

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

REV. ANGUS SILLARS has been released from his engagement as ordained missionary at Glenvale, etc.

RIVER Street Presbyterian congregation, Paris, has decided by a large majority to sing hymns in public worship.

MR. ST. JOHN HYTTENRAUCH, London, has accepted the position of organist and choirmaster of Knox Church, St. Thomas.

THE Rev. John M. King, D.D., has been nominated for the Moderatorship of next General Assembly by the Presbytery of Wallace, N.S.

REV. A. MATTHEWS, of Trenton, has been incapacitated for duty by mental affliction. Great sympathy is felt for him and his congregation.

THE Rev. W. S. Ball was presented recently by the congregation of English Settlement and Proof Line with \$225 to purchase a horse and cutter.

THE Rev. A. McLeod has tendered the resignation of Florence and Dawn, and accepted a call to Fraser Church and Badaxe, in Michigan, at a salary of \$1,000 and manse.

SUBSCRIPTIONS in addition to those formerly reported in aid of the students at Pomeret Grammar School have been received from J. G., Ayr, \$50; and from students of Knox College, \$24.

IN accordance with appointment of Assembly, the services last Sabbath very generally bore special reference to the young men attending colleges, the relation of youth to the Church, and its claims upon them.

THE opening services in connection with the handsome and commodious new Presbyterian Church, St. Thomas, were conducted by the Rev. Dr. Cochrane and Professor McLaren. Crowded audiences and liberal offerings characterized the occasion.

THE congregation of Botany, forming part of the pastoral charge of the Rev. J. Beckett, held its annual meeting on the 1st inst. The treasurer's statement showed a surplus of \$73.66. The amount raised for the schemes of the Church was \$55.02, being \$6 more than last year.

THE Rev. John Ferguson, M.A., B.D., Chesley, on the 29th ult., was presented by his Monday evening Bible class with an address and a handsome copy of Webster's Unabridged Dictionary, as a mark of the affection and esteem entertained for him, as pastor and teacher, by the members of the class.

THE annual soiree of St. John's Church, Almonte, held recently was enjoyable and successful. The pastor, Rev. J. B. Edmonson, occupied the chair. Short and appropriate addresses by Rev. G. McRitchie and Mr. J. W. Manning were delivered. Excellent music and attractive readings formed an important feature of the evening's proceedings.

AFTER alteration and improvement the Presbyterian church at Berlin has been reopened. The sermons on the occasion were by the Rev. Mr. Wright, of Stratford; Rev. J. K. Smith, of Galt; and the Rev. J. F. Dickie, of Detroit, the former pastor of the church. The sermons were good and appropriate, and the collections are reported equally good.

PAPERS by last English mail contain full reports of the welcome accorded to Father Chiniquy in London. A reception meeting, presided over by the Hon. C. Hobart-Hampton, was held at the National Club, Whitehall Gardens. On Tuesday evening of the following week Mr. Chiniquy delivered the first of a series of lectures under the auspices of the Protestant Educational Institute in Exeter Hall.

THE annual meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in the Presbytery of Hamilton was held last week in the school room of the McNab Street Church, Hamilton. The total amount received for the work of the Society during the year, was \$963.60, of which the Dundas Society contributed \$28.06; the Ancaster Society, \$33.01; Flamboro' Sabbath school, \$15; and the Waterdown Society, \$6.60.

THE annual meeting of Knox Church congregation, Woodstock, was held in the basement of the church on Wednesday evening, the attendance being large. From the treasurer's report it appears that the ordinary receipts of the congregation were \$2835.12. There is a mortgage on the manse of \$2,000, with a sinking fund of \$1,500 to meet it. This is the only debt of the congregation, whose finances are in every respect in a most flourishing condition.

THE thirty-second annual social in connection with Cooke's Church, Toronto, was held last week. After tea the chair was taken in the lecture-room by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Kirkpatrick. In a brief address he reviewed the work done by the congregation during the past year. A mortgage has been hanging over the church since 1858; this had been paid off, and they were now free of debt. Addresses were delivered by Revs. Prof. Greig, H. D. Powis, G. M. Milligan, and others. The choir, under the leadership of Prof. McMichael, gave a number of choice selections during the evening.

THE annual meeting of Knox Church, Dundas, was well attended. All the reports submitted were of the most encouraging character. For the general expenses of the church during the past year the income amounted to \$3,105.57, and after meeting all expenditure, a balance of \$27.11 remained. In regard to the Building Fund, the debt has been reduced during the past year from \$4,400 to \$2,500, a very good showing indeed. Some discussion as to the introducing of an organ into the church took place, when it was resolved to leave the matter to a congregational meeting to be called by the session at a suitable date.

THE annual business meeting of the Thamesville Presbyterian congregation was held on Wednesday evening. The Treasurer's report showed that the finances of the church are in a very satisfactory condition. Receipts from all sources netted the sum of \$615.03, and after having defrayed current expenses, as well as having removed liabilities incurred by repairs on church, building sheds, etc., to the amount of \$193.07, a small balance was on hand. For the schemes of the Church, \$141.39 was raised, being \$28.49 more than on the previous year. It was agreed to add \$50 per annum to the salary of the pastor, the Rev. J. Beckett, and to have the yearly tea meeting at an early date.

THE annual missionary meeting of the Presbyterian congregation, Orillia, was held recently. There was a large attendance. The Rev. John Gray, M.A., occupied the chair, and opened the meeting with religious exercises. Mr. Grant gave a short description of the different schemes of the Presbyterian Church, showing the amounts raised annually for Home and Foreign Missions, colleges, and other departments of Church work. The Rev. P. McF. McLeod, of the Central Church, Toronto, followed in an able address on the necessity for increased effort in missionary operations. Appropriate music was rendered by the choir, under the leadership of Mrs. Warner. The spirit of the meeting was good throughout.

