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AN APPEAL FROM ALGOMA.

If the Presbyterian congregations in the Dominion would kindly take into consideration the state of the Church at Saült Ste. Marie, in Algoma, and each give \$2, it would liquidate the existing debt of \$1100.

In consequence of hard times, the people who subscribed towards the building of the church last year are unable to fulfil their engagements, and now the burden falls upon a few, two of the building committee having to give a joint note for the above sum.

If steps are not taken to help a little, fears are entertained that the building erected last fall will have to be sold.

Will not each congregation give two dollars?
N.B.—Money may be sent to the editor of the PRESBYTERIAN.

NOTES OF THE WEEK.

REV. DR. COCHRANE has been unanimously nominated as Moderator of next General Assembly by the Presbytery of Stratford.

By referring to our advertising columns our readers will see that Messrs. Alexander & Stark, and the National Investment Company of Canada have removed their offices to Equity Chambers, the commodious and elegant building recently erected on the corner of Adelaide and Victoria Streets.

THE annual soiree of the Presbyterian Church, Nain, was held on Friday the 22nd ult., Mr. Weir, Warden of Wentworth, in the chair. Interesting and instructive addresses were delivered by Rev. Messrs. Robertson, Turner, McDiarmid and Chrystal. The music was supplied by the Brock choir accompanied on the organ by Miss M. Hamilton. The amount realized was about \$98.

A SOIREE was held in the West Bentinck Presbyterian Church on the evening of Friday the 8th ult., which was attended by a large and respectable gathering. Mr. S. Dickson occupied the chair, and addresses were delivered by Mr. William Irvine, Superintendent of the Sabbath School, and Rev. Mr. Duff. On the following evening a social was held in the same place. The total amount realized from both entertainments was \$45.

A SOIREE was held in Duff's Church, Dunwich, on Feb. 28th, and notwithstanding the bad state of the roads there was a good attendance. The chair was occupied by Mr. McLaws, Reeve. Addresses were given by Messrs. Milloy, Crinan, McDonald of Walsacetown, Dr. Ruthven, Colonel O'Mally of Wards-

ville, and McLean of Aldboro. Select readings were also given by Colonel O'Mally. Excellent music was rendered by "Squires' Cornet Band." Proceeds in all amounted to \$100, to be spent on church repairs. Order was excellent throughout.

FROM the Annual Report of the Presbyterian Church, St. Thomas, it appears that the membership on 1st January 1878 was 231 as compared with 159 on the 1st January 1877—an increase of 72. The amount raised for all purposes was \$3,643.69 whereof \$166.05 was for the Schemes of the Church, allocated as follows: College Fund \$20; Home Mission Fund \$41.75; Foreign Missions \$20; Widows' and Orphans' Fund \$24.25; Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund \$14; French Evangelization \$20; Assembly Fund \$12. In addition to the foregoing the sum of \$33 seems to have been applied to missionary objects out of the general fund. The Sabbath School is doing well, with 176 scholars and 26 teachers, including the Superintendent and other officers.

A NUMBER of the members of the East Tilbury congregation met at the manse on the 13th ult. for the purpose of bidding farewell to their late pastor, Rev. Mr. Forrest, and his family, who were then about to leave for Leith in the Presbytery of Owen Sound, where Mr. Forrest is now settled. An address from the congregation to Mr. Forrest, accompanying a well-filled purse, was read by Rev. W. King. The address bore testimony to the untiring zeal with which Mr. Forrest had discharged his duties as a minister of the Gospel among them. Mr. King also read an address, which accompanied a silver teapot presented by the Sabbath School teachers to Mrs. Forrest. To both these addresses Mr. Forrest replied in a suitable manner.

