

were requested to hand in, enclosed in an envelope, on certain specified Sabbaths, whatever sum they felt "the Lord prospered them" to give to the schemes of the Church, and to state, if they thought proper, the way in which they wished the sum given to be appropriated. This is believed to be the nearest approximation that can well be made at present, to the Scripture mode of giving.

The success that has attended this experiment has been very encouraging, sixty persons, representing nearly as many families, have contributed in this way, since June, \$173.57c. The remainder of the congregation have given during the same time only \$20.03.

The Kirk Session have agreed to continue this system, during the present year. It is believed that as it becomes better understood its Scripturalness will commend it to a much larger number of the congregation. It renders the matter of giving entirely free and voluntary on the part of the people; and it has been very gratifying to the minister and elders of this congregation, to find in how many cases, those connected with them were "willing of themselves" to give freely and liberally, asking them (the office-bearers) to receive the gift and take upon them the fellowship of the ministering."

The Sabbath School raised, in the course of the past year, \$50.62c, for the support of the Orphans in Madras, and other religious purposes, and also the further sum of \$68.11c. for the purchase of a new Library.

It may be added that this congregation subscribed last year the large sum of \$3,666, towards the endowment Fund of Queen's College, of which upwards of \$2000 has been paid.

The section of the congregation at Balderson's Corners has also expended upwards of \$400, in enlarging the Church there, and of this the greater part has also been paid.

We have much pleasure in stating that the inmates of the Manse of St. Andrew's Church, Perth, received a most gratifying visit, a few evenings ago from a number of young friends connected with the congregation. The friends referred to, with several others, resolved, some time ago, to provide new oil cloth for the hall and a new carpet for the dining room of the Manse, the minister and his family not being permitted to know anything of this said resolution. On the evening in question they met in the Manse and laid down these articles, which are of very superior quality, in their respective places.

The kindness of this act is the more felt and appreciated, inasmuch as the articles presented can be regarded in the light of gifts, the expressions of friendly regard.

Gifts are not unfrequently made to ministers while arrears of salary due them remain unpaid. This is not the case in the present instance, scarcely a dollar of arrears of salary remained unpaid at the end of last year.

This represents a state of feeling and of affairs existing in this congregation most honorable to it, and it cannot be but exceedingly gratifying and encouraging to the minister now that he is in the twenty-fifth year of his pastorate in the congregation. Of course, in

this congregation, as in all others in similar circumstances, not a little of the credit for this happy state of financial matters is due to the lively interest taken in its welfare by a few leading persons connected with it.

LONDON, PRESENTATION.—On 31st January, the Rev. D. Camelon, pastor of St. James' Presbyterian Church, who, since his induction, has become a favourite with his congregation, was presented by the lady members of the church with a valuable pulpit gown and cassock. The presentation was accompanied by an address, read by Mrs. McEwen, to which Mr. Camelon replied in suitable terms.

PRESENTATION OF A CLOCK TO ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, GALT.—The Sabbath scholars in connection with this Church have presented a very handsome clock to the Church.

A framed photograph of the Indian orphans supported by the Church of Scotland, has been presented to the Sabbath school of the above Church, by Miss McIntosh, Galt, who raised \$20 last year, and transmitted it to Miss Saunders, Edinburgh, who officially and personally is deeply interested in the prosperity of our Indian orphanage scheme.

The Rev. J. B. Muir, M.A., of Galt, was unanimously elected President of the first Sabbath School Convention for the County of Waterloo, which met in Berlin, on the 1st of February, 1870.

The Presbytery of Perth held their Annual Missionary meetings, beginning at Perth, on the 11th of January, and ending at Brockville, on the 21st.

The meeting in Perth was large and respectable. There was present a good representation of the congregation, both in town and from the country, and in addition a number belonging to other denominations. Appropriate and interesting addresses on subjects previously assigned to them, were delivered by Messrs McGillivray, Ross, and Milne, the deputation appointed to visit the congregations in the Northern section of the Presbytery, viz: Perth, Lanark, Dalhousie, Middleville and Almonte, Mr. McLean of Middleville, and Mr. Gordon of Almonte, who were present and also Rev. Mr. Sanderson, Methodist minister, added to the interest of the meeting by their brief excellent addresses. The meeting was enlivened not a little, and its interest increased by some anthems and pieces of music well rendered, by a few of the young persons connected with the congregation.

The deputation proceeded next day to Lanark. The snow storm, which commenced in the forenoon of that day, rendered the attendances less than it otherwise would have been. Notwithstanding, however, the storm, there was a respectable audience present, and a lively interest apparently felt in behalf of Missions, and more especially of the Home Mission operations of the Presbytery.

Meetings were appointed for the following day in Dalhousie and Middleville, but the storm having raged during the night, accompanied with high wind, and being still unabated, the roads were blocked up with