

Ministers and Churches.

THE two Presbyterian congregations in Durham are to be united.

A SUCCESSFUL series of united missionary meetings have been held in St. John N. B.

THE Ladies' Aid Society of St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa are holding a series of entertainments on behalf of the poor.

THE Rev. George Burnfield, M.A., B.D., of Brockville, lectured in Knox Church, Morrisburgh, on the subject, "In and About Jerusalem in 1882."

THE Rev. Dr. Gregg, of Knox College, conducted the anniversary services of Knox Church, Listowel, on Sabbath the 21st ult. He preached morning and evening to large and delighted congregations. The Dr. has lost none of his power and unction as a preacher.

THE Rev. A. Hudson, Parry Sound, begs to acknowledge having received the following donations on behalf of the Manse Fund: "A Friend," Fergus, \$10; Mr. A. Dingwall Fordyce, St. Andrew's Church, Fergus, \$5; Mr. Robert Henry, Brantford, \$5; Mrs. James Woods, Brantford, \$5.

THE Rev. Robert Torrance on Sabbath week preached in the forenoon in the Presbyterian Church, Nassagaweya, and in the afternoon in the church at Campbellville, and after services declared the pulpit of each of these congregations vacant, in consequence of the translation of the Rev. John Neil, B.A., to the congregation of Charles Street Church, Toronto.

ERSKINE Presbyterian Church Sunday school, spent the last Sabbath of the year in a pleasant and profitable way. Instead of the usual classes, the children and parents all assembled in the spacious school-room, where addresses were delivered appropriate to the day by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Smith, the superintendent, Mr. Patterson, and Mr. Thomas Yellowlees. The general feeling of the meeting was, it was good to have been there.

THE Rev. William Burns, agent of Knox College, makes the following suggestion: It would very materially aid in the collection of subscriptions of this fund if the pastors would give intimation from the pulpit that the payments are very generally due at this time. A little kindly interest from a minister goes a long way in rendering the arduous work of collecting much less difficult than it often is. We will give next week a statement of present amount subscribed.

COMMUNION services were held at Bradford recently. The pastor, Rev. J. Bryant, was assisted by Rev. Mr. Patterson, of Meaford. In the afternoon like services were held at St. John's Church, when forty persons united for the first time—the result of recent revival services. Since Mr. Bryant's induction, some fourteen months ago, he has held twenty-five weeks of special services, in which time about 200 have been added to the communion roll, thus showing his earnest zeal and love for the work in which he is engaged.

AFTER the union of the Methodists last summer, the Presbyterians of the Ravenshoe portion of the Queensville, etc., charge, purchased the church formerly occupied by the Canada Methodists, and took possession in the fall, the opening services being postponed until December 28th, when they were conducted by Mr. J. B. McLaren, a student of Knox College, who laboured in the field during the past summer. The congregation is to be congratulated, because, while heretofore it has worshipped in a rented building, it now has one of its own, and that, too, with almost no debt unprovided for.

THE lecture by Rev. E. Wallace Waits, in Chatham, N. B., on "Clerical Humourists," in the Temperance Hall, was a fine effort, and was much enjoyed by the audience. The peroration on the work of the ministry was very eloquent and expressive. Prof. McCurdy, Ph.D., moved a vote of thanks, in a humorous five-minute speech, in which he spoke of the blessing a sense of humour is to a man, in or out of the pulpit, and Mr. Snowball seconded the motion. It was carried by acclamation. Rev. David Chapman, of the Methodist Church, who was in the chair, warmly acknowledged the kindness of the lecturer in so cheerfully responding to his invitation.

THE Christmas tree festival of St. Andrew's Sunday school, Winnipeg, was a very successful affair. A splendid literary and musical programme was rendered, after which the distribution of the burden of the Christmas tree was made. This part of the programme over, Mr. W. D. Russell, the superintendent of the school was called on and an address accompanied by a silver set valued at \$130 presented to him. The address contained fervent expressions of the high appreciation in which Mr. Russell's valuable services are held by the Sabbath school teachers. On the tray was engraved the inscription: "Presented by the teachers and friends of St. Andrew's Church Sabbath school to W. D. Russell, Winnipeg, Xmas, 1884."

