

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

THE Rev. Mr. Goldie was inducted into the pastoral charge of the Presbyterian Church at Watford, on the 25th ult. Mr. Thompson, of Sarnia, addressing the minister, and Mr. Cuthbertson, of Wyoming, the people, assisted by Mr. Patterson.

THE Rev. Walter R. Ross, Boyne River, Manitoba, had a social at his residence recently in aid of the Building Fund. The thermometer registered 53° below zero during the evening. Notwithstanding, a large number of people turned out on the occasion, and the proceeds were highly satisfactory.

THE annual tea-meeting of Knox Church Sabbath school, Hamilton, was held on Friday, the 27th ult., and was a great success. From the report read, it appears that the school has been forty-five years in existence, and is still largely prosperous, though there has been a small falling off in the average attendance during the year.

THE congregation of St. Andrew's Church, Galt, at a recent meeting decided to close the church entirely. The decision appears to be a wise one, as the attendance lately has been very small, and there are three other Presbyterian churches in town. The property, of course, will pass into the hands of the Presbytery.

IT is very gratifying to note the success which has attended the efforts of the Kirkfield Presbyterian congregation in wiping off the manse debt. We understand that the pastor, Mr. McLennan, has been able to collect the following sums: By excursions in 1878-9, \$150.76; collection from Woodville congregation, \$77.25; collections in the west, \$113; collections from Cambridge and Fenelon, \$29; thus securing \$370.01. Very much credit indeed is due to the perseverance of Mr. McLennan for his determined efforts in this behalf, and we are pleased at the gratifying result.

A PLEASANT surprise meeting took place, some time ago, at the residence of J. A. Gairdner, Orono. After the good things provided by the ladies of the party had been partaken of, Mr. William Henry, in the name of the congregation, presented Miss Catherine Gairdner, organist, with a beautiful gold watch and a very friendly address. The Rev. A. Fraser, responded for Miss Gairdner, in a brief and appropriate speech, thanking the congregation for their expression of appreciation of her services. A most pleasant evening was brought to a close, by some choice music and the benediction.

THE annual meeting of the Sabbath school of Cote des Neiges was held on the 30th of Jan. From the report read it appears that the average attendance of children during the year was fifty-five. After recitations, etc., each of the teachers was presented with a token of regard by the children. The children and teachers then presented the pastor and superintendent, Rev. Jas. Wellwood, with an address and a handsome Biblical Commentary in three large quarto volumes, of the value of \$25. This is neither the first nor the second time Mr. Wellwood has received such tokens of regard and appreciation from the members of the church in Cote des Neiges.

A FEW days ago, Mr. D. Wishart called at the Presbyterian manse, Osgoode, and on behalf of the Kenmore congregation, presented the pastor with a handsome and costly cutter, as a mark of their esteem and also of their good will towards him. Some time prior to this the young people of the congregation of Osgoode took possession of the manse, and after they had unburdened themselves of gifts to the value of \$50, Mr. L. Dalglish, in a short and appropriate speech, expressed their attachment to the pastor, and their appreciation of his labours. Mr. Calder replied in suitable terms; and after spending a pleasant evening, the company broke up at a seasonable hour.

A LARGE number of the members and adherents of Balaklava congregation called at the manse, Mildmay, on Tuesday evening, 24th inst., and completely surprised the inmates by taking full possession of it for the time being, filling their table with good things, and presenting their pastor, Mr. McClung, with a black walnut hair-cloth sofa, and his lady with a handsome silver cake basket. An affectionate address was read by Mr. Campbell, ex-Reeve of Carrick, expressive of their esteem and good wishes for their services in the Lord amongst them. Mr. McClung, in

suitable terms, thanked them for the same. This is the second time during their short stay amongst them that this congregation have shewn similar tokens of regard towards their pastor and his family.

WE are sorry to see such a paragraph as the following, which we clip from the London "Advertiser." We thought better of that neighbourhood than to suppose such an occurrence possible: "About a week ago the old Presbyterian Church, 5th con., Westminster, was sold by auction, there being no further use for it as a place of worship. No sooner was the sale effected than the purchaser was importuned to grant the building for a dance. After some persuasion his consent was obtained, and to the disgrace of all concerned, the revellers met on the 23rd ult., and there spent the night in unholy revelry. Such a scene in a building where the Gospel had been so long proclaimed, indicates a very low moral tone among a certain class, and is enough to make devils rejoice and angels weep."

FROM the printed report of Knox Church, Owen Sound, we gather that the past year has, with that congregation, been a prosperous one in every respect. The accessions to the membership amounted to seventy-seven, while the removals were ten, thus leaving a clear gain of sixty-seven. The increase in the contributions to the various schemes was also very gratifying. It is expected that the current year will shew a still greater amount of prosperity. The contributions to the various schemes of the Church were as follows: Foreign Missions, \$20.77; College Fund, \$21.57; Assembly Fund, \$8.85; French Evangelization, \$12.05; Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, \$9; Widows' and Orphans' Fund, \$10; Home Mission Fund, \$25. The total sum raised for all purposes during 1879 was \$1,830.17.

ON Wednesday evening, February 18th, a soiree was given by the ladies of St. Andrew's Church, Belleville, in the City Hall. The attendance was large—every seat in the hall being occupied, and the ladies must have been highly gratified at the success of their efforts to provide what proved to be a most enjoyable evening. After tea, Mr. Tennant took the chair. The choir, kindly assisted by local amateurs, entertained the audience with anthems, quartettes, duets and solos, providing a rich musical treat. These were interspersed with readings by Rev. A. Turnbull and Messrs. Walker and Lewis, addresses by Revs. Dr. Clarke and J. Cormack, and cornet solos finely rendered by Mr. Cline. After a few words from the pastor, Rev. M. W. Maclean, M.A., this (in every respect) successful and enjoyable entertainment was brought to a close by singing the national anthem.

