

Walker, Clinie and Griswold, Belleville, and also the following lay gentlemen, viz., Messrs. Neilson, McAnnaman and Burdon.

The Rev. Mr. Buchan having asked a blessing, the company partook of the good things placed before them, which in regard to quantity and quality seemed to give universal satisfaction. The Rev. J. Grier, A. M., Rector of St. Thomas' Church, returned thanks.

The intellectual part of the entertainment now succeeded, and certainly it is not every day that it is in our power to listen to better speaking. Where all acquitted themselves well, it would be invidious to particularize, suffice it to say that the lovers of the serious or the humorous seemed to have had their respective preferences duly provided for, while the interest of the occasion was much enhanced by the singing of the choir, who, under the able leadership of Mr. R. A. Becket, executed several pieces of music in a very creditable manner. The Rev. Mr. Walker in a short and neat speech expressed high satisfaction with the proceedings of the evening, warmly thanking the audience, more especially the large number of persons present from other denominations, for the assistance contributed by them towards liquidating the remaining debt on the Manse. A few years ago a lot was bought and a house erected on it for the accommodation of the clergyman of St. Andrew's Church at an expense of about £800—the whole of which sum, it appears, has been paid, with the exception of £50. The exact amount realized from the Soiree on Thursday we have not learned, but it probably exceeded £35, and the balance, it is said, can without difficulty be liquidated by the congregation.

Towards the close of the proceedings votes of thanks were passed to the ladies on whom the duty of providing the substantial has devolved—to the members of the choir for the pleasant music discoursed by them—and also to Mr. Lester, who, in addition to the effective aid rendered by him to the committee of management, refused to receive the sum which the members of the church had agreed to pay for the use of the building.—*Com*

To the Rev. Kenneth McLennox, late pastor of St. Andrew's Church, Paisley, C. W.

REV. AND DEAR SIR.—The Congregation of St. Andrew's Church embrace the first occasion of their meeting after your removal from among them to address you for the purpose of assuring you of their appreciation of your zealous services as their pastor for the last three and a-half years, and of your persevering efforts in behalf of the Church, not only here and in the more immediate neighbourhood, but throughout an extensive section of the surrounding country.

We cannot forget the devotedness in behalf of the sacred cause which you exhibited when you cast your lot among us, leaving, as you did, the comforts, advantages and attractions of the old settled part of the country with the prospect and deliberate purpose of encountering the difficulties of a settlement in the woods, and devoting your talents and energies to the building-up and extension of the Church in this new country.

It is undoubtedly mainly owing to your laudable and unwearying exertions that we have a sacred edifice erected here, and the Congregation here, and at several other stations, so organized that with a corresponding measure of zeal on their part they will be placed in a prosperous position.

We regret that we must at the same time confess that, while such have been the results of your efforts—and considering the great amount of missionary labour you have gratuitously undergone in distant parts of the coun-

try, and while we thus thankfully acknowledge your indefatigable and valuable services,—your sojourn among us has been attended with drawbacks and discouragements unforeseen and unexpected when you commenced your labours. We hope however and doubt not that you will be solaced by the reflection which a devoted performance of duty always affords, and we earnestly hope that you will experience much comfort and satisfaction in the new field of usefulness on which you have entered.

We beg, Rev. and dear Sir, on behalf of the Congregation to subscribe ourselves,
Yours sincerely and respectfully,

J. VALENTINE, *Chairman of Trustees.*
JAMES MAIR, *Secretary.*

Paisley, 13th December, 1860.

To John Valentine, Esq., Chairman, and Mr. James Mair, Secretary of the Board of Trustees of St. Andrew's Church, Paisley, C. W.

GENTLEMEN.—I thank you for the kind address with which you have honoured me on behalf of the Congregation of St. Andrew's Church.

It were affectation to deny that I felt an interest of no light kind, and laboured with considerable earnestness, in the establishment of our Church in your new country. It is however to the great liberality of our friends in other places that the erection of your Church is due. I trust it may long remain a monument of their liberality, and an incentive in the members of the congregation to exert themselves suitably for the maintenance of the Church of their fathers. If my personal labours should pave the way for other ministers and missionaries of the Church, I shall not deem them lost. I indulge the hope that others may soon arise to enter into my labours.