THE induction of the Rev. Thomas Atkinson into the pastoral charge of Knox Church, Ingersoll, took place on Tuesday, Dec. 30th, at two o'clock, p.m. There was a

large congregation present. The Rev. G. Munro presided as Moderator. An appropriate and impressive discourse was preached by the Rev. Dr. Beattie, of Brantford. The charge to the pastor was given by Rev. W. T. McMullen, and the address to the congregation by Rev. G. Munro. A very largely attended meeting was held in the Town Hall in the evening to welcome the new pastor. After a sumptuous tea had been served the audience was entertained with music and addresses delivered by the ministers of the Church of England, the Baptist and Methodist congregations in town, the pastor of St. Andrew's Church, and by the members of Presbytery already mentioned, and by the new pastor, who in fitting terms acknowledged the cordial welcome accorded him.

THE annual congregational missionary meeting of River Street Presbyterian Church, Paris, took place in the church here, on the evening of Monday, the 15th ult., the Rev. James Ballantine, pastor, in the chair. After devotional exercises, Mr. William Young, treasurer, read the annual statement, which showed receipts per various collectors amounting to over \$136. Adding to this \$25 which had been raised by special collection for Augmentation of Stipend scheme, the respectable sum of \$161 was presented, and this exclusive of the Sunday school and Bible class contributions, which were expected to amount to between fifty and sixty dollars. The whole sum raised, it was encouraging to note, was in advance of the missionary contributions of last year. The following appropriations to the amount of \$143, were made to the various Schemes of the Church: Home Missions, \$57; Foreign Missions, \$30, Colleges \$20; French Evangelization, \$15; Widows and Orphans' Fund, \$7; Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, \$7; Assembly Fund, \$7. Excellent missionary addresses were next delivered by the Rev. Messrs. R. J. Beattie, of Knox Church, Guelph, and W. Burns, of Knox College, Toronto.

THE congregation of McIntosh dedicated their new building to divine service on Sabbath, the 28th ult. In the absence of the Rev. Prof. McLaren, D.D., the Rev. W. Burns, agent of Knox College, Toronto, conducted the entire services, preaching morning and evening sermons suited to the occasion, and highly acceptable to the Christian sympathies of the people. Collection amounted to \$81. On Monday evening a tea meeting was held. The pastor, Rev. A. C. Stewart, occupied the chair, when appropriate addresses were delivered by Rev. S. Young, of Clifford, Rev. J. Mordy, of Mildmay, T. Gibson, M.P.P., and Rev. G. Brown, of Wroxeter. The choir in connection with the congregation rendered select music in good style. Proceeds amounted to \$108. The church was built by Mr. Wiles, of Gorrie. It is of Gothic architecture, with stained glass in the gable windows. It is furnished with beautiful and expensive lamps, the aisles laid with matting, and the platform covered with rich tapestry. It is seated for 300, and furnished at a cost of \$2,500, and has a debt of only \$155 resting upon it, which will be wiped out shortly. McIntosh and Belmore have now two new churches and a manse, all of white brick, and so far as buildings are concerned are as comfortably situated as any congregation could desire.

THE Sabbath School anniversary of St. Andrew's Church, Huntingdon, P. Q., took place on the evening of the 15th of December, and was a great success in every way, weather and roads being favourable. There was an attendance of a hundred and fifty children and about three hundred adults. There were two trees covered over in artistic taste, with presents for the scholars and their friends. The pastor, the Rev. J. B. Muir, M.A., occupied the chair. He stated that during the past year the Sabbath School would give \$15 for the Formosa Mission, and would expend about \$50 for an addition to the library and other purposes. Miss Jessie Shirriff presided at the organ, and did her part with great acceptance. The singing and recitations by the scholars were highly appreciated by the audience. Interesting and congratulatory addresses were given by the Rev. Messrs. Watson and Wilson. The Rev. A. Rowat gave a reading. The addresses and readings given by these rev. gentlemen were well received by the large gathering. Proceeds taken at the door amounted to \$26.50. It may be mentioned that during Mr. Muir's pastorate in St. Andrew's Church three hundred members have been added to the communion roll. At the half-yearly sacrament held in July last thirty-six new communicants joined in fellowship with his congregation, which in point of wealth, influence and numbers is the leading Presbyterian Church in the County of Huntingdon.

THE Christmas entertainment held in the Presbyterian Church, Ingersoll, P.Q., on the evening of 24th ult., proved a grand success. Two beautiful trees stood in front of the pulpit, the tops of which were connected by an arch of evergreens and were very artistically ornamented with oranges, apples, bags of candy and Chinese lanterns. They were also richly laden with many articles, very handsome and costly. The seats on the right of the pulpit were occupied by the choir. At half-past six the chairman, Mr. Sutherland, called for the attention of the audience, while the choir in an effective manner sang "God Bless our School." The Divine blessing was then invoked, after which a long and interesting programme was gone through.

