

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

THE choir of Caven Church, Exeter, have lately secured a Beatty organ.

REV. J. STEWART of Pakenham, by the latest reports, had not decided to accept the call from Prescott, but his answer was expected without further delay.

REV. COLIN FLETCHER, M.A., has accepted a unanimous call extended to him by the congregations of Thames Road and Kirkton. The stipend promised is \$900, payable half-yearly in advance, with manse.

A PLEASANT social in connection with the Presbyterian Church, St. Thomas, was held at the residence of Mrs. James McAdam, on Tuesday evening, 4th inst. The entertainment consisted of vocal and instrumental music.

A SABBATH School Convention in connection with the Presbytery of Huron was held at Blyth on Tuesday, the 4th inst. Various subjects connected with the management of Sabbath schools were discussed. The next convention will be held at Goderich.

THE Presbyterian congregation of Point Edward has given a unanimous call to Rev. J. J. Cameron of Shakespeare. The Presbytery of London sustained the call and appointed Rev. Mr. Thompson of Sarnia to prosecute it before the Presbytery of Stratford.

THE Rev. George McKay, recently of Laguerre, has received a unanimous call from Farnham Centre in the Presbytery of Montreal. We understand that Mr. McKay has also been called by the congregations of Inverness and of Leeds, both in the Presbytery of Quebec.

ON Thursday evening, 6th inst., the Rev. John Smith of Bay street, lectured at Lasky in Rev. Mr. Warrender's church, to a crowded house. Few public speakers can hold and sway an audience as the lecturer did, evoking the most enthusiastic applause and unflagging attention throughout.—COM.

THE annual meeting of Melville Church, Fergus, was held on Monday, the 27th ult. The pastor, Rev. Mr. Smellie, having taken the chair, Mr. Michie, Secretary-Treasurer, read the annual report, showing that \$1,545.34 had been contributed during the year for congregational purposes and \$240.70 for the schemes of the Church.

A VERY successful tea meeting was held in Knox Church, in the Township of Chatham, on the 28th ult. The treasurer read a report from which it appeared, that though the church is only a mission station, organized eighteen months ago, the debt had all been paid except \$170, and that sum, we understand, will be paid in a short time.—COM.

AT the annual meeting of the Presbyterian Church, Brampton, held on the 28th ult., it was decided to erect a new church. A suitable site has already been purchased; and steps are being taken to secure the requisite subscriptions to building fund. One very agreeable feature of the meeting was a vote of \$75 as an addition to the Rev. James Pringle's salary for the past year.

The annual meeting of the Presbyterian congregation of Orillia was held on Wednesday evening, 5th inst. The reports were encouraging, showing an increase of ten in the membership and a prosperous condition financially, a balance of \$260 remaining on hand after paying some \$600 of indebtedness and all current expenses. The "envelope system," introduced three years ago, has worked very satisfactorily.

ON Sabbath, the 26th ult., Rev. N. Paterson, of Bayfield, who is raising funds for the building of a manse in connection with the church of which he is the pastor, preached, morning and evening, in the Presbyterian Church, Clinton, to good audiences. The collections taken up were very liberal. On Monday evening he delivered a lecture on the "Life and Writings of the Poet Cowper."

THE annual missionary meeting of the congregation of St. Andrew's Church, Perth, was held on the evening of Wednesday, the 5th inst. Rev. Dr. Bain, the pastor, presided, and read a statement showing the amount collected for missions last year to be \$397, of which \$25 was contributed by the Sabbath school. This is an increase on the previous year's contributions. Addresses were delivered by Rev. Messrs. Stewart, Edmondson, Mylne, Burns, and Crombie.

KNOX Church, Paisley, held their annual meeting

on the 23rd January. The Session reported that during the past year seventy-four had been added to the communion roll, fifty-two of whom were admitted on profession of faith. Twenty-seven were removed by certificates and by death, leaving a net increase of forty-seven. In the previous year eighty-one members were added, with a net increase of fifty. The number now on the communion roll is 370. Somewhat over \$2,600 had been collected during 1878 for congregational purposes and the schemes of the Church, and nearly the same amount expended.—COM.

ON Monday evening the 3rd inst., the teachers and officers of the Sabbath school in connection with the First Presbyterian Church, Port Hope, met at the residence of Mr. D. Chisholm, the late superintendent of the school, and presented him with an elegant silver ice-pitcher, accompanied by an address conveying to him an expression of their esteem, and of their appreciation of the punctuality, courtesy, liberality, and unwavering fidelity to the best interests of the school which he had always manifested. To this address Mr. Chisholm replied in fitting terms.

THE annual meeting of the congregation of St. Gabriel Church, Montreal, was held on Wednesday evening, the 29th ult. The Treasurer's statement was found to be eminently satisfactory, considering the greatly depressed state of the city financially, the income for the year about equalling the expenditure. In other respects the affairs of the church were never in a more prosperous condition. It was resolved to have recourse to the system of weekly offerings in future, in lieu of pew rents and ordinary Sabbath day collections. It is expected that this will be more convenient for the bulk of the people.—COM.

THE anniversary missionary services of Knox Church, Waterdown, were held on Sabbath and Monday of last week. The Rev. Thomas Goldsmith of Hamilton preached at both services to large congregations. Thomas Stock, Esq., Warden of Wentworth, presided at the meeting on Monday night. Addresses were delivered by the pastor, Mr. McMechan, and by Messrs. Fisher of Burlington, and Goldsmith. Good and appropriate music was supplied by the choir. An excellent spirit prevailed. Collections and subscriptions amounted to \$63.00 which will be largely supplemented by the efforts of the lady collectors.

