

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

A FEW of the ladies of Balaklava congregation recently presented Mrs. McClung with a handsome set of dining-room chairs, and their pastor with a lamp stand for his study.

ON the eve of the departure of Rev. James Little, M. A., for a two months' holiday in the South, the members and adherents of his congregation—that of St. Paul's Church, Bowmanville—presented him with a purse containing \$110.

THE Woodville congregation has extended a very hearty call to Rev. James Cameron, of Chatsworth. The Rev. John McNabb, of Beaverton, and Mr. Donald Grant, Elder, have been appointed to prosecute the call before the Presbytery of Owen Sound.

THE Presbyterian congregation of Port Stanley have purchased a comfortable manse, with about two acres of land attached, at a cost of \$1,200, the most of which has been either paid or provided for. They have also met all current expenses, besides clearing off some old liabilities.

THE ordination and induction of Mr. Donald Currie took place at Dover on the 26th ult. Rev. J. A. McAlmon preached, Rev. Mr. McColl presided and addressed the people, and Rev. Wm. Walker addressed the minister. A tea meeting was held in the evening, which was largely attended.

ON the evening of Friday the 10th inst., a large number of the members and adherents of the Presbyterian congregation at Fenelon Falls met at the residence of their pastor, Rev. W. Lochead, and presented him with a purse containing nearly \$90. They also brought a good supply of provisions, oats for the horse, etc., accompanying the whole by an appropriate address.

THE annual meeting of the Presbyterian congregation of St. Thomas was held on Monday evening the 13th inst., Mr. A. McLachlin in the chair. The statement submitted showed the receipts for the year to have been \$4,321, of which amount the Ladies' Society had contributed \$1,000. Among the resolutions passed at the meeting was one to the effect that the church should hereafter be called Knox church.

THE annual soiree of St. Gabriel street Church Sabbath School, Montreal, was held on Friday evening the 17th inst. Rev. R. Campbell occupied the chair. Rev. Messrs. Doudiet and Warden had seats on the platform, and delivered addresses. The members of the Bible class presented the pastor with a beautiful pitcher and mug. Mrs. W. Darling presented the successful competitors with two beautiful silver medals as prizes for perfect recital of the shorter catechism.

THE congregation of St. Andrew's Church, Melbourne, after repairing, plastering, papering, and painting the manse, recently presented Mr. Edmison, the pastor, with some valuable pieces of household furniture. The church and its surroundings have also been much improved of late, at an expense of \$2,400. On a recent occasion, Mr. Edmison was also made the recipient of several useful and valuable presents by the Kingsbury branch of his congregation.

ON the evening of Tuesday the 31st ult. some of the members and adherents of the Presbyterian congregation at Walton presented Mrs. David Moore, of Morris, with a handsome set of china, a silk dress, and a considerable sum of money, the whole being accompanied by an address expressing the gratitude of the donors to Mrs. Moore for having, since the congregation has been without a pastor, entertained the ministers who from time to time supplied them with preaching.

A VERY acceptable course of lectures is being given this winter in Guthrie Church, Harriston, Rev. Mr. Baikie's. The opening lecture was given by the Rev. G. M. Milligan, Old St. Andrew's, Toronto, concerning which we clip the following from the Harriston "Tribune": "The Rev. Mr. Baikie took the chair at eight o'clock, and introduced the speaker, who at once entered upon his subject, and for about two hours he kept the whole audience spellbound by his bursts of eloquence. At the conclusion he was tendered a hearty vote of thanks, upon motion of the Rev. Messrs. Campbell and Gundy, the whole audience rising in response."

THE Sabbath School children of St. John's French Presbyterian Church, Montreal, had their annual

festival on the 9th inst. The programme of the evening included recitations and hymns in French, English and Italian, and a plentiful tea, to which full justice was done. The pastor of the church, the Rev. C. A. Doudiet, addressed the audience, showing the necessity of familiarity with the holy Scriptures, the necessity of education for Protestants, illustrating the effects of the Protestant faith on the prosperity of nations by the fact that Protestant countries all through the world are in the van of civilization and progress. The Rev. L. N. Beaudry and Mr. Dawson also gave short addresses, which were well received.

A VERY pleasant evening was spent in Cornwall, 1st inst., on the occasion of the Annual Sabbath School Festival of Knox Church. Mr. Campbell the active superintendent presided and addresses were delivered by the Rev. Messrs. Binnie, and Hay, and by Mr. Craig the senior superintendent. The church was tastefully festooned with evergreens and the walls embellished with scriptural mottoes, the whole presenting quite an attractive appearance. Statistics presented by the secretary for year 1878 showed the finances to be in a prosperous condition, the attendance compared favorably with the previous year and the school generally has never been in such good working order. A teachers' meeting is held weekly for the preparation of the lesson.

THE annual missionary meeting of Chalmers' Church, Guelph, was held on the evening of Monday, the 15th inst. It appeared from the report read that under the management of the Missionary Association, there is a steady increase from year to year in the work of the congregation in connection with the various schemes of the Church. For the past year the amount contributed for these purposes was \$380, or, if the Sabbath School contributions are included, over \$500. The following apportionments were made at the meeting: Home Mission Fund, \$100; Foreign Mission Fund, \$50; College Fund, \$80; French Evangelization \$50; Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, \$30; Widows' and Orphans' Fund, \$20; Assembly, Synod and Presbytery Fund, \$29.40.

