

ance of the office-bearers and members. After the usual devotional exercises, and a short address by the pastor, the various reports for the past year were submitted, and on motion received and adopted. From the statements contained in the reports, we gather that during the past year eighty-six new members have been added to the church, making a total now on the roll of upwards of 600. Thirty-nine members have been dismissed during the year to other localities, and twelve have died. The revenue for the past year is \$5,752.56. The Sabbath School Association of the church reports forty-two teachers, and 474 scholars, with an average attendance of 306, and also that regular Gospel services have been held during the entire year in the King's Ward, on Sabbath and Wednesday evenings. In almost every particular there is a most gratifying increase over the past year. On account of the demand for pews and sittings in the church, which cannot be met, a motion was passed instructing the Board of Management to prepare an estimate of the probable expense of enlarging the church and remodelling the galleries, so that 250 additional sittings may be added to the present accommodation.

On the 28th ult., a very successful soiree was held in the Presbyterian church of Innerkip, under the auspices of the ladies, who have resolved of their own accord to raise money enough to furnish the new church, the erection of which will be commenced early in the spring. The pastor, the Rev. J. M. Aull, presided. After a sumptuous tea was served and enjoyed, addresses were delivered by Rev. Mr. McIlroy, Woodstock, the Rev. Mr. Howland, East Zorra, and the Rev. Mr. Thompson, Ayr. The last speaker was in one of his happy moods, and gave, in a most effective manner, part of his noted lecture on "Church Song." This was the principal feature in the entertainment of the evening. It was indeed a rare treat to listen to well rendered pieces of church music in contrast with cold, inharmonious singing, of which specimens were given by the lecturer. The choir of the congregation, under the able leadership of Mr. Hill, rendered in an excellent and most acceptable manner many choice pieces of music. Mr. Thompson, at the close of the meeting, was again called upon by special request to favour the audience by singing that beautiful hymn entitled "My ain Countrie." The hymn was rendered in a soul-stirring and masterly manner. The proceeds of the meeting, and a social on the following evening, amounted to over \$125.

FROM the published report for 1879 of St. Andrew's Church, London, we learn that the number of communicants on the roll on the 1st of January, 1880, was 690; the number of families, 430; the number of baptisms during the year, 56; and of deaths, 20. The total ordinary revenue amounted to \$3,952.80, which, as compared with that of last year, shews an increase of \$39.88. The Sabbath collections amounted to \$1,876.65, shewing an increase of \$68.85 as compared with 1878. The revenue received from pew rents amounted to \$2,076.15, shewing a decrease of \$28.97, as compared with 1878. The amount of pew rent still unpaid at the end of the year was \$540, \$112 of that amount being carried forward from 1878, and \$72 from 1877. The number of pew-holders is now 300, representing 788 sittings. There was collected for missionary purposes the sum of \$1,377.92, viz.: Missionary Association, \$922.58; Women's Foreign Mission (nine months), \$57; Sabbath school, \$125; Bible class, \$52.34, special subscription for Home Mission debt, \$181, special subscription for missionary outfit, \$40. The money collected by the Missionary Association was distributed as follows: Knox College, \$160; Home Mission, \$380; Foreign Missions, \$190; Infirm Ministers, \$30; Widows and Orphans, \$20; French Evangelization, \$65; Presbytery Fund, \$35; Assembly Fund, \$30; Synod Fund, \$6; Balance on hand, \$65.8.

