rings by his scholars previous to their advancement to the pastor's Bible class.

THE congregations of Mount Pleasant and Burlord have very generously presented their pastor, Rev. Thos. Alexander, with a horse in room of the one that died of old age some weeks ago, together with a new set of harness, and a balance over for oats. For all which he feels truly grateful. Much sympathy is felt for his partner who has now been under paralysis of the left side for over eight years.

AT the recent Sunday school anniversary meeting held in Knox Church, Hamilton, Mr. Builder, a young man who preached very acceptably in this church during part of last summer, was presented with an address and a purse containing \$100 as a token of the esteem in which he is held by the congregation. The anniversary was most successful. The school is prosperous, and its finances are in a satisfactory condition.

THE missionary meeting in connection with Park Avenue Presbyterian Church was held on Friday evening. The pastor, Rev. Dr. Proudfoot, was in the chair, and addresses were delivered by Rev. J. K. Wright, of London East, and Rev. A. Henderson, of Hyde Park. Among the statements made was the fact that there are now upwards of 1,000 Presbyterian ministers in Canada, with over 750 congregations.

THE annual meeting of Knox Church congregation, Listowel, was held in the basement of the church on Wednesday evening, the attendance being large. From the treasurer's report it appears that the ordinary receipts of the congregation were \$2,835 12. There is a mortgage on the manse of \$2,000, with a sinking fund of \$1,500 to meet it. This is the only debt of the congregation, whose finances are in every respect in a most flourishing condition.

THE annual missionary meeting, in connection with

the First Presbyterian Church, St. Mary's, was recently held. The attendance was larger than is customary on such occasions. The chair was occupied by Rev. Mr. McAlpine, who gave a vivid account of the Foreign Mission work and colleges. The Rev. Mr. Penman, Nisseui, spoke in reference to the French population. The Rev. Mr. Panton, Stratford, gave a very interesting and precise account of the Home Mission work.

THE Sabbath set by the Presbyterians of Gorrie to hold their anniversary services was one of the stormiest of the season, yet the church was well filled both morning and evening to listen to the Rev. John Burton, of Toronto, who delivered two eloquent and earnest sermons. On the following (Monday) evening Mr. Burton gave a lecture on "God's Wonder Working on the Heavens." A severe snow storm made a large attendance impossible, but those assembled were delighted with the lecture.

FROM the annual report of Division street congregation, Owen Sound, it is learned that the net increase to the communion roll during the year is seventeen. The number on the roll is 262. The Sabbath school numbers 226, with twenty-four teachers and officers. During the year a Ladies' Aid Association was organized. It raised \$537 50 for furnishing the new church the congregation purpose erecting soon. The total amount raised for all purposes during the year was \$2,909. The managers begin 1883 with a balance on hand of \$246 53.

THE anniversary of the dedication of Knox Church, Hamilton, was observed on the 21st ult. The Rev. George Burnfield, B.D., of Brockville, preached very appropriate sermons in the morning and evening. On Monday evening a social tea was given by the ladies, after which Mr. Burnfield gave a most interesting lecture on Egypt, its temples, pyramids, and people, and showed many curiosities which he brought from the land of the Pharaohs. The lecture was a rare treat. Although the weather was stormy the large church was filled with an attentive audience. The proceeds of the anniversary amounted to \$282.

A SHORT time ago a very pleasant time was spent in the basement of Zion church, Dundee Centre, at the annual entertainment of the Sabbath school. The school, from the last report furnished, seems to be in a flourishing condition. Number on roll, 140. Average attendance, 120. Average collection each Sabbath, \$1 55. Number of teachers, 14. Workers in all, 10, having begun the new year with an increase in its staff. Amid this annual merry-making the manse in many of its wants was kindly remembered, receiving forty three gifts, one of which was a kindly letter addressed to the pastor and his lady, which was pressed in between a roll of bills, "to be appropriated as they deemed best."

ST. JAMES' Presbyterian Church, London, of which Rev. D. McGillivray is pastor, after extensive improvements, was reopened on the 4th inst. The opening services were conducted in the morning by the Rev. D. Camelon, of Vaughan, and in the afternoon and evening by the Rev. J. Kirkpatrick, Toronto. Overflowing audiences attended these services. The discourses were able and appropriate. Liberal contributions were made to the improvement fund. On the following evening a successful social meeting was held, at which addresses were delivered by Rev. Messrs. Camelon, Kirkpatrick, J. A. Murray, Leonard, Gaetz, and others. St. James', London, starts out on a new era of prosperity.