KNOX Church, Woodstock, held their annual missionary meeting on the 8th inst. Addresses were delivered by Rev. James Robertson, Superintendent of Missions in the North-West, and the Rev. W. A. McKay. The amount contributed for Home Missions during the year within this congregation is \$633, and is made up as follows, viz.: \$200, voted at annual meeting; \$100, from the Sabbath school, and \$333, being one-third of \$1,000, contributed by the firm of James Hay & Co. to Church and Manse Building Fund for the North-West. Foreign Missions, \$100, and \$38, from the Sabbath school; Colleges, \$100; French Evangelization, \$24, and \$20, from the Sabbath school; Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, \$40. Total, \$955.

THE entertainment and social given in the Presbyterian church, Leslieville, on Thursday last was thoroughly enjoyed by a large audience. The Rev. Mr. Frizzell occupied the chair. Addresses were delivered by Rev. Messrs. Robinson (Baptist church), Blackstock (Canada Methodist), R. P. McKay, Scarboro', and G. M. Milligan, Old St. Andrew's. Excellent music was rendered by the choir of the congregation. Over \$100 was realized for the Building Fund. On the following evening the Sabbath school anniversary was held, when over 150 children, visitors and friends assembled. Music, recitations and addresses pleasantly and profitably filled up the time. The congregation at Leslieville is in a prosperous and hopeful condition, Mr. Frizzell's labours being much appreciated.

FOR about a year and a half the Rev. J. Knox Wright has superintended the Sabbath school, and taught a young people's Bible class on Sabbath afternoon in connection with the King street congregation, London East. Finding that this made his Sabbath work too burdensome, he asked the session to appoint others to the duties. On relinquishing this work, the

members of the Bible class presented Mr. Wright with a very fine piece of silver plate, accompanied with an address, gratefully recognising his valuable labours in connection with the Sabbath school and Bible class, and expressive of their desire for his future prosperity in the congregation. Mr. Wright made a suitable reply, thanking the young people for their gift, and still more for the loving expressions with which it was accompanied.

THE new Presbyterian church at Fullarton has been opened for public worship. It is a brick building of modern style, and capable of seating about four hundred people. The Rev. Dr. Proudfoot occupied the pulpit in the morning, and the Rev. Principal Caven in the evening. During both services the church was filled to overflowing. On the following Monday evening a successful social was held. The entertainment consisted of music by the Motherwell choir, assisted by the Avonbank choir, and addresses by the Rev. Dr. Proudfoot, of London, Messrs. Tully, of Mitchell, Scott, of Cromarty, and Wright, of Stratford. The collections at the Sabbath services, and the proceeds of the social amounted to \$435. On Tuesday night the Sunday school children had their social. Speeches were given by Messrs. Charles Baird, William Sterritt, and Rev. Mr. Wilson of St. Mary's. Rev. Mr. Hamilton, the pastor, occupied the chair. A collection was taken up for the benefit of the Sunday school library, amounting to \$23.50.

LAST Sabbath evening the Rev. J. Jolly, of Dr. Chalmers Territorial Church, Edinburgh, occupied the pulpit of Knox Church, Toronto. He related the efforts made by Dr. Chalmers all through his life to lead the way in overtaking the masses in the great cities with Gospel ordinances, and referred especially to the great experiment which he wrought out in the West Port of Edinburgh. The West Port movement, he stated, had become a great success in the way of improving the locality, of raising up a numerous congregation, very largely local, and stimulating the churches in Britain and America in the direction of doing the same kind of work, and providing for the wants of the poor and lapsed. Mr. Jolly's special object in visiting America, is to ask admirers of Dr. Chalmers and friends of home missions to join those at home, who, at the centenary of that great man, resolved to remodel the West Port buildings as a memorial of him at a cost of \$40,000. It is understood \$5,000 will be contributed in the United States and Canada.

LATELY, a lecture was delivered in Shaftesbury Hall on Health and its True Conditions, by M. A. Cuthbertson, student. Ex alderman Withrow presided. The lecturer spoke for two hours on the causes and conditions conducing to and militating against health. The lecture was highly spoken of by the daily press. The lecturer referred to proper dietary, exercise and rest, spoke of the injuries received from the use of patent medicines and all stimulants, and discussed his subject from investigation into the theory of secretions, the structure and function of the nervous system, and from practical experience in physical culture and exercise. He spoke of the proper treatment of colds, catarrh, dyspepsia, etc. At the close he received a very cordial vote of thanks for his able and valuable lecture. Mr. Cuthbertson is a hard working student, who has the ministry of the Presbyterian Church in view, and, as he has made a very special study of physiology and kindred subjects, he is able to give many valuable counsels in regard to the very important subject of securing and preserving health. There is no subject on which there is more need of the kind of information Mr. Cuthbertson is well fitted to impart.

AFTER divine service in St. Andrew's Church, Almonte, on a recent Sabbath morning Rev. Mr. Bennett, the pastor, intimated that the debt on the manse property was now cancelled by an ample subscription, and that all the debt being completely provided for, no further demands would be made on the present congregation, or any strangers who may cast in their lot with them, now or in the coming years. Amidst many discouragements and disadvantages St. Andrew's Church has been making steady progress. From being one of the smallest Presbyterian churches in the district it is now the largest. When the present pastor assumed the duties of the charge in 1872 there were only about eighty families and ninety members belonging to the congregation, this year there are two hundred and twenty families, besides single persons, and over four hundred and sixty members on the roll.