

## MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

THE Rev. A. Glendenning, of Woodstock, has received a very cordial and unanimous call from Grand Bend, in the Presbytery of Huron.

ON Friday, the 18th inst., the Presbyterian congregation of Botany presented their pastor, the Rev. J. Becket, of Thamesville, with a valuable horse.

IT is the intention of the congregation worshipping in the old log church, on the Durham road about three miles from Priceville, to erect a new church this summer, near Bunesson P.O., half way between Priceville and Durham.

THE Ladies' Foreign Missionary Association of St. Paul's Church, Bowmanville, held their annual meeting on Thursday evening, the 3rd inst. Addresses were given by the pastor and others. The secretary, Miss Fairweather, submitted a report of the work done, and read an Essay on "Woman's Work for Woman."

FROM the annual report of the Chatsworth Presbyterian Church it appears that the amount contributed for all purposes by the congregation last year was nearly \$1,200. Of this \$140.38 was for missionary purposes. The congregation supports a bursary fund. The number of families is 120, and the number of communicants 245.

THE anniversary of the Presbyterian Sabbath school, Sarnia, was held on Thursday, the 3rd inst. The school numbers 276 scholars, with an average attendance of 195. After the reading of the reports and singing and other exercises by the children, the pastor, Rev. Mr. Thompson, gave a suitable address. A collection was taken up which yielded over \$20.

ON Monday evening, 14th inst., a pleasant social meeting was held by the Bible class and choir of St. John Presbyterian Church, Hamilton, at the residence of the pastor, Rev. T. Goldsmith. Vocal and instrumental music, readings, etc., made up a programme which seemed to be highly enjoyed. During the evening Miss Nettie Goldsmith was presented by the choir with a handsome card case and an address.

THE annual report of St. Andrew's Church, Sault Ste. Marie (Rev. J. R. McLeod, pastor), for the year ending 31st March, 1879, shows a growing and commendable liberality on the part of the congregation. The total amount contributed exceeds that of any previous year by several hundred dollars. The contributions average, per male member, \$59.40, or for the total membership \$21.08. The session report six baptisms—one adult—and a net increase of seven to the membership.

THE Presbyterian congregation at the Boyne River, Manitoba, held their first social at the house of Mr. James Campbell on Thursday, 27th February. Mr. John Stephenson occupied the chair. Addresses were given by Rev. W. R. Ross, pastor of the congregation, Rev. Messrs. Harrison and Frankland and Mr. Leary. The proceeds amounted to \$36, which goes to complete the church now being built. A similar entertainment, held at the house of Mr. Alex. McCulloch on the 19th of March, yielded \$64 for the same object.

A MISSIONARY meeting was held in the basement of Knox church, Ottawa, on Monday evening, 14th inst., for the purpose of hearing an address from the Rev. Donald Ross on the "Mission Fields of the North-west." Rev. Mr. Farries occupied the chair, and Rev. Mr. Moore gave an introductory address, after which Mr. Ross gave a very full and instructive account of the soil, climate and inhabitants of the "Great Lone Land," its capabilities as a field for emigration, and its needs and claims as a mission field for the Presbyterian Church in Canada. A liberal collection was taken up, and Rev. Mr. Gordon made some timely remarks at the close of the meeting.

MR. JAS. MCKAY, one of the oldest inhabitants of West Gwillimbury, and for fifty years an elder in the Presbyterian congregation at Scotch Settlement, died on Saturday, the 5th inst., at the advanced age of eighty-five years and ten months. Mr. McKay belonged to a body of settlers who have a history which ought to be written. They were among those originally brought by the Earl of Selkirk to the Red River; but meeting with many hardships and discouragements, and being in much danger from savages, both red and white, they fled to this province, making their way chiefly by means of birch bark canoes, and landing ultimately at the south end of Lake Simcoe.

