

the insatiable rapacity and unbearable tyranny of the Priests have forced to emigrate. When I see with my own eyes, almost every day, those marvellous indications of the mercies of our God, I cannot contain my joy, I cry out with the Prophet. "O my soul bless the Lord, for his mercies are above all the works of his hands." But allow me here to ask your attention for a moment to one of the aspects of this great work which you have not yet, perhaps, considered. It is the heavy expenses which I have to incur by scattering those books and tracts on every side all over Canada. Some of those inquirers might, perhaps, pay for those tracts, but they do not think of it, and I do not like to present myself to them as a bookseller; you will agree with me that I do better to give them gratis. But the greater part of those inquirers are poor, and it is not only a virtue, but also a necessity on my providential position to give them gratis. But you understand that it is an expense which is above my means. Will you find fault with me, dear and kind brethren, if I ask you to help me to distribute those books gratis? I will not close this letter without thanking and blessing again those of you who have helped me to go the rescue of these converts, who, having left and lost everything of this world to follow Christ, and give up the errors of Popery, were suffering the last extremities of hunger and cold rather than beg. I must not conceal from you that this year again when my heart is filled with joy by those numerous conversions, my tears of sorrow very often flow when I see the terrible sufferings which many of those converts have to bear. I have no words to express my gratitude and my joy, when the day before Christmas a noble Samaritan of Montreal landed me twenty dollars to help me to go to the rescue of the most suffering and deserving of those converts. He would not give me his name, for his modesty was as sublime as his charity; but his name is written in the book of life. That sum of money, though a noble gift in itself was nevertheless only a drop of water among so many converts who are without food, without clothing and without fuel, because they have lost their position and their means of support to follow Christ. Pray for me that I may not yet be discouraged by the numerous difficulties put before me not only by the Enemy, but still more by false brethren. I am old and weak; I am more than ever in need of your Christian sympathies. In the name of my countrymen as well as in my own name, I will say with the Macedonians, "Come over and help us." Truly yours in Christ,
Montreal, Canada, 1st Jan., 1878. C. CHINQUY.

KNOX COLLEGE STUDENTS' MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The usual monthly meeting was held in the college on the evening of Wednesday, Jan. 9th, and was well attended. Several business matters came up for consideration, among them the reading of a report by Mr. Carruthers of his work in Coboconk, Head Lake, etc., during the Christmas vacation, and the reading of two letters—one from the Rev. Jas. S. Stewart, of Palestine, Manitoba, on financial matters, the other from the Presbytery of Manitoba, through the same gentleman, pressing upon the Society the claims of the newly-settled parts of that province, and asking for a missionary.

The most interesting part of the evening's programme was an informal address by the Rev. Dr. Fraser, late of Tamsui, Formosa, on the mission of our Church in that country. He brought with him as a present from the Rev. G. L. Mackay to the museum an ancestral tablet such as is worshipped by the Chinese, a pair of rough looking blocks of bamboo-root, which are used in the consultation of idols, and a large allegorical picture representing the Buddhist conception of Hades. He also presented a coat of native manufacture which had been worn by one of the chiefs of the interior. Besides explaining the uses and peculiarities of these articles, the Doctor, with the aid of a map, gave a vivid picture of the mission in Northern Formosa, with a number of details about its extent and working, the language and the people. Professor McLaren followed with a short speech on the importance of the missions in Formosa and India, and the necessity of circulating information about them. The meeting was closed by singing the missionary hymn, "From Greenland's Icy Mountains," and prayer by Prof. McLaren. A. B. BAIRD, *Cor.-Sec.*

If we had no faults ourselves, we should not have so much pleasure in discovering the faults of others. *Rochefoucauld.*

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

THAT section of the Presbyterian congregation of Granton residing on the boundary line of Blanshard and Biddulph, feeling grateful for the extra services of Mr. Robert Grant, of Granton, in leading the psalmody every third Sabbath of their meeting, presented him recently with a purse well filled with dollars.

THE annual soiree in connection with the Cote des Niegies Sabbath School was a very successful affair. The Rev. Mr. Wellwood presided, and distributed a large number of prizes to those who were proficient in the Shorter Catechism and Scriptural "proofs." At the same time the congregation "surprised" Mr. Wellwood by presenting him with a fine carpet for his study.—COM.

REV. MR. CAMERON, the esteemed pastor of the Kippen Presbyterian Church, was made the recipient of a very handsome and unexpected New Year's gift. A few days ago, he received a letter from an old friend in the Province of Quebec, where he had been located before coming to Kippen. This letter contained a hundred dollar note, and was given by the donor as a New Year's present.

ON New Year's eve Mrs. White and Mrs. Michie, of Rockwood, called at the Presbyterian manse, and, in the name of the ladies of the congregation, presented their pastor, the Rev. Donald Strachan, with the sum of twenty-five dollars as a New Year's gift. Mr. Strachan briefly returned thanks for this and other tokens of kindness received by him since his settlement in Rockwood.

THE Soiree held in the Presbyterian Church, Hespeler, on Christmas night last, was financially a success, the sum of \$50 being realized. Owing to the unfavorableness of the weather, and the very bad condition of the roads at that time, the audience was not as large as on former similar occasions. Addresses were delivered by Rev. Messrs. Haigh and McAlister, and the Hespeler choir supplied some choice music.

A CONGREGATIONAL meeting and social were held in the Presbyterian Church, Weston, on Tuesday, January 8th. The following were elected managers of the congregation for the ensuing year: Messrs. Wm. McDougall, Henry Welsh, John Rogers, Robert Wood, James McLellan, and George Wallace, B.A. It was agreed to add \$100 to the salary of the pastor. On the following Sabbath, anniversary services were conducted by Rev. James Breckenridge of Streetsville.

