

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

PREPARATIONS are in progress towards building a new church at Motherwell.

INTINATION has been given that an organ will be introduced into Knox Church, Galt.

THE salary of the Rev. A. Bell, of Portage la Prairie, has been increased to \$1,500.

THE Presbytery of Guelph has nominated the Rev. Dr. Cochrane to the Moderatorship of next General Assembly.

THE new Presbyterian church at Wingham will be opened for divine service on Sabbath first. Rev. Dr. Cochrane will preach.

A WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY has been formed in St. John, N. B., composed of ladies belonging to the different Presbyterian churches of that city.

A VERY interesting and largely attended parlour social was held at Mr. John Johnston's, Waldemar, for the purpose of raising funds to repair the Presbyterian Church of that place.—COM.

THE congregation of Guthrie's Church, Wendigo, held a literary and musical entertainment in the Masonic Hall of that village on Thursday evening, 29th December. Receipts upwards of \$30.

THE new Central Presbyterian Church in Galt is nearly completed. It is expected that the opening services will be held early in March, and that the Rev. Dr. Ormiston, of New York, will preach.

THE annual soiree of Knox Church, Paisley, was held on the 17th ult. Rev. Mr. Straith, the pastor, occupied the chair, and Rev. Dr. Cochrane delivered a lecture on "George Whitefield, the Prince of Preachers." Receipts \$125.

THE induction of the Rev. Mr. Lees into the pastoral charge of West Williams and East Adelaide took place on the 10th ult. Rev. J. B. Duncan preached and presided, Rev. H. Currie delivered the charge to the minister, and Rev. J. Carswell addressed the people.

THE Kinburn Presbyterians, on the 18th ult., gave their pastor, the Rev. Thomas Bennett, a surprise party, and spent a pleasant evening in music, readings, and the expression of their kind wishes in brief addresses, and more especially by substantial gifts.—COM.

THE annual meeting of the congregation of the College street Presbyterian Church was held on the 18th ult., the pastor, Rev. A. Gilray, occupying the chair. The church has a membership of 400, and the reports read shewed it to be in a healthy condition, both financially and otherwise.

THE new Presbyterian Church at Gorrie was opened on the 15th ult., the services being conducted by Rev. John Smith, of Erskine Church, Toronto, and Rev. Mr. Ross, of Brussels. These services were largely attended, as was also a tea meeting held on the evening of Monday following.

ON January 11th a very successful tea-meeting was held in South Luther Presbyterian Church. Suitable addresses were given by Rev. Messrs. Brown, Gray, Feydel, and Millican. Dr. Chisholm, of Arthur, occupied the chair. Most excellent music was rendered by the Douglas choir. Amount realized, \$53.—COM.

A NUMBER of the members of St. Paul's Church, Middleville, recently paid a visit to the manse, thereby "furthering the wealth and outward estate" of their pastor, Rev. Joseph Andrew, by the amount of \$50. Mr. Andrew has also been presented with a fifty-dollar cutter by members of St. James's Church, Dalhousie.

ON the evening of the 11th ult., the Admaston congregation presented their pastor, Rev. Charles McKillop, with a purse containing \$63. The gift was accompanied by an address, expressing appreciation of Mr. McKillop's pastoral labours, and of the energy which he had manifested in connection with the building of the new church.

THE anniversary services of St. Andrew's Church, Stratford, were held on the 22nd ult. The Rev. A. McDonald, of Seaford, preached morning and evening. The annual tea-meeting was held on the following Monday. The speakers were Rev. Messrs. Yeomans, McDonald, Kay, Clement, and Hughes. The proceeds amounted to nearly \$70.

THE Presbyterian congregation at Morton held their annual tea meeting on Tuesday, the 3rd ult. The speakers on the occasion were Rev. Thomas Chambers, Sunbury; Rev. Mr. Ferguson, Canada Methodist, Delta; and Rev. David J. Ross, M.A., pastor of the congregation. The proceeds, with those of a social the following evening, amounted to a little over \$27.

THE wife of the Presbyterian minister, Westport—Rev. David Y. Ross, M.A. was a short time ago made the recipient of a New Year's gift in the form of a purse containing the sum of \$40. Among the contributors were Catholics and Methodists, as well as Presbyterians. The pleasantest relations exist between the minister and his wife and the community generally.—COM.

THE annual congregational meeting of the Charles street Church, Toronto, was held on the 18th ult., and was largely attended. The yearly report shewed that the receipts from pew rents, weekly offerings, missionary collections, etc., amounted to \$4,687.21. The returns shewed that fifty-eight new members had been received into the church, making the present total membership three hundred and six.

THE congregation of St. Andrew's Church, Winnipeg, held its first annual meeting on the 18th ult. Subscriptions to the Building Fund had reached \$7,880, of which \$1,233.75 had been paid up to the close of the year. The total receipts from all sources were \$2,039.95, and the expenditure \$1,633.72, of which \$533.58 was for building site. Satisfactory reports were read from the Sabbath school and the Ladies' Aid Society.

AT a meeting of the congregation of Kingsbury and Brompton Gore (Rev. J. R. MacLeod, pastor), it was unanimously resolved to add \$100 to their former giving for ministerial support. For some time there was a debt of nearly \$200 on the church at Kingsbury. A few days ago an effort was made to wipe this debt off. The people responded liberally and cheerfully, and now the church is freed from such unpleasant incumbrances.—COM.

AT the re-opening of the East Nottawasaga Presbyterian church, on the 8th ult., Rev. J. Carmichael, of King, preached morning and evening, and Rev. D. McDonald, M.A. (*pastor loci*), in the afternoon. On the following Monday evening a soiree was held, at which addresses were given by Revs. A. McDonald, R. Mondie, J. Carmichael, and W. F. Ferrier (Methodist). Excellent music was furnished by the choir of St. Andrew's Church, Creemore.

