

## MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

MR. D. CHISHOLM writes us to say that, having received no subscriptions towards the Strome Ferry affair, he has nothing to acknowledge.

THE Rev. A. K. Caswell, Dakota, a former student of Knox College, has presented a bursary of \$50 for general proficiency in the preparatory course of study.

ON his return lately from a holiday tour, a very agreeable surprise was afforded the Rev. J. Johnston of Lobo. The good people of that congregation embraced the opportunity to express in a tangible form their attachment and esteem by presenting him with a purse of forty-five dollars.

THE congregation of St. Andrew's Church, Sault Ste. Marie, recently furnished their church with new pews, chairs, lamps, etc., which cost about \$328, all of which has been collected by the ladies of the said congregation. This church is now quite comfortable and attractive, and reflects credit on the Presbyterians at the Sault.

A VERY happy event occurred last week at the residence of Rev. J. Straith, Shelburne, the occasion being the marriage of his eldest daughter, Miss Annie C. Straith, to the Rev. John Jamieson missionary to Formosa. The ceremony was performed by the father of the bride, assisted by the Rev. Messrs. Carruthers, of Beverly, Mutch, of Toronto, and McDonald, of Horning's Mills. The happy couple in a few days intend to proceed to their mission field in Formosa, via San Francisco. Miss Straith on leaving Parry Sound district where she was engaged successfully in teaching, was presented by her pupils with a beautiful writing desk and an address expressive of the kindest feeling, and earnest wishes for her welfare in a far distant land.

DURING the past summer the manse belonging to the congregation of the First Presbyterian Church, Brantford, has been greatly enlarged, and entirely remodelled. An addition containing dining-room, kitchen, etc., with commodious rooms upstairs, has been built; and the old part of the house has been changed in plan, and made like a new house throughout. Gas, with both hard and soft water, has been put into the house, and taken all together it is one of most comfortable manses in the country. The Rev. F. R. Beattie, pastor, has taken possession of it, and the ladies of the congregation celebrated the event by giving a most enjoyable social gathering on the eve of the 25th. The work done reflects credit on all who had it in hand.

ON Tuesday, the 23rd inst., a meeting was held in the Presbyterian church, Collingwood, for the purpose of organizing an auxiliary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. About fifty ladies were present. Mrs. Harvey, of Toronto, gave an address replete with interest, setting forth the claims which this work had on Christian women, and the benefits arising from being individually engaged in Christian work and making some sacrifice for the good of others. The nature of the work and the way of carrying it on being fully explained, an auxiliary was duly organized with thirty-four members. The following officers were appointed: Mrs. R. Rodgers, president; Mrs. H. Robertson and Mrs. A. Melville, vice-presidents; Mrs. Tobey, treasurer; Mrs. Copeland, secretary.

ON Sabbath, 14th inst., the Rev. F. R. Beattie, of Brantford, preached an appropriate sermon connected with the fifth anniversary of the dedication of the Presbyterian church at Mount Pleasant. On Wednesday 17th a festival was held in the school-house, which was well attended. Refreshments, as usual, were substantial and plentiful. The chair was occupied by the Rev. Thomas Alexander, pastor of the congregation. Interesting addresses were delivered by Rev. Messrs. Beattie, Hobbs, Thynne, of Port Dover, and D. Gordon, Bible agent. The choir of the First Presbyterian Church, Brantford, very kindly gave several pieces of music suitable to the occasion. After passing votes of thanks to the speakers and the choir the meeting separated, all being delighted with the evening's proceedings.

