

## MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

THE Rev. J. Ballentine's translation from Cobourg to River street Church, Paris, has been granted by the Presbytery of Peterborough.

WE are sorry to learn that the Rev. Thos. Lowry, on account of his continued bad health, is about to resign the pastorate of the First Presbyterian Church at Brantford.

COOKE'S CHURCH, Toronto, was crowded last Sabbath afternoon, when the Rev. J. Kirkpatrick preached the annual sermon to the Irish Protestants. The collection was for the poor.

THE Rev. John Turnbull, the esteemed minister of Melrose and Lonsdale, in the Presbytery of Kingston, for nineteen years, has resigned his charge, and purposes spending the summer in his native land.

THE Presbytery of Bruce met on the 8th and 9th ult. A considerable amount of business was transacted, but as the report only reached us as we are going to press this week we have not room for the particulars.

THE Rev. J. Campbell, of Knox Church, Harriston, has again been called by the Presbyterian congregation of Pembina, Dakota, U. S. There is a strong probability that he will accept the call, as this is the second time he has been asked to take charge of that congregation.

THE mission band of "Hopeful Gleaners" connected with St. James' Square Church, Toronto, held a very successful reunion on Thursday, the 24th ult. There was during the evening a sale of the articles which had been made during the winter by the members of the band, as well as a selection of vocal and instrumental music of a very superior description. The sum realized was upwards of \$170, almost all of which will be available for the schemes of the Church.

THE interior of St. Peter's church, Madoc, is to be finished and ready for dedication by the 1st of June next. The building committee have nearly the amount required covered by subscriptions, so that little, if any, debt will remain. The church contains a handsome lecture-room, Dorcas and infant class rooms, and pastor's study. It will have cost, when finished, over \$18,000, and is one of the finest, perhaps the finest, church edifice in any village in this Province.

A SOIREE was held in the Presbyterian Church, Clifford, on the 9th of March. Refreshments were served in the McDonald Hall, after which the people retired to the church, which was crowded to its utmost capacity. The chair was occupied by the Rev. S. Young. Very interesting and instructive addresses were delivered by Rev. A. C. Stewart of Belmore, and Rev. Messrs. Campbell and Blaikie of Harriston. An excellent choir was in attendance, and gave some very appropriate selections.

ON the 24th ult., the Rev. R. J. Beattie, of Mill street Presbyterian Church, Port Hope, was very agreeably surprised at the close of the prayer meeting, by a very affectionate address being presented to him, accompanied with a purse of \$130. Mr. Beattie had been kept entirely in the dark in reference to such a presentation being to take place, but in a few well-chosen sentences, expressed his thanks to the congregation for the very unexpected manifestation of their regard. The whole proceeding was of the most gratifying character to all concerned.

THE Rev. Thomas McGuire, late of Jarvis, was inducted into the charge of Emerson by the Presbytery of Manitoba, on the 24th of March. Mr. Scott preached and presided, and Mr. Douglas addressed the minister, and Mr. Robertson the congregation. There was a large congregation, and Mr. McGuire was cordially received by the people. In the evening there was a social gathering, at which addresses were made by members of Presbytery and local ministers. Mr. McGuire enters on his work under very favourable circumstances and with excellent prospects.

THE law suit over the will of the late Dr. Barrie was on the 23rd ult. decided by Vice-Chancellor Blake in favour of the defendant, the Rev. Mr. Torrance. The Guelph "Mercury" says: "The Judge held that the testator was of good testamentary capacity at the time of making the will. He decreed the costs on both sides to be paid out of the property not passed thereby, which we take to mean that the costs will be paid out of the mortgages, which fall to the

legal heirs. This does not affect the validity of the will respecting the bequests made to the late Dr. Barrie's housekeeper and to the Presbyterian Church. The Court thus decrees that the will is valid in all respects except the mortgages, which go to Dr. Barrie's relatives, and out of which the costs will be paid."

THE new and beautiful church of the First Presbyterian congregation of St. Mary's, was formally opened on Sabbath, the 20th ult. The total cost of the building, which is the finest church edifice in St. Mary's, is about \$15,000, two-thirds of which has already been provided for. The dedicatory services were conducted by the Rev. Principal McVicar, of Montreal, and the Rev. P. Wright, of Stratford, and were highly appreciated by large and attentive audiences. The collections at these services amounted to \$250. The social meeting on the Monday evening was a great success. The addresses of the different speakers were all good, but that of the Rev. Principal was universally regarded as specially excellent. The proceeds of the tea meeting amounted to \$199, which with the Sabbath collections brought up the whole to \$450.

A DEBT of \$800 has weighed like an incubus upon the manse property of the Thorold Presbyterian church for about a dozen years. Recently the congregation resolved to free themselves of this dead-weight, and a few weeks ago they carried this resolution to a successful issue. A soiree was then held in commemoration of the event, and a pleasant and profitable time was spent thereat. The choir of the congregation, under the able leadership of Mr. Heughan, the precentor, furnished an excellent programme of vocal and instrumental music. Short addresses, congratulating the congregation on their emancipation from all encumbrances of debts, mortgages, and such like, were delivered by the Revs. Acheson, of Stamford; McEwan, of Welland; Parker, of Thorold; Rigby, of Fonhill; and Mr. Simpson, teacher, of Thorold. Proceeds of soiree about \$100.

