

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

THE congregation of Russell and Metcalfe have given a unanimous call to the Rev. A. M. McClelland, B.A., of Richmond.

THE Sabbath School Convention of the Presbytery of Lindsay meets at Woodville, on Monday, 23rd of February, at ten o'clock a.m.

To relieve the debt on Zion (Presbyterian) Church, Carleton Place, Messrs. A. McArthur and John. F. Cram contributed respectively \$300 and \$200.

THE anniversary missionary services were held, in Knox Church, Waterdown, on Sabbath, the 1st inst. Rev. Dr. James, Hamilton, preached both morning and evening, to large congregations. On Monday, the 2nd, the annual missionary meeting was held. The pastor presided, and impressive and instructive addresses were made by Dr. James, and Rev. J. Laing. Collections and subscriptions about \$60, which will be increased by collectors.

NO less than \$12,500 has been raised for the erection of a new church by the congregation of the Union Presbyterian Church, Galt. At a meeting held on Tuesday the congregation decided to accept the site offered by Mr. Dickson for \$2,600. The site referred to is the lot at the end of Main street bridge, between Queen's square and the river. The site is a fine one, and a fine building there will add greatly to the appearance of Main street.

THE anniversary services of the Egmondville Presbyterian church were held on Sabbath, 1st February, when Rev. Dr. Ure, of Goderich, preached able sermons. The attendance was large, considering the stormy weather. The annual social was held on the following evening. The attendance was large. The meeting was a great success and all went away greatly pleased. The amount realized on Sabbath and by the soiree was \$171.

ON Friday evening, 30th ult., a few personal friends of the Rev. Mr. Little, of St. Paul's Church, Bowmanville, presented him with ten volumes of the *Encyclopædia Britannica*, the whole of the work yet published. The gift was a very valuable one, costing \$75. Mr. Little thanked the donors for the handsome present and assured them that in his absence, that, with many other acts of kindness toward him by the people here, would tend to sweeten the memory and incite him to greater diligence in the work to which he had been called.

THE annual missionary meeting of the MacNab street Presbyterian Church, Hamilton, was held on the 4th inst., in the school-house. Mr. Mackenzie, Secretary-Treasurer of the Missionary Association, reported that the congregation contributed for missions during the year the sum of \$1,574.45. The chairman stated that this amount, which will be somewhat increased yet, will be apportioned to the different missions in which the Church is engaged. Addresses, appropriate to the occasion, were delivered by the Rev. Mr. Laidlaw and the Rev. Dr. James.

THE tea meeting in the Presbyterian church, Princeton, proved highly successful. The speakers were Rev. Messrs. D. D. McLeod, Paris; D. Beatty, Shower's Corners, and the pastor, Rev. J. Little. Mr. Oliver, M.P., was also present and delivered an address; and a missionary from India, a Mr. Hallam, gave an interesting account of the heathenism of the Chinese. The choir of Chalmers' Church, Woodstock, under Mr. Tanney's direction, supplied the music. The proceeds were \$104. The tea in the town hall was most sumptuous, and was fully enjoyed.

THE congregation of Woodlands has enjoyed an unusual measure of prosperity under the pastorate of the Rev. D. L. McCrae. At the last communion service sixty-four members were received, making in all an addition of 101 within six months. Of these, four heads of families were formerly Roman Catholics. This good work has been accomplished through the ordinary means of grace. Only four special services were held, at which Mr. McCrae was assisted by the Rev. D. H. MacLennan, Alexandria, and by Messrs. McLaren and Nelson, students of the Presbyterian College, Montreal.

ON the 13th ult., at the close of a soiree in connection with the ordination and induction of the Rev. D. M. Beattie, B.A., over the congregation of St. Andrew's, Blenheim, and St. Andrew's, East Oxford, the Rev. J. M. Aull, Ratho, was presented with an

address, and a purse containing fifty dollars, as an acknowledgment of his services during their vacancy. The address was read by Mr. Wm. Dixon, Blenheim, and the purse presented by Mr. Wm. Kennedy, East Oxford. Mr. Aull replied in very suitable terms, expressing the prayer for the prosperity of the congregation and the success of their new minister.