THE annual meeting of St. Andrew's Church, Williamstown, was held recently. After devotional exercises by the pastor, Rev. Alex. MacGillivray, A. T. Grant, Esq., warden, was moved into the chair. The different reports indicated both growth and liberality. The revenue from all sources was upwards of \$8,000, made up chiefly as follows. For alterations and additions to the church, \$6,100. The work on the church was commenced last summer, and all the funds requisite for carrying it on were collected during the year. The building is entirely free of debt. For stipend \$800 have been paid; for outbuildings at manse, \$322; for beautifying grave yard, \$45; schemes of the Church, \$450. The Sabbath school report shows an average attendance at the two schools connected with the congregation of 130. The amount collected by the school foots up to the handsome sum of \$328, out of which the chandeliers for the church were purchased. The report of the session shows a membership of 225, nearly double what it was five years ago, at the settlement of the present pastor.

The report of the Ladies' Aid Society showed that they had collected during the year \$385, which went toward furnishing the church, etc. In addition to this, they presented their pastor on Christmas day with a purse of \$104 50, to purchase a pulpit gown. After the business, the ladies entertained the large congregation present to tea. Among the pleasing features of the meeting was the presentation to Mr. D. Campbell of a gold-headed cane, in acknowledgment of many valuable services rendered to the congregation during the past fifty years.

THE annual report of St. Paul's Church, Montreal, states "that notwithstanding the lengthened 'vacancy,' the Church services have been efficiently maintained during the year." Though St. Paul's has not suffered so severely as some congregations have done while without a settled minister in charge, it is not in a position to report so encouraging a state of affairs as it would otherwise do. The various departments of Christian work have been maintained with gratifying results. The changes in the communion roll are as follows: Reported last year, 525; now on the roll, 499; decrease, 27. The removals were as follows: Beyond Montreal, 20; within Montreal, 15; deaths, 19; total removals, 54; added to the roll, 27; net decrease, 27. Number of baptisms during the year, 9; marriages, 2; burials, 26. There has been an unusual increase in the number of deaths during the year. The following summary of revenue and contributions indicates the financial position of the congregation: Received by the Board of Trustees, per account, \$8,003 58; special collections for the poor, \$343 42; received by committee for schemes of the Church, \$5,229; paid Queen's College Endowment Fund, \$825; paid Presbyterian College, Montreal (special subscriptions), \$1 875; paid Temporalities' Board Expense Fund, \$2 340; paid House of Industry and Refuge, \$4 540; paid General Hospital (by subscription), \$1 330; the Sabbath School Missionary Collections, \$290; the Women's Aid and Mercies Societies, \$663 75; sundry benevolent purposes—charitable institutions, aid to weak congregations, church building, etc., etc., \$2,250; total \$27,689 75. The report makes grateful recognition of the return of Dr. Jenkins to Montreal with restored health and strength. He is once more able to render efficient service in the cause of Gospel.

THE annual congregational meeting of Zion Presbyterian Church, Brantford, was held in the basement last Wednesday night. There was a large attendance, and considerable interest manifested in the proceedings. Dr. Cochrane presided, and after devotional exercises, made a few remarks, introducing the business of the meeting. The report of the kirk session for the year was first submitted. It mentioned among other matters that Dr. Cochrane was now completing his twenty-first year's ministry in Brantford—that in June last he had been honoured with the highest gift in the Presbyterian Church, the Moderatorship of the General Assembly, and had also been appointed Deputy to the Churches in British Columbia. During the year ninety five members have been added to the membership of the Church, but the number of dismissals to members leaving the city, and deaths in the congregation were almost equal to the number added, leaving the present membership at 578. The Sabbath school reports showed this department to be in a satisfactory condition. The new class-rooms added by the enlargement of the church were specially referred to as giving enlarged accommodation, which was so much needed in past years. The treasurer's report, submitted by Mr. Wm. Grant, showed the contributions for the year to be \$6,600. Mr. J. K. Osborne, who next submitted the Building and Improvement Committee Report, stated that it was expected the church would be reopened towards the end of March, and that when completed the audience room for commodiousness, comfort and elegance, will be second to none in Western Ontario. In presenting the report, Mr. Osborne asked the church to accept the two large, handsome stained-glass windows in the transept as a gift from himself. The gift was cordially accepted, and a hearty vote of thanks given Mr. Osborne for his liberality. A vote of thanks was also tendered to the ladies and the Young People's Association of the church for their contributions towards the funds. On the board of management Mayor Watt was re-elected by acclamation, along with Mr. Jas. McLaren and Mr. Wm. Oliver, of Bow Park, to fill the places of retiring members. Mr. Wm. Watt, jr.,