THE annual report of Cote Street (now Crescent Street) Presbyterian Church, Montreal, which is now before us, shows that the congregation is in a prosperous condition, notwithstanding the fact that it was without a settled pastor during the year (1877) to which the report refers. The total amount raised by the congregation for all purposes was \$22,730.65. The amount collected by the Missionary and Benevolent Society was \$2,691.66, which was apportioned as follows: Home Missions, \$581.70 (\$350 to the General Assembly scheme, and the balance to local schemes; Foreign Missions, \$250; French Evangelization, \$175; Ministers', Widows' and Orphans' Fund, \$55; Presbyterian College, Montreal, \$450; Assembly Fund, \$40; French Canadian Missionary Society, \$100; Cote Street Church Sabbath School, \$100; Montreal Sabbath School Association, \$250; Montreal General Hospital, \$67.70. In addition to the foregoing we find the following sums devoted to objects outside of the congregation: Poor Fund, \$410.55; Visiting and Aid Society, \$174; Sabbath School Mission Fund, \$240; Montreal College (being special subscriptions to Theological Chair and Bursary Fund, \$1770; French Canadian Missionary Society, \$519. It is said that the congregation is about to extend a call to the Rev. A. B. McKay, of Brighton, England; and there is reason to hope that, in their new building and with their new pastor, their career will be still more prosperous in the future than it has been in the past.

A FORTNIGHT ago last Wednesday the corner-stone of a new Presbyterian church was laid at Leslieville.

In the absence of the President of the Church Extension Association, the duties of laying the stone were performed by Mr. Wm. Rennie, Treasurer of that Association. The devotional exercises were conducted by the Rev. J. M. Cameron, of the East Presbyterian Church. Following is a brief sketch of the church, which will be of Gothic design, and is expected to be opened in July:—The main body of the building will be faced with red brick, relieved by ornamental projections and brick bands, with buttresses of white brick. There will be seven windows on each side, and a complex in the front gable. The two main entrances will be in front. The church proper will be 56 feet long by 42 feet wide, over buttresses, and the ridge of the roof will be 40 feet from the ground. At the west corner of the front is the tower, which will be finished with a spire and finial, in all 78 feet high. At the rear is an extension for vestry, etc., 22 feet by 32 feet. The auditorium of the church is 48 feet long by 35 feet wide, and will seat 270 persons. There will be an end gallery across the front that will accommodate 70 more. The whole cost, when finished, will be upwards of \$8,000, including the land, valued at \$1,400, which is a donation from the Presbyterian Church Extension Association. The architect is Mr. H. B. Gordon, and Messrs. Thos. Bryce & Bro. are the builders.

A VERY interesting and instructive review of the first quarter's International Lessons of 1878 took place on Sunday the 24th March, in the East Presbyterian Church, of which the Rev. J. M. Cameron is pastor. The church was well filled with the Sunday School scholars, their parents and friends, besides visitors from sister churches. It may not be generally known that for some years the blackboard plan of teaching has been adopted in the school connected with this church, and this system is now so complete that for the purpose of a review three blackboards are employed, each containing one month's lessons. These shew the initial letters of the title, outline, golden text, and doctrine of each lesson, besides illustrations thereof. The scholars are expected to be able to repeat the elements of the lesson correctly, and on Sunday they did not fail in this respect, each one not only showing a willingness, but an ability to answer, being the result of efficient teaching. In addition to this a historical map was used at intervals, and the places referred to in the lessons pointed out as occasion required. Mr. McNab the superintendent, Mr. Crozier the secretary, Mr. McGinn and Mr. Warwick, teachers in the school, took part in the work. The pastor of the church at the conclusion shortly addressed the congregation. It was noticeable that this system of reviewing causes an interest that no other kind of reviewing that we have seen ever has done, besides having the effect of rivetting on the youthful minds the lessons they have been studying and awakening an interest in the congregation in Bible study generally. We would strongly urge upon the superintendents of our various Sabbath Schools to give more of their attention to these congregational review services than they have done hitherto, and encourage the attendance of the congregation at reviews, weekly, monthly, or quarterly. We may add that the pastor of the church, the superintendent and secretary of the Sabbath School are graduates of the Chataqua Sabbath School Assembly, and that in this School was organized the Pioneer Presbyterian Sabbath School Normal Class, of which many are now being organized and conducted in this and other parts of Ontario.