

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

REV. MR. FRASER, of Knox Church, Kincardine, has resigned his charge and accepted a call to the congregation of Indian Lands, Glengarry.

THE pupils and teachers of the Presbyterian Sabbath schools at Millbank, presented their late superintendent, Mr. Andrew Mundell, with an address, a handsome buffalo robe, and a driving whip.

REV. ROBERT LAING, assistant minister of St. Paul's Church, Montreal, has received a unanimous call from St. Matthew's Church, Halifax, lately become vacant by the appointment of Rev. G. M. Grant to the principalship of Queen's College, Kingston.

AT a very successful and largely attended congregational social in River Street Church, Paris, on Wednesday evening the 6th inst., the pastor's (Rev. Mr. Anderson's) salary was increased to \$1,000 per annum, on the motion of Mr. D. Maxwell.

AT the Annual congregational meeting of the Presbyterian Church, Brampton, held recently, a committee was appointed to wait upon the Rev. James Pringle, and present him with the sum of \$100 as a New Year's gift from the congregation.

A NUMBER of the members of Rev. Mr. McKay's congregation took possession of his house, Orangeville, on Wednesday evening of last week, and after enjoying a pleasant time, departed, leaving behind them substantial tokens of regard to the value of about \$40.

REV. J. M. AULL, of Ratho and Innerkip, recently received a pleasant visit from a number of the young people belonging to the latter place and its vicinity, who presented him with a purse containing about \$60. This gift was accompanied by a cordial address, to which Mr. Aull made an appropriate reply.

A NUMBER of the Presbyterians of Springfield, Ma., recently met at the house of Mr. Francis Willock, and presented Mrs. Willock with a sum of money as a token of the people's appreciation of the services rendered by the family during the last four years in fitting up the house from week to week for public worship, there being no church in the place.

ON Monday evening, 21st ult., Rev. J. Robertson, Presbyterian missionary of the congregation of Carp and Kinburn, received a pleasant though unexpected visit from a large number of the members of the congregation, who presented him with a goodly supply of provisions and other useful articles, as a token of esteem for him and appreciation of his work.

FROM the annual report of the temporal committee of Knox Church, Ottawa, it appears that the amount contributed for all purposes was \$6,545.08, whereof \$354.81 was for the schemes of the Church. The Sabbath School report shows 147 pupils on the roll, yielding an average attendance of seventy-eight. The number of teachers including superintendent and other officers is twenty. Six pupils received prizes for introducing two or more new scholars. Fifteen names were added to the roll in this way. Perhaps other schools might adopt this method with advantage.

THE annual report of the Meaford congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Canada indicates steady progress. The number of members on the roll on 1st October, 1877, was 100, being a net increase of eight during the year. The receipts from ordinary revenue amounted to \$311.45; and on building and furnishing account, \$5,262.70. Besides this, \$1,000, being proceeds of property sold, went to help the building fund. For the schemes of the Church, \$32.82 was collected and apportioned as follows: Knox College, \$6; Home Missions, \$19.82; Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, \$3; French Evangelization, \$5. The Sabbath School is in a prosperous condition with ninety-eight scholars and fourteen teachers.

THE induction of Rev. Nathaniel Patterson, as minister of Bayfield and Bethany churches, took place last Wednesday at the former place, in the presence of a very large congregation. Rev. Messrs. Sieveright, Cameron, Thompson, Danby and Musgrave took part in the services, which were of the simple yet impressive nature usually characteristic of the Presbyterian Church. Rev. Mr. Patterson met with a very cordial reception as the congregation was retiring, and he enters on his charge under the most favorable auspices. On the same evening a tea meeting was held, the church being crowded to excess. The speakers were the ministers above mentioned and Rev. Mr. Treleven,

of the Canada Methodist Church. The affair was a great success.

