

would leave nearly half the capital in hand to begin the second year, and by the close of it \$8,000 would be due from the last year's grants.

The advantages of such a scheme are manifold.

Relief might come to a limited number of churches already built, but which are heavily burdened.

The scheme would favor economy, efficiency, fitness of structure and furniture. It would save time, money, worry and disappointment. The best professional advice might be secured at the lowest cost.

Help might be extended to the needy with greater ease, and a fairer distribution of the wealth of the Church would be secured.

And lastly, it would be a wise expenditure of wealth, because it would be *reproductive*, and the zeal of the good would provoke *very many*. In many parts of the country we hear the remark, "we want a new church," but men are so slow to move, but if by timely application to a scheme like this a grant of \$2,000 could be secured, to be repaid *without interest* in ten years, more than one heart would take courage and "arise and build." H. T. M.

Queensville.

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

IT is said that the Presbyterians of Seaforth have extended a call to the Rev. Mr. Fraser, of St. Thomas, with the offer of a much larger salary.

THE first Presbyterian Congregation, Brockville, is about erecting a new church. It is to be of stone; and already upwards of \$17,000 have been subscribed.

AT the last annual meeting of the Listowel Presbyterian Congregation, it was reported that the debt which has pressed on the church for several years, would probably be cleared off in about two months.

THE Presbyterians of Camden held their annual tea meeting on 29th ult, and it was a decided success. The speeches delivered by Rev. Messrs. Hastic, Lockhead, and Murray, and the reading given by Mr. F. McNab were highly appreciated. The chair was occupied by Rev. D. McDonald, pastor of the congregation.

THE stipend of Rev. J. Baikie, Harriston, has been unanimously increased from \$800 to \$900. It is much to the credit of the members of Guthrie Church that they have made this liberal addition to their pastor's salary at a time when many demands are made on them in connection with their handsome new church recently opened.

MISS LUCY HILL, prior to her departure to Port Perry, was waited upon by a few of the members of Knox Church, Sutton, who on behalf of the congregation presented her with a beautiful work-box and writing-desk combined, as a slight acknowledgement for her valued services as organist, and also as a token of remembrance of them.

A LARGE and deeply interested audience met in St. Andrew's Church, London, on Wednesday evening last, to listen to addresses on Home Missions by Rev. Dr. Cochrane, and on Foreign Missions by Rev. R. M. Grant of Ingersoll. We doubt not that the result will be very large contributions to those schemes of the Church from this flourishing congregation.

ON Monday evening, 11th inst., the members of Zion Church, Brantford, gave one of the series of entertainments arranged by them for the benefit of the Young Men's Christian Association. It consisted of music, a debate, readings, and an address on "The Responsibilities of Living," by Rev. Dr. Cochrane. The collection taken up at the close amounted to \$44.35.

ON the evening of the 6th inst., the ladies of Kinloss and Bervie, presented their pastor, Rev. A. G. Forbes, with a fine buffalo robe, and Mrs. Forbes with a handsome china tea-set. At the same time Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Stewart, of Kinloss, presented Mr. Forbes with a purse containing \$26. These presents were accompanied with addresses expressive of the donors' good will to and affection for their pastor and his wife, to which Mr. Forbes replied in suitable terms.

ON Tuesday evening, the members of the Bible class of the Presbyterian Church, Listowel, assembled at the residence of the pastor, J. W. Bell, M.A., and presented him with an address and handsomely finished study chair. Mr. Bell, though completely taken by surprise, acknowledged the gift from his pupils; a gift which, he said, would always remind him of the

work he had to do, and the responsibilities which he, as a servant of Christ, had undertaken. He hoped, that through God's blessing, his labors in the Bible class might yield an abundant harvest of good works.

THE annual meeting of the Orillia congregation was held on Wednesday evening 13th inst. From the deacons' report it appears that the whole sum raised for all purposes during the year was \$1,648.46. This is \$237.26 short of the amount contributed in the previous year. The commercial depression accounts for the falling off. The Sabbath School report shews 235 on the roll, an increase of twenty-three over the preceding year. The average attendance was 152. There are nineteen teachers besides the superintendent, secretary, and librarian. Prizes were given for regular attendance and for repeating the Shorter Catechism; and additions were made to the library.

THE anniversary services of the Presbyterian Church, Shakespeare, were held on Sabbath week, the Rev. Mr. Monteith of Toronto, officiating in the forenoon and evening, Rev. Manly Benson of Stratford, in the afternoon. The church was crowded at all the diets of worship. The annual soiree was held in the church on Tuesday evening. The Rev. Robert Watt, pastor, occupied the chair. After the meeting had been liberally supplied with cakes and tea, forcible and instructive addresses were delivered by the pastor and Rev. Messrs. Wadrop of Guelph, and Cameron of St. Andrew's, North Easthope. An impromptu choir under the leadership of Miss C. Fraser, discoursed sweet music during the intervals.

ON Tuesday evening, 12th inst., about eighty of the members of the Rev. D. Stewart's congregation, Arthur, took possession of the manse. Mr. Ritchie, the Sabbath school superintendent, read a most affectionate and warm-hearted address, setting forth the very high estimation in which both the pastor and his wife were held by the congregation, and how their labors were appreciated. At the same time, he (the superintendent), in behalf of the congregation, presented Mrs. Stewart with an elegant sewing-machine "as a small token of their affectionate regard." When the above part of the evening's work was over, the people partook of a bountiful repast, provided by themselves, and retired about midnight, having passed a very pleasant evening.

