

Ministers and Churches.

THE Rev. J. R. MacLeod and family, Kingsbury, Que., moved into a very comfortable manse on the 10th ult. It is heated by furnace, and is in every respect a commodious and comfortable house, built at a cost of \$2,100.

A GOODLY representation of the congregation of Mosa recently waited on their pastor, the Rev. Neil McKinnon, and after the reading of an affectionate address, presented him with a very valuable horse as a token of their appreciation of his services.

THE following explains itself: Dr. Cochrane: Reverend and Dear Sir,—A class of five young boys in First Presbyterian Sabbath School, Chatham, have saved their pennies during the year just past to be given for Home Missions. They wish it sent directly to you. The sum, \$8, please find enclosed. Yours sincerely, BESSIE WALKER.

THE annual meeting of the John Street Presbyterian Church, Belleville, was held on the evening of Wednesday, the 11th inst. The reports of the Session, Managing Committee, treasurer, Sabbath school and the various societies in connection with the Church showed the congregation to be in a remarkably flourishing condition. Over \$4,200 were raised last year for all purposes. Under the pastorate of the Rev. J. H. George, the congregation has steadily increased, and new life infused into every department of the Church. A pipe organ, costing about \$1,500, will be placed in the church about the 1st of February.

THE annual soiree and concert under the auspices of the Omeme Presbyterian congregation took place the first week in January, and proved a grand success financially and otherwise. The net proceeds amounted to about \$90, to be devoted to the church and Sabbath school purposes. Talent from Toronto and from neighbouring villages contributed to the programme at the concert. Steps will be taken at once to have the church removed to a more central part of the town in order to accommodate the increased numbers of people attracted by the excellent discourses of the Rev. J. Ewing, who has ministered here nearly fifty and a half years.

THE annual missionary meeting of Knox Church, Scarborough, was held on Monday evening, the 23rd ult. The attendance was very large. The annual report, read by the pastor, Rev. J. Mackay, showed that for the Schemes of the Church his congregation had during the year contributed upward of \$1,000. This is the best showing in the history of this congregation, which now stands first among the rural congregations of the Church. Capital addresses were delivered by Rev. James Robertson, Superintendent of Missions, on the North-West Work, D. McGillivray on Foreign Missions, and by Rev. G. M. Milligan on Giving as a Means of Grace.

THE annual meeting of the congregation of St. Andrew's Church, New Westminster, was held on the 12th inst., the pastor, the Rev. T. Scouler, in the chair. Very encouraging reports from the Session and committee of management were given in. The total receipts for 1887 were \$3,216.64. The Ladies' Missionary Association collected \$268 for the Schemes of the Church. Fifty-one names were added to the communion roll, thirty-six by certificate and fifteen for a first time. A committee was appointed to consider the feasibility of building a new church, and report at an early date. The present church was built twenty-four years ago, and though seating 300, is now much too small for the congregation.

THE annual missionary meeting of Knox Church, Woodstock, was held on the 20th ult. The Rev. James Robertson gave an able and comprehensive address on the Home Mission work of the Church. The Rev. W. T. McMullen submitted reports from the several organizations within the congregation, and the amounts on hand for appropriation, viz.: \$450 by the Missionary Association; \$182 by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, \$206 by the Willing Hands, \$159 by the Sabbath-school, \$33 by the Bible class, total \$1,060. The contribution by envelope for Augmentation is yet to be taken up, which with other items will make a total of considerably over \$1,100 for the Mission Schemes this year.

THE annual congregational meeting of the Collingwood Presbyterian Church was held on the 16th ult. The reports of the Session, Board of Management, Building Committee, Auxiliary to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Mission Band, Sabbath School, Young People's Association and Cemetery Committee show the congregation to be in a most satisfactory state, and to have made marked progress since the induction of Dr. Campbell into the pastorate, a little more than a year ago. The attendance at divine service and at the Sabbath school is such as to make the congregation begin to think of more room. The contributions to the Schemes of the Church were considerably more than double those of the previous year, the marked increase being for missions.

THE annual missionary meeting of Union Church, Smith's Falls, was held on Thursday evening, the 19th ult., the Rev. Thomas Nixon, pastor, in the chair. The church was well filled when the time arrived to begin. The chairman stated that \$472 was contributed to the Schemes last year, placing the congregation per member first in the Presbytery. Addresses were given by Rev. Messrs. A. A. Scott, Carleton Place, A. McGillivray, Brockville, J. Campbell, Oliver's Ferry, J. Crombie, Smith's Falls. The plate collections amounted to \$383.51, appropriated as follows: Home Missions, \$100; Augmentation, \$100; Foreign Missions, \$50; College Fund, \$50; French Evangelization, \$40; Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, \$30; Manitoba College, \$10; total, \$380. When the contributions are received from the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and other collections not yet taken up, the whole amount will be equally as large as the preceding year.