Accept my thanks for your good wishes for me in my new charge, and assure the congregation of my continued interest in their affairs and my earnest desire for their prosperity.

I am, Gentlemen, sincerely,
Yours very truly,

K. McLENNAN.

Whitby, 20th December, 1860.

SABBATH SCHOOL CELEBRATION AT MARKHAM.—

An examination of the children attending the Presbyterian Sabbath School in this village was held in the Kirk on Thursday last, the 27th ult. There was a large gathering of the congregation and others interested in the religious training of those who will have to fill our places in the "battle of life."

The examination was conducted by the pastor, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Strauss. The chief subjects of examination were from the Book of Genesis and parts of the Epistle to the Romans, being the subjects of the previous year's study. The children manifested great familiarity with these portions of the Bible, and their answering was alike creditable to teachers and pupils. After the examination was concluded, cake and other viands were liberally handed round to the audience and children. As soon as these were disposed of, the chair was taken by A. Barker, Esq., and speeches were delivered by the Rev. Mr. Norris, Wesleyan; Rev. Mr. Strauss, Free Church; Dr. Crowe and the Rev. J. Gordon, the Pastor of the Kirk. Much cheerfulness was added to the meeting by the excellent singing of appropriate psalms and hymns by a few friends under the guidance of Mr. D. Kribs. All present seemed highly pleased with the proceedings of the evening. We understand there are 75 children on the roll of the school, many of whom come from a distance of 5 or 6 miles with surprising regularity.—*Markham Economist*, Jan. 2.

CONGREGATIONAL SOIREE AT SEYMOUR.—The members of St. Andrew's Church, Seymour, held a soiree on the evening of Wednesday last, 26th of December. The minister of the congregation, the Rev. Mr. Neill, presided and was assisted by the Rev. Messrs. Buchan of Stirling and Mr. Walker of Belleville, also by Mr. Gauder of Rawdon and Mr. Bourdon of the Grammar School, Belleville. The arrangements of the evening, with the order and quietness that prevailed, were most creditable to the members of the congregation. The speeches were excellent, blending in a most happy way amusement and instruction. The house was crowded in every corner and all seemed highly delighted with the evening's enjoyment. About \$90 were realized to liquidate the debt upon the Church property.

On the following evening a soiree was given to the children belonging to the congregation, when upwards of 200 were present besides the parents and guardians who accompanied them. Ample supplies of cake, fruit &c., with tea and coffee were provided. Appropriate and impressive addresses were delivered by the Rev. Messrs. Walker, Gauder and Buchan. Psalms and Hymns were sung by the youthful choir and a happier group of children has seldom been seen or a pleasanter evening spent by those who were present. The children's free-will offerings on the occasion for the support of the Canadian School in India amounted to \$11.00 cts., and with previous monthly contributions amounted during the year to \$22.75.—*Belleisle Intelligence*.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH LADIES' ASSOCIATION, TORONTO.

The Committee of the St. Andrew's Church Ladies' Association, in presenting a Report of their proceedings for the past year, acknowledge with gratitude the goodness of God in blessing their efforts for the relief of a large number of their suffering fellow-creatures. In a city, where so much misery exists, it has been found impossible by this Association effectually to relieve any except those professedly attached to the Scotch Church. Within this communion it is believed that much good has been effected. Deserving individuals, on whom from the pressure of the times, or from other unforeseen causes, the hand of poverty was laid, have been enabled, through the timely assistance afforded them by this Society, to struggle against and at last to overcome difficulties under which otherwise they might have sunk, whilst the children of destitute and in some instances improvident parents have been clothed and so fitted for attending the Sabbath School, the parents themselves having been visited, and their more urgent wants supplied.

The Committee tender their sincere thanks to those members of the Association who by their liberal subscriptions enable them to carry on this labour of love, and at the same time express a hope that not in this way alone would they co-operate with them in so good a work. The relief of merely temporal necessities, excellent and necessary though that be, is not all that the poor require. They love sympathy, and, when kindly offered, they will gratefully listen to advice. Cases,