THE soiree in connection with Knox Church, Georgina, was held on the evening of the 23rd ult. The weather, though unfavorable, did not in any way mar the success of the gathering. After partaking of the excellent tea, served by the ladies in White's Hall, the company withdrew to the church. Mr. Angus Ego, was unanimously voted into the chair, which he filled in a pleasing and effective manner. Addresses, practical, pleasing, and instructive were then delivered by the Revs. E. Cockburn, Uxbridge; and J. Guard, Sutton. The readings of Mr. George Dempster, Toronto, received the hearty and well-merited applause of the audience. The speaking was interspersed with choice selections of sacred music, rendered by an excellent choir under the leadership of Mr. G. Griffith. After a few closing remarks by Mr. J. Builder, student of Knox College, the proceedings closed with the doxology and benediction. Proceeds amounted to \$85.

THE annual meeting of the congregation of Chalmers' Church, Kingston, was held on the evening of Monday, the 4th inst., in the lecture-room of the church. The meeting having been opened with devotional exercises conducted by the pastor, Rev. F. McCuaig, Mr. James Macnee was appointed chairman, and Mr. R. Bannerman, secretary. The report of the Trustees showed that the total collections for all purposes amounted to \$3,324.11, an increase over the preceding year of \$375.11. From the report of the Kirk Session it appeared that the number of families connected with the congregation was over 100; and the number of members 188, being an increase of fourteen during the year. The report of the Sabbath School showed 115 on the roll, with an average attendance of 106. The number of teachers was 20; the amount contributed, \$330.67. A report from the Ladies' Association stated that they had collected from various sources \$929.28 towards building a manse for the minister, and offered, in the event of a manse being undertaken, to head the subscription list with \$1,000. Another thousand was promised by a few individuals, on condition that the congregation should proceed at once with the building.

AT the annual meeting of St. Andrew's Church, Stratford, on the 28th ult., the attendance of the congregation was large, and a deep interest was manifested in the details of the year's work submitted. The chair was occupied by Mr. J. F. Scholz, Mr. W. Mowat acting as secretary. From the report of the managers it appeared that the income for the year was \$3,753, and the expenditure \$3,496.89, leaving a balance of \$257.11 in the treasurer's hands at the close of the year. The total liabilities, including a mortgage of \$1,700, were \$2,589.39. For the first three months, the church was without a regular pastor, so that the managers' statement may really be said only to cover nine months. The minister's salary is now very nearly defrayed by the weekly offerings, so that after paying current expenses the other revenue can be devoted to reducing the debt on the church. The report was adopted *nem. con.* A committee was appointed to consider the advisability of building a manse this year, and it was decided to set apart \$150 per year from the 1st of April, towards paying the rent until a manse is built. Messrs. J. F. Scholz, Jas. Hamilton, R. Rutherford, W. Mowat, W. Hepburn, R. Saunders, G. G. Ewart, Hugh Grant, and A. W. Robb, were elected managers for the current year.

THE report of the managing and other committees of St. Andrew's Church, London, for the year 1877, read at the annual meeting of the congregation held on the 30th ult., indicates considerable progress. The membership seems to be increasing at the rate of about 100 per annum, the present membership being 604 and the number of families 425. The total amount collected during the year for all purposes was \$5,687.69, an increase of \$703.76 over the income of the previous year. The net amount collected by the Missionary Association was \$699.51, which was apportioned to the various schemes of the Church as follows: Knox College, \$160; Home Missions, \$175; Foreign Missions, \$190; Aged and Infirm Ministers' and Widows' and Orphans' Fund, \$50; French Evangelization, \$30; Chiniquy Mission, \$30; Presbytery Fund, \$35; Assembly Fund, \$25; Synod Fund, \$2. The Sabbath Schools in connection with the congregation are also in a prosperous condition, the funds, after paying all running expenses, for books, papers, catechisms, etc., admitting of the following appropriations: Formosa

Mission, \$20; India Mission, \$20; French Evangelization, \$15; Point aux Trembles Mission, \$15; Welland Canal Mission, \$5; Sunday School Association, \$5; Home Mission Fund, \$10.

