

communicants, 129; scholars in Sabbath School, 174; total expenditure, \$1300. St. Andrew's Peterboro, gives a financial statement, showing a revenue of \$1748.71, being \$654.21 from collections; \$773.75 from pew rents; \$195.50 from ground rents; \$57.24 from Sabbath School; and a balance of \$190.08 from last year; also about \$500 on hand for S. S. building purposes, and provision for a debt of \$800 on the Church property.—St. Andrew's, Toronto, reports an increase of 58 communicants during the year, there being now 332 on the roll. The Sabbath School has 229 scholars, and St. Mark's Mission School has 132 more—making altogether 361 under charge of this congregation. Contributed for Church purposes during the year, including \$6500 towards the building fund, \$13,357.33. A new Church is to be erected, to cost \$65,000.—St. Paul's, Hamilton, shows an increase of 92 rented sittings in the year, and has a roll of 117 families; communicants, 157—increase, 51. The Sabbath School has 97 scholars and 11 teachers. The financial results of the year are reported as follows:—

Controlled by the managers.....	\$2490 65
“ “ Ladies Association	845 55
“ “ Session & Miss. S.	373 33
“ “ Sabbath School..	151 79
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ZION CHURCH, Dundee, has adopted the system of contributing monthly, by envelope, toward the support of ordinances. A recent festival enabled the Sabbath School to place \$77 in its funds toward replenishing the library.

ST. MATTHEW'S, Montreal, has been enlarged, and over \$3000 spent upon its improvement.

A Soiree and Concert at Ormiston realized \$144 to be used in repairing the manse.

DR. McNISH, of Cornwall, is shortly to take possession of a fine manse erected by the congregation in general, and furnished by the ladies in particular.

VALUABLE gifts are recorded in favour of Rev. Jas. Fraser, of Bryson, Rev. D. J. McLean, of Arnprior, Rev. Donald Strachan, of Erin, and Dr. and Mrs. McNeill, of Seymour.

THE Ladies' Association of St. Paul's Church, Hamilton, recently presented the congregation with a beautiful and costly communion service, consisting of eight pieces, encased in a mahogany chest, and costing \$237.

THE Soiree of the Fergus congregation realized \$110; and a lecture by Rev. Thos. Goldsmith, of Seaforth, at Kippen, in the London Presbytery, secured to the building committee \$50 toward their funds.

Scotland.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, PARTICK.—The Report for 1874 of this Church has reached us, and we give a few extracts to show the many friends of its minister—Rev. Chas. M. Grant—how the Lord is blessing his labours:—

I. Our numbers continue to increase. During 1874 there joined us, by certificate, 105; on profession of faith, 66; total, 171. The number disjoined was, by certificate, 70; by death, 11; by other causes (chiefly by leaving the district without applying for certificates), 13; total, 94. The nett increase has, therefore, been 77. These figures represent a fluctuating, as well as an increasing population. A vast amount of additional labour is thus necessitated, which makes a charge of the nature of St. Mary's a very different matter from that of a rural or settled population. To those who have been called on during the year to go into the valleys of mourning, whose hearts have been stripped and left bleeding, we offer a Christian sympathy, and we point to a Christian hope. Sorrow you may and must, but "sorrow not as those who have no hope."

Our Communion Roll, at the date of last Report, contained 760 names; it now stands, after being rigorously purged, at 837—more than can be satisfactorily attended to by one man. Of this number, 315 were members previous to 1872, and 522 have joined since that date. The number of families connected with the Congregation on the Minister's Visiting Book, is now considerably over 500.

II. *The Administration of the Sacraments.*—During the year Baptism was administered to no less than 94 souls—last year the number was 81.