

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

A LARGE number of the Presbyterians of Orono visited the house of their pastor, Rev. A. Fraser, on the 16th of January, and presented Mrs. Fraser with a large and handsome cooking stove, and an elegant cruet stand.

A SOCIAL was held by the Holstein congregation on the 10th ult. The chair was occupied by the pastor, Rev. P. Strath, and addresses were given by the Rev. Messrs. Smith, Duncan, Niven, Fraser, and Mr. Murdoch.

AN entertainment held in connection with the Sabbath school of Knox Church, Goderich, on the 2nd ult., was largely attended, the basement of the church being densely packed. The programme consisted chiefly of recitations, singing, etc., by the children. A collection was taken up amounting to \$18 27.

AT the annual meeting of the congregation of Knox Church, Harriston, the reports of the session, managers, and Building Committee showed the congregation to be in a very prosperous state. By a unanimous resolution it was agreed to increase the salary of the pastor, Rev. J. Campbell, B.A., by \$200, making his stipend \$1,000 per annum; also \$100 retrospectively for the past year were added.—COM.

THE anniversary services of Knox Church, Palmerston, were held on the 5th ult. The Rev. Walter Inglis preached morning and evening, and the Rev. J. Broley in the afternoon. On the following Monday evening there was a tea-meeting, at which the Rev. J. M. Aull, pastor of the congregation, occupied the chair, and addresses were given by the Rev. Messrs. Fraser, Inglis, Edmison, Scott, Sabine and Broley. On Tuesday evening an entertainment for the Sabbath school children was held. The total amount raised at all these meetings was \$212.

AT a tea-meeting held in the Presbyterian Church, Hawkesbury, a few weeks ago, addresses were given by the Rev. J. Fairlie, pastor, who presided, and the Rev. Dr. Moore, of Ottawa. The net proceeds, amounting to upwards of \$60, were intended for the improvement of the Sabbath school library and other church purposes. About Christmas-time both branches of this congregation made Mr. and Mrs. Fairlie the recipients of numerous and substantial gifts, including provisions, stable supplies, a valuable sewing machine, and a sum of money.

THE annual meeting of Chalmers Church, Woodstock, was held on Monday evening, 6th ult. According to the financial statement read, the total receipts were \$5 154 39; total expenditure, \$4 965 04; total receipts from ordinary sources for strictly congregational purposes, \$2,250 57; average increase of receipts from ordinary sources for past four years, \$150; assets, \$1,437 87; liabilities, \$1 218 79; Women's Aid Association, total receipts, \$760 17; Sabbath school, total receipts, \$457 79; average annual increase of ordinary revenue for the past four years, \$150.

THE annual congregational meeting of Knox Church, Ingersoll, was held on the 8th ult. Reports were submitted from the session, the Sabbath school, Ladies' Foreign Missionary Association, the Ladies' Aid Association, the Board of Managers, and the Young People's Mutual Improvement Association. The reports showed that every department of the congregational work is in a flourishing condition. A Ladies' Home Mission Association has recently been formed, and it is proposed to keep a student in one of the destitute fields of the North West during the ensuing summer.

THE annual soiree of Russell Presbyterian Church took place on the evening of the 16th ult. The pastor, Rev. A. M. McClelland, M.A., occupied the chair, and addresses were delivered by Rev. Messrs. Rowat of West Winchester, McDiarmid of Gloucester, and others. The proceeds amounted to \$46. This congregation during the present year have more than doubled their contributions to the schemes of the Church. They have also a Ladies' Aid Society, which during the past year has raised more than \$250 towards the building of a new church. These are very good indications of prosperity.

THE financial statement submitted to the annual meeting of the Picton Presbyterian congregation was cheering, notwithstanding the fact that the congregation has suffered much from removals during the last

year or two. It was found that if the arrears of subscriptions were collected, all liabilities would be pretty well provided for, and the meeting adjourned for three weeks to give time for the collection of the arrears. It is stated that the congregation has done remarkably well since the settlement of the Rev. Mr. Coulthard, and has raised a great deal more than ever before for church purposes.

UPWARDS of 100 persons belonging to the Presbyterian congregation of Western Osgoode took possession of the manse occupied by the Rev. Geo. McKay on the evening of Friday, the 10th ult., and after each was refreshed by the bounties provided by the fair sex, in the name of the congregation, their pastor was presented with much of the necessities and luxuries of life, together with a purse of money, accompanied by an address expressing the regard, esteem and appreciation of his labours among them. These gifts were suitably acknowledged by the pastor, and the address replied to in a becoming manner.—COM.

THE second of a series of parlour socials, under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society of the Presbyterian Church, Oshawa, was recently held at the manse. The house was filled, about 150 being present. Although no refreshments are allowed, these are by no means "dry socials," as a partial programme of music, readings and recitations is arranged, the intervals being filled with social conversation and various amusements. A nominal fee is charged, but the primary object is to bring the people together socially, and experience is proving this an easy, agreeable, and effective method of doing it—one which needs only to be tested, to be more widely adopted throughout the churches.—COM.

THE annual tea-meeting of the Presbyterian congregation of Belmore was held on the evening of the 25th ult. The pastor occupied the chair. Instructive and appropriate addresses were given by the Rev. S. Young, of Clifford, and the Rev. T. T. Johnston, of Molesworth, and excellent music by the Presbyterian choir of Gorrie. The church building was declared entirely free of debt. A social was held on the following Friday evening, at which readings, well rendered, by Messrs. McDonald, Irwin, Stewart and Buchannan (teachers), interspersed with sweet music, made the time pass off in a most pleasing and agreeable manner. Proceeds of both meetings, after paying all expenses, amounted to \$100.35.