THE congregation of Knox church, Perth, held their annual meeting on Tuesday, the 7th inst. Rev. Mr. Burns, the pastor, having opened the meeting with devotional exercises, the reports of the treasurers of the church, manse and mission funds were read and adopted. The following officers were then elected for the ensuing year: Mr. George Templeton, Secretary; Mr. Alexander Robertson, Treasurer; Mr. F. B. Allan, Treasurer of the manse fund; Mr. Henry Taylor, Treasurer of the mission fund; and Messrs. Robert Allan, Robert Smith, John McCallum, John Fraser, Francis Allan, Geo. Palmer, John Anderson, Wm. Wodden, Alex. Reid, R. Miller, J. G. Campbell, H. Taylor, J. M. O. Cromwell, F. B. Allan, and J. Neilson, trustees.

THE anniversary services of the Presbyterian Church, Bracebridge, were held on the 12th inst. Rev. John Smith of Toronto preached morning and evening to large audiences, and addressed the Sabbath School scholars at 2.30 p.m. On the evening of Monday, the 13th, the annual tea meeting was held, when Mr. Smith gave an able lecture on "Church Song." The chair was occupied by the Rev. A. Finlay, the pastor. At the conclusion of the lecture, Mr. G. J. Beattie, seconded by Mr. J. W. Dill, moved a vote of thanks to the lecturer, which was carried with manifest tokens of appreciation. On Tuesday evening a Sabbath School social was held, which, we understand, was quite a success. The total proceeds realized in connection with these anniversary celebrations amounted to about \$73.

A VERY successful Musical and Literary Entertainment was given in the Mechanics' Hall, Newmarket, on Tuesday evening, 14th inst., under the auspices of the Presbyterian Church. The following are the names of those who took part in carrying out the programme of the evening. From Toronto:—Miss Caven, Miss Topp, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Valance, Mrs. Rutherford, Miss M. Caven, Mr. Alexander and Mr. Dick. From Sharon:—The "Sharon Glee Club." All of the above rendered the parts assigned so perfectly that there was nothing left to be desired. The repeated encores and rapt attention of the audience showed how heartily their efforts were appreciated. Should the same parties ever return to Newmarket (as we hope they will), the reputation already gained will secure for them even a larger audience than greeted them on Tuesday evening. On motion of Rev. Wm.

Frizzell seconded by Rev. J. R. Battisby a hearty vote of thanks was tendered to the performers and conveyed in suitable terms by the chairman N. Pearson Esq. At the close of the musical programme the singers were invited to the basement where the ladies of the congregation had tables spread for their refreshment. Altogether a most enjoyable and profitable evening was spent, and all went away seemingly delighted. — CON.

THE annual meeting of the congregation of Bank street Presbyterian Church, Ottawa, took place on Monday evening, 13th inst. The chair was occupied by the pastor, Rev. W. Moore, who opened the proceedings with devotional exercises. Mr. John Hardie read the report of the Session which showed that in numbers the congregation had at least held its own during the year, forty-two new members having been added, and forty-one removed by withdrawal and death. The thirty-six who withdrew joined churches in other places. The report mentioned with special satisfaction the increased attendance at prayer meetings, the excellent state of the Sabbath School, and the efforts made to secure good congregational singing. Mr. J. Hickie then read the report of the managing committee, giving details of the efforts made during the year to reduce the debt on the church. The treasurer's report read by Mr. James Clarke showed the receipts of the year to have been \$4,898.72, and the expenditure some \$500 over that amount, funds collected for missionary purposes amounted to \$420 and were apportioned as follows: Foreign Missions, \$85; Home Missions, \$75; Colleges (Ontario) \$50; Colleges (Manitoba) \$70; Lumbermen's Mission, \$50; French Evangelization, \$20; Widows' and Orphans' Fund, \$20; Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, \$15; Church "Record," \$35.

PRESBYTERY OF MANITOBA.—This Presbytery met on Wednesday morning, the 11th ult., in the basement of the new Knox Church. The period for which the Rev. Mr. Scott had been elected Moderator having expired, the Rev. Mr. McKellar was unanimously elected Moderator for the next six months and took his seat. The deputation appointed to visit Springfield and Sunnyside reported that the deputation had visited these stations, conferred with the people, explaining to them the necessity of all contributing for the support of ordinances, and that action has been taken at once. The deputation appointed to visit the Beautiful Plains district reported that a large number of people have settled there, and urged that the Presbytery give them settled supply at once, and that the stations would aid liberally in defraying expenses. The Foreign Mission Committee reported that the regulations adopted by the Presbytery for conducting the Roseau Indian school had been adopted by the General Assembly's Foreign Mission Committee and accepted by the teacher, and that the school was now in operation and with increased attendance. A school has been organized at Okanase, and has been in operation for three months. A letter was received from the Rev. Mr. McKay, of Prince Albert, in reference to the erection of mission buildings at the reserve on the south branch of the Saskatchewan. The letter was ordered to be forwarded to the Convener of the Foreign Mission Committee of the General Assembly. The committee was recommended to make a small grant of \$150 for each of the proposed mission stations to aid in erecting a place of worship, but it was decided to postpone action in reference to the other buildings till the Convener of the committee might possibly examine into the matter. Prof. Bryce read the report of the Home Mission Committee. The committee was empowered to make arrangements for the supply of Beautiful Plains. A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. K. McKenzie, M.P.P., for the aid rendered the missionary in that field last summer. The deputation to visit Millbrook for missionary purposes was instructed to organize that station. The Home Mission Committee were instructed to make such arrangements as would give more regular supply to Popular Point. Arrangements were made for holding missionary meetings, it being understood that the deputation and the missionary in charge would arrange the time, etc. A letter was read from the Rev. J. S. Stewart, of Palestine, asking to be relieved of his present field, and that other arrangements be made for the supply of Palestine. Mr. Stewart's request was reluctantly granted, the same to take effect from the date of the next meeting of the Presbytery. The Rev. Mr. Matheson directed attention to the death of the