

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

THE ladies of Chalmers Church, Elora, realized \$130 from a bazaar held by them on the second day of the agricultural show there.

REV. J. W. CAMERON, B.A., probationer, has accepted the call from the congregation of West King and Laskay, and will be settled (D.V.) at an early date.

WE learn from eastern exchanges that the Rev. C. B. Pitblado, of Chalmers Church, Halifax, N. S., has definitely accepted the call to St. Andrew's Church, Winnipeg, and will shortly leave for that place with his family.

THE teachers and scholars of the Midland Presbyterian Sabbath school presented their late Superintendent, Mr. W. G. Thomson, with an address, accompanied by a gold chain and locket, on the occasion of his removal to Peterborough.

THE Presbyterians of Harmony, N.S., have got their new church so far advanced that, with temporary seating accommodation, they were able to hold their communion services in it on the 16th ult. Revs. Dr. McCulloch and John McMillan officiated.

THE Young People's Association of St. Paul's (Presbyterian) Church, Hamilton, gave a musical and literary entertainment on the evening of the 21st ult. The various readings, recitations and pieces of music, instrumental and vocal, were well received by the large audience, and a handsome sum was added to the funds of the association.

SOME weeks ago the Alberton congregation received a handsome present from Mrs. William Kelly in the form of a very fine organ, which has already been found of great assistance in leading the praise of the congregation. This is but one of the many ways in which Mrs. Kelly's interest in Zion has been shown during a long life of great devotion to the congregation, with which she and her husband, who passed away in June last, deeply regretted, have been connected since its organization.

THE Presbyterian church at Wyoming was reopened on the 23rd ult., after having been enlarged and renovated. The Rev. D. D. McLeod, of Paris, preached morning and evening to large audiences. On the evening of the 24th an entertainment was held, when addresses were given by the Rev. Messrs. D. D. McLeod, John Thompson of Sarnia, John McRobie of Petrolia, and the resident ministers. The Sabbath collections, together with the proceeds of the entertainment on Monday evening, amounted in all to \$82.20.

A TEA-MEETING was held in the Parkdale Presbyterian church on the evening of the 25th ult., for the purpose of welcoming the pastor, Rev. W. A. Hunter, M.A., and his wife, on their return from their marriage trip. The ladies of the congregation presented Mr. and Mrs. Hunter with a handsome breakfast and tea service, accompanied by an address, to which Mr. Hunter made a suitable reply. Congratulatory speeches were made by the Hon. John McMurrich, Rev. Messrs. Parsons, Milligan, Campbell (Methodist), Botterill (Baptist), Major Gray, Reeve of Parkdale, and Mr. J. Winchester, Reeve of Brockton.

REV. ALEX. FALCONER, of Port of Spain, Trinidad, has left Halifax to return to his field of work, after a holiday of three months or thereabout. Mr. Falconer, though not very strong, preached almost (if not quite) every Sabbath since he arrived in Canada, sometimes twice a day, and always with the greatest acceptance. Fever of the worst type prevailed in portions of Trinidad during the summer; but the latest news was to the effect that it had passed away. We hope that Mr. Falconer will return to his arduous post with health greatly improved, and that he will be long spared to labour in the Redeemer's kingdom.

ON the 18th ult. a very successful tea-meeting was held in King Street Presbyterian Church, London East. The occasion was the anniversary of the ordination of the pastor, Rev. J. Knox Wright. An address was presented to Mr. Wright from the ladies of the congregation, expressing appreciation of his labours and regard for him and Mrs. Wright. Accompanying the address there was a receipted account for a suite of parlour furniture, which in the course of the evening had been deposited at the manse. It was reported that during the year fifty-three new members had been added to the roll.

WE are very sorry to record the death of Mrs. Frizzell, the much-respected wife of the Rev. Wm. Frizzell, of Newmarket. The circumstances of Mrs. Frizzell's death were peculiarly touching, and have awakened a feeling of deep sorrow and sympathy in Newmarket and throughout the neighbourhood, where the deceased was widely known and greatly respected. The Rev. Principal Caven conducted the funeral services, and preached appropriate discourses on the succeeding Sabbath. We are sure that Mr. Frizzell has the heartfelt sympathy of his many friends throughout the Church in this peculiarly severe and unexpected bereavement.

THE "Forester" of Huntsville has the following notice of a presentation lately made to Mr. Knox, Presbyterian missionary: "Messrs. Ballantine, Hood and other friends at Grassmere and neighbourhood, wishing to mark their appreciation of the labours of Mr. Knox amongst them during the past summer, quietly made up a nice sum of money, which timely and thoughtful gift was presented by Mr. Ballantine to Mr. Knox on Tuesday last, on the occasion of his leaving for a new field of labour, with earnest prayers that the Great Head of the Church may own and bless his service in the new field to which he is appointed. This pleasing incident will be gratifying to the Presbytery of Guelph, by whom Mr. Knox was sent into Muskoka. We understand that Mr. Knox goes north to Emsdale and Barriedale for the next six months.

THE many friends and admirers of the Rev. Dr. Jenkins, of Montreal, will be sorry to learn that from continued poor health the doctor has been obliged to give up the active duties of his office and seek repose and health in a more congenial climate. As will be seen from the report of the Montreal Presbytery, he continues as pastor *emeritus* of St. Paul's congregation, and has had secured to him a retiring allowance of \$2,000 per annum. We notice also that the doctor's attached people presented him with a parting gift of \$1,000, and at the same time with a valuable tea service for Mrs. Jenkins. All, we are sure, will most cordially join in the prayer that Dr. Jenkins may speedily be so far restored as to enable him even yet to do good work in the cause of the Master in whose service he has spent and been spent for these many years.