ON the evening of the 28th January, two of the Bible classes of the Rev. L. Cameron, Thamesford, accompanied by a goodly number of other friends, in all about sixty, proceeded to the manse, and presented him with a beautiful address and a valuable and handsome gold watch, with the following inscription: "Presented to the Rev. L. Cameron, by his congregation at Thamesford." Mrs. Cameron was also presented with an address and a silver pickle cruet. Mr. Cameron replied and thanked them for their beautiful and kind addresses to himself and Mrs. Cameron, and also for the most valuable and handsome gifts which accompanied them.

THE tea meeting held in the Presbyterian church, Ancaster, was quite a success, taking into consideration the state of the roads. After having done justice to the good things provided for them, the people adjourned to the body of the church, where they were entertained by speeches and music. Speeches were delivered by Rev. Dr. James, Rev. Messrs. Cohoe, Black and Grant. Rev. Mr. Chrystal occupied the chair, Rev. Mr. Ratcliff being unable to do so owing to a slight illness. The music was furnished by Mr. Black and choir from West Flamboro'. The speeches and music were above the ordinary heard at such meetings. The proceeds amounted to \$11.85.

ON Tuesday evening, 27th ult., the Rev. R. C. Moffat, gave a public lecture in Free St. John's, Walkerton, on "Life among the Turks." A thoroughly popular description was given of the political history, the social usages, the marriage customs, and the religious life of the Turk. And after an excellent anthem by the choir, he gave, in the last half of the lecture, a most interesting summary of the religious work done in the last forty years by the American missionaries, especially such men as Goodell and Hamlin, giving special prominence to the strange history and splendid success of Robert College, and the wondrous results from the labours of students and converts by work among slaves in bakeries and by washing machines.

THE annual meeting of Chalmers' Church congregation, Woodstock, was held on Monday, 2nd inst. Mr. W. C. McLeod was appointed chairman. The Treasurer's report was read and adopted. Total ordinary receipts for current expenses, \$1,384.90, total ordinary expenditure, \$1,763.28; amount raised during the year for church improvement, \$2,183.81; total receipts from all sources, including balance on hand Jan. 1, 1879, \$4,559.89; of this amount the sum of \$813.16 was raised by the Women's Aid Association. There was raised by the Sabbath school and two special collections the sum of \$160, not included in the above. The Missionary collections are not yet completed, but so far are in advance of former years. The liabilities of the congregation exceeded the assets by \$956.53.

THE annual social for the Sabbath school, of the Presbyterian congregation, Waterdown, was held on 27th January, in the town hall of the village. Many of the families from the country were detained by the badness of the roads: notwithstanding the attendance was very good. The pastor, Rev. J. McMechan, presided; and addresses were delivered by the chairman, the Rev. Mr. McLaren, of Almonte, and the Rev. Mr. McConnell, of Waterdown. Much-admired readings were given by Misses McMichael and Watkins; instrumental and vocal music of excellent quality was furnished by the choir, Miss Spence, Miss Mary McMonies, Miss Boyle, Miss Young, Miss Ryckman, and Miss Walker, of Hamilton. The entertainment altogether was most enjoyable and successful. Net proceeds, \$50.

A SOIREE was held in the Presbyterian church, Stewartville, January 28th. The church was filled to overflow, passages and all, some had to turn back for want of room. At half-past seven, the pastor, Rev. G. Bremner, took the chair, and called the meeting to order. After singing and prayer, refreshments were served. The choir, led by Mr. Robertson, singing master, did excellent service, and contributed greatly to the enjoyment of the evening, shewing wonderful ability. Mr. Sutherland read an excellent essay on the "Improvement of Science." Rev. R. Knowles

spoke on "Habit" with much pith. Rev. Mr. Scott spoke on "Luck, Labour, and Love," with great effect; also sang two solos with much taste. Rev. D. J. McLean spoke on "The Power of the Pew" with much force. The evening was one of great enjoyment and financial success.

