

## MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

THE young people of St. Matthew's Presbyterian Church, Osnabruck, have presented the pastor, the Rev. D. L. McCrae, with a handsome and costly new cutter.

THE Harriston "Tribune" gives a long account of a very pleasant meeting in the manse at Harriston, on the occasion of the "wooden wedding" of the Rev. Mr. Campbell. We hope all the other anniversaries up to the "golden" if not the "diamond" will be celebrated with equal enthusiasm and satisfaction.

THE Rev. J. Matheson, B.A., minister of the united congregations of Martintown and Williamstown, was on the 19th ult., presented with a splendid cutter by the members and adherents of Burns' Church, Martintown, as a token of their appreciation of his diligence and labours among them, and also of their good will towards him.

A MOST pleasant and successful social was held at the residence of Mr. James Elliot, Ormstown, on the 16th of January, under the auspices of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of that congregation, at which the handsome sum of forty-six dollars was realized for the funds of the mission. This congregation raised \$259 by the schedule system for the schemes of the Church this year.

THE Presbyterian congregation, Enniskillen, have decided to erect a new edifice for the public worship of God this coming summer, and no doubt having arrived at such a praiseworthy decision, they will push the matter energetically. It will add much to the appearance of the village to have another beautiful church in it. We understand the new building will be erected at a cost of \$2,000 or \$2,500, towards which about \$1,300 has been already subscribed.

THE Rev. J. S. Black, of Erskine Church, Montreal, delivered the second of a course of lectures under the auspices of the Young People's Association of St. Matthew's Presbyterian Church, Osnabruck, on Thursday evening, the 29th ult.; subject, "The Age of the World and the Aniquity of Man." The Rev. D. L. McCrae, pastor of the congregation, occupied the chair. There was a very large audience. The lecture was eloquent, able and interesting, and was listened to throughout with rapt attention.

OLD ST. ANDREW'S congregation, Toronto, held their annual meeting in the church, on the 28th ult., at which the attendance was large. The various agencies of the church read their reports. The number of members added during the year was 84, which places the total membership of the church at 281. During Mr. Milligan's pastorate of three years, 227 members have been added to the congregation. The Sabbath school, under Mr. McMurchy's superintendence, has increased during the year from 140 to 210. The total receipts from all sources amounted to \$7,600. At the meeting over \$1,500 were subscribed towards wiping out the floating debt.

MATTERS are prospering in the united congregations of Burns' Church and Moore line. After a vacancy of eighteen months, during which time about thirty probationers preached as candidates, the Rev. John A. McAlmon, of Dresden, was settled in charge of the congregations in October, 1879. Since that time everything has gone on prosperously. A considerable addition has been made to the membership, and steps have been taken for the erection of a brick manse in the spring. The Treasurer's report shewed receipts to the extent of \$1,400, which after paying a half year's stipend in advance, leaves a goodly sum for the proposed buildings and improvements. Altogether these congregations have great reason to thank God and take courage.

THE annual tea meeting of St. John's Presbyterian Church, Hamilton, took place on the 22nd ult., and passed off most enjoyably. The attendance was large, the edibles provided by the ladies abundant, and the proceedings throughout of the most entertaining character. After tea Miss Nettie Goldsmith was made the recipient of a handsome purse and contents, accompanied by an address. The Rev. Mr. Goldsmith responded for his daughter, thanking the donors for their expression of appreciation of her services as organist. Solos were rendered by Messrs. Cline, McGreggor and Hoodless, and duets by Messrs. Cline and Devine, Miss Finlay and Finlay McGreggor, and Miss and Mr. John Hoodless. A most pleasant evening was

brought to a close by singing the national anthem and by the benediction.

THE annual congregational meeting of St. Paul's Church, Peterborough, was held in the basement of the church, on the 28th of January and was largely attended. The Session report shewed that there were 235 families connected with the congregation, and 483 communicants. The Sabbath school report shewed that the average attendance for the year had been 223 scholars, and that \$250 had been raised for strictly missionary purposes. Besides the church school there are several schools in other parts, so that between 400 and 500 children are receiving religious instruction in connection with the congregation. The total amount raised for the schemes of the Church, including the contributions of the Sabbath school, has been \$1,550. The money raised was divided as follows: Home Mission, \$680; Foreign Mission \$310; French Evangelization, \$245; College, \$100; Aged and Infirm Ministers, \$60; Assembly, Synod, etc., \$52.—COM.

THE annual soiree in connection with St. Andrew's church, Pickering, came off, as announced, on the evening of Thursday, the 22nd ult., Rev. J. J. Cameron, the pastor, presiding. It proved a complete success, notwithstanding the unfavourable weather. After the bountiful repast had been partaken of, short and spicy addresses were delivered by Rev. Messrs. Gordon and Brown, of Pickering, Kennedy, of Dunbarton, and Carmichael, of Brooklin. Principal Bryant, of Pickering College, gave an amusing reading which added much to the entertainment of the evening. The choir of St. Andrew's church, Whitby, discoursed sweet music. On the whole, it was one of the most successful soirees ever held in the village, and shewed clearly that the union recently consummated has been a hearty and harmonious one. The new manse, which is large and commodious, will soon be completed, and a new church will, ere long, become a necessity.

