

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

DR. COLLIER has been nominated to the Moderatorship of Assembly by the Presbyteries of Stratford, Bruce and Saugeen, and Dr. Proudfoot by that of London.

ON the evening of the 17th ult., Rev. Mr. McIntyre, the Presbyterian missionary at Brockton, was visited by some fifty members of his congregation and presented with a purse containing \$20.

ON Wednesday evening, the 8th inst., Rev. Hugh Taylor, of Morrisburg and Iroquois, received from the latter congregation a letter containing \$43, as a mark of the high value they place on his efforts in connection with the weekly prayer meeting.—COM.

REV. MR. ROSS, Boyne River, was lately the recipient of a well-filled purse from his friends on the Boyne River. Mrs. Ross was also the recipient of a like compliment. This is the second occasion on which Mr. Ross and his wife have been so honoured.—COM.

A NUMBER of the Sabbath school class of Mr. Robert Davidson, of St. Andrew's Church, Scarborough, assembled at his residence on the evening of the 28th February, and presented him with an address, and a beautiful silver pitcher and goblet, as a token of their respect and appreciation of his services in their behalf.

THE contributions of Fort Massey Church, Halifax (Dr. Burns, pastor), for the past year, amounted to \$8,022, of which \$2,651 was for the schemes of the Church, being at the rate for the former of \$100, and for the latter of \$33 a family. We doubt if this can be exceeded, if equalled, by any other congregation in the Church.—COM.

AT a musical and literary entertainment held in the Presbyterian Church at Carp, on the 7th inst., addresses were given by Revs. Thomas Bennett (pastor of the congregation), J. J. Leach, D. M. Gordon and F. W. Farries. These addresses were evidently much appreciated by the large audience, as was also the musical part of the programme.

AT a prayer meeting lately held in Metis, Que., the pastor, on behalf of members and adherents of the congregation, presented to Mr. P. F. Leggat, who has for many years acted as Church Treasurer, a copy of Dr. Dulles' "Ride through Palestine," as an expression of their sense of the faithfulness with which he has discharged the duties of that office.

A UNANIMOUS call from the congregation of Georgetown, Que., to the Rev. J. A. F. McBain, of Chatham, N.B., has been sustained by the Presbytery of Montreal, and will be dealt with by the Presbytery of Miramichi, at a meeting to be held at Chatham on the 30th inst., at which meeting Mr. McBain's present congregation are cited to appear for their interests.

THE Presbyterian church at Culloden has been renovated, or rather rebuilt. The re-opening took place on the 26th ult., when appropriate sermons were preached by Rev. Messrs. J. McEwen and R. N. Grant of Ingersoll, and T. W. Jackson of Brownsville. The collections, added to the proceeds of a tea-meeting held on the following Monday evening, amounted to \$125.

ON the 9th of February last, the congregation of West Williams and East Adelaide presented their pastor, the Rev. John Lees, with the sum of seventy-six dollars in money, and more than thirty dollars worth of other things as good as cash. This speaks well for the kindness and liberality of the congregation, and all the more as Mr. Lees has been settled among them only a few weeks.—COM.

AT a conversazione held in the school-room of St. Paul's Church, Hamilton, on the evening of the 14th inst., in celebration of the fourth anniversary of the Rev. R. J. Laidlaw's induction to the pastorate, the chairman, Mr. Matthew Leggat, presented Mr. Laidlaw with a cheque for \$600 as an expression of the feeling of the congregation toward him as their minister. On the same occasion the ladies presented Mr. Laidlaw with a pulpit gown.

THE report of Session read at the recent annual meeting of the congregation of Knox Church, Stratford, exhibits a membership of 476, being a net increase of 16 within the year. The gain in the number of families is relatively somewhat greater—there being now 257 families in connection with the congre-

gation as compared with 240 a year ago. From the report of the managing Board and Treasurer's financial statement it appears that the total revenue from all sources for the year 1881 was \$6,058.68, being an increase of \$862.19 over that of 1880. The mission statement shows a most gratifying increase in the receipts, the total being \$983.99, as against \$370.18 for the year 1880. This does not include \$250 given in 1881 by the Sabbath school, making a total of \$1,233.99 to the Mission schemes. The Sabbath school report indicates marked progress, the attendance and contributions being greatly in advance of any preceding year.