THE annual reports of the congregations of Baltimore and Coldsprings, in the Presbytery of Peterboro', shew encouraging progress. The number of families in the charge is 170, and of communicants on the roll 353. Of these fifty-one were added during the year, and seven removed, leaving an increase of forty-four. The number of elders is twelve; managers ten; Sabbath school teachers twenty-three; attendance at Sabbath school about 180, and at prayer meeting 150. The amount contributed for all purposes is nearly \$1,700. Of this sum \$464 was raised for the schemes of the Church, being \$115 more than last year. In view of the urgent need of the Home Mission \$220 was sent to that Fund. Under God's blessing there has been reason for gratitude and encouragement since the Rev. F. R. Beattie entered on the pastorate a little over a year ago.

THE annual missionary meeting of the Presbyterian Church, Georgina, etc., was held in Knox Church, Sutton, on the evening of the 27th ult., and, notwithstanding the bad roads and inclemency of the weather, there was a good turn out. Practical addresses were delivered by Revs. J. B. Fraser, M.D., Queensville, on Foreign Missions, Jos. Eakin, Mount Albert, on French Evangelization, and Rev. R. P. McKay, Scarboro', on Home Missions, all of which were highly appreciated by the audience. This congregation has contributed to the schemes of the Church during the year the sum of \$107.31, apportioned as follows: Home Mission, \$57.66; Foreign Missions, \$5; French Evangelization, \$10; College Fund, \$30.30; Aged and Infirm Ministers, \$2; Widows, etc., \$2; Assembly, Synod, and Presbytery, \$4.80; Knox College Students' Missionary Society, \$22.55, making an average of \$1.19 per member.

THE anniversary services of Zion Church, Carleton Place, were held on Sabbath, the 22nd inst., when Rev. Dr. Moore, of Ottawa, preached to large congregations morning and evening. Collections good. On Monday evening, the 23rd, the annual soiree of the congregation was held, and proved to be a success. Dr. Moore and others gave interesting addresses, and the choir furnished excellent music for the entertainment of the audience. On Wednesday evening, the 25th, the annual congregational meeting for the transaction of business was held. The annual report of the session and board of managers was read, and was very satisfactory, shewing an increase of members and contributions. The amount raised by the congregation during the year being \$1,459.49. During the evening a subscription list was opened for paying off the debt that remains on the church, when over \$800 was subscribed, and it is expected that in a short time the whole amount will be raised.

THE Presbyterian congregation in Newmarket held its annual tea meeting on Friday evening, 27th ult. Notwithstanding the state of the roads, the attendance was fully up to it not in excess of previous years. The reputation which the ladies of the congregation have acquired in getting up an excellent tea was well sustained. The chair was occupied by the pastor, Rev. Wm. Frizzel. Mr. S. H. Alexander, of Toronto, read some of his choice selections, to the delight of all present. Rev. Geo. M. Milligan, M.A., of Toronto, delivered an excellent address on "The Man of Tact." Mr. Baird, of Knox College, gave some interesting items of missionary news among the Indians. Rev. Mr. Amos, of Aurora, and the local ministers, also addressed the meeting. The meeting was a success financially. The ladies of the congregation held a bazaar recently with most encouraging results. Not less than \$340 were realized for the building fund of the church. It is high time every congregation was aware of the amount of good which may be accomplished by the united efforts of the ladies.

THE East End Presbyterian Church, Toronto, held its annual soiree on the 26th ult. As is always the case with this yearly gathering, the meeting was a great success. The attendance was fully more than could be accommodated with comfort, and every one seemed pleased with the tea, the music, the speeches, and each other. Altogether the universal opinion of those present was that they had had a very pleasant time. It will, it is hoped, not seem invidious if special reference be made to the speech made on the occasion by Mr. Kirkpatrick, the lately settled pastor of Cooke's Church. It was the first time Mr. Kirkpatrick had appeared on a Toronto platform, and every one was delighted with the ease, good taste, good humour and quiet dignity with which he mingled the grave and gay in his most friendly and appropriate address. On the succeeding evening there was an entertainment given to the children of the Sabbath school. By universal consent it was the best thing of the kind ever held in the East End Presbyterian Church, and that is saying a good deal, for all the previous meetings there have been first-rate.

THE anniversary of Chalmers' Church Sabbath school, Guelph, was held on the 27th ult., and was well attended not only by the scholars but by the members of the congregation. Mr. George Anderson, the superintendent, occupied the chair, and after the meeting was opened with devotional exercises by the pastor, Rev. Dr. Wardrope, the annual report was read which shewed that the school continued in a flourishing condition. The number of scholars on the roll is 153; number in the Bible class 73, making in all 226. The Bible class now taught by Professor Panton is exceptionally prosperous, and his instructions highly valued. The Bible Class Association, organized in October, is doing well, and Mr. Panton's lectures are highly appreciated. The number of teachers and officers in the school is twenty-four. The collections during the year amount to \$102.33 which were distributed as follows: French scholarship, \$40; Home Missions, \$20; Foreign Missions, \$10; Juvenile Missions, \$10; College Fund, \$10; Manitoba College, \$12.33. The report referred to Mr. Guthrie's resignation as superintendent on account of his Parliamentary and other duties, and the appointment of Mr. Anderson in his place. During the evening the children, under the leadership of Mr. Maitland, sang a number of choice pieces. They have often done well in previous years, but this time they excelled all previous efforts, and gave the choruses