

of the present minister the debt was between \$10,000 and 11,000; since then, the church has been enlarged by the erection of galleries, and otherwise improved, at a cost of some \$3,000. Thus nearly \$14,000 have been raised in 8½ years, in addition to the ordinary annual expenses of the church.

GUELPH, KNOX'S CHURCH.—At the annual meeting of the congregation of Knox's Church, Guelph, recently held, it was resolved, from the funds in the treasurer's hands, to present the Pastor, Rev. W. S. Ball, with \$200 as a supplement to the last year's stipend, and also to increase the stipend \$200 per annum for the future. This is an excellent example. We understand, too, that it is intended to erect a gallery, in order to give increased accommodation.

ALMONTE.—We are glad to hear of the well-sustained progress of this congregation. The finances of the congregation have increased in a very encouraging degree, the total of the last year being \$2376.68. There has been also progress otherwise. The report says: "A special work of grace made the closing months of the year memorable, Very many were awakened to spiritual concern and brought to Christ."

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, LONDON.—We have received the annual report of the congregation of St. Andrew's Church, London. The total amount raised by the congregation during the year has been \$6,551.79. It is gratifying to find that the amount of contributions for missionary objects is more than double the amount contributed last year. The amount collected by the missionary society of the congregation was \$472.72.

REV. DR. WILLIS.—We notice that the fiftieth anniversary of the ordination to the ministry of the Rev. Dr. Willis, was celebrated in Glasgow on Tuesday, 24th January. He was entertained by a large number of friends, including Rev. Drs. Henderson, Forbes and Burns. The chair was occupied by Mr. Robertson, of Blairbeth. Dr. Willis's long, active, and useful labours at home and abroad were referred to in pleasing and gratifying terms. The occasion was one of much interest.

OFFICIAL NOTICES.

SYNOD OF HAMILTON.—The Synod of Hamilton will meet, pursuant to adjournment, in Galt, and within Knox's Church there, on the first Tuesday of May next, at 7 in the evening, and will be opened with a sermon by the retiring Moderator, the Rev. George Smellie, of Fergus.

Certified Rolls of Presbyteries, and papers for transmission to Synod, should be sent to the Synod Clerk, eight days before the meeting of Synod.

The Treasurer will be present at the meeting of Synod to receive congregational payments to the Synod Fund.

It was agreed at last meeting, that the second evening of the meeting of Synod this year should be spent in a Synodical Conference on the state of religion within the bounds, and the Committee on the State of Religion was instructed to make arrangements for the discussion of special subjects at said conference. The Committee referred to consist of the following: Mr. Lowry (Convener), Mr. McQuarrie, Mr. Cochrane, Mr. James Robertson of Paris, Mr. James K. Smith of Galt, with the Elders of these churches.

WILLIAM COCHRANE,

BRANTFORD, 17th February, 1871.

Clerk of Synod of Hamilton.