THE Willing Workers' Mission Band in connection with Knox Church, Toronto, gave a musical and literary entertainment last Thursday evening in the school room. There was a large audience. Rev. Dr. Topp occupied the chair. The programme was both interesting and lengthy. The selections which seemed to meet with greatest appreciation were "Judith," a song by Miss MacLaren; "Jessie's Dream," a song by Miss Topp; "Mother can this the glory be?" a duett by Misses Dewar and Dickson; and a reading by Miss Jessie Alexander entitled "How Jane Conquest rang the bell." The entertainment was closed by the singing of the national anthem.

PARRY SOUND is a village of about one thousand people, and the centre of a large new district, into which new settlers are yearly flocking. The Presbyterian congregation has a membership of forty. An election of elders has lately taken place, of whom several will be ordained in a short time. The communion has been dispensed in the village and in the Carling Station since January. Two very successful tea meetings have lately been held, the proceeds of which amount to \$110. Rev. John McKay has laboured in this field since last October. It is highly desirable that a locality so central should have our church interests consolidated. The prospects are encouraging.

ON the evening of Wednesday, the 9th inst., the Rev. A. Currie, M.A., of Sonya, was waited on by a number of the elders, managers, and others of his congregation. The chair was taken by Mr. John Carmichael, who explained the object of the meeting, after which Mr. Charles Rennie in a neat and appropriate address, expressed the esteem and regard of the congregation towards their pastor, and their deep sympathy with himself and young family in their recent bereavement. Mr. Alex. McTaggart then stepped forward, and on behalf of the congregation presented the handsome sum of between seventy and eighty dollars as a tangible token of their goodwill. The Rev. Mr. Currie replied, and in suitable and feeling terms thanked the donors for their generous gift.

ON Thursday evening, 3rd inst., the congregation of St. Andrew's Church, Berlin, held an entertainment in honour of their late pastor, Rev. J. F. Dickie, in view of his departure to his new field of labour in Detroit, and presented him with a costly service of silver plate, accompanied by a warm and appreciative address. Addresses and gifts were also presented by the Sabbath school and Bible class. The silver service comprised twelve pieces, and the tray bore the inscription: "Farewell Testimonial presented to the Rev. J. F. Dickie by the members and adherents of St. Andrew's Church, Berlin, Ontario. Berlin, April 3rd, 1879." Mr. Dickie preached his farewell sermon on Sabbath evening, 30th ult., to an overflowing congregation, taking for his text Gal. iii. 28. "For ye are all one in Christ Jesus."

THE first anniversary of the dedication of Knox Church, Harrison, was observed on the 6th inst. The Rev. Dr. James, of Hamilton, preached in the morning and evening. The church on both occasions was packed to its utmost capacity. The Rev. G. McLennan preached in Gaelic at 12.30, and in English at 3 p.m. On Monday evening the social in connection with the anniversary was held in the large Sabbath school rooms—tea being served from 5 to 7.30 o'clock. After tea, the pastor, Rev. J. Campbell, made a few well-timed remarks on the necessity of prompt payment of church debts, and congratulated the congregation on their liberality—they having raised last year for church purposes about \$3,100—and urged them to continue the good work till the last cent of debt was paid off. The chairman then introduced Dr. James, who gave an interesting lecture—subject: "Janet Hamilton, the blind poetess of Langloan." The large choir composed of members from the different choirs in town rendered many very fine selections in almost professional style. The net proceeds amounted to about \$216.

ON Tuesday, the 15th inst., the Rev. W. R. Cruikshank was inducted to the charge of St. Matthew's Church, Montreal. The attendance of the congregation was large. Rev. J. Scrimger, M.A., presided; Rev. J. McCaul, B.A., preached; Rev. Dr. Jenkins addressed the minister, and Rev. J. Wellwood, B.A., the people. On the following Friday a social gathering of the congregation was held to welcome the new pastor, at which addresses were given by Rev. Messrs. Scrimger, Campbell, Warden, Belcher (Episcopal),

Ward (Methodist), and Cruikshank, as also by Messrs. J. L. Morris and Larmonth. Tea was served by the ladies in the school room, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. Mr. Cruikshank is a Nova Scotian, who received his theological training in Glasgow where he was licensed and ordained. He laboured with much zeal and success for a time as missionary in Newfoundland, and for the last nine months has been assistant minister of St. Paul's, Montreal. He enters upon his work in St. Matthew's Church under the most hopeful circumstances and with bright prospects of success.