SABBATH October, 14th, being the fourth anniversary of the opening of Melville Church, Ashton, the usual special services were then held. The Rev. William Moore, D.D., of Bank Street Church, Ottawa, preached in the forenoon and evening, and the Rev. W. Philp, Methodist minister of Richmond, preached in the

afternoon. The excellent and practical discourses of these gentlemen were thoroughly enjoyed by the large audience present at each diet of worship. On Monday evening, the 15th inst., the annual tea-meeting was held. The usual supply of good things was abundantly provided by the ladies of the congregation, who served tea from six to eight o'clock in the school room. At eight o'clock a meeting was organized in the church. The chair being taken at the request of the pastor, by the Rev. A. A. Scott, M. A., of Carleton Place, when interesting and instructive addresses were delivered by Mr. P. M. Pollock, B.A., student of divinity; Rev. T. Bennett, B.A., of Carp, on "Christian Unity"; Rev. Mr. Philp, Richmond, on "Influence"; and Rev. Dr. Moore, on "East Indian Missions." The addresses were above the average usual at such gatherings, and were attentively heard, and frequently applauded by the large audience. Choice music was furnished by a local choir under the leadership of Mr. J. R. McNabb, who well sustained their own and leader's reputation gained at many similar gatherings in the past. From a financial point of view, also, the services were a complete success. The collection on Sabbath amounted to about \$90; and the proceeds of the tea-meeting to \$114; and the pastor, Mr. Macalister, in moving the usual vote of thanks at the close of the meeting, had the pleasure of announcing that enough had been secured to entirely wipe out the small debt remaining on the building.

A SUCCESSFUL and enjoyable tea-meeting was held at Kinburn on the 18th of October, the Rev. Thomas Bennett being ably assisted by the Rev. M. Knowles, Rosebank, and the Rev. Mr. McLean of Arnprior. The debt on Kinburn church has been completely removed, and a new fence is to be erected at once. A balance of about \$100 remains in the treasurer's hands. The churches of Carp, Kinburn, and Lowries are now entirely free of debt. A handsome new church organ was introduced into Carp church this year. Since the Rev. Mr. Bennett took charge of this pastorate on the 4th December, 1881, 101 new members have been added, and there have been fifty-three baptisms. The number of families is about 112. Mr. Bennett's pulpit was occupied on the 21st inst. by the Rev. Thomas Glassford of Richmond, who, preached from Rev. iii. 20. At the close of the service he read the following extract from the minutes of the Presbytery of Ottawa: 1. That the unusually large increase in the membership since the beginning of the pastorate of the Rev. Mr. Bennett, calls for special acknowledgment and thanksgiving to the Great Head of the Church on the part of the congregation and Presbytery; 2. That, while acknowledging the Divine blessing, the Presbytery notes the manifest diligence and fidelity of the Rev. Mr. Bennett witnessed by these accessions to the membership, and reminds the eldership of their duty to assist in the work of confirming the souls of the converts who have been added to the Church, partly with a view to lighten the labours of the pastor and partly to leave his hands free for further aggressive work. If the Church of Christ is to be enlarged and edified the whole Church must bear a part in the work; 3. That the session would do well to consider the propriety of keeping the Sabbath school open continuously throughout the year; 4. And finally, that the necessity and importance of maintaining the ordinance of family religion, that is, family worship and the religious education of the children in the family, cannot be too strongly insisted on. All true and lasting revivals have been accompanied by increased diligence and faithfulness in this important duty, and faithfulness therein is a great means of securing the Divine blessing.

THE Rev. John McIntyre, who filled the pulpit of the Second Presbyterian Church, Petrolea, for three Sabbaths, commenced union meetings simultaneously in the Presbyterian, Baptist, C. M., and M. E. Churches. The meetings were afterwards confined to the C. M. Church, being the largest in the town. At each meeting the attendance and interest daily increased. Every eye was rivetted on the speaker, and at the close of each meeting the numbers manifesting a desire to obtain salvation increased from nine to over one hundred. A few who would not join in the good work show some prejudice. A correspondent says: Controversy on such occasions seems to be one of the devil's best artifices to check the Spirit's work. We ask the prayers of God's people on these services, that the spirit of God be shed abroad richly on this community, and that the love of Jesus Christ be mani-