THE annual congregational meeting of St. Andrew's Church, Lindsay, was held on the evening of the 17th ult. The attendance was fair. The pastor, Rev. J. Hastie, presided. The secretary, Mr. J. R. McNeillie, read the managers' report and the financial statements, which shewed a satisfactory state of affairs. The following gentlemen were appointed managers: Messrs. John McLennan, James Hamilton, Wm. Dundas, John Cameron, and J. R. McNeillie. Mr. McNeillie was re-appointed secretary-treasurer.

THE annual congregational meeting of the East Presbyterian Church, in this city, was held on the evening of the 18th ult., Mr. John Dickson in the chair. The membership is now 346, an increase of fifty within the last twelvemonth. Hon. John McMurrich gave a donation to the church of \$1,000. The receipts for last year were \$3,088, and the expenditure \$2,970. There are 325 Sabbath school scholars, the average attendance being 244. During the year \$146.19 was collected for Mission purposes. The recent alterations and improvements will foot up to \$5,000.

THE annual meeting of the Ancaster congregation was held in the church there on Wednesday evening, January 11th. Reports were read from the Session and Sabbath school, each showing a degree of success. The Manager's Report was very encouraging, the revenue of the congregation being \$1,037, and the expenditure \$947. The debt has been reduced nearly \$300. A very pleasant part of the business of the meeting was a resolution to increase the pastor's salary \$100. The introduction of the new Hymnal was discussed, but no decision was arrived at. It stands over for another year.—COM.

ON the 18th ult. a meeting of the congregation of St. Andrew's Church, Winnipeg, was held for the ordination and induction of the following elders elect:

W. D. Russell, C. E. Hamilton, C. M. Copeland, and William Johnston. The last-named gentleman was both ordained and inducted; the others were inducted having been elders previously. Mr. Archibald McNab, who had also been elected to the office, was absent on a visit to Ontario at the time. The pastor, Rev. C. B. Pitblado, was assisted on the occasion by Rev. James Robertson and Professor Hart.

AT the annual meeting of the congregation of St. James' square Presbyterian Church, in this city, on the 16th ult., the number of members in full communion was reported as 508, an increase of twenty during the year. The income, exclusive of Missionary Association, Sabbath School and Mission Band collections, was \$7,217, and the balance on hand \$511. Attention was called to the debt of \$28,000 still resting on the property, and it was agreed to make an effort to remove at least \$10,000 within two years. Of this amount \$3,000 was subscribed on the spot by half a dozen persons, the ultimate success of the movement being thus assured.

THE annual congregational meeting of St. Andrew Church, Pickering, was held on the evening of Wednesday, the 11th ult. The report of the managers for the past year was very satisfactory. It shewed that after all liabilities had been met, there remained a surplus over with which to begin the new year. The condition of the Sabbath school, both morally, financially and numerically, was shewn to be more prosperous than ever before. St. John's congregation now worship in the Temperance Hall, Brougham—which is filled to overflowing every Sabbath—until such time as arrangements are made for building a new church.—COM.

ANNIVERSARY missionary sermons were preached in Knox Church, Waterdown, on Sabbath, the 15th ult., by the Rev. Mr. Scouler, of Hamilton. The attendance at both services was very good, and the interest marked. On the following evening the annual missionary meeting was held. There was a good turnout. The pastor, the Rev. J. McMechan, opened the meeting with praise, reading and prayer, and then, as chairman, gave a succinct statement of the different mission fields, the missionaries and the work. Earnest and excellent addresses were delivered by the Rev. John Burton, of Toronto, and the Rev. Mr. Robertson, of Strabane. Collections and subscriptions good.

THE Young People's Association in connection with the Presbyterian church at St. Ann's is having a course of lectures this winter. The first lecture of the course was delivered on Tuesday evening, the 10th ult., by the Rev. A. Grant, of Oneida, and though the evening was stormy and the roads rough, the audience was very fair. Mr. Grant has many friends and admirers in this community, who would have gone under far more unfavourable circumstances to hear him deliver his very interesting and instructive lecture on "Golden Opportunities." His lecture was pronounced a success by all who heard it. It was decidedly practical, and shewed considerable scholarship as well as a thorough knowledge of human nature. The lecture was enlivened throughout by apt and humorous illustrations, of which the speaker seemed to have an abundant supply.—COM.

THE congregation of St. Andrew's Church, in this city, held their annual meeting on the evening of the 18th ult., Rev. D. J. Macdonnell in the chair. The managers' report and financial statement for 1881 was laid before the meeting, and shewed the receipts of the year to be as follows: Sabbath collections \$8,519.67; pew rents, \$4,695.37; Home Mission Scheme, \$2,005; Sabbath schools, \$126; Poor Fund, \$396.80, besides contributions to the Building Fund, Queen's College Endowment Scheme, and Young Men's Association. The retiring managers, Messrs. A. T. Fulton, Isaac Gilmore, and Capt. Perry, were re-elected. Reports of the three Sabbath schools in connection with the church, Ladies' Association, Young Men's Association, Penny Savings Bank, and Dorset Night and Mission School were also presented. In the savings bank the amount to the credit of depositors on 31st December, 1881, was \$2,052.39, being an increase over 1880 of \$547.82. The number of deposits during the year was 5,190; number of accounts open, 720.

KNOX CHURCH, Woodstock, held their annual Missionary Meeting on Wednesday evening, 25th ult. The Rev. James Robertson, Superintendent of M.