Recitations were given by the Sabbath school children, and were all that could be expected. The Rev. Mr. Howard, of the Methodist Church, and Mr. Lambly, and Mr. Norman McLeod, Divinity student of Morrin College, Quebec, made appropriate and pleasing speeches. Presents were given to Robert Hanran, John and Edward Campbell for reciting correctly the whole of the Shorter Catechism. Essays which had been prepared by the members of the Bible class on the Lives of St. Paul and Moses, were read, and prizes awarded to eight of the competitors. The first prize being awarded to Miss Mary Kerr, second to Miss Maggie McKenzie, third to Mr. R. McCullough. Mr. Moffatt with his usual ability, sang a solo, "Recollections of Childhood," which was warmly applauded. The distribution of the contents of the trees followed, much to the pleasure of the little folks. The first article disposed of was the Russian lamb coat presented to Mr. Sutherland by his Bible class. When all was distributed an interesting entertainment was brought to a close. The thanks of the audience, while numbered about six hundred, were tendered to Mr. Moffatt and his choir, for the excellent vocal music rendered by them. Rev. Mr. Howard pronounced the Benediction.

THE new Presbyterian Church, Holstein, was opened Sabbath, December 28th. The neighbouring Presbyterian and Methodist churches were closed to allow all to attend, and, although the day was not altogether favourable, the church, which is seated for 300 adults, was crowded, morning, afternoon and evening. Rev. Hugh Crozier, a former much esteemed and beloved pastor, preached morning and evening. Rev. Dr. Smyth, Oshawa, preached in the afternoon. Both preached with great acceptance to the congregations. On Monday evening there was a soiree, well attended considering the state of the roads. Rev. P. Straith, pastor, occupied the chair, and made a short introductory speech. Rev. Dr. Smyth gave a very interesting address on a trip to France. Rev. J. Campbell delivered an address very appropriate for the occasion on the duty of giving to the cause of Christ. Rev. R. J. Husband, Canada Methodist, and Rev. J. Morrison, Cedarville, a much respected pioneer minister of the Presbytery, also gave short addresses. Rev. H. Crozier also addressed the meeting and opened a subscription list, to wipe out the debt on the building. The choir of the Presbyterian Church, Mount Forest, rendered excellent music for the occasion. The first subscription list was about \$2,050, and during the past year since it was decided to build the church. The congregation has raised chiefly through the efforts of the ladies over \$400, and the debt on the church was \$1,000 at the time of the opening. The collections on Sabbath were \$133, and the proceeds of soiree \$104. The additional subscription on Monday night provided for the debt and left \$90 over and above the debt in the hands of the building committee. On the succeeding evening there was a meeting of the Sabbath school children and young people of the congregation, when about \$20 more was added to the funds. One pleasing feature of the subscription Monday night was that not only the men but also the women, and the young men and young ladies of the congregation contributed to clear off the debt. One gave a subscription for each child in his family. The site of the church, two-thirds of an acre, in the village of Holstein, was given to the congregation by Mr. Neil D. McKenzie, elder. The congregation did about \$500 worth of work, excavating basement, drawing brick and stone, building sheds, etc. Exclusive of the work of the congregation, the church has cost over \$3,400. It is of brick, beautiful and comfortable. The basement is high, and off one end of the basement are vestry, clothes-room and pantry. The building is heated by a hot air furnace. About four years ago the congregation purchased a manse which is also paid for, and the sister congregation in Fairbairn in connection with Holstein, built a new church which is also free of debt, and now the congregations enter upon a new era of their existence. They are to be congratulated on the success of their efforts.

PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.—An adjourned meeting of this Presbytery was held on the 30th of December. The house of worship heretofore known as Brock Street Church, is to be called by the name of Cooke's Church. The call from Wolfe Island to Mr. Chambers was accepted, and arrangements were made for his induction, to take effect on January 13th, at 3 o'clock p.m. Mr. Houston was appointed Moderator, *pro tem.*, of the Kirk Session of Storrington, etc. Mr. John Robertson, and W. H. Hunt, B.A., were after due examination ordained to the office of the holy ministry, and were appointed to labour as ordained missionaries for a year, the former at Mill Haven and Ernesttown, and the latter at Carlow and Mayo. The congregations of the Presbytery were assessed on behalf of the Presbytery Fund, at the rate of twelve cents per family. Steps are being taken by the Presbytery committee to secure the amount apportioned to this Presbytery for augmentation purposes.—THOMAS S. CHAMBERS, *Pres. Clerk.*

ROCK LAKE PRESBYTERY.—At the recent meeting of the Rock Lake Presbytery applications were made by Revs. John and Robert Brown to be received into the ministry of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. After reading the cer-