PRESBYTERY OF WHITBY.—This Presbytery met in Oshawa, on the 15th inst., Mr. Little, Bowmanville, moderator. Mr. Kennedy gave in his resignation of Dunbarton and Duffin's Creek. An application was made to unite the two congregations in Duffin's Creek and to form the united congregations and St. John's, Pickering, into one pastoral charge. A meeting of Presbytery was appointed for the 29th inst., at Whitby, to take these matters into consideration and dispose of them. Mr. Drummond was appointed to meet with the congregation of Dunbarton previous to the meeting of Presbytery. Mr. Roger, Convener of the Committee on the state of religion, read their report, which was received and cordially adopted. The following are the Commissioners to the General Assembly: Ministers, Messrs. Spence, Carmichael and Drummond; elders, Messrs. Beith, Fairbairn and Bingham. The Rev. Dr. Reid was nominated Moderator of the General Assembly. The treasurer's books were audited and found to be correct and neatly kept. At his own urgent request, Mr. Laing's resignation, as treasurer, was accepted and Mr. J. S. Steele, Oshawa, was appointed in his place. The following minute, in reference to Mr. Chambers, was ordered to be engrossed in the minutes of Presbytery: "As our esteemed brother, the Rev. R. Chambers, has seen it to be his duty to resign his pastorate over St. Andrew's congregation, Whitby, his co-presbyters desire to place on record the expression of their deep-felt sorrow, in having so soon to part with a brother who had become beloved and whose sterling qualities of mind and heart they were but beginning to appreciate. The Presbytery also desires to express the hope that one special reason which induced Mr. Chambers to leave his field of work may be speedily removed, and that fully restored health may fit him for bearing the burdens and heat of the day, wherever the guiding hand of the Master may lead him." Mr. Drummond drew the attention of the Presbytery to the action of the Home Mission Committee, at its last meeting, deducting twenty-five per cent. off all the grants for the past half-year and proposed that some measures be taken, that the congregation affected by this action would not suffer. Mr. Bingham, the representative of Enniskillen, announced to the Presbytery that whilst they had exerted themselves to the utmost to meet their obligations to their pastor, they had resolved on hearing of the action of the Committee to make another effort, and had succeeded in raising the deficiency themselves. Messrs. Hogg, Carmichael, Little and Irish were appointed to examine the hymn book: and report at first meeting of Presbytery. Some other business was transacted but not of public importance.—A. A. DRUMMOND, *Pres. Clerk*.

### MONTREAL PRESBYTERY.

[We regret that the minutes of this Presbytery were overlooked by us. They should have appeared a fortnight ago.—Ed. C. P.]

The regular quarterly meeting of the Montreal Presbytery was held in St. Paul's Church, Rev. W. Forlong, Moderator. There was a very large attendance of members, about thirty-three ministers and sixteen elders being present. The following were elected commissioners to the General Assembly: Ministers, by rotation, Revs. Dr. Jenkins, D. Paterson, R. Campbell, D. Ross, J. Irvine; by ballot, Revs. R. H. Warden, Dr. MacVicar, J. Scrimger, D. W. Morrison and P. Wright. Elders—Messrs. Jos. Mackay, D. Aikman, A. C. Hutchison, John Brodie, Alex. Macpherson, J. Murray, J. B. Cushing, W. P. Rodger, Dr. Rodger and Dr. Christie, M.P. The report of the Presbytery's Home Mission Committee was submitted by the Convener, Rev. R. H. Warden. It recommended that Laguerre and Laprairie be both worked this summer by missionaries able to preach in French and English. These recommendations, with others,