A SOIREE in connection with the Presbyterian Church, 7th line, Euphrasia, was held at Rocklyn on New Year's evening. Notwithstanding the bad state of the roads, the large Township Hall was crowded. After the refreshments were disposed of, speeches and music enlivened the remainder of the evening. Mr. R. Gilray presided. Speeches were delivered by the Rev. Mr. Stevenson, Mr. McKinley, divinity student, and Messrs. M. MacKinnon and J. B. McLaren, of Meaford. The proceeds amounted to some \$55.

THE Cannington Presbyterian Sabbath School Christmas Tree entertainment was held in the Town Hall on the evening of the 31st ult. It was one of the most successful entertainments ever held in the village. It is supposed that there were at least 300 presents on the tree; and among them were a valuable seal cap for the pastor, Mr. Campbell, and a beautiful mink cap for Mrs. Campbell. The report of the superintendent shows the school to be in a flourishing state, and steadily increasing. The ordinance of the Supper was dispensed in this congregation last Sabbath, and eighteen were added to the Communion roll—almost all on profession of faith.

THE new Presbyterian Church, Blyth, was opened on Sabbath last by Prof. McVicar, of Montreal, who conducted three services upon that day and preached with much acceptance to large congregations. The Professor also addressed the tea-meeting on the following evening upon the evangelization movement amongst the French in Montreal, and gave much interesting information. The building is of brick, with spire. Has basement underneath for Sabbath schools, etc., heated with hot air, and will seat nearly 600. It is very comfortable and commodious, and is a credit to the liberality and enterprise of the congregation. The proceeds of the collection and tea-meeting amounted to nearly \$400.

ON the event of the Rev. James Ferguson's resignation of his charge as pastor of the Presbyterian Church

in Alvinston, his friends in all the congregations of the place, on the occasion of a festive gathering on New Year's day, cordially passed the following resolution: Moved by the Rev. W. M. Bielby, Methodist, seconded by the Rev. Mr. Taylor, Episcopalian, That we the ministers and adherents of the various Churches of Alvinston, being assured of the anticipated departure of the Rev. J. Ferguson and family from our midst, take this opportunity of expressing our regret that ties more tender than even those of the family are so soon to be sundered. We also wish to record our appreciation of the kindness, faithfulness, constancy and ability with which he has performed his various duties as a Christian pastor, feeding the flock of Christ with the living word that is able to save all who hear in faith. This resolution was sustained by the Rev. Mr. Wood, Episcopal Methodist, and other resident ministers of the place. In this neighborhood the Rev. Mr. Ferguson and family are highly esteemed and beloved by all who love Christ and His Church.—COM.

THE annual anniversary of the Napier Sabbath School was held on Friday, the 21st Dec., in the Presbyterian church. The pastor, the Rev. D. McDonald, occupied the chair in a very able manner. The roads were very disagreeable, yet crowds might be seen wending their way towards the church long before the appointed hour, in order to obtain seats if possible. A Christmas Tree was decorated for the occasion by the superintendent, Mr. William Smith, who is always willing to do all in his power to make such occasions a success. There was a choir trained and organized by Miss Cornelia Sutherland, composed of pupils of the school, and who deserve much credit for the able manner in which they carried out this part of the programme. Several dialogues were given by the pupils also. The names are as follows: "A Hundred Years to Come," "The Virtues and Graces." The following recitations were spoken: "The Dying Child," by Miss Maggie Sutherland, which was highly applauded; "My Mother's Bible," by Miss Mary Meloshe; "Sabbath School Teacher," by Lillie Wood. Several other pieces were recited and well received. "Kind words can never die" was sung by Ida and Herbert Smith, two young pupils of the school, who were also applauded. The following speakers addressed the audience: Rev. Neil McKinnon, Mosa; Rev. Mr. Russell, Kerwood; Mr. Silience, Temperance lecturer; and R. Brown, Esq., Reeve of Metcalfe. Twelve months ago the school was in a very low condition, financially and otherwise. There were only thirty-six pupils attending; but through kind friends who have helped us out of our difficulty, we are to-day in a flourishing condition. A Library has been purchased and paid for, and all the necessities required to carry on a school successfully. There are now about eighty pupils attending the Sabbath School, with a good staff of teachers. The congregation is also in a flourishing state. The church is full every Sabbath, and the congregation is now self-sustaining.—COM.

PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.—The quarterly meeting of this Presbytery was held at Kingston, on the 8th and 9th days of January, Professor Mowat, Moderator *pro tem.*, in the chair. The necessary papers in relation to the Rev. George M. Grant, M.A., as Principal of Queen's College, Kingston, and Primarius Professor of Divinity therein, being produced, he took his seat as a member of the Court, and was cordially welcomed. A new standing rule was adopted in regard to the times and places of holding the quarterly meeting. In future the Presbytery is to meet on the last Tuesday of September, December, and March, leaving the midsummer meeting to be determined at the one in March. The meetings in September and March are to be at Kingston, and the one in December at Belleville. Mr. Burton reported that the Committee appointed to visit the congregations of St. Columba and St. Paul, Madoc, in the matter of arrears, had discharged the duty entrusted to them, and with favourable results. At the opening of the evening session Mr. Gallaher preached a sermon on the "Kingdom of Christ," for which the Presbytery tendered him a vote of thanks. A standing Committee was appointed for the examination of candidates for the ministry during the year, of which Committee Mr. Wilson is Convener. Mr. Gallaher was empowered to moderate in a call in St. Andrew's Church, Gananoque. The following remits were considered: 1st. Common fund for the maintenance of the colleges. Of this the Presbytery expressed decided approval. 2nd. Appointment of Home Mission Agent. In rela-