

been attained, not only by the commendable liberality of the congregation themselves, but also by the aid generously given by a few of the neighbouring congregations, who, being strong, lent a helping hand to the weak.

BRAMPTON AND DERRY WEST.—These congregations are improving financially, and we trust spiritually also. A year ago the Brampton congregation, at their annual meeting in January, was nearly \$70 in debt. This state of affairs led to a special meeting of the congregation in February, when it was unanimously resolved to adopt the weekly system, each member and adherent promising a minimum weekly contribution for the year. The result has been highly gratifying, the ordinary subscriptions being found to have increased over fifty per cent. By the new plan \$631 was paid in without anybody being asked for a penny. The following is an abstract of the treasury statement submitted at the annual meeting on the 15th January last:—Received from 63 subscribers, \$631 12, ordinary collections, \$63 78; proceeds Mrs. Whitehead's social, \$30; for manse debt—special collection, \$10 50; total, \$104 48. Ninety-six subscribers for Schemes of the Church, \$82 36; total receipts, \$817 76. Payments. Paid pastor, Rev. J. Pringle, balance of stipend due for 1870, \$44 99; do. stipend, 1871, \$450, do. supplement, \$50; total, \$500. Paid to Schemes, Knox College, \$12 40, Home Missions, \$26 77, Foreign Missions, \$12 10; aged ministers' widows, \$12 65, Assembly, \$7 74, French evangelization, \$10 70; total, \$82 36. Paid general expenses, such as sexton, improvements, fuel, light, insurance, repairs, miscellaneous, railway fares attending Church courts, Sabbath School, &c., \$149 66; special for manse debt, \$30; other expenses, \$10 50—\$40 50; total, \$817 51; balance on hand, 25c. A surplus of \$50 was voted to the pastor, Rev. James Pringle, and his stipend for the present year advanced \$100, making the amount promised from Bramp on \$550. A deputation was appointed to visit Derry West, with a view to obtaining the co-operation of the friends there to make a similar effort to increase the stipend, and at a special meeting held there on the 1st of February, 1872, it was also unanimously resolved to adopt the weekly system, which was put into operation on the following Sabbath. Minimum subscriptions were promised, which will realize over \$200. It is hoped that between the two stations the stipend may be increased this year to \$800.—*Com.*

ELORA, KNOX'S.—The missionary contributions of this congregation for the past year amounted to \$300, being an increase over the amount for the preceding year of \$67 15. Last year a scholarship of \$60 was raised. The appropriation was as follows: Foreign Mission, \$59 50; Home Mission, \$49 00. Kankakee, \$38 50; Students' Missionary Society, \$10 63, Widows' Fund, \$42 00; Circulation of Bible in Spain, \$5 00, Knox College, \$34 50; French Evangelization, \$22 00; Point Aux Tremble, \$17 38; Outfit for Missionary, \$10 25; Expenses of Missionary Deputation, \$7 50, Commission and Postage, \$00 55; Cash on hand, \$3 19. Total, \$300. The whole amount raised by the Congregation, during the year, from all sources, amounts to over \$18,000.

KINCARDINE—SABBATH SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT.—On the evening of Wednesday, 7th of February, a musical and intellectual entertainment was given in the Town Hall, for the benefit of Knox Church Sabbath School. Owing to the indisposition of the pastor, the chair was occupied by Mr. P. McInnes, the Assistant Superintendent. The programme consisted in part of a number of choice pieces of sacred music, which were well rendered by a choir of young people, members of the school, led by Mr. Kay the Superintendent, and accompanied on the Melodeon by Miss E. McKibbin. The intellectual part consisted of readings by Messrs. D. Cameron, D. Fraser, (of the Merchants' Bank), A. Andrews, M. McPherson and W. Kay; an address on Sabbath School work and a recitation by Mr. T. Robin, (late of Toronto); and a recitation and song of Welcome by three young girls, members of the school, which was one of the most attractive features of the evening. The net proceeds amounted to \$30, which will be spent in procuring an addition to the library.—*Com.*