

**ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, OTTAWA.**—We understand that steps are already being taken to obtain a successor to Dr. Spence over this important congregation, and that their first choice has fallen upon Rev. D. J. Macdonnell B. D., Minister of Peterboro, whose sermon before the Synod in June made so favourable an impression, whom they have unanimously invited to become a candidate.

**ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH KINCARDINE (ONTARIO).**—On Sabbath, the 30th of June, by appointment of the Presbytery of Guelph, this church was preached vacant by the Rev. Mr. Muir of Galt, the reverend gentleman preaching three times. It is no flattery to Mr. Muir when we say that he delivered three admirable discourses, and that his comments on the three preliminary chapters which he read, were very instructive and much appreciated. At the morning service the church was so crowded that very many could not find seats or even an entrance, and therefore had to go away.

It must be very gratifying to the friends of our Church to know that notwithstanding the secession of the late pastor of St. Andrew's Church here, the Rev. A. Dawson, L.A., to the Canada Presbyterian Church, the Congregation is determined to keep together.

Kincardine is an excellent field for a young man, and whoever may be minister of our church here will find that they are a kind and united people, and devotedly attached to the Church of their fathers.

**LAPRAIRIE.**—The Congregation of St. Andrew's Church, Laprairie, have again the pleasure of expressing their thanks to the Misses Neil McIntosh, Bute House, Montreal, and to the young ladies in their seminary, for the very handsome donation of forty dollars towards the Manse Fund.

This sum is part of the proceeds of a bazaar which was held at the close of the school for the season. Several other churches have also been cheered by receiving valuable aid from this source.

**TORONTO.**—Robert Jardine, B. D., a licentiate of our church, who has been travelling in the Mother Country for a year past, before settling down to the work of the ministry in this his native land, has returned to Canada, and after filling several of the pulpits of Montreal for a few Sundays, with much acceptance, has proceeded to the mission field within the bounds of the Presbytery of Toronto, where he will doubtless render good service to the church.

**PRESENTATION.**—After the weekly meeting for prayer, the ladies of the Congregation of St. Andrew's Church, Guelph, C. W. met, and through Mr. Massie, superintendent of the Sabbath School, presented their worthy and respected pastor with a rich silk pulpit gown, cassock and pulpit Bible, and the following address.

*To the Rev. John Hogg.*

**REV. AND DEAR SIR.**—Nine years have elapsed since in the providence of the giver of every good gift you were called to the pastoral charge of this congregation, and during that period we have witnessed how with all faithfulness, ability

and zeal you have discharged the onerous duties of your sacred office.

In your Sabbath day ministrations, in your week day visitations, in your unwearied attention and sympathy to the sick, in your care and affection for the young, in your solicitude for the eternal interests of all the flock over which the Holy Ghost has made you an overseer, you have given gratifying evidence that your earnest desire and prayer is the promotion of the glory of God in the salvation of souls.

At the request of the ladies of the congregation I have the honour and pleasure of presenting you on their behalf with this pulpit gown, cassock and Bible, as a sincere, although very inadequate, testimony of their respect and esteem. The donors, and I am sure the congregation at large, join in the earnest desire and fervent prayer that you may be long spared to wear this gift, and to labour as you have heretofore laboured for the spiritual welfare of your people.

JAMES MASSIE.

On behalf of the ladies of St. Andrew's Church.

**MISSION CHURCH AT PORTLAND, ST. JOHN.**—In March, 1865, it was resolved to establish a Mission Station in Portland, a suburb of St. John, N.B. Mr. Caie was sent out by the Colonial Committee to labour there and in Rothesay. One of the first tasks he set himself was to organise a Sabbath School, and the services of Mr. H. T. Ames, were secured for the object, a gentleman in every way qualified. Beginning with twenty scholars, the first annual examination showed a list of one hundred and twenty. Mr. Ames, who possesses a knowledge of, and the ability to teach music, made this an important part of the training. Besides the benefits to the children of the practice itself, it became a source of revenue, and they acquired so great a mastery of the art, that their services were often asked for at sacred concerts. A considerable sum was required for Catechisms, Bibles, a Library, &c. The concerts yielded about \$210, the greater part of which was laid out for books, and a handsome contribution given to the Church now in course of erection. The plate collection of the children amounted last year to \$103, donations \$37, and the library now contains four hundred and fifty volumes, about fifty volumes having been presented by the Sabbath School of St. Andrew's Church (Rev. Dr. Donald's). The proceeds of a lecture by Mr. Ames, and a collection taken up on Sunday evening the 7th of July, put the school free of debt, leaving a balance in hand. The number of scholars now on the roll is two hundred and fifty, with twelve male and eighteen female teachers. On the 7th ultimo, the second anniversary was held. The singing, recitations of passages from the Bible, Hymns, &c., were admirably given, and showed an amount of training by the teachers, and an aptitude for learning by the pupils, that were most encouraging. One little girl repeated the whole of the 45th chapter of Isaiah without a single error. This was the longest, but the other shorter exercises, some by very young children, were equally correctly given. The Church now in course of erection is built partly from funds derived from the sale of St. Stephen's Church, the Congregation of which was broken