THE annual festival of the Sabbath school of St. Paul's Church, Peterborough, was held on Thursday, 30th ult. After due attention had been given to the well-covered tables supplied by the ladies of the congregation, the Superintendent, Mr. J. H. Roper, took the chair, and the report was read, showing a balance on hand of \$213, which, by the votes of the children, was distributed among the various schemes as follows: Home Missions, \$90; Foreign Missions, \$50; French Evangelization, \$50; Sabbath School Association of Canada, \$13; reserving \$10 to assist Sabbath schools within the County of Peterborough. A very pleasing programme of speeches, recitations and music followed, after which Rev. Mr. Torrance closed the meeting with the benediction.

THE opening of the new Presbyterian Church at Egmondville took place on Sabbath the 2nd inst. Rev. Mr. Sieveright preached in the morning and evening, and Rev. Mr. Graham in the afternoon. On Monday, the 3rd, Rev. J. McCoy was inducted to the pastoral charge of the congregation. At the induction services Rev. M. Barr presided, Rev. Mr. Stewart preached, Rev. Mr. Cameron addressed the pastor, and Rev. Mr. Musgrave the people. In the evening a tea meeting was held, at which addresses were delivered by Rev. Messrs. Graham, McCoy, Sieveright, Fletcher, McKay, McNaughton, Thomson and Musgrave. The Sabbath School entertainment took place on Tuesday evening. The whole amount realized, including the collections at the several services, was \$370.

ON Tuesday evening of last week the Rev. Jas. McCaul was inducted into the pastoral charge of the Stanley street Church, Montreal. The Presbytery was represented by the Rev. Messrs. Wright and Nicholls, of Montreal; Rev. J. Patterson, of Hemmingford, and Rev. J. Mackie, of Lachute. The attendance of the congregation and their friends was large. Rev. P. Wright presided, and preached an appropriate sermon from Rom. iv. 4, 5, after which he in the usual form inducted Mr. McCaul as pastor of the church. The minister was suitably addressed by Rev. J. Mackie, and the congregation by Rev. J. Nicholls. On Tuesday of this week a welcome festival

was held in the church, when addresses were delivered by several ministers representing the various Protestant churches of the city.

AT the annual meeting of Knox Church Palmerston, the financial statement as per printed report, showed that \$1,538.99 had been raised by the congregation for Church and Sabbath school purposes during the year 1878, and \$1,530.10 paid out. The "envelope system" introduced a year ago has worked most successfully in Palmerston. The board of managers for 1879 are Messrs. H. Hyndman, J. Nicol, J. McKinlay, G. Melville, W. Reid, W. Smart, and J. Gracie,—J. Nicol Secretary, and J. McKinlay Treasurer. Mr. H. McEwing, under whose able superintendence the Sabbath school has been exceedingly prosperous was by the meeting requested to continue superintendent, but for satisfactory reasons, though to the regret of the congregation, he pressed his resignation and is succeeded by Mr. John Gracie.—COM.

THE annual missionary meetings of the two Presbyterian congregations of Huntingdon, Que., were held last week. In addition to the resident clergymen and R. Sellars, Esq., of the "Gleaner," addresses were given at both meetings by the Rev. J. S. Black of Montreal. These congregations take an active interest in the mission schemes of the Church, and contribute accordingly. At the meeting in the Second Church—Rev. J. Watson's—the collection exceeded \$50, which was appropriated to French Evangelization. Though numerically small, this congregation during the past year raised \$153 for the schemes of the Church—\$1.60 per member—in addition to the support of ordinances among themselves, and a handsome purse recently presented to their faithful and long-tried minister Mr. Watson, if spared till the ensuing summer, will have completed the twenty-fifth year of his pastorate over this people,—a fact worth noting in the age and land in which we live.

THE Presbyterian Young People's Association of Brampton, gave a very successful entertainment on the evening of Friday, 31st ult. The programme was a very lengthy one, and was given entirely by members of the Streetsville Presbyterian Young people's Association, a reciprocal exchange of talent having been arranged between the two Associations. The entertainment was made up of readings and music, the latter consisting of solos, duets, quartettes, etc., which were well rendered. The readings were very good and the music excellent, the singing of Mrs. Cotter being particularly fine. The Streetsville Association is to be congratulated upon the amount of talent developed among its members which certainly augurs well for its future success. At the conclusion, the Streetsville friends and a number of others were very hospitably entertained by Mr. and Mrs. James Fleming, and a very pleasant time spent. The proceeds amounted to \$21.75.—COM.

THE report of Knox Church, Ottawa, for the year ended 31st December, 1878, submitted to the annual meeting of the congregation on the 9th ult., and now published, indicates improvement, numerically and financially. During the year twenty-five names have been added to the communion roll—nine by certificate and sixteen on profession; and there have been removed from the roll three by death, and seventeen by certificate to other churches. The number now on the roll is 239. There have been thirteen baptisms—one adult and twelve children. The debt incurred in the erection of the church has been more advantageously placed, so that the annual charge connected with it is much lessened. From the treasurer's report it appears that the amount contributed for all purposes was \$7,121.14, whereof \$388.78 was apportioned to the schemes of the Church. The Sabbath school is in a prosperous state, and besides paying its own running expenses, continues to support a pupil at Point aux Trembles.

AT the last meeting of the General Assembly's Home Mission Committee the Rev. D. Ross, of Lancaster, received and accepted an appointment as missionary to Prince Albert on the Saskatchewan. He purposes leaving for his distant field of labour on the opening of navigation. Anxious to incite an interest in his mission and to induce emigration thither, Mr. Ross has had prepared from the most recent surveys a large map—about seven feet square—of the North-west Territory. With the aid of this he has delivered lectures on the country in various districts, and has collected several hundreds of dollars in Montreal and elsewhere so as thoroughly to equip the