THE last of a series of parlour socials, under the auspices of the "Helping Hand" Mission Band of Cooke's Church, in this city, was given at the residence of Mr. Alison, Murray street, Toronto, on Monday evening, the 6th inst. As on all similar occasions this winter, the attendance was large and the results satisfactory. Mr. Alison's new and ample residence was filled by a numerous company, representing not only Cooke's Church, but most of the churches in the vicinity. A select programme of vocal and instrumental music, with readings, etc., was rendered in good style. Prof. Bohner presided at the piano; the Misses Tinning, Miss Hurst, Miss Brydon, and Mr. Sheriff, sang some popular songs; while Miss Bain and Miss Ashby furnished the readings. Pleasant social intercourse relieved the exercises at intervals. The kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Alison made every person feel at home; and altogether a very pleasant evening was spent. The Band is in excellent working order now, all things considered. The result of their efforts this winter is very gratifying, considerably over \$100 having been collected at the various meetings.—COM.

PRESBYTERY OF HURON.—This Presbytery held a regular meeting in Clinton on the 14th inst. Session records were examined and attested. Messrs. McDonald and Carnochan were appointed members of the Synod's Committee of Bills and Overtures. The Presbytery's Committee on Temperance submitted a report, which was adopted and ordered to be transmitted to the Convener of the Synod's Committee on Temperance without delay. It was unanimously agreed to petition the Dominion Parliament against Sabbath desecration, as practised by railway companies in the running of trains, etc., on the Lord's Day. The following were elected Commissioners to the Assembly—viz., Dr. Ure, Messrs. Barr, Thomson, Peterson, and Fletcher, ministers; and Messrs. McCurdy, Miller, Wilson, Scott, elders. A petition respecting the Temporalities Fund was ordered to be signed by the Moderator and Clerk, and forwarded to Ottawa forthwith. A motion was carried approving of a "Sustentation Fund" on a fair and proper basis, in preference to a "Supplemental Scheme." A report on the State of Religion was read and adopted, as also a Conference held on the aforesaid subject. The next meeting of Presbytery is to be held in Searforth on the second Tuesday in May, at half-past ten a.m.—A. McLEAN, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.—This Presbytery met on the 7th and 8th inst. Rev. J. M. Cameron was appointed Moderator for the next twelve months. On motion of Dr. Gregg, seconded by Rev. J. M. King, it was agreed to appoint a committee for drafting and forwarding a petition asking the Dominion Parliament to amend the Act respecting the Temporalities Fund of the Presbyterian Church of Scotland, etc. A draft minute anent the late Rev. Dr. Robb, formerly minister of Cooke's Church, Toronto, was read and adopted, and a copy thereof was ordered to be transmitted to Mrs. Robb. A call to the Rev. C. A. Tanner from St. Andrew's Church, Scarborough, and St. John's Church, Markham, was reported and sustained; and a telegram was received from Mr. Tanner accepting of the same. His induction was appointed to take place in St. Andrew's Church on the 23rd inst., at eleven o'clock a.m., the Moderator to preside, Rev. D. J. Macdonnell to preach, Rev. J. Carmichael of King to deliver the charge, and Rev. R. P. Mackay to address the congregation. An extract minute was read from the Presbytery of Peterborough anent a call from Cobourg to Rev. R. P. Mackay. Reasons for translation and answers thereto were severally read. Commissioners from both sides were also heard. The call was then put into Mr. Mackay's hands, and he was asked to express his mind thereanent, when he stated in substance that he felt inclined on the