ON Thursday evening, the 7th inst., the annual Social of the Duchess Street Sabbath School was held in the Mission Church. The evening being fine the attendance was good. One hundred and thirty children sat down to a sumptuous repast of tea, cakes, and fruit, provided by the Teachers and other kind friends. In the absence of the Rev. Dr. Topp the Superintendent, Mr. Laidlaw, occupied the chair. Interesting addresses were given by Rev. A. Gilray, College Street, Messrs. Scouler, Reid, McCall, and Corrie, Students of Knox College. Although only a Mission School, the children do not forget those who are not so highly favoured, their contributions for the year in aid of the Mission funds being \$91.43, which was voted to the following schemes of the Church, Home Missions, \$31.43; Foreign Missions, \$20; Knox College Students' Missionary Society, \$20; French Evangelization, \$20. Prizes in books to the number of thirty were distributed to those who had attended fifty Sabbaths during the year. Before the meeting closed Mr. Laidlaw was requested to leave the chair, and it by request having been taken by Mr. Geo. Oal, the first Superintendent of the school, Mr. Wm. Carlyle presented an address to Mr. Laidlaw, signed on behalf of the Teachers by Mr. J. G. Ford. The address was accompanied by an elegant Marble Time Piece. The recipient of the handsome present, having replied thanking the donors for their expression of kindness, the meeting was closed by singing the Doxology, Rev. A. Gilray pronouncing the benediction.

THE annual missionary meeting of Gould Street Presbyterian Church, was held on Wednesday evening of last week, in the church, Rev. J. M. King, M.A., in the chair. After devotional exercises the report of the Mission Society, and also that of the Hopeful Glenr's Missionary Band, were read by Mr. Wm. Kerr. It appeared from these reports that there had been raised by the congregation, including the Sabbath Schools, during the past year—for Home Missions, \$916.44; for Foreign Missions, \$417.30; for Knox College, \$861.66, of which \$360 were for ordinary revenue, \$160 for the Scholarship Fund, and \$341.66 for the Building Fund; for French Evangelization, \$125; for Manitoba College, \$20; for Church Extension in Toronto, \$443; and for various other Funds of the Denomination, \$90.94—making \$2,874.34 as the congregation's contribution to the schemes of the Presbyterian Church for 1877. The amount is considerably larger than that contributed during any previous year of its history. In addition to this amount the secretary, Mr. Kerr, reported \$501 as contributed by the congregation for various other forms of Christian effort not embraced in those specified above, thus making \$3,375.34 as its annual contribution for extra-congregational purposes. The adoption of the report was moved by Principal Caven and seconded by Mr. Thos. Kirkland, M.A. The meeting which was a large one, was afterwards addressed in an instructive and effective way by Professor McLaren, the Rev. Mr. Junor (who is about to proceed to China), and the Rev. Dr. Fraser, who is just returned from that country. Much interest was evinced in the statements of the last speaker in regard to the religious condition of the Chinese in Formosa and the amount of successful work done by Presbyterian missionaries in that Island.

TIME AGAIN EXTENDED, and "Year Book" for 1878 still offered as a premium. See first page.

"REMEMBER—this is what a dying sinner said to the Saviour of sinners. Both were being crucified. The one 'indeed justly'; but the other had 'done nothing amiss.' He was sinless among men; He was spotless before God. He did no sin; He was wounded, crucified, slain for ours. One of the vilest of the great sinner-train of human kind hung in the agonies of death by the side of Jesus. He looked upon our dying Lord. He was the only one in the world just then who called him Lord. He had been taught by the Holy Ghost. Taught to believe, to trust Jesus. And his heart spoke out his faith—'Lord, remember me. Oh, if only that dying, sin-atonement Lamb remember me, all will be well. Jesus never disappoints a sinner's faith. Reader, you may be the very worst. Think of that bleeding form. It was all for you. Trust Him. Leave yourself in His hands. He will not cast you out. The thief's 'Lord, remember me,' was met by a blessed answer, an answer which goes down through all the ages, to comfort penitent sinners who believe on Him—'Thou shalt be with me in Paradise.'"—*Rev. J. E. Sampson.*