

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

THE Rev. Dr. Ure, of Goderich, is at present lecturing on Pastoral Theology in the Theological Hall, Kingston.

NOT long ago the people of the Erin Presbyterian congregation presented Mr. Jos. Young with a purse containing \$40, as a token of their appreciation of his services as leader of church music.

REV. JNO. STUART, B.A., of Trenton, has started for the Bermudas in search of health. We hope that he may speedily find it. His brother, Rev. James Stuart, B.A., is supplying his place during his absence.

ON Tuesday evening, the 2nd inst., the Rev. Mr. Stewart, of Clinton, was presented by the members of his Bible class with an address and a handsome parlour clock and silver inkstand, in token of their appreciation of his labours amongst them.

AT Peterboro', on Tuesday evening the 2nd March, and in connection with the Bible class of St. Andrew's Church, the Rev. James Cleland, of Port Hope, gave an admirable lecture on "The Silence of Scripture." This was the fourth of a series intended to give interest to Bible subjects, and to awaken and stimulate thought in their study; and, if the delighted appreciation of a good audience, and the remarks that followed, can be taken as indications of results, it is gratifying to know that the lecturer had more than an ordinary share of success.

THE annual congregational meeting of River street church, Paris, was held on Wednesday evening. An excellent tea was served in the lecture hall, to which all present did ample justice, after which the meeting was called to order by the pastor, Rev. John Anderson, who gave a short address on the work of the congregation during the past year. After this Mr. John Deans was called to the chair and Mr. Carnegie, the secretary-treasurer, read the annual financial statement, which shewed a most healthy and encouraging condition of affairs.

THE last public meeting for the present season, of the Young People's Association of St. Matthew's Presbyterian Church, Osnabruck, was held on Friday evening, the 5th inst. Notwithstanding the unfavourable weather, there was a good attendance. The Rev. D. L. McCrae, the pastor, occupied the chair, and Mr. A. C. Hutchinson, of Montreal, delivered a lecture entitled, "Among the Cathedrals." The lecture, which was illustrated by many fine views of the different Cathedrals, proved very interesting and instructive and was highly appreciated by the audience. The choir rendered several anthems during the evening in good style.

THE Congregation of Knox Church, St. Thomas, has greatly prospered under the care of its present pastor, the Rev. Mungo Fraser. The attendance has increased and the funds of the Church have reaped a corresponding benefit. To mark their gratitude for this pleasant state of matters, and to indicate their affection for their pastor, the managers at their last meeting, instructed the treasurer to hand Mr. Fraser a cheque for \$100, part of the surplus income. Mr. Fraser made a suitable acknowledgment. This is as it ought to be. Congregations that keep their ministers on starvation stipends make a great mistake. The workman is worthy of his reward. If he is not, the sooner he is got quit of the better.

THE annual missionary meeting of the Manotick congregation, Presbytery of Ottawa, was held on Monday of last week and was largely attended. Addresses were delivered by the Rev. Messrs. Warden of Montreal, Farries and White of Ottawa. On the previous Sabbath the Rev. R. H. Warden preached to crowded congregations both in Manotick and South Gloucester. Since the settlement last fall of the Rev. J. Munro, B.A., great progress has been made in this field. A fine new brick church is about to be erected for the South Gloucester part of the charge, which it is expected will be opened free from debt. The Manotick church, a substantial and handsome brick building to accommodate four hundred, was erected about three years ago. Mr. Munro is deservedly held in high esteem by his people, and success is crowning his unwearying efforts to advance their highest interests.

THE Young Men's Literary Society of Three Rivers, held their second public meeting on Monday, the 1st of March. The president, the Rev. C. E. Am-

aron, called upon the Rev. Mr. Jenkins, of the Church of England, to occupy the chair. The programme consisted of choruses, duetts, and songs by members of the Society, assisted by Miss Clements, of the French and English Seminary, Berthier (*en haut*), Miss Vanasse, and the Misses McDougall. The chairman read an interesting and instructive paper on Arabian influence. Several readings and recitations were also given by members of the Society, both in French and English. The entertainment was most successful and reflected credit on the Society. The young men of Three Rivers are to be encouraged in the good work they have begun and which they are carrying out so successfully.

FROM the yearly report of the united congregations of Norwood and Hastings we take the following encouraging items: In 1875, Norwood had 75 families connected with it, and 85 communicants. It raised a total of \$582 for all purposes, being at the rate of \$7.76 per family or \$6.85 per communicant. In 1879, the record stood as follows: Families, 85; communicants, 167; stipend paid, \$475; church debt, \$22.53; other congregational purposes, \$69; Missions, \$237; Sabbath school purposes, \$44; making a total of \$3,034, or \$18.16 per communicant. Hastings has not shewn quite as great progress. In 1875 it had 44 families and 72 communicants, and raised in all \$588, or \$13.38 per family and \$8.17 per communicant. In 1879 the number of families had increased to 54 and the communicants had increased to 94. The total sum raised for all purposes was \$587, bringing the average per family to \$10.87, and per communicant to \$6.11. The report adds the following: The average contributions for all purposes throughout the whole Church was \$17.30 per family, or \$10.30 per communicant. In the Presbytery of Peterborough the averages were \$16.26 per family, and \$8.05 per communicant.