THE teachers of the Presbyterian Sabbath school, Sarnia, held a social in the Y.M.C.A. parlour, on the 21st ult., for the purpose of covering books and discussing matters relating to the school. After all the work had been accomplished, the teachers and a few invited friends, sat down to a supper provided by the lady teachers. It was suggested that it would be well to invite all the teachers and officers of other Sabbath schools to such a social reunion, which suggestion proving acceptable to all present, the various committees were struck, and Friday, 30th ult., appointed as the time. On that evening, about 150

teachers and officers responded to the invitations. The first part of the evening's programme consisted of a grand hand shaking "bee." When nearly all expected had arrived, Mr. Nesbit, superintendent of the Presbyterian Sabbath school, gave a short address of welcome, after which an appropriate hymn was sung. The addresses were responded to by the following gentlemen: Mr. R. C. Palmer, superintendent of the Central Methodist Sabbath school; Mr. Hughson of the Baptist Sabbath school; Rev. Peter McDiarmid for the Point Edward Sabbath school; and T. G. Vidal for the Episcopal Sabbath school. Nearly all having arrived, an adjournment was made to the supper room, where an hour was spent very pleasantly, discussing the various dishes set forth. After all had been satisfied, the company again removed to the lecture room, where Mr. Nesbit read and explained the lesson for the following Sabbath. The meeting was then brought to a close by Mr. Henderson pronouncing the benediction; all leaving highly pleased with the night's entertainment.

THE annual missionary meeting of the congregation of St. James' square Presbyterian Church was held on Monday evening, February 2nd, in the large lecture room connected with the church. After devotional exercises conducted by the pastor of the congregation, the Rev. J. M. King, the report of the Missionary Association was read by Mr. George Laidlaw, who, in conjunction with Mr. Robert Kilgour, acts as Secretary and Treasurer. From the report it appeared that \$2,608.64 had been raised during the year for various objects, the whole of which, with the exception of \$10 to the Sabbath School Association of Canada, and \$50 for the "Presbyterian Record," had been paid on behalf of the missionary, collegiate, and church extension schemes of the Presbyterian Church. Of this sum, \$1,955.84 had been contributed through the Missionary Association, \$220 through the Sabbath school, \$90 through the Mission Band, and the remainder through congregational collections and personal contributions for some objects, as the Aged Ministers' Fund and the Toronto Presbyterian Church Extension Association, not covered by the contributions made through the Missionary Association. The appropriations from all sources to the various schemes of the Church were as follows: General Assembly's Home Mission Fund, \$1,290; Foreign Mission Fund, \$380; Knox College, Toronto, and Queen's College, Kingston, \$390; Manitoba Presbyterian College, \$24.84; University Scholarship Fund, \$60; French Evangelization Fund, \$150; Aged Ministers' Fund, \$57; General Assembly Fund, \$22.80; Toronto Presbyterian Church Extension Association, \$173. The appropriations exceed those made for the same objects last year by \$565.02. The chairman stated that in addition to the moneys now reported, \$4,831.34 had been raised for ordinary current expenses, \$6,549.16 for the Building Fund, and \$1,085.21 for the Ladies' Furnishing Association, making the entire contributions of the congregation \$15,074.35, for the year 1879. The adoption of this Report was moved by Principal Caven and seconded by the Hon. Geo. Brown. Dr. Caven called attention to the great importance of our Home Mission work and the adequacy of the resources of the Church for its performance. Mr. Brown spoke more especially of Manitoba and the obligation resting on us to see that the people settling therein should be supplied with the means of grace, and that the prosperity of the Province should be made to rest on the only true foundation—the prevalence of religion. The office-bearers of the Association were nominated by Mr. T. W. Taylor in a speech which shewed his full acquaintance with the necessities of the Home Mission field, and in which he justified, in a few well-chosen words, the action of the General Assembly's Home Mission Committee. The nomination was seconded by the Rev. Dr. Reid who expressed his strong appreciation of the liberality of the congregation as evinced by the report read. The Rev. Mr. Hogg spoke impressively of the motives which should sustain us in the missionary work, and Prof. McLaren made a powerful appeal for larger support being given to Foreign Missions. This brought to a close one of the most interesting and profitable missionary meetings which have been held in connection with the congregation. The services on the Sabbath preceding, conducted by Principal Grant, were singularly impressive, and that of the forenoon, which was devoted to the Home Mission work of the Church, could not but make both deeper and more intelligent the interest of the congregation in the work.

