

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

THE Presbyterians of Greenbank recently presented their pastor, the Rev. Samuel Acheson, with the sum of \$69 50.

THE Rev. Mr. Wilkins, pastor of Belgrave Presbyterian church, has tendered his resignation of his charge to the Maitland Presbytery.

A SOIREE was held in Bethel Church, Price's Corners, on the 15th inst., and a social for the children the following evening. The proceeds amounted to \$67.

A DEPUTATION from the Presbyterian congregation of Botany waited recently upon their pastor, the Rev. J. Becket, of Thamesville, and presented him with a purse of \$40.

THE financial report read at the annual meeting of Chalmers Church, Guelph, on the 7th inst., showed that a considerable portion of the debt had been wiped out.

A tea-meeting held in the North Derby Presbyterian church on the 7th inst. was addressed by the Rev. Messrs. McKenzie, Currie and Godfrey. The receipts amounted to about \$60.

THE Presbytery of Victoria and Richmond sustained the trials of Mr. Angus McMillan, and he was duly ordained and inducted into the pastoral charge of Malagawatch and River Dennis on the 25th ult.

IT is with much regret that we notice the death of the Rev. John Black, D.D., of Kildonan, Manitoba. After the relapse mentioned in our last issue he sank gradually, and passed away about midnight on the 11th inst.

THE annual meeting of the Brooksdale congregation took place on the 1st inst. The report showed that the debt on the manse had been considerably reduced. Suggestions were made in the direction of having a church built.

AT a Sabbath school soiree recently held at Shakespeare, over 120 children were present. Rev. Mr. McClung, the pastor, presided. Addresses were given by Rev. Messrs. Sauvage and Waits, and the Sabbath school funds were increased by \$26.

THE charge of Georgetown, Cardigan and Montague, in the Presbytery of Prince Edward Island, is vacant by the resignation of the Rev. John McKinnon, who has gone to Scotland, and has been appointed assistant to the Rev. Dr. Maclauchlan, of Edinburgh.

ON Tuesday evening, January 31st, a social was held by the congregation of St. Andrew's Church, Kincardine. The pastor, Rev. J. B. Hamilton, M.A., presided, and addresses were given by Rev. Messrs. Hiltz, Anderson, Pomeroy, Andrews and Ware. The receipts amounted to \$104.

THE annual tea-meeting of the Newmarket congregation, held on the 8th inst., was very largely attended. The Mayor of Toronto, who presided, gave an interesting account of his "City Hall Experiences," and the Rev. John Smith delivered his lecture on "The Sins of the Pews." The proceeds amounted to \$105.

ON the evening of the 15th inst., Mr. J. H. Panton, late Professor of Chemistry at the Ontario Agricultural College, being about to remove to Manitoba, was presented with "Chambers' Encyclopædia" in ten volumes, handsomely bound in calf, by the Bible class of Chalmers Church, Guelph, whereof he has been the teacher during the past three years. A warm address accompanied the gift, and Professor Panton replied with much feeling.

AT the annual social meeting of St. Andrew's congregation, East Oxford, on the 1st inst., the pastor, Rev. D. M. Beattie, occupied the chair, and addresses were given by the Rev. Messrs. Tongue and Teeple, Cathcart; Edmonds, Eastwood; and Dr. Cochrane, Brantford. The receipts amounted to \$106. The congregation of St. Andrew's, Blenheim, also under Mr. Beattie's charge, had a similar meeting a few weeks ago, at which the speakers were Revs. J. Little, Princeton; S. S. Bates, Goble's Corners; J. Thompson and Walter Inglis, Ayr; and J. McEwen, Ingersoll. The sum of \$65 was realized.

