

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

REV. DAVID KELLOCK has accepted a call from Spencerville and Ventnor.

THE Rev. Peter Wright, Stratford, is delivering a series of interesting lectures on astronomy.

THE Rev. W. Frizzell wishes it to be understood that all communications ought to be addressed to him at Riverside P.O., not Leslieville.

THE Rev. J. Straith, Paisley, has been called to Meaford. A call from Shelbourne has also been addressed to him, while at Newmarket a movement is in progress to extend a call to the same gentleman.

THE death of Mr. Gilbert Heron, of Heron, Dickson & Co., Glasgow, is announced. Mr. Heron was widely known and respected in Canada. He was much interested in the prosperity of the Presbyterian Church.

ON the 19th of January, at a meeting of St. Matthew's Church, Osnabruck, the congregation presented their pastor, the Rev. J. K. Baillie, with a valuable racoon overcoat. This is but one of the many marks of attachment Mr. Baillie has received in the short time he has been among them. Only a few weeks ago he was the recipient of a purse to purchase a cow.

THE Convener of the General Assembly's Committee on Statistics wishes us to announce that he sent off parcels, addressed to Presbytery Clerks, of blank forms for Congregational and Presbytery Returns—the former in December and the latter in January. Should any of them fail to reach their proper destination, he will regard it as a favour if notice to that effect be sent him.

FROM the report submitted at the annual congregational meeting last week of St. Andrew's Church, London, it appears that the membership now numbers 694. Extensive improvements on the church have been effected during the year. For all purposes the handsome sum of \$7,596.86, being an increase of \$1,671.21 over the year 1881, was realized. The various branches of congregational work have been efficiently maintained, and show a gratifying state of prosperity.

ON Wednesday, the 10th January, the anniversary of the Sabbath school of the Presbyterian congregation in Collingwood was held in the music hall. The attendance was large, about 350 being present. Tea was served by the ladies from six p.m. to eight, after which there were recitations and music by the pupils of the Sabbath school and others, assisted by the church choir. The children enjoyed the occasion greatly, and the audience were highly pleased with the entertainment. The proceeds, which are intended for the library, amounted to \$73.

AN esteemed member of the Presbyterian congregation at Oakville, in a very quiet manner, presented the Rev. W. Meikle with the sum of \$100, expressing the kindly regards of the people, the hope that he would be able to take a little rest, and secure an agreeable change for a few weeks. It seems that Mr. Meikle has not been well for some time, and his people have not only generously bestowed this very acceptable gift, but have made arrangements for supplying his pulpit for a number of Sabbaths. The Church at Oakville is in the happy condition of being free of debt. The people have recently improved and beautified the building, and are in prosperous and encouraging circumstances. It is hoped that Mr. Meikle will be able after a brief rest to resume his faithful service in Oakville.

THE annual tea in connection with the St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Delaware, was served on the 25th inst. The weather was favourable and the attendance large. The provisions were ample, promptly distributed and highly appreciated. The choir of St. Andrew's Church, London, was present, under the leadership of Mr. Freeland; and the frequency with which they were recalled indicated an increased appreciation of their well earned popularity. In addition to their service of song two excellent recitations were given by two of the lady members of the choir. Addresses of a very instructive and entertaining character were delivered by Rev. Messrs. Holmes and Smith of the Methodist Church, and Beamer and Henderson, Presbyterian. The chair was occupied by the pastor of the church, Rev. J. A. McConnell.

ANNIVERSARY services were held at Bolton on the 28th ult, when the Rev. W. Frizzell, Leslieville, preached morning and evening. The discourse at the

morning service was specially addressed to the young people and children. Overflowing audiences listened to both discourses. On the following evening the annual tea-meeting was held in the town hall, which was crowded to its fullest capacity. Addresses were delivered by Rev. Messrs. Smith (Primitive Methodist), MacDowall (Canada Methodist), and Frizzell. Mr. Haggart and Miss Brown, Brampton, and Mr. Elliot, Knox College, gave readings, which were much appreciated. Knox College glee club, much to the enjoyment of the meeting, gave several excellent musical renderings. The liberal proceeds were devoted to the liquidation of the debt on the commodious manse recently erected for Mr. Nicol, whose successful pastorate is highly prized.

SINCE the settlement of Rev. Joseph Andrews in the pastoral charge of Middleville and Dalhousie, forty new members have been added to the communion roll, sheds have been built at Dalhousie, and steps are now being taken to erect sheds at Middleville. The congregation have increased the stipend \$50, to include last year. Recently they presented Mr. Andrews with a beautiful fur coat, worth \$40. On Friday evening, the 5th January, the Dalhousie congregation sent as a New Year's present over forty bushels of oats. On Friday evening, 12th January, the Middleville congregation gathered as a surprise party at the manse, and after spending a very pleasant evening, they left many valuable tokens of their kind regard. There we have clear evidence that the Lord's work is graciously prospering in these congregations. A good number have already come, humbly craving to be numbered with God's people, and earnestly protesting their repentance in godly sorrow for sin, while still more are now inquiring the way of salvation, and looking forward to enrolling themselves with us on the Lord's side at our next communion.—COM.

THE annual congregational meeting of Knox Church, Ottawa, was held on the 11th ult. From the printed report of the statements submitted it appears that the congregation is in a healthy and prosperous condition. The financial statement is very gratifying. During last year there was more money raised for all purposes than, with two exceptions, in any previous year of the congregation's history. The number of members received in 1882 is twenty-nine—thirteen by certificate and sixteen by profession of faith. The removals have been nineteen—three by death, and sixteen chiefly by certificate to other churches on removing from the city. The net gain has been ten, and the number on the roll 241. The number of baptisms is twelve. The report says: "Our actual financial position at the end of the year is also a matter for unmingled satisfaction. By the treasurer's financial statement it will be seen that the total revenue from all sources amounted to \$11,732.60, and the total expenditure for the year was \$11,671.13, leaving a balance in hand of \$61.47." The Sabbath school shares in the general prosperity. The average attendance last year has risen to ninety-eight, and the finances are in a healthy condition, showing a surplus in the treasury.

