

pastor's acceptance of an easy chair, "as a small acknowledgment of the gratitude they felt for the deep interest and untiring efforts he had taken to make the class pleasing and instructive." Mr. McMechan, though embarrassed by the suddenness of the whole affair, replied in happy terms, saying that while he felt deeply grateful for the handsome present made him by his young friends, one thing would be still more gratifying to his feelings, and that was that each young heart might be consecrated to Christ. Another pleasing incident followed, namely, the presentation of a silver cup for the brand new baby of the manse; and even this was enhanced by a lady member of the congregation, who was making a friendly call, dropping a gold sovereign into the cup for handseil. After the company had partaken of tea, provided by the young ladies, and amused themselves in various harmless ways, the pleasant meeting was brought to a close by praise, reading the Scriptures, and prayer.

ON the evening of January 18th, a social meeting was held in the Presbyterian Church, St. George. The meeting was in connection with the Sabbath School. The church was well filled, not only the young persons of the congregation, but others, were present and spent the evening very profitably. There was singing, and some recitations, and a very able essay was read by Miss Alice Skimin of St. George. The children received many gifts, and many of them very costly, from the gift tree. The congregation presented their pastor, the Rev. Robert Hume, M.A., with an easy chair for his study, and also a beautiful Centre Table. They also presented Mrs. Hume with a beautiful and costly Toilet Set, as an expression of their esteem and affection for them. Mr. P. Rudel who has been conducting the Psalmody of the church for many years received a purse of money. Mr. W. B. Wood, the superintendent of the Sabbath School, received also a gift from the congregation, as expressive of their esteem for him in connection with Sabbath School work. In addition to the above, all the members of the Bible Class and teachers and others had a social meeting in the manse on the evening of the 22nd. A very agreeable time was spent and all who were present seemed to enjoy themselves very much.—COM.

A MOST successful tea meeting was held in the Presbyterian Church at Bondhead on Thursday evening, the 17th ult. The refreshments—provided by the ladies of the congregation, who received a well-merited vote of thanks—were excellent, and the supply apparently inexhaustible. The church was crowded, numbers standing in the vestry. An interesting lecture on Formosa was delivered by the Rev. J. B. Fraser, M.D., the missionary of our Church, who has recently returned after three years residence in that island, and was listened to throughout with marked attention. Short addresses were afterwards given by the Revs. J. W. Totten (Methodist), S. Acheson, and E. W. Pantou. A choice selection of music rendered by the efficient choir was much appreciated by the audience, and added very materially to the enjoyment of the evening. The following evening, a social was given to the Sabbath School children and the young people, which was largely attended and very greatly enjoyed by those who were present. The Rev. Mr. Fraser presided on both occasions in his usual able and courteous manner. The proceeds, about \$80, are to be divided between the Sabbath School and the Zenana Mission in India.—COM.

THE annual meeting of Fort Massey congregation, Halifax, was held recently. The Sabbath collections for the year amounted to \$4,729.22. The average per Sabbath for the year was \$90.94. The last year's average per Sabbath was \$89.77. All this is raised by church door voluntary contributions. About \$250 was raised for missionary purposes by the Sabbath School and Bible Class. The Sabbath School supports a Catechist in Trinidad,—and one of the classes a Monitor, besides. The money raised by the Bible Class goes to the support of the City Mission. The Ladies' Association raised over \$200, which is devoted to missionary and benevolent purposes. Contributions to the Schemes of the Church exceed \$1,000, and payments for the College \$51,094. The amount of \$1,426 was paid on account of debt, making the total for Church purposes, \$8,668.22. This does not, of course, include contributions to outside objects, as for example, the St. John relief fund, towards which members of this congregation gave over \$2,000. The committee may well say that the congregation have rea-

son to thank God and take courage. Dr. Burns certainly sees the work of the Lord prospering in his hands. The committee note that he "has faithfully and ably ministered to the spiritual welfare of our people as well as given a large portion of his time to the pressing work of the Church at large."—*Halifax Witness*.

WE notice the following encouraging evidences of congregational prosperity in St. Andrew's congregation, Delaware. The attendance at service is rapidly increasing. The sacrament of the Lord's supper was dispensed on the first Sabbath of the year by the newly-ordained pastor, Rev. P. C. Goldie, when the pleasant sight of a crowded house was witnessed. When the annual meeting revealed the fact that the congregation had fallen into arrears to the extent of \$120, the new Board of Managers set so earnestly to work that the debt was wiped out in a few days by subscription. It was next determined to re-model the inside of the building, and the most successful tea meeting ever held in the village, was given for that purpose on the evening of the 24th, at which was realized the handsome sum of \$125. In the southern part of the congregation they are about to begin church-building, if present indications do not very much disappoint us. On Thursday 31st, 20 of the kind ladies of the congregation called at the residence of the pastor, and in a very quiet and never-mention-it kind of a manner, presented Mrs. Goldie with a handsome purse of money, as a token of the love and affection of the people, when we are sure both parties felt the truth of the text, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." All this convinces us that the faithful adherents and members of this congregation are determined that it will not be their fault if this congregation does not occupy a position worthy of the church of their fathers.