fested in the hearts of many who have been hitherto careless and indifferent. It is earnestly hoped that Rev. Mr. McIntyre will continue a few weeks, or even months, longer, though continually receiving pressing invitations from other places.—Rev. Mr. McIntyre continues his work. The town of Petrolea has been the scene of great things for six weeks, where four of the churches united in holding special meetings. The method pursued is the preaching of the Gospel in a plain and practical way, and holding enquiry meetings during each service. Scores have been impressed in these meetings and convinced of their sinfulness, and led to seek pardon through Jesus Christ. Fully two hundred seekers during these six weeks availed themselves of the instructions given in the enquiry room. On leaving Petrolea, Mr. McIntyre on Monday evening addressed a crowded congregation in the C. M. Church, where several hundred attentive listeners were assembled. Nearly one hundred and fifty persons from among the seekers were seated in the front and middle pews, and were warmly reminded of the necessity of ever trusting in Jesus, in order to salvation and endless life, to the glory of God. Will God's people pray for the success of this work for the reclaiming of unsaved souls. Mr. McIntyre, who has steadily pursued this blessed work to which he has cheerfully devoted himself since last February, left on Tuesday morning to see his family in Prescott, and take a few days' rest before resuming his labours again in the vicinity of London and Hamilton.

AN interesting and important meeting of the Hamilton Presbytery was held on Tuesday, 16th October, at Waterdown for the purpose of inducting and ordaining the Rev. William Robinson to the charge of Knox Church and other business. The following clergymen were present:—Rev. Mr. Laidlaw, Dr. James, Mr. Goldsmith, Mr. Lyle, Hamilton; Mr. McIntyre, Beamsville; Mr. Murray, Grimsby; Mr. Abraham, Burlington; Mr. Walker, Binbrook; Mr. Rees, Blackheath; and Mr. Ratcliffe, St. Catharines. Dr. James acted as moderator, and Rev. Mr. Ratcliffe as clerk in the absence of Dr. Laing. Rev. D. McIntyre, of Beamsville, preached. The Rev. Mr. Robertson, recently called to be pastor of the Waterdown congregation, was ordained by the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery. Dr. James offered the ordination prayer. Rev. J. S. Murray and W. P. Walker delivering the charges to pastor and people, at the close of which the Rev. R. J. Laidlaw, of St. Paul's Church, Hamilton, escorted Rev. Mr. Robertson to the door of the church where he received the right hand of fellowship. A call from the congregation of North Sidney, C.B., to the Rev. H. Abraham, was laid before the Presbytery, and it was agreed that it be considered at another time. The Port Colborne case was next taken up. After the delegates from the congregation and the Rev. Mr. Edmonds, the pastor, had been heard, it was resolved: 1. That the resignation of the Rev. Mr. Edmonds be accepted. 2. That the Presbytery expresses its most cordial endorsement of the diligence and faithfulness of Mr. Edmonds as a pastor, and that his resignation take effect on October 31st. In the evening after the induction and ordination services were over a tea-meeting was held in the town hall, Waterdown, at which the following clergymen delivered addresses to the large audience assembled to do honour to the new pastor: Revs. Messrs. Rees, Walker, Watson, Pescott, Mutch and Goldsmith and Rev. J. L. Robertson, Strabane, very ably discharged the duties of chairman. The meeting was one of the best held for many years. The music was furnished by a choral society selected from the Sabbath school and congregation under the leadership of Mr. W. N. Stevenson. The singing of this society was enthusiastically applauded by the audience. The proceeds of the meeting amounted to \$120.

### ANOTHER MISSIONARY DESIGNATED.

A meeting for the designation of the Rev. John Jamieson as a missionary to Formosa was held in the Presbyterian church, Orillia, on the 17th inst. On the platform were the members of the Presbytery of Barrie, Prof. McLaren, of Knox College, Toronto, and the ministers of the town. There was a very large audience, many members of other churches being present.

The proceedings opened with devotional exercises, the moderator, the Rev. A. Dawson, Gravenhurst, reading a passage of Scripture. The Rev. Mr. James,