

occasional tour two hundred miles westward. "A church in the house" of Mr. Chambers, Sr., was soon organized, he being elected an elder. Mr. Chambers died in 1831. The subject of this sketch coming to manhood soon after Mr. Bell's settlement, became an intimate and valued friend of his minister, and for half a century continued an earnest and devoted member of the Church. In 1833 Mr. Bell demitted the Streetsville part of his charge and moved over to the eastern part of the township.

Mr. Chambers was married in 1845, to Catharine Lucas Nesbitt, daughter of the late Dr. Nesbitt; and in 1846 he removed to North Norwich, about ten miles from Woodstock, whither he went to attend worship. The church at North Norwich was built in 1865, and dedicated by the late Rev. Dr. George, of Stratford. Mr. Chambers was chosen an elder in 1869, an office which, from his earnest Christian character, as well as his intelligence and good business habits, he was well fitted to fill.

Mrs. Chambers died at Kingston in 1877. She had from a very early age been a devoted Christian, and through her influence the family was a very exemplary one. As was expressed by the late Rev. Professor Mackerras, "Mrs. Chambers was indeed a lovely character; so meek, so kind, so unassuming; uniformly equable in her temper, and gentle in her demeanour. Few exemplified so beautifully the qualities of charity, as portrayed by the apostle. Like the dew, she saturated all the members of her household with the genial and life giving influences of heaven." She devoted, in the most solemn and earnest manner, all her children to the service of God, the sons being all dedicated to the work of the ministry. Two of these sons are now missionaries in the employment of the American Board in Erzeroum, Turkey; one is a minister at Sherburne, New York; and the youngest, whose health gave way at College, has returned to the homestead at present. Should not the example here set deeply impress the families of our Church at large?

Mr. Chambers served his country at the time of the rebellion in 1837-8; was an officer in the First Provisional Battalion under Colonel Baldwin, and continued until recently to take an active interest in militia affairs. At the time of the Fenian raid he went to Ottawa and offered to raise a volunteer troop of horse, but this the Government thought unnecessary. He was gazetted Major of the Regimental Division of South Oxford in February, 1869. He had represented North Norwich in the County Council.

During a long life he had been a faithful member of the Presbyterian Church; and in Toronto, Norwich and elsewhere, had done much to promote its welfare; and now, respected by all, and mourned by a large circle of friends, he has passed to the better inheritance of God's people.

THE annual meeting of St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa, was held on the 7th ult., and the various reports presented gave a very satisfactory view of the year's operations. Divine service had been well attended, the Sabbath schools vigorously maintained, and the contributions to the general work of the Church were, so far, encouraging, considering the large amount required to meet the interest on the church debt. The communion roll contains 369 names, being fourteen less than in last annual report, from a thorough purgation since last year having taken place. The total number of pupils attending the different schools was 349, with an average of those actually present of 234. The contributions for the ordinary congregational work amounted to \$6,128.64, being \$439.35 above that of the previous year. The arrearages on pew rents seem heavy, being as much as \$1,499.82, counting those of previous years, and as much as \$902 on those of 1880 alone. The contributions to the schemes of the Church amounted to \$3,001.59, of which \$600 went to Home Missions, and \$225 to Foreign. In this, as in many other instances, we notice that a very large proportion of the members give nothing to the schemes of the Church. Some give very liberally in not a few cases, as much as \$200 each; but that is no reason why others, who may be just as able, should give a comparative pittance, and in too many instances nothing at all. By another year, we hope the lists of contributions which we have to read in so many printed reports, will be more in accordance with the numbers on the communion roll, and the sums opposite each more in accordance with the importance attached to the work thus to be forwarded.

BOOKS AND MAGAZINES.

CASSELL'S FAMILY MAGAZINE. (Toronto: J. P. Clougher.)—Good as usual. Those who begin will continue taking it.

EASTER CHIMES. (New York: Anson D. Randolph & Co.; Toronto: Hart & Rawlinson.) A collection of verse, appropriate to the season; beautifully printed, with red border line.

ATLANTIC MONTHLY for April. (Boston: Houghton, Mifflin & Co.) A very full and satisfactory supply is provided for its readers by the "Atlantic" for April.

ST NICHOLAS (New York: Scribner & Co.) continues to improve as the months pass away. The April number is full of excellent reading, and the illustrations are superb. \$3 per year.

PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE JOURNAL for March.—We are somewhat late in noticing the March number of this journal. It is carefully and ably edited by Mr. J. Harvey McVicar, and contains a large amount of interesting matter, given in a fresh and attractive manner.

THE EASTER HERITAGE. (New York: Anson D. Randolph & Co.; Toronto: Hart & Rawlinson.)—A new Easter token, composed of sixteen pages of choice selections in verse, made up in the form of an anchor, and bound in highly illuminated covers, tied with ribbon. It will doubtless prove a favourite gift.

DISRUPTION WORTHIES. By Rev. J. A. Wylie, LL.D. (Toronto: Virtue & Co.)—This is a reissue, in parts, of a well known and very attractive work, which gives descriptive sketches as well as photographs of all the leading men of the Free Church of Scotland. It is beautifully got up and ought to command a large sale.

THE LEISURE HOUR; THE SUNDAY AT HOME; THE BOY'S OWN PAPER; THE GIRL'S OWN PAPER. (Toronto: Wm. Warwick & Son.)—These publications are maintaining, and even if possible improving upon, their first record. We are glad to learn that their circulation in Canada goes on increasing. It is a good sign. We hope that they will speedily drive out the immoral and illiterate trash that comes in so abundantly from the other side.