A MOST unique and enthusiastic Temperance society has been started at Truro, N. S. The drink traffic having as-

sumed a defiant attitude toward the law, the leading men of the town rose *en masse*, and organized themselves into the Jubilee Temperance Society. Already, about 500 persons have enrolled themselves, the names of all being published in the local papers. Members of existing Temperance societies are not eligible, the avowed intention of this society being to effect complete prohibition for the town. One leading hotel keeper, at a recent meeting, signed the pledge and announced his intention of quitting the traffic. At a meeting held on the 12th ult., Rev. John Robbin, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, was publicly requested to preach under the auspices of the society. He complied, by preaching to a large congregation the following Sabbath evening from Judges, vii. 13-16, the subject of the discourse being Gideon's victory over the host of Midian. This society is thoroughly common sense in its organization, and a similar organization in every town and city of Canada would soon solve the question of prohibition.

THE annual business meeting of St. Paul's Church, Bowmanville, was held on the 12th ult., when the various reports were presented of work done during the year. It appears from these that the ordinary revenue has covered the expenditure for this year and that the congregation has gone on successfully. The number on its communion roll is now 205, twenty-nine having been added during the year and seventeen removed, six of these, "experienced and valued members," having been removed by death. The missionary and benevolent work of St. Paul's Church is carefully attended to. The association for this purpose contributed \$664 during the year, the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, \$229, the Sabbath school and Bible class \$114, besides special subscription and donations bring the whole amount up to \$1,178, being \$100 more than the previous year. The allocation was as follows: Home Missions and Augmentation, \$419; Foreign Missions, \$276; French Evangelization and Point-aux-Trembles School, \$100; Knox, Queen's and Manitoba Colleges, \$90; Assembly Fund, \$9; Widows' Fund, \$25; Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, \$65; North-West Church and Manse Fund (on account), \$150; St. Paul's Church, Morrison, \$24; Sabbath School Birthday Box, \$20. Total, \$1,178. Certainly a very excellent showing for the size of the congregation.

THE annual meeting of Guthrie's Church, Melbourne, was held recently. The attendance was the largest in the history of the congregation, and may be taken as an evidence of the growing interest the people are taking in its welfare. For the past few years, an unusual degree of prosperity has been enjoyed by the congregation, and pastor and people are to be congratulated on the peace and harmony existing between them and the success attending their labours. All the reports for the year gave evidence of gratifying advancement. The attendance upon the regular services of the sanctuary and the religious meetings during the week was never larger or more encouraging, nor the spiritual tone of the people higher. Eleven new members were enrolled during the year and the weekly prayer meeting attended by an average of seventy, and the Sabbath school by an average of between seventy and seventy-five. The finances were also shown to be in a healthy state. The total income from all sources was \$1,300, which after paying ordinary expenses and the second instalment of church debt leaves a somewhat large balance in the treasury with which to begin the year. A pleasing event of the meeting was the presentation of a solid gold watch, bearing a suitable inscription, to Mr. J. G. Begg. For many years Mr. Begg has been leader of the choir and has taken a deep and hearty interest in the welfare of the congregation, and the members and adherents took this way of expressing the high esteem in which he is held and recognizing his valuable services.

AT the annual congregational meeting of the Scotch Presbyterian Church, Jersey City, the various reports showed that the membership to date is 172, that during 1887 thirty-one members were added, and that seventeen infants and three adults were baptized; that the revenue, after paying upward of \$300 for repairs, showed a balance of \$200; that the Missionary and Aid Society, composed of young ladies, had sent \$90 to Foreign Missions, and a barrel and a box to a Home missionary and his family in the North-West, containing many useful articles of clothing, and a large assortment of books; that the Ladies' Society of the Church had fitted up the parlour with a new Brussels carpet, etc., in a neat and attractive manner; that the average attendance of Sabbath school was 160, and that the school had donated \$31 to Home Missions; that the Literary Society had continued its work with success, its prospects never having been brighter. It was agreed to push the missionary work with zeal, and in particular to take up a scholarship in connection with St. Paul's Institute, Asia Minor. The Missionary and Aid Society also agreed to take a scholarship. Three persons also intimated their intention of supporting a scholarship each. One of these is a workingwoman, earning her bread by manual toil. In view of the satisfactory condition of the congregation and its finances, it was unanimously resolved to add \$250 to the salary of the pastor, Rev. David Mitchell, payable from Jan. 1, which, together with the annual value of the manse built last year, represents a sum of not less than \$1,000 per annum added to the minister's income, and all this within two years, Mr. Mitchell only completing his second year at the end of the current month.

KNOX CHURCH congregation, Beaverton, having extended a call to the Rev. D. C. Johnston, of Oil Springs, Ont., which was accepted, the Lindsay Presbytery fixed the induction for January 10. There was a good representation of members present. The congregation also turned out in large numbers. Rev. A. Ross, M.A., of Woodville, presided. The Rev. L. Perrin, of Kirkfield, preached the sermon for the occasion, Rev. Dr. McTavish, of Lindsay, addressed the minister, and the Rev. B. D. McDonald, Uxbridge, the congregation. The addresses were impressive and instructive. Rev. D. C. Johnston has created a very favourable impression. All the members of the Presbytery that were present congratulated the congregation on securing such an

able man for their pastor. We predict a very prosperous and successful future for Knox Church, under his management. In the evening there was a grand social, which turned out a great success, although the evening was very stormy and cold. The eatables were everything that could be desired, and were served in the basement of the church. After all were satisfied in this line, an adjournment was made to the body of the church. The committee had prepared a very interesting programme. The Rev. R. F. Gunn was appointed chairman. Revs. D. B. McDonald, J. McLaren, Cannington, McKee, Beaverton, and D. C. Johnston, gave very stirring and instructive addresses. The choir rendered a number of very choice selections, all being heartily received. The following evening was devoted to making the Sabbath school children happy. It also turned out a decided success. The total proceeds amounted to \$75. All the Sabbath school children were admitted free.

