

two Sabbaths in December there were present 177 scholars and 19 teachers. Throughout the year the average on the roll has been 152, and the attendance 147, being a difference of five only in the number present from the number on the roll. Average teachers on the roll during the year, 18½, and average attendance 17½. There are two bible classes for young people, conducted by efficient and experienced teachers. Great credit is due to the "Ladies' Sewing Society," not only for aid to the school, but also for their handsome contribution of more than \$200, for the improvement of the church edifice. A cordial vote of thanks to the deacons was passed for their faithful services during another year.—*Times*, Jan. 12.

**FERGUS.**—The Soiree held by the Congregational Church, in the Drill Shed, on Friday evening last, fully came up to the expectations of the large audience. The Tea was got up in a style that reflected great credit on the ladies. After tea, James Ross, Esq., M. P., took the chair. Rev. Messrs. M. D. Archer, Speedside, Robt. Brown, Douglas, J. G. Laird, J. B. Mullan, and E. Barker, of Fergus, delivered short addresses, which showed that the best feeling prevails amongst the different denominations represented. The musical part of the entertainment, by the Misses Dexter, of Toronto, was listened to with rapt attention, every time they favoured the audience with sacred song. The proceeds amounted to \$80, and will be applied to the building fund.—*Fergus Record*, Jan. 12.

**OWEN SOUND.**—A meeting of the church and congregation was held in the new chapel, on Tuesday, 26th December last, when, despite the severe snow-storm, which diminished the numbers present, upwards of \$230 were subscribed towards the relief of the chapel from debt. At the same time, to the glad and grateful surprise of the pastor, he was presented with a donation, in first quality presents of clothing and in cash, to the value of upwards of \$40. The record of Paul's obligation to the Philippians (Phil. iv. 17,) and the hope

that this notice may provoke others to love and good works, induces this publication.

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**DOUGLAS.**—Last Sabbath was the anniversary of that, to us, most auspicious day, when, two years ago, we were permitted to dedicate our house of worship to the services of the Most High God. The pastor, Revd. R. Brown, preached in the morning, and the Revd. M. D. Archer in the evening. On Monday we held our annual soiree, and in many respects it was a model meeting of the kind. The committee had advertised that refreshments would be served in the W. Methodist Chapel, at 4.30 p.m. After which, the people would retire to our church, where, under the presidency of James Ross, Esq., M. P., they would be edified by speeches from the Revds. M. S. Gray, of Alton, M. D. Archer, of Speedside, Eramosa, E. Barker, J. B. Mullan (of the Kirk), Fergus, J. Little (W. M.), Tindal (M. E.), Wm. Millikan (C. P.), of Garafraxa, and the pastor of the church—said speeches to be interspersed with vocal music from the Melville Church (C. P.) Choir,—and this arrangement did not fail in one jot or tittle. The only thing that tended to mar the joy of those present, was the fact that our church was far too small for the occasion. However, those who could not gain admittance to the Congregational Chapel, organized a meeting in the Wesleyan Church, by calling Mr. A. Lightbody to the chair. At this stage dual representation became very popular. So the Revds. Messrs. Little, Barker and Mullan, cheerfully consented to do double duty, and thus did good service in both houses. The audience, though uncomfortably large, was most cheerful and attentive. The addresses of the different speakers were very pleasant and appropriate. Too much praise cannot be bestowed on the choir, for the cheerful manner in which the leader and his force responded to our invitation, and for the most efficient manner in which they contributed to the interests of the meeting. The financial result was, over and above all expenses, \$75.

On Tuesday evening we had a social, or rather a children's soiree, for the benefit of our Sabbath School. The children belong-