ANNIVERSARY sermons were preached in Knox Church, Milton, and Boston Church, Esquering, by the Rev. Mr. Dickson, of Galt, on Sabbath, the 29th ult. His sermons were instructive, and delivered in

a masterly manner which more than sustained his popularity as a preacher. On Monday evening there was an old-fashioned tea meeting in Boston Church, and addresses were delivered by Revs. J. M. Cameron, Hunter, McWilliam and Dickson, all of which were received most heartily by the people. The proceeds amounted to a considerable sum—over a hundred dollars. Since Mr. Cameron's ordination, not three years ago, 132 members have been added to the Church.—COM.

THE following figures are gleaned from the reports read at the annual meeting of the John street Presbyterian Church, Belleville, held on the 11th ult.: Receipts from pew rents, \$1,574 36; collections, \$940-98; collected for Foreign Missions (including Ladies' Association, \$110; Mission Band, \$95; subscriptions, \$25), \$230; for Colleges, \$110; for French Evangelization, \$25; for Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, \$20; for Widows' and Orphans' Fund, \$15; for Assembly Fund, \$25; for Presbytery Fund, \$29; for pupil at Pointe aux Trembles, \$50; for Building Fund, \$670 75; for schemes, from June to 31st Dec., 1881, by the envelope plan, \$301.73; for Sunday school Library, \$98.18; making a grand total of \$4 090 raised by the congregation for all purposes.

THE anniversary services of Guthrie Church, Harriston, were held on Sabbath, the 5th inst., when the Rev. Wm. S. Ball, of Guelph, preached to a large and appreciative audience in the morning and evening. One of the most successful soirees ever held in Harriston was held on the Monday evening following. The speeches were thoroughly practical. The music, rendered by the members of the choir and others, both vocal and instrumental, was received with well-merited applause. On Tuesday evening, notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, there was a large attendance at the entertainment given to the Sabbath school children. After good addresses by the superintendent and others, a well-prepared programme was efficiently carried out by the scholars. Proceeds \$321.—COM.

THE congregation of Wakefield held their annual missionary meeting on Monday evening, 30th ult. Rev. Joseph White, of Rochesterville, and Rev. T. S. Follick, addressed the meeting. The pastor, Rev. G. D. Bayne, B.A., occupied the chair, and after presenting the claims of Foreign Missions, gave an account of the Church's Mission work in Manitoba and the North-West. The meeting was largely attended, and gave evidence of healthy progress and increased interest in the Missionary enterprises of the Church. A Missionary Association is in successful operation, and, besides its appropriations to the various Schemes, the Sabbath school has decided to contribute a scholarship of \$50 for the support of a pupil at the Pointe aux Trembles school. The collection taken at the close of the meeting was voted to the funds of Manitoba College.—COM.

THE annual meeting of the Central Presbyterian Church Sabbath school, in this city, was held on Thursday evening, 16th inst., when, notwithstanding the unpropitious state of the weather, a very creditable representation was made by the scholars, who, as need hardly be mentioned, did ample justice to the excellent repast provided for them. On adjourning to the church, the annual report of the school was presented by the Secretary, after which suitable addresses were delivered by the Rev. P. McF. McLeod, pastor of the church, and Rev. J. M. Cameron. The annual report exhibited very satisfactory results of the school's progress during the past year, showing an average attendance of 221, and a total number of scholars on the roll of 302. The amount collected for all purposes during the year was \$211, of which \$135 was for the Mission Schemes of the Church.—COM.

ON the evening of the 25th ult. a social was held in Cantley with decided success. After a service of tea, etc., the remainder of the evening was chiefly occupied by Mr. D. W. Campbell, of Bristol, who gave an interesting sketch of his tour around the world, and described many of the chief places witnessed during his extended journey. During the evening an excellent fur overcoat was presented to the pastor, the Rev. D. Findlay, by Mr. A. F. Gardiner, on behalf of the congregations of Cantley and Portland, accompanied with expressions of good-will, hoping that he may be long spared to enjoy the gift, and continue in their midst the work of the ministry. A suitable reply was elicited from the recipient, remarking that this was

not the first instance of kindness shown him, and that it would be his constant aim to advance their moral and spiritual interests. On the following day the sum of \$21 was given the pastor, to be expended for his own benefit. Such gifts are encouraging indeed, speaking as they do more loudly than words.—COM.