AT the annual missionary meeting in connection with St. Andrew's Church, Perth, held recently, the chair was occupied by the Hon. Alex. Morris, who gave a very interesting account of mission work in Manitoba, and of the position of Presbyterianism in the prairie province. The secretary, the Rev. Dr. Bain, read the annual report of the St. Andrew's missionary society, showing the subscriptions to be about equal to those of previous years, and the society in a flourishing condition. The Rev. Mr. Crombie, of Smith's Falls, next followed in an appeal for Home Missions, giving some interesting facts and figures to illustrate his claim. The subject of Foreign Missions was then taken up by the Rev. Mr. Stewart, of Pakenham, in a very interesting address, and the speeches were concluded by a short address each from the Rev. S. Mylne, of Smith's Falls, and the Rev. Wm. Burns, of Knox Church, Perth, on behalf of missions generally. By Dr. Bain's report we glean the following information:—Amount collected for the several missionary schemes of the Church during the past year, \$392.65; for other religious and benevolent purposes, \$49—total, \$441.65. Of the above sum, there was raised in the Sabbath School, for the support of an orphan in India and missions, the sum of \$55.

THE annual Reports of Charles Street Church, Toronto, presented in printed form to the annual meeting of the congregation on Wednesday last, the 13th inst., are before us. Steady progress appears to characterize every department of the work. The even tenor was considerably disturbed during the year by the operations connected with enlarging of the church and school-house; but it is satisfactory to observe that the ordinary revenue was well maintained, and the contributions to the schemes of the Church increased. The amounts raised for the Schemes were:—By the Missionary association, \$615; Bible Classes, Charles Street, \$58; Sabbath School, Charles Street, \$95; do., Davenport Road, \$35; Mission Band, \$149; Total, \$952. It will be seen that the Mission Band, "The cheerful givers," have rendered a good account of their first year's work. Thirty-six teachers are employed in the Sabbath Schools of the Church. The floating debt of about \$2,000 which still remained upon the church

building, was disposed of by those present at the annual meeting, with the exception of about a fifth, which it is believed will be at once secured. A hearty vote of thanks was given to the retiring Trustees, who were re-elected, for their efforts in connection with the building operations; to Mr. Alexander, for his special services as Treasurer of the building fund; and to W. Irving, Esq., the architect, for the able manner in which he superintended the work of enlargement.

PRESBYTERY OF BARRIE.—This Presbytery met at Barrie, on Tuesday 5th inst. Present, thirteen ministers and six elders. The session began at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, and lasted with two adjournments till midnight. The Home Mission business of the Presbytery was first taken up, and engaged the court for some time. The convener presented reports of the work done last summer in the mission stations, and of the financial obligations of the committee. Some of the stations were found to have come short of the payments expected from them for missionary services, and it was agreed that the Presbytery appeal to the congregations in the bounds for \$100 to meet unsettled claims. Meanwhile the convener was authorized to borrow money to pay them. Leave was granted to the trustees of Knox Church, Gravenhurst, to mortgage the church property for a sum not exceeding \$500; and to the congregation of Creemore and Purple Hill to sell the old church at Purple Hill. A call from the congregations of Mulmur and Tossoronto to Rev. Henry Sinclair was sustained, the stipend is \$600 per annum in the meantime, and a manse. The Presbytery ordered the call to be transmitted to Mr. Sinclair and arranged for his induction in the event of his accepting the charge. The commissioners appointed to prosecute this call were informed that the Presbytery requires the documents relating to the glebe to be forwarded to the clerk before the next regular meeting, in order that the decision of questions which the congregation agreed in August last to refer to the Presbytery, may be given. Reasons for applying to the Synod of Toronto and Kingston for a new hearing in the matter of the appeal of the Rev. J. Marples were adopted. A document signed by seventy-one persons connected with Nottawa and McMurchy's settlement in West Nottawasaga desiring new arrangements for service, was on account of irregularity in transmission, referred to the sessions of West Nottawasaga and of Duntroon and Nottawa for consideration, and Messrs Gray and McConnell were appointed assessors to assist the sessions in dealing with the matter. The business of the Presbytery having increased so much as to necessitate haste in conducting it, and to leave little opportunity of dealing with matters of general religious interest, a brief conference was held on the mode of conducting the business of the court, and a committee was appointed to prepare a report on the subject for the next meeting. Other matters not of general interest, were dealt with. Next meeting, last Tuesday of March.

—ROBT. MOODIE, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE.—The Presbytery of Bruce met at Kincardine on 5th and 6th inst. There were twenty ministers and nine elders in attendance. Mr. Fraser's resignation of his pastoral charge of Knox Church, Kincardine, was taken up and in connection with it a call from Indian Lands. After hearing papers and parties in relation to both these subjects it was resolved to translate Mr. Fraser to the congregation of Indian Lands in the Presbytery of Glengarry. Mr. McLennan was appointed to preach in Knox's Church and declare it vacant, on Sabbath 24th inst. The following minute was adopted as expressive of the mind of the Presbytery relative to Mr. Fraser's translation, viz: "The Presbytery in parting with their brother Mr. Fraser, desire to record: 1. their deep sympathy with the congregation of Knox's Church, Kincardine, in losing the services of a pastor whose earnest, faithful and able ministrations both in preaching and pastoral work have been so greatly blessed; 2. their deep sorrow in parting with a brother whose eminent gifts and zealous and unremitting labours have made him approved in his ministry, while his qualities of heart have made him much beloved by his brethren; 3. their earnestly commending him to the grace and blessing of God in his new sphere of work and to the esteem and love of the brethren of the Presbytery of Glengarry, with their prayer for his success and happiness." The following commissioners were appointed to the next General Assembly, viz: Dr. Bell, Mr. Graham, Mr. McQueen, and Mr. Wm. Anderson, ministers, by rotation; Messrs. Scott