

## MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

THE Rev. Wm. Fitzell has declined the call from Georgetown and Lunenburg. We understand he will be invited to remain at Newmarket.

THE salary offered Rev. J. S. Lochhead, of Valleyfield, by the united congregations of Hullet and Lonsdale, is eight hundred dollars and free manse.

THE children of Daly Street Presbyterian Sunday School, Ottawa, on the evening of the 25th ult., presented Mr. Thorburn, head master of the Collegiate Institute, with a set of volumes and a gold pencil in recognition of his services to the Sunday School.

ON Friday evening 25th ult., Mr. A. D. McLeod, superintendent of the Presbyterian Sabbath School, Cayuga, was presented by the Sabbath School teachers with a large and elegant easy chair. At the same time Mrs. McLeod was made the recipient of several useful articles. An address accompanied these tokens of esteem, and a suitable reply was made to it by Mr. McLeod.

THE members of Mr. A. D. McNab's class in the Presbyterian Sunday School, Barrie, met at that gentleman's residence, on last Thursday evening, and presented him with an address and five very valuable volumes of choice religious works. Mr. McNab, to whom the presentation was an agreeable surprise, thanked his pupils for their handsome gift, in some well-chosen and suitable remarks.

MRS. PATTERSON, wife of Rev. N. Patterson, being about to leave Brampton to join her husband at Bayfield, where he has been recently settled, was, on Tuesday, the 29th ult., visited by the members of her Music Class and other friends, who presented her with a very handsome silver butter-cooler, accompanied by a kindly-worded address, to which Mrs. Patterson made a suitable reply.

The annual tea meeting of the Presbyterian Church, Trenton, was held in Purdy's Hall on the 22nd ult., and considering the season, was well attended. Rev. Mr. Craig of Mill Point, was the speaker. The choir, consisting of Mrs. McLellan, Mrs. Christie, Mr. and Mrs. Traver, Mrs. Stuart, Mrs. Ostrom, Mr. Weddell, and Mr. Adam Young, rendered several pieces in fine style. The organ question was settled by ballot lately, favorable to the use of the instrument.

THE young people of the Kirkton Bible class, came in large numbers, quite unexpectedly, to the Manse last Friday evening, and presented Mr. and Mrs. Gracey, with a beautiful and costly silver tea set. The presentation was accompanied by a very complimentary address. Mr. Gracey in thanking the young people for their present and address, expressed his pleasure to know that he and Mrs. Gracey had the good will and respect of the congregation, and especially of the young people.

THE Mission Band of Charles Street Church, Toronto, gave their second Literary and Musical entertainment to a well-filled house on Tuesday evening, the 31st ult. The Rev. R. D. Fraser, M.A., occupied the chair, and under his direction an excellent programme was carried out. A varied and instructive collection of articles, illustrating Chinese customs and religions, was on exhibition in the Bible Class room and Vestry, and attracted much attention. The amount added to the funds of the Band was considered satisfactory.

AT the Bible class meeting of St. Andrew's Church, Scarborough, Thursday evening the 24th inst., the ladies of the congregation presented the pastor, the Rev. M. Macgillivray, M.A., with a silk pulpit gown, accompanied by an address, expressive of the congregation's affectionate regard for Mr. and Mrs. Macgillivray. In accepting the gift Mr. Macgillivray briefly replied, thanking his people heartily for their kind words of sympathy and appreciation. At the same time a finely bound Bible was put into the pulpit to replace the one in use there since 1849.

THE members and adherents of Rev. Mr. McAlpine's congregation, St. Mary's, held their annual meeting on Wednesday of last week; Rev. J. Fotheringham presiding, and Dr. Sinclair officiating as secretary. The report of Mr. G. McIntyre, treasurer, showed the financial exhibit to be very satisfactory, the debt on the church being almost wiped off. Office-bearers were elected as follows: Treasurer, Mr. John McLean; auditors, Messrs. W. Somerville and T. O. Robson. Managers, Messrs. Wm. Weir, Jr., Roger

Hedley, John McLean, George McIntyre, Dr. Sinclair, Angus McIntyre, Michael Ballantyne, William Sterrit, Wm. McGregor, John Sanderson, William Currie and John Kennedy.

AT the annual meeting of Knox Church, Hamilton, Ald McLellan occupied the chair, and there was a large attendance of the congregation. The reports of the managers and the treasurer showed a large increase in the Sabbath collections, and also in pew rents, being a gratifying manifestation of the liberality of the congregation since the induction of Dr. James. It was resolved unanimously that the stipend of the pastor, the Rev. Dr. James, be for the ensuing year \$3,000, that being an advance of \$600 on last year's stipend. It was resolved that any expenses incurred by the pastor or elders of Knox Church when attending Church Courts in an official capacity, be defrayed by the congregation, so as to relieve ministers and private individuals where such Courts are held from maintaining them.

THE annual meeting of the Presbyterian congregation at Dunnville was held on the 17th ult. The report showed the total receipts for the year to be \$1,451.61; cost of improvements effected on the church, \$912.24; number of families connected with the congregation, sixty-two; number of communicants, eighty-seven. After the regular business of the meeting was over, Miss Annie Davis was presented with a pair of handsome vases in acknowledgment of her services as organist; Mr. Yeomans, the pastor, was presented with a package of useful articles from the Bible class, and a purse of \$50 from the congregation; and Mrs. Yeomans became the recipient of a purse containing a sum of money collected by two little girls belonging to the Sabbath School. The address from the congregation to Mr. Yeomans, expresses high appreciation of his work among them.