PRESBYTERY OF OWEN SOUND.—Presbytery met in the church in North Derby, in the afternoon, and at Kilsyth in the evening, of Jan. 20th, for congregational visitation. The condition of the congregations was found to be very satisfactory, and Messrs. Cameron, McDiarmid and McLennan were appointed to draft a resolution, setting forth the mind of the Presbytery on the visitations and submit it at the next meeting. Messrs. Scott, Mordy and Somerville were appointed to draft a resolution expressive of the sympathy of the Presbytery with the relations of the late Prof. McKerras, of Queen's College. Mr. Mordy reported that he had been preaching for several Sabbath evenings in a vacant church on the gravel road near Woodford. The Presbytery instructed him to spend what time and attention he could spare to that neighbourhood, while they were destitute of religious service. Mr. McKenzie, in answer to a deputation from Cruickshank Station, promised to supply that field, Messrs. Somerville and Scott, of Owen Sound, to assist when possible. A petition from Latona congregation was presented, setting forth that the congregation of Rocky Saugeen, in the Saugeen Presbytery, wished to unite with them as one pastoral charge under the care of Mr. McDiarmid. The Presbytery agreed that the petition lie on the table in the meantime, that the Clerk be instructed to correspond with the Saugeen Presbytery, with the view of having Rocky Saugeen transferred to this Presbytery, and summon all parties interested to appear in Latona, on the third Tuesday in March (16th), at half-past one p.m., when the Presbytery will meet to hold a Presbyterial visitation of that congregation.

PRESBYTERY OF HURON.—This Presbytery held a regular meeting in Seaforth, on the 20th of January. Action was taken on a document from Dr. Reid, requesting that the Presbytery take such measures as will secure contributions to all the schemes of the Church from all the congregations within the bounds. The Presbytery requested all congregations to attend to the matter. The resignation of Dr. Ure and Mr. Sieveright were, at the urgent request of the congregations, withdrawn. The commissioners from Goderich stated that the efforts to remove arrears were crowned with success, and that the state of the congregations generally was highly satisfactory. The Presbytery decided in the following terms on the matter: "The Presbytery having heard the statements of the commissioners from Goderich respecting the state of the congregation, and the unanimous desire of the people that the pastors should withdraw their resignations as also the statements of the aforesaid pastors expressing their willingness to withdraw their resignations, express their gratitude to God that such a very satisfactory state of affairs obtained in the congregation of Knox Church, Goderich, and associated congregations, and that the brethren have seen their way to withdraw their resignations, and heartily agree to said resignations being withdrawn." The remits of Assembly as sent down to Presbyteries were taken up. The remit on the status of retired ministers was decided as follows: "That ministers retiring with leave of the Assembly, so long as they remain within the bounds of the Presbytery to which they belonged, and are not engaged in any secular calling, have their names retained on the roll of that Presbytery with power to deliberate and vote." The remit on Theological Education was disposed of, after a lengthy discussion, by submitting the following motion and amendment. Moved and duly seconded, "That in the present circumstances of the Church, the Presbytery does not deem it advisable to take any steps towards establishing such a Presbyterian University as contemplated by the remit." Moved in amendment, and duly seconded, "That the Presbytery approve of the principle of the remit." This motion was carried by a majority of one, seven voting for it, and six voting for the amendment. A deputation consisting of Messrs. Musgrave (Convener), Cameron, and their representative elders, was appointed to visit the congregations of Bayfield and Bethany. The remit on Romish Ordination was decided, declaring said ordination as invalid. The remit anent the reception of ministers was approved of simpliciter. Mr. McCoy gave notice that at the next meeting he would move for a reconsideration of the motion passed at the October meeting, respecting the taking up of collections for supplemented congregations, within the bounds of the Presbytery. The next meeting is to be held in Clinton, on the second Tuesday in March, at eleven a.m.