

to-morrow what you can do to-day. 3. Always finish one thing before you begin another. My young brothers, pray for me. I bring a stout heart to the work that has been given me to do. But to discharge aright the duties of the honorable and responsible position that has been assigned me, I need wisdom from the wisest and strength from the strongest."

Addresses of the same congratulatory character were afterwards delivered by Principal Caven, Principal McVicar, Dr. Jenkins, Sir John Macdonald, Dr. Sullivan, Mr. John Carruthers, Mr. James Croil, and Rev. R. Campbell; and Principal Grant closed the proceedings with the benediction.

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

KNOX CHURCH congregation, Galt, have determined to wipe off their church debt of about \$13,000 by a personal canvass.

DR. COCHRANE begs to acknowledge receipt of Three Dollars, as a Thanksgiving Day offering to the Home Mission Fund, from "Simcoe."

THE new Presbyterian Church, Brantford, is fast approaching completion. A very pretty tower adorns it. The basement will probably be ready for occupancy by Christmas.

THE congregation of Doon and Hespeler recently presented Rev. G. Haigh, their pastor, with \$152.00 towards buying a horse, harness, and phaeton. This was supplemented by a buffalo robe, and a supply of oats and other produce. Mr. Haigh has also, on various occasions been the recipient of substantial presents from members of these congregations.

THE Rev. Duncan Cameron, of South Kinloss and Lucknow, was, a few days ago, presented by his people with a valuable horse. Mr. Cameron has been six years in his present charge; has been indefatigable in his labours for the spiritual good of those to whom he ministers; and has won the esteem not only of his own congregation but of the public generally.

THE Rev. Mr. Hutchinson and family recently moved into the manse at Shanty Bay. It will be remembered that a commodious house and an acre of land attached was generously given to the church last summer by Judge Gowan, of Barrie. On this property a stable and driving house have been erected by the members of Guthrie Church, so that the minister's family will doubtless have a comfortable home.

ON Thanksgiving Day, the congregation of the Presbyterian Church, 9th Line Beckwith, tarried after the services were over, and presented their pastor, Rev. Mr. McAllister, with a purse of \$51.50 as a token of respect and esteem, and also an acknowledgment of services by both the Rev. gentleman and his estimable wife in the Church and Sabbath School. Mr. McAllister made a very appropriate reply.

WE notice that the Woodstock papers give a report of an eloquent sermon preached on Thanksgiving Day at Princeton, by the Rev. J. Little, formerly of Nassagaweya, and now pastor of the Presbyterian Church in that place. We have not room for the report, but we are glad to see that Mr. Little is so highly appreciated in his new field of labor, and we have no doubt that he will be as popular there as he was in Nassagaweya and Hamilton.

THE first concert for the season of the Mission Band, in connection with the Charles St. Church, Toronto, was held in the School Room recently; Rev. R. D. Fraser, M.A., in the Chair. The advantage of the increased accommodation provided by the recent improvements was very apparent. The audience room was well filled; and the table of useful and fancy articles and the refreshment table received due attention. An excellent programme of music and readings was presented. Forty Dollars was added by the entertainment to the funds of the Mission Band.

THE Presbyterian Sabbath School, of West Puslinch, closed for the season on the 4th inst. A social was held in the church on the following Friday, when twenty-one books were given as prizes to the children for general proficiency, good conduct and regular attendance. Several of the children repeated the shorter catechism from beginning to end, together with verses of Psalms and passages of Scripture. The prize books were provided by the teachers with their own money, and indeed they are worthy of honourable mention for the interest they have taken in this work during the past seven months. The children's

penny contributions are to be given to the Orphan's Mission in India. This was the best examination ever held there.

THE anniversary of the ordination of the Rev. R. Fairbairn, B.A., of Esson Church, Oro, was held on Tuesday, and although the bad roads made anything but pleasant travelling, as usual a large company met. The provision made was abundant and of the choicest description. After all had secured sufficient of the "good things," Mr. T. M. Edmondson was called to the chair, which he always fills with satisfaction to young and old. Suitable addresses were given by Rev. J. G. Sanderson, Rev. R. Fairbairn, B.A., and others. Musical selections were also given which added to the enjoyment of the meeting. Mr. Richard Anderson was agreeably surprised by the presentation of a family Bible and Psalm Book in recognition of his services as precentor, and his usefulness in the Sabbath School.

FROM the Seaforth "Expositor" we learn that on Wednesday evening last, the children belonging to the Sabbath School class of Miss Nettie Goldsmith, waited on her at the Manse, and presented her with a most flattering and affectionate address, accompanied by a gift in the shape of a valuable coral set, consisting of necklace, cross and bracelet, and a silver perfume bottle. The little folks composing this class have been under Miss Goldsmith's instruction in the Sabbath School for several years, and the presentation was made as a parting gift, on it having become known that Rev. Mr. Goldsmith had finally decided to accept the call presented him from St. John's Church, Hamilton. The simple but touching and affectionate language of the address, to say nothing of the impromptu gift, showing as it does the affection which the children entertain for their teacher, and their regret at the prospect of separation from her, must be gratifying in the extreme to the estimable young lady, and will, we are sure, be taken as a reward for the earnest labour she has bestowed in their best interests.

ON the evening of Tuesday, the 4th Dec., about fifty of the young people of the congregation of Springville took forcible possession of the Manse. Their proceedings commenced with the reading of a very affectionate address, and the presentation of a purse to the pastor's wife. Mr. Bennett in as suitable terms as possible under the circumstances responded on behalf of Mrs. Bennett. The address was read by Mr. John Laing, and the purse presented by Miss Stewart. After a short address by Mr. Bennett, succeeded by devotional exercises, the happy company began to separate at 12 o'clock. The gifts of Tuesday evening were augmented by sundry loads of wood and bags of oats, from the older members of the congregation to the pastor direct. Every year since the formation of the pastoral tie, in 1872, similar proofs of kindness have been bestowed, though this is the first time that public notice has been given of the congregation's liberality towards the pastor and his family.