ON the evening of the induction of the Rev. S. R. Warrender to the pastoral care of the churches at St. Ann's and Welland Port the ladies of the congregation held a soiree, which, considering the state of the weather, was a very decided success. After partaking of the refreshments that had been provided by the ladies, the Hon. Geo. Secord was appointed to take the chair. To secure this venerable gentleman for the chair, was a guarantee that the proceedings of the evening would be a success. The music of the evening was furnished by the St. Ann's choir, under the leadership of Mr. Samuel Kennedy. Selections from Handel and others of the best composers were admirably rendered. An address was delivered by the Rev. Wm. Cleland, of Niagara, which will long be remembered by the people of the place. An appropriate address was also delivered by the pastor.

ON Thursday evening, 29th ult., the annual social in connection with St. Andrew's Church, Galt, was held in the town hall, the attendance being very good. Refreshments were served in the council chamber. The proceedings up stairs began with the appointment of Mr. Jas. Dalgleish as chairman. On the platform were Revs. Smith and Wardrope, Guelph; Mullen, Fergus; and Dickson, Galt. The first piece was an anthem by the choir, "Lift up your heads, O ye gates." A quartette by Mrs. McCrae, Miss Harris, Messrs. McCrae and Sinclair, "Come with Beautiful Dreams," was very heartily applauded. Rev. J. C. Smith next spoke, paying some left handed compliments to some of our local institutions, lamenting the absence of gas, and reviewing things in general. At the close a vote of thanks was tendered to those who had laboured to provide the evening's entertainment.

AN exceedingly successful soiree was held at the Proof Line church, London township, on Monday, the 2nd inst. The church was filled to overflowing, a good many not being able to obtain seats. The ladies did their duty in providing the repast in the most efficient manner. The Rev. Mr. Whimster, the pastor, occupied the chair, and by his geniality and tact added greatly to the success of the meeting. A special feature of the soiree was the presence of the Indian Chief, Waubuno, from Bothwell, and his family. The Chief gave a long and very effective address, shewing a great deal of shrewdness and good sense, and making some very palpable hits at the drinking customs of Christians and the hindrances thereby put in the way of the progress of the Gospel. His family sang a great many hymns and other pieces in a very effective manner and were rapturously applauded. Speeches were also delivered of the usual style of soiree addresses, and altogether the meeting was an exceedingly successful one and seemed to be greatly enjoyed by the entire audience. About \$140 were realized.

THE annual soiree of Knox Church, Oro, was held on Friday, 16th January, 1880, in the above named church. Notwithstanding the unfavourable state of the roads the church was filled to its utmost capacity. After all present had amply partaken of the good things so liberally provided by the ladies of the congregation, the chair was occupied by the Rev. H. Sinclair, pastor. After a few very appropriate and interesting remarks from the chairman, addresses were delivered by the following gentlemen, interspersed with suitable musical selections by the choir, viz. Rev. R. Fairbairn, B.A., J. I. Hindley, M.A., Dr. McLean, and Mr. Wm. Mitchell, which were attentively listened to and highly appreciated by the audience. A social was held on the following evening in the above named church, which was a decided success. Proceeds of both meetings amounted to \$72. During a long period of vacancy, previous to the induction of Mr. Sinclair, this congregation got somewhat scattered, and matters were in a rather discouraging condition, but we are happy to say that the untiring efforts for good of Mr. Sinclair have not been in vain, the present state of the congregation being sufficient to evince that his faithful labours have been owned of the Lord.

THE annual meeting of Zion Church, Brantford, was held on the 5th inst., in the lecture room, the Rev. Dr. Cochrane presiding. There was a good attend-