

SABBATH SCHOOL CELEBRATIONS, TORONTO.—On the 12th January, the annual Sabbath School Soiree, in connection with Knox's Church, took place. The Report will be found in another column. The attendance was large, the children present numbering about 350, and the parents and others mustering in scarcely smaller numbers. After the refreshments were over, an adjournment took place from the basement to the body of the Church. The pastor having taken the chair, several addresses were delivered, and appropriate hymns sung. The evening was spent most pleasantly, and altogether the meeting was an excellent one. The children contributed for missionary objects upwards of \$92, which sum was voted in equal proportions to the Buxton Mission and to the Presbytery.

The annual celebration in Cooke's Church took place on the 5th January, and was well attended. A most encouraging report was presented, and a testimonial presented to Mr. Hunter, the Superintendent. From the report presented, it appears that the number of children attending the School was 180.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FARNHAM CENTRE, C. E.

A meeting of the children attending the sabbath school in connection with the church was held on the morning of Monday, 2nd. January. After a few verses had been sung, and a portion of the Scriptures read, the meeting was led in prayer by Mr. Burnett, a lay gentleman of the Methodist Church. "There is a happy land" was next sung, after which, a liberal supply of cakes, &c., provided by a few of the ladies of the congregation, was handed round to the young people, and the friends present. After the desire of eating had been taken away, (as Homer says) a few remarks were made by the Chairman, Mr. D. Morrison. A short address was next given by Mr. Burnett. This was followed by the singing of a hymn, after which an address was delivered by the missionary at present supplying the station, and several drawings and engravings of heaven and gods exhibited. The favorite hymn, "From Greenland's icy mountains," was then sung, which was followed by what was not the least important part of the exercises—a collection in aid of S. S. Library. Refreshments were again handed round, after which the meeting was closed with a short devotional exercise. The young people and visitors then retired, much gratified with the first sabbath school New Year's treat at Farnham Centre.—*Com.*

PRESENTS TO MINISTERS—A WORD OF EXPLANATION.—A word of explanation is necessary to several esteemed friends, who

have recently sent us intelligence of presents received by ministers from their congregations. Sometime ago we thought it best to discontinue the insertion of such notices. Indeed we received several communications, both from ministers and others, suggesting such a course, for various reasons, which we need not specify, but which will, no doubt, suggest themselves to many on reflection. We rejoice to hear of all such testimonials of esteem, and we do not think it wrong to notice publicly any marked instance of generosity and liberality. But we do not think that it answers any good or useful purpose to publish indiscriminately all such gifts.

THE REV. R. WALLACE.—In our last number we noticed the appointment of Mr. Wallace to the office of General Secretary and Agent for the French Canadian Missionary Society. Mr. Wallace has now been released by the Presbytery of London from the pastoral charge of Ingersoll. His people deeply regretted the separation, but in consequence of the state of Mr. Wallace's health could throw no obstacle in the way of his removal. Several addresses and tokens of esteem have been presented to Mr. Wallace on the occasion of his resigning his pastoral charge, both by those connected with his own congregation and the christian community generally. Mr. Wallace labored eleven years in Ingersoll, and has done much to advance the cause of God in the town and neighborhood. He leaves his congregation in a state of prosperity and harmony. We trust a suitable pastor may soon be sent them, and we earnestly trust that Mr. Wallace may be strengthened for the arduous and important duties on the discharge of which he has now to enter.

SUPPORT OF COLLEGE—PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.—We have received a circular addressed by the Presbytery of London to all the congregations and stations, on the subject of the College. The Presbytery proceeded in a very business-like way, presenting a scale according to which all the congregations are expected to contribute. Of course this is simply intended for the guidance or direction of the congregations, and to give them an idea of the amount required. Two rates are mentioned in the circular, viz.: one at 35 cents per family, giving for the Presbytery of London \$1085 29c., exclusive of the mission stations, the other at 20 cents per family, which would give \$1252. The larger rate is mentioned with the view of bringing up the contributions, in the course of a short time, to the amount necessary to carry on the college

without the difficulties which are at present experienced.

We trust that all the Presbyteries of the Church will go about this business in the same systematic way as that adopted by the Presbytery of London.

MARKHAM.—The Rev. J. Straus has received a call from the congregations at Melville Church and Brown's Corners.

ITEMS OF RELIGIOUS AND GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

THE REV. DR. CHEEVER AND SLAVERY.—A large and influential meeting was lately held in Edinburgh, for the purpose of expressing sympathy with Dr. Cheever. The Lord Provost presided, and stated the object of the meeting. Eloquent addresses were delivered by Dr. Candlish, Dr. Alexander, Dr. Guthrie, and others. Dr. Candlish's speech was a most powerful and telling one.

THE CRYSTAL PALACE COMPANY AND THE LORD'S DAY.—At a late meeting of the Company a proposal to close the Palace on the Lord's Day, was rejected by a large majority. The sabbath opponents were most outrageous in their conduct.

RELIGIOUS REVIVAL IN NORWAY AND SWEDEN.—Dr. Baad states that since his visit in 1836, a most remarkable moral and spiritual change has taken place, and that in no part of the world has religion made so much progress as in these northern kingdoms.

RELIGIOUS REVIVAL.—The good work continues to advance in Ireland. The *Banner of Ulster* says:—"The great festival of the year, so far from interfering with the progress of the spiritual work, has, so far as we have been able to discover, actually promoted it. The time and means which would formerly have been given to dissipation and foolish pastime, by many of the young, have this year, been given to God. The sanctuary has been filled, and the streets have been empty." Cheering accounts are also received from Scotland. In Edinburgh University a general prayer meeting, open to all students, is held every Saturday morning.

RELIGIOUS DAILY NEWSPAPERS.—It is proposed to establish in London a daily religious newspaper, named "The Dial" to dispute the supremacy of the press with the *Times*. It is said that the present Editor of the *Edinburgh Witness* is to be principal Editor.

THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN SYNOD OF SCOTLAND ON INTEMPERANCE.—At its last meeting, the U. P. Synod appointed an address