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.—A meeting of this Presbytery was held in the usual place on the 11th current, Rev. J. M. King, Moderator. Present with him twenty-two ministers and ten elders. Professor McLaren reported that he had preached to the congregation of Knox Church, Toronto, and had moderated in a call, which was given unanimously in favour of Rev. Dr. D. Inglis, Brooklyn, U.S., to be colleague and successor to the present pastor, Rev. Dr. Topp. It was also stated that the congregation had agreed to offer Dr. Inglis an annual salary of \$2,500, and to give an equal salary to Dr. Topp. The Professor's conduct in moderating was approved of. The call was then read, and was found to be signed by 255 office-bearers and members, and thirty-eight adherents. The call was sustained, and ordered to be transmitted with relative minute to the proper quarter; and Dr. Topp, Professor McLaren, Dr. Robb, and Mr. Blaikie, were appointed commissioners to prosecute the same. Rev. J. R. Gilchrist reported that he had met with the congregation of Zion Church, Orangeville, and had moderated in a call which was given unanimously in favor of Rev. J. M. McIntyre, Harriston, in the Presbytery of Saugeen. Mr. Gilchrist's conduct in this matter was approved of. The call was then read and was found to be signed by seventy-five members and eighty-one adherents. Messrs. McKittrick and Munro, Commissioners from the congregation, appeared and were heard, who stated that the salary proposed to be given would be \$800. The call was sustained, and was ordered to be transmitted with

relative papers to the Presbytery of Saugeen; also, Mr. Gilchrist was appointed to act as commissioner to said Presbytery, and prosecute the call. It was reported by Rev. C. E. McLaren that, in terms of appointment, he had gone to Ballinafad and met there with persons wishing to be organized as a regular congregation, that after receiving church certificates from twenty-five persons he had organized them as applied for, and that other fifteen persons were reported to him as desirous of becoming members of the congregation, but they had not yet obtained papers of disjunction. Mr. McLaren's conduct in this matter was approved of, and the twenty-five persons aforesaid were declared to be a regular congregation, under the jurisdiction of the Presbytery. Also the following were appointed an interim Session, viz: Mr. McLaren, moderator; Mr. John Henderson, Mr. James Laidlaw, and Mr. A. McLachlan, elders, with power to said moderator to take the usual steps, when deemed advisable, for the election and ordination of elders. Rev. J. M. Cameron reported that in terms of appointment he had gone to Leslieville on the 16th ult. and organized as a regular congregation there fifteen persons who had given him certificates from other congregations, and that more recently he had received certificates from thirteen others, making the total number twenty-eight. Mr. Cameron's conduct was approved of, and the twenty persons were declared to be a regular congregation, etc. Messrs J. Grant and A. Heron appeared as commissioners from the Mission Station at York Townline, and applied for regular supply of sermon, in connection with the congregation of Leslieville; promising as remuneration for such supply not less than \$200 per annum. The application was complied with; and the Home Mission Committee were instructed to give supply accordingly. The Presbytery then proceeded to consider the question of some re-arrangement as to certain congregations. Messrs. Thomas Russell and John Clarke, commissioners from Alton congregation, handed in a paper, which was read, from said congregation, and were heard in connection therewith, proposing that Melville church congregation be severed from them (as said congregation desired), to be united with the congregation of Ballinafad; and that they at Alton be put under the pastoral care of Rev. A. McFaul. On motion made, the former of these proposals was agreed to, viz., that Melville church congregation, Caledon, be united with Ballinafad; and as to the latter proposal, it was resolved that it be deferred till next meeting of Presbytery, and that all the congregations concerned—that of Alton and those under Mr. McFaul's care—be cited to appear for their interests at said meeting. Agreeably to notice previously given, Rev. D. J. Macdonnell submitted an overture to the General Assembly anent corresponding with other Presbyterian Churches, for the purpose of securing, if possible, common action in a Hymn Book. Mr. Macdonnell moved, and Rev. M. Macgillivray seconded, the adoption and transmission of the overture. In amendment it was moved by Rev. Dr. Robb, seconded by Rev. J. Alexander, that in present circumstances the transmission of this overture be not adopted. On a vote being taken, the amendment carried, and the Presbytery resolved accordingly. A circular on Sabbath school work was read from a committee appointed by the General Assembly, and it was agreed to appoint a committee, consisting of Revs. J. M. Cameron and M. Macgillivray, and Messrs. Wm. Rennie and J. L. Blaikie, to prepare a report for next ordinary meeting, on the recommendations contained in said circular, and that said recommendations be then disposed of. Application was made on behalf of the congregations of Mono East, Mono Mills, and St. Andrew's Church, Caledon, for the appointment of one to moderate in a call; and after some consideration it was agreed to appoint Rev. A. McFaul to moderate as applied for (on certain financial conditions), and at such a time as the session may determine on. Rev. R. D. Fraser, as convener of a committee previously appointed, reported that said committee had prepared and issued to all parties concerned printed circulars for holding missionary meetings throughout the bounds. The Committee were thanked for their diligence therein. A large amount of time was spent on the report of the General Assembly anent "Ecclesiastical Procedure;" and various other matters were taken up and disposed of. Finally, the next meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held in the usual place on Thursday, the 3rd of January, 1878, at 11 a.m.—R. MONTEATH, Pres. Clerk.