whole to remain in Scarborough, but would go to Cobourg if the Presbytery determined so. On motion of Rev. W. Meikle, seconded by Rev. James Prinole, the Presbytery, after some discussion, resolved to retain him in his present sphere. The following were appointed Commissioners to the next General Assembly, viz.: by rotation—Rev. Messrs. J. Carmichael of Markham, J. M. Cameron, R. Pettigrew, D. Mackintosh, J. Bain, A. Dobson; by ballot—Revs. Dr. Caven, P. M. McLeod, J. M. King, Professor McLaren, D. J. Macdonnell, Dr. Fraser, Dr. Reid, and of elders, Mr. T. W. Taylor, Hon. J. McMurrich, Mr. W. B. McMurrich, Mr. J. Macleannan, Q. C., Mr. Mortimer Clark, Hon. A. Morris, Messrs. W. Alexander, W. Mitchell, W. Rennie, J. Milne, J. Stirling, Alex. Gordon, and Peter Crann. The Presbytery agreed to nominate Rev. J. M. King as Moderator of the Assembly. Dr. Reid reported as to the organizing of a new congregation at Deer Park. The report was adopted, and an interim session was appointed, with Dr. Caven as Moderator. It was also resolved to apply for a grant of \$75 to said congregation. A report was read anent a more effective supervision of the congregations within the bounds, recommending that the Presbytery be divided into seven or eight districts for the purpose of visitation—say, within three or four years—and that questions to each minister and the office-bearers be prepared by a committee. The report was adopted, and a committee was appointed for said purpose. An interesting report was read by Rev. R. D. Fraser, convener of committee on the State of Religion. This report was also adopted, and, agreeably to recommendation, a conference on the subject was appointed to be held at Brampton on the 22nd of May next, in the afternoon and evening, arrangements therefor to be left in the hands of the aforesaid committee. Authority was given to Rev. A. McFaul to moderate in a call from Shelburne and Primrose. On motion made, it was agreed to apply for a grant of \$200 to Horning's Mills and Honeywood, and Rev. J. R. Gilchrist was empowered to moderate in a call from said congregations. A memorial was read from certain members of the Church who meet for worship at present in Temperance Hall, Toronto, asking to be organized as a regular congregation, on certain principles set forth by them in an accompanying deed of constitution, and indicating their purpose of providing a place of worship on Carleton street. Messrs. James Bain and John Bradshaw were heard in support of the foregoing. It was moved by Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, seconded by Rev. E. D. McLaren, to refer back the petition to the memorialists, that they may reconsider certain specified paragraphs in their deed of constitution, and give intimation in the meantime to neighbouring Sessions. In amendment, it was moved by Dr. Reid, seconded by Rev. J. Smith, that, without expressing approval of the deed of constitution, the Presbytery grant the prayer of the memorialists; but before organizing them as a congregation on Carleton street, direct intimation to be made to neighbouring Sessions, that they may be heard for their interests at next meeting of Presbytery. On a vote being taken, the amendment carried over the motion, and the Moderator declared accordingly. An overture from Rev. P. McLeod and others, anent the Sustentation and Supplementing Schemes, with a view to have the mind of congregations thereanent, was ordered to be transmitted to the General Assembly. An appeal from Cooke's Church Session, Toronto; another from the Session of Brampton, and a petition from the latter Session, were severally brought up and set aside. Various other matters were also disposed of, the Presbytery sitting altogether sixteen hours. It was finally agreed that the meeting at St. Andrew's Church, Scarborough, on the 23rd inst., shall commence at ten o'clock a.m. for any ordinary business, the induction services (as already stated) commencing at eleven o'clock a.m.—R. MONTEATH, Pres. Clerk.

GOSPEL WORK.

AT HOME AND ABROAD.

It is pleasing to know that while great blessings are being enjoyed in Glasgow and other parts of the old country, there are not wanting some instances of awakening and revival amongst ourselves. A brother in Western Ontario writes:—

"OUR SPECIAL SERVICES

have resulted in much good to all of us. Those [who