THE first anniversary services of the Presbyterian Church, Bridgen, were held on Sabbath, the 5th inst. The Rev. J. McRobbie, of Petrolea, preached morning and evening to large and appreciative congregations. In the evening especially, as the Canada Methodists closed their church, the congregation was so large that a number could not find seats. A social was held on Monday evening following, which was a great success. The pastor of the congregation presided. Instructive and exceedingly interesting addresses were delivered by Rev. Messrs. McRobbie, Petrolea; Cuthbertson, Wyoming; Welson (Canada Methodist); and Mr. Argo, student, Oilsprings. The entertainment was enlivened by music from the Morrison family. Proceeds amounted to \$159.80. After the usual vote of thanks, a very enjoyable evening was brought to a close by the Rev. G. Cuthbertson pronouncing the benediction. The above congregation has made marked progress during the past year. There has been an increase not only in the number of families, but also a large number added to the communion roll.—COM.

THE opening services of the new church at Scotstown, in the Presbytery of Quebec, were conducted on Wednesday, the 8th inst., by the Rev. Dr. Mathews, of Quebec, and the Rev. William Ross, of Lake Megantic; and on Sabbath, the 12th inst., by Rev. R. H. Warden, of Montreal, and Rev. Mr. Ross. On the following Wednesday evening, in a large hall in the village, over 300 people met socially to congratulate the congregation on the result of their labours. The crowded hall represented all the Christian denominations to be found within a radius of twelve miles. Rev. Dr. Mathews, Mr. Ross, Mr. Wheatly and Mr. McDonald, pastor of the congregation, with Mr. McMaster, elder, addressed the meeting. The church choir gave several pieces of sacred music, and the evening altogether was spent in a pleasant and profitable manner. In addition to large subscriptions given by the church members when building operations commenced, there was nearly \$200 realized from collections and proceeds of tea-meeting. The kindness of many outside friends in aiding this congregation to procure a church building is hereby acknowledged with thanks, and it is hoped that the small debt on the church will very soon be wiped off.—COM.

THE congregation of St. Andrew's Church, Gananoque, held its annual meeting on the 6th inst. From reports of Session and Sabbath school, it appeared that the work of the congregation was being carried on successfully. The following sums were contributed through the year to the Schemes: Home Mission, \$55; Foreign Mission, French Evangelization and Colleges, \$35 each; Manitoba College, \$10; Widows' Fund, \$15; Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, \$17; Assembly Fund, \$6; Presbytery and Synod Fund, \$22. In addition to the above sums, the Sabbath school gave \$50 to support a pupil in Pointe aux Trembles school, and the Woman's Foreign Mission Society raised \$22 for the Zenana Mission, making a total of \$302—a considerable advance on previous years for the Schemes. A committee appointed to canvass the congregation with a view to have the debt on church and manse removed, reported that the whole debt of \$2,100 was subscribed, and they hoped to get enough to cover, not only the principal, but the interest, while the payments are being made. The church and manse are therefore practically out of debt. The treasurer's report showed a balance on hand after all liabilities were paid for the year. It was decided to make some improvements on the manse as soon as the season will admit of building operations. An excellent feeling prevailed at the meeting, and the congregation seems to be in a prosperous condition.—COM.

ANNIVERSARY services were held at Delaware in connection with the St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church there, on Sabbath, the 5th inst. The pulpit was occupied morning and evening by the Rev. A. Beamer, of Wardsville, who preached very appropriate, able and eloquent sermons. On the following evening the annual tea-meeting was held in the Delaware town hall. The meeting was called to order at eight o'clock, the pastor, the Rev. J. A. McConnell, in the chair. The