THE opening services of the new Presbyterian Church, Collingwood, were continued on Sabbath, the 7th inst. The Rev. Wm. Gregg, D.D., of Toronto, preached in the morning, and the Rev. J. Gray, M.A., of Orillia, in the evening. The house was filled to its utmost capacity on both occasions by an attentive audience. On Monday evening a social meeting was held, at which there was a very fair attendance. The pastor, the Rev. R. Rodgers, occupied the chair. After an anthem from the choir, and prayer by the Rev. Mr. Stobo, the chairman referred briefly to the past history of the congregation. "Eighteen years ago it was a very small company, and met in a very small room. It has now grown into a goodly band, and been multiplied fifteen-fold. Twice has the old church been enlarged, and the cry is still for more room, and by the good hand of God upon us, we are met to-day in this beautiful and commodious building. The spot on which we now stand, a very few years ago, was but a sandbed, and now we have a property, dedicated to the Lord, worth \$10,000. Let us thank God and take courage." Addresses were delivered by the Rev. R. Moody, J. Gray, W. S. Ball, and J. Leiper, of Barrie. The proceeds of the evening, together with the Sabbath collections, amounted to \$81.00.

THE annual report of St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa, shews a large amount of church work done and a praiseworthy amount of liberality displayed. The number of families connected with the congregation is 276, an increase of four during the year; of communicants 383. The three Sabbath schools have been efficiently maintained, shewing a united average attendance of 294, with thirty-nine teachers and three librarians. The contributions connected with the Sabbath schools have met the necessary expenses, besides supporting two orphans in India. The contributions to the different schemes of the Church were allocated as follows: Interest on Church Loan, \$1,510; Home Missions (general), \$500; Home Missions (Lumbermen's Mission), \$50; Foreign Missions, \$150; French Evangelization, \$100; College Fund (general), \$75; College Fund (bursary), \$50; Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund, \$75; Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, \$100; balance on hand, \$181.68; total, \$2,791.68. The total contributions for all purposes during the year were the following: From contributions per schedule, \$2,679; from Ordinary Sabbath Collections, \$1,268.15; from Special Collections, \$246.67; from Prayer Meeting Collections, \$20; from Pew Rents from 1st March, 1879, to 1st March, 1880, \$3,673.09; from Glebe Rents, etc., \$505.70;

from Glebe (Refund of Taxes), \$26; from Ladies' Aid Society, \$179.03; from Sabbath schools, \$268.10; from Special Donations for Poor, \$60; from Interest on Bank Deposits, \$10.70; from Donation for Pulpit Supply, \$252; total, \$9,188.44.

ON Monday evening, the 8th inst., a missionary meeting was held in Knox Church, Stratford, which was fairly attended. It had been announced that Rev. W. T. McMullen, of Woodstock, would be present, but being confined to bed by sickness he was not able to come. However, he was represented by Rev. Mr. Hallam, a missionary from India, who is at present on a visit to this country. This gentleman began his address by describing the kind of material missionaries in India had to work on. The Hindoo's idea of sin was very crude; he did not understand the exceeding sinfulness of sin, and he would argue that he was not responsible for the sins committed by him. Lying was the great vice of the Hindoos; indeed, falsehood was more common than truth, and stealing was considered a sin only when the person was caught in the act. The son would not believe what the father said neither would the father believe anything that came from the son's mouth. The Hindoos were natural logicians. They would interrupt the missionary while he was preaching and controvert anything he said with which they did not agree; therefore the man who was to deal successfully with their arguments must be possessed of tact, shrewdness and readiness of speech. Another great difficulty in the way of the introduction of Christianity into India was the system of caste, which prevailed there to so large an extent. The Church's hope for the conversion of the Hindoos was in the native preachers, who were able to deal with and refute the arguments of their brethren than any missionaries the Church could send out. Mr. Hallam gave instances of the manner in which these native preachers dealt with the arguments advanced by those whom they addressed, as well as statistics to shew that the missions in India had not been a failure. Addresses were also delivered by the Rev. J. M. King, of Toronto, who confined his remarks to the Home Mission work of the Church, describing the vastness of the field, and how it was rapidly widening; Rev. Mr. Wilson, St. Mary's, who made some good observations on mission work, and Rev. P. Scott, of Cromarty, who made an appeal on behalf of the Aged and Infirm, Ministers' and Widows' and Orphans' Fund. After singing Bishop Heber's well-known missionary hymn, the meeting closed with the benediction.

THE Presbytery of Bruce met at Walkerton on the 9th and 10th inst. There were fifteen ministers and nine elders in attendance. An appeal from Mr. A. Ross against the action of the Session of Port Elgin in sanctioning the introduction of an organ into their Sabbath services, was considered, papers and parties having been heard. It was resolved to dismiss the appeal and sustain the action of the Session, and at the same time advise them to proceed in the matter with great caution. Mr. Moffat was empowered to moderate in a call to a minister, from Hanover and North Normanby, before the next meeting of Presbytery, should the congregation be prepared for it. Mr. Tolmie submitted the Home Mission report, which was received and its recommendation adopted. The following commissioners were appointed to the General Assembly, namely, ministers, Gourlay, Currie, and Wm. Ferguson, by rotation; and Dr. Bell and Mr. Tolmie, by election, and Messrs. James Thompson (Walkerton), John McLaggan, John McCulloch, James Blair, and Charles Andrews. In considering remits of Assembly: It was agreed to recommend that the names of retired ministers should not remain on the rolls of their respective Presbyteries. It was agreed to sustain the proposal to establish a Presbyterian University for conferring degrees in Divinity, unless the powers at present vested in Queen's University be utilized under the authority of the Church so as to cover equally all its theological institutions. It was agreed not to recognize the ordination of the Church of Rome as valid. The interim act anent the reception of ministers from other Churches was approved of. Rev. Professor Gregg, of Knox's College, Toronto, was nominated as the Moderator of the next General Assembly.—A. G. FORBES, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF MAITLAND.—The regular meeting of this Presbytery was held in Wingham on Tuesday the 9th inst., Rev. D. Cameron, Moderator. There-