THE annual meeting of St. Paul's Church, Bowmanville, was held on the evening of Thursday, 25th January, Mr. Blakeley in the chair, and Mr. James acting as secretary. The report submitted by the Treasurer was eminently satisfactory. During the summer the church has been much beautified by painting, tinting, and upholstering, making it a most elegant and comfortable place of worship. At the beginning of the year the debt on the church exceeded \$900, and the improvements cost \$950, yet by the liberal contributions of the congregation, the whole of the improvements are paid for, and the debt reduced to \$300, which is expected to be cleared off before the end of the current year. The following are the amounts raised during the past year: Pew rents, \$1,154.82; collections, \$668.84; for liquidation of debt and improvements, \$1,529.54; missions, \$94.47; total, \$3,397.67. On motion of Mr. James, seconded by Mr. Tod, the thanks of the congregation were tendered to the retiring managers. On motion of Mr. James, seconded by Mr. Paterson, the thanks of the congregation were also tendered to the ladies of the congregation for their successful efforts in connection with the upholstering of the church. Messrs. Tod, Paterson, McMurtry, John McLellan, Mayer and Dr. Beith were declared elected managers, and Messrs. M. A. James and W. H. Williams were appointed auditors.

THE annual congregational meeting of the Church

in Collingwood was held on Monday, the 15th January, the pastor, the Rev. R. Rodgers, in the chair. The meeting was the largest of the kind ever held in the church. There was quite a number of ladies present. From the reports, which were all indicative of advancement and prosperity, it appeared that the total income for ordinary purposes was \$1,751.27, which was disbursed as follows: To stipend, \$800; to old arrears, \$263.69; to interest on mortgage, \$230.13; to incidental expenses, \$331.58; to schemes of the church, \$112.16, and for benevolent purposes, \$137.11. In the Sabbath school there has been expended for books, papers, etc., \$134.91; there has been raised for building Sabbath school room, \$34.14; and there has been contributed for missions the sum of \$43.22. The number on the roll is about 250, with an average attendance of 165. It was further reported that the ladies had, by monthly contributions, secured the sum of \$237 for building a Sabbath school room. After deliberation it was agreed to open a subscription, and nearly \$800 were obtained, and it is intended to proceed forthwith with the erection of the building. It was stated by the pastor that during the year forty-seven members had been added, and that twelve had left the town, and two had been taken away by death. A vote of thanks was given to the choir, after which the meeting was closed with prayer and the benediction.

REV. JOHN W. BELL, M.A., having been with much regret released from the pastoral charge of Listowel congregation by the Presbytery of Stratford, administered the Lord's Supper on Sabbath, the 14th inst., in the forenoon, and in the evening preached his farewell sermon to a congregation composed of his own people and as many more as could gain admission. The English Church, in token of esteem to Mr. Bell, was vacant for the time, and minister and people repaired to Knox Church. The same token of esteem was intended in the Congregational Church—across the street from Mr. Bell's—but it was found that the Presbyterian Church was overflowing, and incapable of admitting all that had arrived. On Thursday evening following, the principal part of Mr. Bell's congregation repaired to the manse, and presented him with an affectionate address, expressing their highest regard and warmest wishes for a pastor who had faithfully served their best interests over fourteen years. The address was accompanied with a massive gold watch and chain and a well-filled purse. Addresses were made by leading men, testifying to the universal respect of Listowel towards Mr. Bell, as a citizen, as well as a minister. On the Monday following another presentation, consisting of a number of pieces of silver plate, was made to Mr. Bell, by the Bernard Lodge of Free Masons, of which Mr. Bell had been chaplain for some years. The presentation was accompanied with a beautifully engrossed and framed address. Speeches were again made of a like complimentary and affectionate character.

THE induction of the Rev. George Bruce, B.A., late of St. Catharines, to the pastoral charge of the congregation of St. David's Church, St. John, N.B., in succession to Dr. Waters, took place on the 25th ult. The services were interesting and impressive. The Rev. J. C. Burgess presided. The sermon, an appropriate and able exposition of the principles and polity of Presbyterianism, was preached by the Rev. T. I. Fotheringham, recently settled in St. John. The Rev. A. J. Mowatt, St. Paul's Church, Fredericton, delivered an earnest and affectionate address to the minister, and the congregation was suitably addressed by the Rev. Mr. Hogg. A most cordial welcome was extended to Mr. Bruce. The ladies of the congregation had made ample provision for the meeting on the following evening being a success. The audience was as large as the church could accommodate. A number of ministers, several of other denominations, were present on the occasion. The choir rendered excellent music. The proceedings were begun by Rev. Mr. Burgess, who presided; and well-timed addresses were delivered by the Revs. Dr. Macrae, D. D. Currie, Dr. Hopper, Messrs. Archibald, Macfarland, William Elder, M.P.P., T. F. Fotheringham, and Mr. Bruce in comprehensive and touching terms alluded to the responsible circumstances in which he was placed, and the happy relations subsisting between himself and his former congregation. On Sabbath Mr. Bruce preached thoughtful and eloquent sermons on the spirit and aim of the Gospel ministry, and the relations that ought to subsist between pastor and people. The