THE printed yearly report of the congregation of Nelsonville and associated stations in Manitoba has just come to hand. We are glad to see that everything intimates healthy and continued progress under the present pastor, the Rev. A. H. Cameron, who was settled in his present charge in May, 1880. A church 24 feet by 40 feet, with walls 16 feet in height, and of Gothic style, is in course of erection, and is expected to be finished before the winter sets in. The constitution of the congregations is printed and the names of all the managers given. Up to September 19th ult. the receipts for the building had been \$588.11, and the disbursements \$489.20. A considerable number of subscriptions had been paid in lumber which, of course do not appear in the above. We are sorry we cannot give so full an account of the state of matters as we should like, from the fact that five pages of the report are left out in the copy sent us, and five given twice.

ON the evening of the 25th ult. a meeting was held under the auspices of the Temperance Association of St. Paul's Church, Hamilton, for the purpose of listening to a lecture by the Rev. Dr. James. The "Spectator" reports the proceedings as follows: "The reverend gentleman began by stating that he had been a practical total abstainer since he was eight years of age, and by reading an interesting leaf from his early experience. He then proceeded to shew that the manufacture and sale of strong drink is an enterprise which gives remunerative employment to a smaller number of people, in proportion to the money invested, than any other. He next spoke of the amount of money expended on this enterprise. The expenditure in Hamilton for religious and charitable purposes, all told, supposing it to have a population of 30,000, is \$4 per individual. Yet, at as accurate an estimate as the statistical tables enable us to make, over \$16 per individual is expended for strong drink. Quoting from Dr. Richardson and other eminent authorities, the speaker next shewed the deleterious effect of drink upon the various organs of the physical system—the muscles, stomach, heart and brain—adducing many striking illustrations in support of the various positions taken. This was followed by an exposure of the terrible effects upon the mental and moral nature.

The lecture was one which shewed much painstaking research, and contained a great amount of substantial and interesting information. The chair was occupied by the pastor, Rev. R. J. Laidlaw, who at the close tendered Dr. James a cordial vote of thanks on behalf of the association. After the singing of a beautiful solo by Mr. John Wilson, the meeting closed with the doxology. A number of new names were added to the roll of the association."

ON Sabbath evening, the 23rd ult., the Rev. J. Hastie, of St. Andrew's Church, Lindsay, addressed his congregation on the subject of the ravages of strong drink in that town. The following brief report from the "Post" will show the drift of his remarks, and it will be seen that they are capable of a general as well as a local application: "After shewing how the labours of the pulpit, of the Sunday school, and of the home circle were being neutralized by the liquor business, he made four specific statements, and dealt with them one by one. The first was that there are too many public-houses licensed in town; that they should be reduced by at least three or four; that there are that many beyond what are needed to accommodate the public, and consequently they have only one object to exist for, viz., to sell intoxicants. The town exacts from them a heavy fee for license, and they have, besides heavy expenses to bear, and so they are compelled to drive their nefarious business as vigorously as possible, which just means to make all the drunkards they can. The second was, that in some cases men utterly unfit for such positions had received licenses—men who care nothing for a man's soul, or his physical good, or for his family's interests, but whose one purpose is to get money. At the same time he wished to say publicly that according to his information there were some hotel-keepers in Lindsay who all along had acted in a humane and kindly way toward the poor drunkard, and would refuse liquor to any one seen under its influence. The third was that gross immorality was practised in connection with some of those houses, he had been credibly informed. The fourth was that Sunday selling of liquor was alarmingly prevalent in that town; that some who had good opportunities of knowing assured him that in certain houses more liquor was disposed of on Sunday than on any other day. This called for the immediate attention of the proper officials, and on no account should be passed over, if this state of things really exists. He urged sympathy and help to the poor inebriates, among whom were often found persons of the very finest moral and social qualities. He urged his audience to be as zealous and persevering in trying to rescue the fallen as those vendors of strong drink were to get them into their clutches and to keep them there; and he earnestly warned all against acquiring the appetite for stimulants and frequenting places where temptations abound."

A GOODLY number have already taken advantage of our twenty-five cent offer. It is still open. On receipt of TWENTY-FIVE CENTS we will send THE PRESBYTERIAN to any address up till 1st January next. This trial trip will enable friends to decide for or against a voyage of six or twelve months. Subscribers have in this offer a convenient opportunity of sending a weekly messenger to relatives away from home.

PRESBYTERY OF WHITBY.—This Presbytery met in St. Andrew's Church, Bowmanville, on the 18th ult. The statistics for the last year were examined, and found to indicate a gratifying progress in almost all the congregations. Mr. W. Peattie laid on the table the resignation of his pastoral charge of Clarendon and Erskine Church, Pickering. The Presbytery appointed Mr. Drummond to notify the congregation, and cite them to appear for their interests at the meeting of Presbytery to be held in St. Andrew's Church, Whitby, on Tuesday, the 22nd inst., at eleven o'clock a.m. Messrs. Carmichael and Roger were appointed to address the Presbyterian Woman's Foreign Mission Society at its annual meeting to be held in Bowmanville on the third Tuesday of January next. The Presbytery was pleased to learn that the congregations of Columbus and Brooklyn had resolved to increase the stipend of their pastor, Mr. Carmichael, to \$1,000 per annum, and they congratulated the congregations on their growing prosperity. The Presbytery committee on the state of religion was instructed to make arrangements for holding special evangelistic services when desired by the session of the congregation. In accordance with a request from the