THE young people of the John St. Presbyterian Church, Belleville, formed a mission band last July, in connection with the W. F. M. S. of Toronto, its object being Zenana work, and its name, "Laborers of Love." Although the membership was small at first, and now only numbers twenty-seven, they were able in October, to send to the treasurer, Mrs. King, the sum of \$20 which they had pledged themselves to contribute annually to the funds of the Society. Their loving labors did not however cease there, but persevering in a quiet way, by December they had made enough articles—useful and fancy—to hold a small sale; as the result of which \$50 additional was added to their first offering. Thus in less than six months the handsome sum of \$70 has been contributed by this small band towards the education and evangelization of the daughters of India.

THE annual Sabbath School social in connection with the congregation of Knox Church, Beaverton, was held on the evening of Thursday, the 17th ult., in the basement of the church. As was anticipated, it was a decided success. About half-past six o'clock tea was served to fully 400. All who were present apparently enjoyed themselves heartily. The speeches delivered were far superior to those usually given on such occasions. The pupils of the school under the able leadership of Mr. Wm. McKay did excellent service in the way of entertaining the audience with music. The number of pupils has increased from seventy to 130 since the congregation occupied the new church. The proceeds, which amounted to a considerable sum, to be appropriated towards furnishing additional seats for the basement. Rev. E. H. Bauld deserves much credit for unceasing efforts to advance the interests of the Sabbath School in this place.

THE Presbyterians of New Glasgow, Quebec, held their annual soiree on the 21st ult. Although the weather was disagreeable the church was filled to overflowing. After an excellent tea had been served, Mr. Murray was called to the chair, the duties of which he discharged in a most satisfactory manner. The programme consisted of an address by the chairman, music by the choir, a reading by the Rev. Mr. Scully (Church of England), a solo and recitation by the Messrs. Brophie, and addresses by Messrs. C. E. Amaron, B.A., D. L. McCrae, A. B. Cruchet, and W. D. Russell. There was no lack of enjoyment, and the interest manifested says a great deal for Mr. Amaron, who labored as missionary at New Glasgow during the past summer. On the previous Sabbath, special services were held. Mr. Russell preached in the morning, and Mr. McCrae in the afternoon, to large

congregations. An interesting prayer meeting was held in the evening.

A SOIREE was held in Caven Church, 9th line north, St. Vincent, on Friday evening of last week. The building was densely filled by good friends from far and near. The choir of the Menford Presbyterian Church was present, and rendered excellent music, which added much to the entertainment of the evening. Rev. Messrs. McKay and Whimster and Mr. J. B. McLaren gave addresses. Financially the result of the soiree was \$42, with a subscription which made up the amount to a little over \$100, and of the social about \$14. The erection of the church is a matter of great credit to the congregation. They have put up a neat little frame church, chiefly by their united labor. The whole money expended over and above this was \$150—all of which is now provided for except about \$35. Besides this it may be noted that they have commenced the erection of a shed, showing that merciful men are merciful to their animals.

THE annual congregational meeting of St. Mark's Church, Montreal, was held last evening in the hall. There was a good attendance of members and adherents. The treasurer's report showed an increase in the revenue of nearly \$700 for 1877, over the previous year, and there has been a very large increase in the Church membership, since the induction of the present pastor, Rev. Mr. Nicholls. A young people's association was formed about three months ago, and already numbers about forty members. The secretary's report, and reports from the Kirk Session and the Sabbath School were also read and adopted, and everything showed the church to be in a very prosperous condition. A vote of thanks was tendered to Mr. Allan Hunter, who, for six years has occupied the position of chairman of the Board of Management, and who has contributed not a little to the present prosperity of the church. A vote of thanks was also tendered to the organist of the church (Miss Reid) and to the managers.

THE annual meeting of the congregation of new St. Andrew's Church, in this city, was held last week, Rev. D. J. Macdonnell in the chair. Reports were presented from the Session, the Board of Managers, the Sabbath School Committees, the Ladies' Association, and the Young Men's Association. The number of communicants reported was 409. The ordinary attendance on Sabbath was about 1,000. The church is seated to accommodate 1,018, and alterations are now being made by which fifty sittings will be added. The total receipts for the year amounted to \$19,422.64, derived from the following sources: Ordinary Revenue, \$10,746.40; contributed to Building Fund, \$6,131.18; contributed to the Schemes of the Church, \$1,444.84; Sunday School, \$286.65; Session Fund, \$328.01; Ladies' Association, \$14; Young Men's Association, \$256.65; Mission Schools, \$80.15; Special collections, \$132.75. The old officers were re-elected, and a committee was appointed to assist the managers in finding seats for strangers.

THE sacrament of the Lord's supper was observed in Knox Church, Mount Forest, on the 27th ult. The Rev. Dr. Reid from Toronto, was assisting the pastor, Mr. Macmillan, on the occasion. Fine weather contributed to the comfort of the people, and the large commodious church was well filled with an attentive and apparently devout audience, at both diets of worship. The Doctor preached in the morning and at night. His sermons were rich, varied, and full of gospel truth; and they were delivered with a clear, calm, earnest simplicity, which helped to make them instructive and impressive. The table was the largest we have seen in Mount Forest, and the pastor and the Doctor joined in its services. Twenty-five new members had been added to the communion roll for the first time. This is one of the congregations which suffered most from "Union-discord" and dissension. It is little more than a year since the "Mount Forest case" was declared settled; and it must be a matter of gratification to see the congregation recuperate so rapidly within such a short period. May pastor and people rejoice together, and may HIS CAUSE prosper more and more among them.—COM.

ON Tuesday evening 29th ult., a large party of young people belonging to the Presbyterian Church, Picton, and mostly members of Rev. Mr. Mechan's Bible class, repaired to the manse, and having introduced themselves, Mr. John Jamieson, in the name of his fellow-pupils and in his own name, came forward and read a very complimentary address, and requested the