THE annual soiree of Knox Church congregation, Guelph, was held in the church on Tuesday, 27th ult. There was a large turn out of the members of the congregation and those of other denominations. The Rev. W. S. Ball, occupied the chair, the duties of which he fulfilled in a very pleasing manner. Interesting speeches were given by Rev. Messrs. Mullan, of Fergus, McPherson, of Nassagaweya, and McLeod, of Stratford. Solos were given by Mrs. Elderkin and Mr. Humphries in a very acceptable manner. The duet on the organ and violin by Miss Cossitt and Mr. Philp was greatly admired. The choir, under the leadership of Mr. Walker, added greatly to the entertainment of the evening, singing some fine pieces during intervals in the proceedings. At the close a vote of thanks was tendered to the speakers, the choir and the ladies of the church. Altogether the social was a very pleasant and enjoyable affair.

THE annual social in connection with Knox Church Sabbath school, Beaverton, was held in the basement of the church, on Tuesday, 27th ult. The attendance of young people and friends of the school was good. An excellent tea, prepared by the ladies of the congregation, having been served and enjoyed, the Superintendent, Rev. E. H. Bauld, took the chair. After devotional exercises, addresses suitable and interesting were delivered by Revs. R. F. Gunn, A. Ross of Woodville, J. Hastie of Lindsay, and the pastor, J. Macnabb. The speeches were interspersed with hymns sung by the school, under the leadership of Mr. Daniel Cameron, and a solo sung by Mr. J. Jamieson of Woodville. During the evening an address was presented to the superintendent, Rev. E. H. Bauld, accompanied by an elegant writing desk. Mr. Bauld, who is about to leave this locality, replied in an appropriate and feeling manner. The address was read by Miss Christina Robinson, one of the teachers.

ON New Year's day, Mrs. Fairlie received a handsome New Year's gift in money from friends in the Hawkesbury church, as a token of their esteem for her. On Tuesday evening last the manse at L'Orignal was filled with a large surprise party of members of the church there, and friends. After refreshments, Mr. McEvoy, in the name of friends present and absent, asked Mr. and Mrs. Fairlie to accept the varied substantial presents which had been brought, together with a sum of money, and the good wishes of all. Mr. Fairlie, in reply, expressed his sense of

their kindness, and the encouragement he derived therefrom. A happy evening was spent.—It is meet here to say that both congregations have done well in the past year, although the hard times have been severely felt; Hawkesbury in the beginning of the season paying off a considerable debt that had been incurred previously; L'Orignal reflooring the church there in a substantial way, and crowning the building with a very handsome and becoming steeple. The completion of the latter work has only been delayed by the setting in of winter. Many of the friends in Hawkesbury have assisted in this last undertaking.

THE Port Perry Presbyterian congregation has for some years past been burdened with a debt on the church, which has been a great obstacle to its progress. Lately Mrs. McGill, widow of the late John McGill, who has long been a member of the Prince Albert portion of the congregation, very generously offered to give \$500 (more than half the debt), on condition that the congregation would immediately raise the balance. The congregation very gladly accepted the offer, and now feels very thankful that the Lord's house is free of encumbrance. At the annual congregational meeting lately held, the congregation most heartily and thankfully expressed its deep sense of gratitude to Mrs. McGill for her liberal donation. A beautiful feature connected with this donation is that it was not left by will to be given after death, when the donor could have no further use for the money, but it was given during life, when not only the recipients but the giver may be blessed by the act, for it is more blessed to give than to receive. As a kind of jubilee over their success, the congregation held a most successful soiree, on the 21st ult., when addresses were delivered by Rev. Messrs. Abraham, of Whitby, Carmichael, of Columbus, and Cockburn, of Uxbridge; and short addresses by Rev. Messrs. Prosser and Sampson, resident ministers, Port Perry.

MOST interesting services were held on the 27th ult., in the Presbyterian church in Fordwich, in connection with the induction of the Rev. Thos. Muir into the pastoral charge of the united congregations of Fordwich and Gorrie. There was a large attendance from both places, and many strangers were present. The Rev. G. Brown, of Wroxeter, presided; The Rev. Mr. Ross preached from John v. 39; after which the Rev. Thomas Muir was inducted in the usual way. The Rev. Samuel Jones, Brussels, gave the charge to the minister, and Mr. Brown to the people. The congregation, upon retiring, gave their newly inducted minister a cordial welcome amongst them.—In the evening a most sumptuous entertainment was prepared, and enjoyed by the happy gathering in the village Hall. The people reassembled in the church to hear the addresses from the ministers present, viz.: Rev. Messrs. Ross and Jones, Brussels; Husband (Methodist), Fordwich; Brolly, of Gorrie; and Mr. Muir, the newly settled pastor; all of whom gave able and interesting addresses, which were duly appreciated by all present. The choir gave some sweet music, to the evident delight of all. And not the least pleasing feature of the occasion, was that the treasurers of both congregations each handed to their new minister one hundred dollars, in advance, of salary. The whole services were the most enjoyable that have ever taken place in this village. It is now fondly hoped that this union so happily consummated may long continue, with the richest blessing of God resting upon it.—COM.

A VERY interesting service was lately held at Louth, a station about six miles south-west from St Catharines. Many years ago there was a flourishing congregation there, but from various causes it became very weak, and almost a generation have passed away since services were discontinued; and the old two-storey church has been standing a monument of the past. Only a few of the older people were able to recall the time when regular services were conducted there. When any of them were spoken to about the attempt to re-organize the congregation, they sadly shook their heads and said, "There is no Christian life; as a community we are grown entirely indifferent; the attempt won't succeed." Some time ago Mr. E. R. Hutt, who is now in University College, Toronto, pursuing his studies preparatory to entering the ministry, took an interest in the field. He was teaching in the neighbourhood and was otherwise well acquainted there. At first the work was discouraging, the people coming to the services but not