REV. P. McLEOD, late of Liverpool, was inducted into the pastoral charge of Knox Church, Stratford, on the 30th ult. The induction sermon was preached by Rev. E. W. Waits of St. Andrew's Church, from 2 Corinthians iv. 7. "But we have this treasure in earthen vessels that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us." Rev. Thomas McPherson, late pastor of the congregation, presided; Rev. Mr. Gordon of Harrington, addressed the newly-inducted minister, and Rev. Mr. McAlpine, St. Mary's, the people. In the evening, the anniversary soiree was held, tea being served in the basement of the church to a large number of people. The company afterwards adjourned to the body of the church and the chair was taken by Rev. T. McPherson, who introduced as the first speaker, Rev. Mr. Grant of Ingersoll. Mr. Grant's address was practical and vigorous, and was cordially received. The new pastor of the congregation then addressed the meeting, expressing his feelings and views on entering upon his new charge, and stating that notwithstanding his regrets at parting with his friends across the Atlantic, he came to Stratford with a happy heart, believing that the Lord had called him, and trusting that they would go on as they had begun, a happy and united congregation. The next speaker was the Rev. W. Cochrane, D.D., of Brantford, who delivered a stirring address in the course of which he stated that Mr. McLeod had preached two churches full in Liverpool, and that similar results might be expected from his ministry in Stratford. Rev. Messrs. McLeod of Paris, and Benson of Stratford, delivered short congratulatory addresses, after which the doxology was sung and the proceedings closed.

THE Presbyterian Church Extension Committee, of which Mr. J. L. Blaikie is chairman, some weeks ago made several visits to Leslieville, in order to establish a preaching station and Sabbath School, but no house or building could be found in which to meet. After consultation with residents of the vicinity, it was decided to build a church. Messrs. Geo. Leslie, Sen., and M. MacKee each offered to donate a lot free of cost, but it was found that the ground was unsuitable, though central. The Extension Committee then with praiseworthy generosity purchased a fine building lot for \$1400, and presented the deed thereof to the congregation on condition that the congregation build their own church thereon, to be called the Leslieville Presbyterian Church. The few Presbyterians in the neighborhood have subscribed liberally according to their means. Plans have been prepared by Mr. Gordon, architect, and adopted, the contract let, and the building commenced. The edifice, which will be of brick and stone, will cost about \$8000 when fully

completed. A few weeks ago the congregation was organized according to the rules of Presbytery. A Sabbath School in the afternoon has been begun under the superintendence of Mr. Robert Scott of the Customs Department, and is well attended. The preaching on Sabbath evenings, under the care of the Students of Knox College, has also been well attended. At the recommendation of Mr. Blaikie a very successful social was held on the evening of the 21st January, in the large Orange Hall, which was crowded to excess. The ladies of the neighborhood contributed liberally all the good things necessary to fill the tables richly. The speaking and singing were of the best description, and every one seemed delighted with the night's entertainment. The speakers were Rev. Messrs. Cameron, Mitchell, and Gilray, with Rev. Mr. Langford of the Methodist Church in the neighborhood, and Messrs. J. L. Blaikie and Alderman Hallam. The proceeds will be about one hundred dollars, which go to the building fund. The splendid choir of the Gould Street Church attended and supplied the music.

INDUCTION AT WINSLOW.—On the 23rd day of January the Rev. William Mathieson, formerly of North Arthur was inducted by the Presbytery of Quebec into the pastoral charge of Winslow. The day was one of the stormiest, and towards evening one of the coldest of the season. To some members of the Presbytery the morning drive of twenty miles from Scotstown was not enjoyable, as we can feelingly testify. The Winslow church looks old and a good deal the worse of wear, stands alone, a mile from the village, in one of the coldest spots in her Majesty's North American dominions, and yet strange to tell, there is no shelter of any kind for horses. In mercy to the poor dumb animals we recommend the congregation to put up sheds. In spite of the wind, drifting snow, and cold that frost-bit several, the church was well filled with more than 200 earnest Highlanders. Some walked several miles; a number came from the neighboring townships. Mr. McDonald, now of Scotstown, formerly for a number of years minister of Winslow, presided and conducted the induction services in Gaelic. Mr. McLeod, of Lingwick, preached in Gaelic. The singing sounded to our ear weird but not unpleasant. How wonderfully demonstrative a language that of the Celt is! It may do well for war, but what a language to make love in! As your correspondent does not know the language, he will say nothing of the sermon. After the usual service in Gaelic, Mr. Lindsay of Sherbrooke addressed the minister in English, and Mr. McDonald, the people, in Gaelic. The English language is below par in Winslow yet. We are happy to be able to say that the call to Mr. Mathieson was unanimous and cordial, and he received from his people a hearty Highland welcome. Amid a storm that rendered the road almost impassable, and cold that to us felt extreme, we reached Stornoway, which is about a mile from the church, where we found a comfortable shelter for the night. The village is not large but rather pretty, and the country around it appears to be pretty well settled. The storm wasted its force through the night, and giving the country people time to break the roads, next day after dinner we felt it safe to start for Scotstown. The day was frosty still but fine, and we reached our destination without mishap. Thus another of our Highland charges in the Eastern townships is filled up. Amid the desperate efforts of the Church of Rome to fill the townships with French and have the Province of Quebec to itself, it is our duty not only as Christians but as patriots to encourage our hardy Highland settlers in these townships. They form a barrier to the progress of Ultramontaniam. Still farther north there is at Lake Megantic a congregation struggling into existence, and with a little aid from our Home Mission Fund, we hope before long to be able to chronicle the settlement of a minister there. With such settlers, there is hope for the future of the priest-ridden province of Quebec.—L.

A GOON example is one of the loudest bells to call people to church.

THERE are a thousand Christian congregations in Madagascar, and 45,000 children taught in the Mission Schools of the London Missionary Society! What hath God wrought?

MR. JOHN W. HALES, late Fellow of Christ's College, Cambridge, editor of Milton's "Areopagitica," etc., has been appointed to the chair of English Language and Literature at King's College.

THE Academy understands that a new edition of the Bible Society's new Hebrew translation of the New Testament is in progress, with numerous improvements, under the eye of the venerable translator, Dr. Delitzsch.