

School is 196; average attendance, 161; staff of teachers, 24; missionary collections, \$122.

**CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Hamilton:** This is one of the largest congregations in the church, the number of communicants on the roll being 804, and of pupils in the Sabbath School, 508. The total income for 1875 was \$13,817.91, of which there was expended for congregational purposes \$11,101.64, and for missionary and benevolent purposes, \$2716.27. The stipend is \$3000. The serious illness of the pastor, Rev. John McColl, made it necessary that he should be relieved of his duties for a time. With accustomed liberality, the congregation provided the necessary funds to defray the expenses of his journey to Southern California, where he has been spending the winter, and we rejoice to hear that the congregation are now looking forward hopefully to his return, re-invigorated for the duties of the pastorate and the Church.

**PRESENTATION.**—The Rev. Dr. Cochrane of Brantford has received from members of his congregation the present of a very handsome silk cassock and pulpit gown. We unite with his friends in hoping that the indefatigable convener of the Assembly's Home Mission Board may live to wear out his gown in the service of Zion Church.

#### MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERIES.

**WHITBY.**—A special meeting of this Presbytery was held in the second Presbyterian Church, Bowmanville, on Tuesday, the twenty-second day of March, for the induction of the Rev. James Little, of Quincy, Florida, U. S., and other business. Mr. Little presented his papers of release from the Presbytery of Florida, with accompanying documents which testified to the high esteem he was held in by his brethren, his congregation, and the community in general. Mr. Hogg preached an able and appropriate discourse and presided. Messrs. Kennedy and Stuart delivered charges to the minister and congregation. In the evening, a mammoth reception was given to Mr. Little at a soiree provided by the ladies of the congregation, at which addresses were delivered by mem-

bers of Presbytery and brethren from a distance. The whole proceedings were of an unusually interesting character, and, it is safe to say, that while the Presbytery of Florida have been deprived of a much esteemed brother and worker, our Church and Presbytery have gained a valuable acquisition to their ranks.

The Presbytery again met at Oshawa, on the eleventh of April. The question of Presbyterial visitation was resumed, and after lengthened deliberation it was agreed "That the report on the whole as amended be adopted and printed; and that copies of the same be transmitted to Kirk-Sessions. It was also moved in this connection "That a pastoral letter from the Moderator be prepared and transmitted to congregations."

The report on the "State of Religion" was received and adopted, and the thanks of the Presbytery given to the committee, who were instructed to receive delayed reports and append the information therein contained.

Mr. Laing stated that at the Presbyterial Sabbath School Convention, it was recommended that the Presbytery take steps to stir up a missionary spirit among the young, when Messrs. Hogg, Rogers, Edmondson and Ratcliff, elder, were appointed a committee to do so.

**OTTAWA.**—This Presbytery held its last regular meeting in Knox Church, Ottawa, on the 2nd and 3rd May. The following are the principal items of business.

The call from Pembroke in favour of the Rev. W. D. Ballantyne was sustained and the induction fixed for Wednesday, the 17th May. Rev. R. Campbell to preach and preside. Rev. D. J. McLean to address the Pastor and Rev. A. Campbell the people.

The Rev. H. Sinclair accepted a call from Ross, and his induction was fixed for the 18th May. The same parties to conduct it.

The Rev. J. M. McIntyre declined the call from Cumberland, Clarence and Navau.

Mr. John McMillan gave in a report of the present state of the Presbytery Fund, and the travelling expenses for the year of the members of Presbytery present were paid.

The Rev. Daniel W. Cameron appeared before the Presbytery and applied to be received into the church. He presented a Presbyterial certificate from the Presbytery of Champlain, in the United States, which being regarded satisfactory, it was agreed to apply to the ensuing meeting of the General Assembly for leave to receive him. Much sympathy was felt for the Rev. W. McKenzie, of Almonte, and family in the