ANNIVERSARY services were conducted in Knox Church, Bervie, on the 29th of January, by the Rev. J. L. Murray, M.A., who preached able and eloquent discourses morning and evening to large and interested audiences. A tea-meeting was held on the following evening, when able and interesting addresses were delivered by the Rev. J. H. Moorhouse (Episcopal minister), and by the Rev. Mr. Williamson, missionary from northern China. The choir of Knox Church, Kincardine, under the able leadership of Professor Marshall, enlivened the proceedings with excellent music. The proceeds of the Sabbath collections and tea-meeting, amounting to upwards of \$80, were applied towards the Church Building Fund.—COM.

FROM the printed annual report of Knox Church, Owen Sound, it appears that the total receipts for all purposes in 1881 amounted to \$2 318 33. This includes pew rents, collections, contributions to Endowment Fund, and Sabbath school collections. The following sums were devoted to the schemes of the Church: College Fund, \$24 for 1880, and \$20 for 1881; Home Mission Fund, \$20 for 1880, and \$22 for 1881; Widows' Fund, \$2; Aged and Infirmary Ministers' Fund, \$5; French Evangelization, \$6 for 1880, and \$12 for 1881; Widows' and Orphans' Fund (Church of Scotland), \$4; Foreign Mission Fund, \$22; Presbytery and Assembly Funds, \$17 20. The roll of membership shows an increase of 50 names, the number at the close of the year being 285. The Sabbath school report indicates much success.

THE Montreal "Witness" of the 11th ult. contains the following obituary notice of one of the early workers in connection with our Church in that city: "Our obituary column to-day announces the death of Mr. Adam Stevenson, one of our oldest and most respected citizens. He emigrated from Roxburghshire, Scotland, in 1819, and at once engaged in business in this city. He continued in commerce until about 1860, when he retired. He was a prominent member of the Presbyterian Church, having attended the first meeting held to organize the old Cote street Church,

of which he was an elder for some twenty five or thirty years. He was a member of the Committee of the Pointe aux Trembles Institute, in which he took a deep interest. He has enjoyed remarkable health until within the past year, when his health began to fail, and his death occurred yesterday, at the age of eighty-three years."

ON the evening of the 18th January, a social was held in the basement of the church at Cardinal, under the management of the Sabbath school teachers. The Sabbath school scholars and a large company of their parents and friends were present. The teachers gave prizes to such as deserved them for regular attendance during the past year. Mrs. McKibbin gave prizes to Ida Graham, Jennie Paul, Lizzie Wilson, and Wm. and Thomas Stewart for recitation of the whole of the Shorter Catechism. Mrs. McKibbin was herself the examiner, and the order of merit was as the names appear, the last three being equal. The presentation of prizes was brought to a close by a pleasant surprise for Mrs. McKibbin. In the name of a few friends the chairman presented her with a china tea set and a purse of money. Some good music was rendered during the evening by young ladies of the congregation, and by Miss M. E. Bayne, of North Gower. About three weeks before a number of the Mainsville part of the charge, one evening surprised the manse by a friendly assault, aided by a siege-train of loaded baskets. After ten p.m. the cheerful company were called to order by Neil Rouey, Esq., who then in the name of a few friends presented Mrs. McKibbin with a purse. Some time before the ladies of Mainsville had stocked the manse cellar with butter and eggs to the value of at least \$20. This, with the results of the surprise party, would amount to about \$40 in money and in kind from Mainsville.—COM.

FROM a neat pamphlet containing the report of St. Andrew's Church, Toronto, for the year ending 31st December, 1881, we obtain the following figures: Number of families in the congregation, 272; single persons not connected with families, 162; communicants on the roll, 640; net increase in membership, 13; average attendance at Lord's supper, 420; baptisms, 36; ordinary attendance at public worship, 900 to 1,100. The total income from all sources and for all purposes was \$21,331.36. Leaving out revenue from property, there was contributed \$16 923 52, whereof \$14,011 95 was for congregational purposes, and \$2 911 57 for missionary, benevolent and educational objects. The appropriations to the schemes of the Church were as follow: Home Mission, \$700; Foreign Mission, \$300; College Fund, \$200; French Evangelization, \$50; Manitoba College, \$40; Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund, \$60; Aged and Infirmary Ministers' Fund, \$50; Assembly Fund, \$30; Presbytery and Synod Fund, \$23 64. To the Queen's College Scholarship Fund \$100 was given; towards the removal of a debt on the church at Campbelltown, N.B., \$42; for the church at Prince Albert, N.W.T., \$81; and for the personal benefit of one of our missionaries, \$51. The Sabbath school work of the congregation is in a flourishing condition, two mission schools being in active operation in addition to the home school, and a good work is being done by the night school, kept open on two nights of each week, for boys who would otherwise grow up entirely without education. These boys, and others, are also much benefited by the penny savings bank, conducted under the management of the Young Men's Association. It is cheering to find large city congregations thus recognizing the work laid to their hands, realizing their responsibilities in connection with it, and manifesting so much of the enterprise and zeal which their wealth and strength are so well fitted to render effective.

PRESBYTERY OF GUELPH.—The following is the full text of the resolutions adopted by the Presbytery of Guelph, in connection with the resignation of Mr. Torrance, and which, through want of space, we were under the necessity of condensing in a former issue: Moved by Mr. George Smellie, seconded by Mr. W. S. Ball: "Seeing it is evidently Mr. Torrance's free determination to retire from the active duties of his charge in connection with the First congregation of Guelph, and that the Session and congregation have acquiesced in that determination, the Presbytery has no alternative left but, however reluctantly, to accept of his resignation." Moved by Dr. Wardrope, seconded by Mr. Mullan: "The Presbytery would at the next time place on record this expression of the deep re-