THE first annual meeting of Augustine Church congregation, Winnipeg, was held on Tuesday evening week. The Rev. Mr. Baird, after conducting the devotional exercises, made a short statement on behalf of the interim Session as to the spiritual affairs of the congregation. The number of names on the communion roll is forty. Mr. Alexander McMicken was then called to the chair, and a report for the five months during which the congregation has been in existence was read by Chief Justice Taylor. The amount raised for congregational purposes has been \$444.48, and the expenditure, including the payment of the salary of a student missionary while services were being held in Pembina Street School House before the formation of the congregation, was \$439.55. In addition there was a special collection on Thanksgiving Day for the benefit of the General Hospital amounting to \$17.10, and there was raised for the Schemes of the Church \$46.25. This latter amount was divided as follows: Manitoba College, \$15; Home Missions, \$11.25; Augmentation Fund, \$10, and Foreign Missions, \$10. A report as to the building fund was also read. The cost of the site and building has been \$2,862; there is still due on account of the building, \$667, and for money advanced by a member of the congregation to purchase the site, and during the progress of the building, \$1,045, the debt at the present time being \$1,712. Toward meeting this there are unpaid subscriptions amounting to \$411. For payment of the money advanced to the extent of the cost of the site, \$800, several years' time will be given, and toward payment of the \$500 yet unprovided for, those present at the meeting subscribed \$335.50. Chief Justice Taylor, Messrs. McMicken, Bell, McKinnon and Murray were chosen as the Board of Management for this next year.

BURNS CHURCH, in the Presbytery of Sarnia, which has been in the course of erection during the past year, was opened for the worship, and solemnly dedicated to the service, of God by the Rev. Dr. James, of Walkerton, on the 15th ult. In the morning the sermon was a clear, vigorous and practical address from 2 Chro. vii. 16. In the evening an impressive, solemn and elevating discourse from Rev. xx. 11-15. Both services were attended by large audiences, that of the evening testing the church to its fullest capacity. The usual soiree followed on Monday evening, which was even more largely attended than the preceding services. Among others the Rev. Messrs. P. Wright, B.D., George Cuthbertson and J. A. McDonald gave addresses. A very interesting paper by Mr. D. Hossie bearing on the early history of Presbyterianism in the district was read, and Mr. Wm. Cole, chairman of the Building Committee, gave a statement of the finances. Choice music was rendered by the Sarnia friends and others, among whom were Miss Grieve, of Westminster, Mr. Henderson, Sarnia, and Messrs. Mackenzie and Courtright. The collections on Sabbath and the proceeds of the social were in aid of the Building Fund, and together amounted to about \$750. The Sabbath morning collection was the old people's, and amounted to \$220. The evening was the young folks', and amounted to \$140, the balance being raised by the social. The congregation are much encouraged thereat, as they have never solicited a single dollar outside of their own congregation. The church is a tasteful building in the Norman-Gothic style from designs by Pursell & Fry, Philadelphia. It is cruciform in shape, with an auditorium of forty-eight feet square, relieved by a tower and buttresses, and a school room 54 x 20, which opens into the main building by a lifting sash. The whole woodwork is finished in natural colours. The pulpit and choir gallery command special admiration. The seating capacity is 300, with school room added, 500. The total cost, including land, plan and furnishings, is \$6,500, all of which is fully provided for.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.—This Presbytery met on January 17, in Hamilton. Rev. W. McGregor's application was referred to a committee for further consideration. Consideration of the report on Book of Forms was postponed. A call from Newmarket to Rev. J. W. Bell, of Niagara, and a second to Rev. H. C. Ross, of Ancaster, from Knox Church, Ingersoll, were received, and the congregations are to be cited to appear for their interests at St. Catharines on the 31st inst., at eleven a.m. An interesting report was given from the committee on Sabbath Observance. A Law and Order League has been formed at Niagara Falls for preventing the violation of the Sabbath laws. So far the results have been satisfactory. The remit from the General Assembly on travelling expenses of commissioners was approved, with some trifling changes suggested. That on the Marriage Question was approved simpliciter. Arrangements were made for visiting all congregations receiving supplement from the Augmentation Fund.—J. LAING, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF WHITBY.—This Presbytery met in St. Andrew's Church, Whitby, on the 17th January. All the ministers, with two exceptions, were present, and a fair representation of the elders. The Rev. A. H. Kippan was chosen Moderator for the next twelve months. The Committee on the State of Religion was unable to report, because no blanks had been sent down to Sessions by the A-