THE Oshawa Presbyterian church held its annual missionary meeting on the 23rd March. The reports shewed that the congregation and Sabbath school had contributed during the year the sum of \$506 for the schemes of the Church—including Presbytery Fund—a most encouraging advance on any previous year's contributions in the history of the congregation. This sum was apportioned as follows: To Home Missions, \$142; to Foreign Missions (including the contribution of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and a collection of \$52 on the occasion of Dr. McKay's visit), \$148; to Colleges, ordinary fund, \$50; Manitoba College, \$10; to the work among the French Canadians, \$97; to Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, \$16; to Widows' and Orphans' Fund, \$8; to Assembly Fund, \$10; to Presbytery Fund, \$25. Although the contributions of the auxiliary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society amount to but \$46, this is double its contributions for either of the two years preceding. On the whole, the congregation has great reason to "thank God and take courage."

ANNIVERSARY services conducted by Rev. Dr. Eddy, of Detroit, were held in St. Paul's Church, Hamilton, on the 20th ult. The audiences at both services were very large and interested, as might easily have been expected from Dr. Eddy's widespread reputation as an able and eloquent preacher of the Gospel. On the succeeding evening a very largely attended social meeting was held in the same place, and was greatly enjoyed by all present. It is only three years since the present pastor, the Rev. R. J. Laidlaw, was settled in St. Paul's, and during that time the prosperity of the congregation has, in every respect, been very gratifying. From a statement made at the Monday evening meeting we gather the following encouraging facts: Number of rented sittings, 556; net increase during the past year, 59. Actual number of communicants, 375; number added during the past year, 89; net increase, 48; number added during the past three years, 225. Amount received for pew rents in 1880, \$2,067.60; increase over previous year, \$364.17. Amount received from Sabbath collections, \$2,371.99; increase over previous year, \$620.39; total increase in revenue in 1880, \$984.56. Ordinary benevolent contributions during 1880, \$564.56; increase over 1879, \$269.6; amount contributed by the congregation alone for all purposes during the past three years, \$29,000; increase in the attendance of the Sabbath school during the past

year, over 50 per cent. Surely in all this there is much reason for pastor and people to "thank God and take courage."

ON the 22nd February a large number of Mr. Cameron's congregation, Lucknow, presented Mr. Peter McKenzie, 3rd concession of Kinloss, with an address expressive of their high sense of his services as precentor of the Kinloss part of the congregation, and with a well bound copy of Jamieson, Brown and Fausset's Commentary, and Mrs. McKenzie with a fine silver cake basket. At the same time Mr. John McWilliams, leader of the psalmody of Knox Church, Lucknow, was presented with a similar address and a large family Bible. On the 21st March Mr. John McBain, of Lucknow, was presented by his Bible class with Jamieson, Brown and Fausset's Commentary, and a writing desk, as a token of their appreciation of his services as their teacher. Immediately after, Mr. Matheson, superintendent of the Sabbath school, was made the recipient of a similar commentary, and Mrs. Mathieson of a set of tea knives, by the teachers of the school. While still standing, Mr. Cameron, the pastor, was taken with the greatest surprise when Mr. Martin stepped forward and, in the name of the congregation, presented him with a most beautiful French marble sixteen-day clock, of Gothic style, with globe and silver plate, bearing the following inscription: "Presented to the Rev. D. Cameron, by his congregation, Lucknow, March 21, 1881." Mrs. Cameron was taken with no less surprise when Mr. Martin presented her with an elegantly designed silver cake basket.

THE Woodstock "Sentinel-Review" has in its last issue the following sensible and timely remarks: "Large and enthusiastic audiences greet Rev. Dr. McKay wherever he goes. In Guelph, Toronto, St. Catharines and Hamilton, no church was large enough to hold the crowds that were eager to see and hear the greatest missionary of our day. His simple but touching narrative, his earnest manner, and his powerful appeals, backed up as they are by a life of singular devotedness, are producing a profound impression not only in the Presbyterian Church, but throughout all the Evangelical Churches in the land. Christian liberality is being manifested as seldom before. We observe that Mr. J. W. Bickle, of Hamilton, has presented the missionary with a valuable set of medical instruments, while the Messrs. Wanzer have presented a sewing machine to every native preacher in Northern Formosa, being twenty in all. They have also engaged to give a machine to every new congregation started by Mr. McKay in Formosa. Such liberality to a noble cause deserves commendation. Will "Glorious old Oxford" not come to the front on this occasion? In some congregations liberal collections and subscriptions have already been raised, but much still remains to be done. Many of our wealthiest men have as yet given little or nothing. There is plenty of money in this county, and we trust that no principles of selfishness or worldliness will prevent its flowing freely towards the grandest and most successful missionary work in which the Presbyterian Church has ever engaged."

THE missionary meeting in Chalmers' Church, Woodstock, on Tuesday evening, was well attended, the body of the church being comfortably filled. The Rev. P. Wright, of Stratford, gave an able address, in which he reviewed the various fields of mission work occupied by the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Wright is a strong man, mentally as well as physically, and speaks with a great deal of power. Rev. Mr. McKay read the report of the contributions of the congregation towards missions during the year. The following is a summary: Total amount raised by congregation and Sabbath school, \$825.10. This was apportioned as follows: To Dr. McKay's training school, \$294; Home Missions, \$175.60; Foreign Missions, \$115.62; Colleges, \$80; French Evangelization, including pupil at Pointe-aux-Trembles, \$107.04; Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, \$15.60; Widows' and Orphans' Fund, \$10.84; Donation to congregation at Mount Pleasant, \$10; Assembly Fund, \$12.30. A small portion of the amount subscribed for Dr. McKay's Training School has not yet been paid, and a considerable amount is expected to be yet subscribed for this object. On the whole the contributions this year are not very far from double those of any former year. The following will shew the progress of this congregation in liberality during four years: There was contributed for missions in 1878, \$154; in 1879, \$261;