A BOOK OF RHYMES AND TUNES. (Boston: Oliver, Ditson & Co.; Toronto: Hart & Rawlinson.)—In his preface the author says: "In order to aid mothers, I have written new and simple accompaniments to one-third of these songs, simplified most of the remainder, have transferred many into lower keys to suit children's voices, and have also chosen old melodies and given them a new setting of appropriate words." In all this he has succeeded most admirably, and the result is a little music book, which is sure to prove a great treasure to every youngster fortunate enough to be presented with a copy.

THE INTERNATIONAL REVIEW for April. (New York: A. S. Barnes & Co.)—The present number of the "International" is a very good one, though we have seen some which would be more attractive to what is usually called the "average general reader." These are some articles: "The Jihad of India, II.," "Improvements in Prison Discipline," "The First American Bishop," "Francis Lieber," "The Last Trial of Russian Nihilists," "Statutes Regulating the Practice of Medicine," and "Schurz's Administration of the Interior Department."

A TREASURY OF ENGLISH SONNETS. Edited by David M. Main. (New York: R. Worthington, 1881.)—In this octavo volume of 470 pages Mr. Main presents the lovers of poetry with "a comprehensive collection of the best original sonnets known to the editor, written by native English poets not living." The sonnets, 463 in number, and written by 117 different authors, occupy 234 pages, the remainder of the book being devoted to very copious notes, which embody not only Mr. Main's own explanations and criticisms but those of many of the foremost English writers, living and dead. To students of this particular department of literature the notes will undoubtedly prove of special value, while even the casual reader will profit by them; and all will appreciate the industry and judgment which enabled the editor, although restricted to one particular form of verse, to get together so much good poetry.

FROM DEATH UNTO LIFE. By Rev. W. Haslam. (New York: D. Appleton & Co.; Toronto: Wil-ling & Williamson.)—This is a narrative by a Church

of England minister of his own spiritual history; of his officiating for many years as a clergyman before he was converted; of the circumstances of his conversion; and of his subsequent labours, with many illustrations of their results. We should not be inclined to endorse many things written in this volume or all of the courses of action followed. Still it is the record of an honest, earnest soul, seeking to make known to his fellows that wondrously great and attractive Gospel which had brought so much peace to itself, and such a record will always be so far interesting. In his closing words he tells how he was kept, and by what considerations he has been animated. He says, and surely with truth: "When we are saved we are debtors to God, to devote ourselves to His service and for His glory; besides this, we are debtors to men, to make known to them the grace which we have received; and we, as faithful stewards of God, should be ever ready and not ashamed to preach the Gospel, for 'It is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth.'"

PRESBYTERY OF PARIS.—This Presbytery met at Chesterfield, on the 8th and 9th ult. A visitation of the congregation was held, a deliverance adopted, and Mr. Macleod, of Paris, was appointed to read the same from the pulpit the following Sabbath. The following were appointed delegates to the General Assembly, viz: Messrs. Thomson, Munro, McKay, Dr. Cochrane, Mr. McMullen, ministers; and Messrs. Montgomery, Marshall, Wood, Ross, and Russell, elders. The report on Sabbath school work was given in by Mr. McLeod, Convener. It was adopted, and ordered to be forwarded to the Synod. It was remitted to the Committee on Sabbath School Work to take into consideration the preparation of a hymn book for use in our Sabbath schools at a cheap rate. Mr. Hume read a letter received by him through the post office, signed by five elders of his congregation, urging the necessity of his confining his labours to St. George, and discontinuing service at Branchton. A committee consisting of Messrs. McLeod, Cochrane, McEwen, and Robertson, ministers, and Mr. Marshall, elder, were appointed to meet with the parties, and report to next meeting. The report on the State of Religion was given in by Mr. McKay, and was adopted. The circular on Temperance was remitted to Messrs. McKay and McMullen to draft a report for the Presbytery, and submit same at meeting in Brantford in April. Principal McVicar was nominated for Moderator of Assembly.—W. T. McMULLEN, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF CHATHAM.—This Presbytery met at Chatham on the 15th March. There was a good attendance of ministers and elders. Rev. Wm. King was appointed Moderator for the next twelve months. The circular on Temperance issued by a Committee of the General Assembly was taken up, and the subject of Temperance gone thoroughly into. Mr. Cairns, catechist, was reappointed to Buxton, and Mr. Brown, catechist, was appointed to do pioneer work in the townships of West Tilbury and Romney. It was agreed to recommend that a supplement of \$100 per annum be granted to Tilbury West and Comber. On inquiry it was found that missionary meetings had been held or missionary sermons had been preached in nearly all the congregations and mission stations within the bounds, and those congregations and mission stations that had not yet discharged this duty were enjoined to do so as soon as possible. The following were appointed delegates to the General Assembly: Revs. J. Gray, J. Becker, D. McKeacher, by rotation; and A. McColl and W. Walker by election; Messrs. A. Bartlett, Wm. Webster, K. Urquhart, J. R. Gemmill and F. B. Stewart, elders, by election. It was moved by Mr. Battisby, seconded by Mr. McColl, and unanimously agreed to, that Principal McVicar be nominated as Moderator of the next General Assembly. Mr. Waddell submitted the report on Sabbath Schools. He was thanked, and the report was carefully considered by the Presbytery. After consideration, the following motion by Mr. Becker, seconded by Mr. Bartlett, was carried: "That without committing the Presbytery to one scheme or another, the Presbytery recommend the General Assembly to send the matter down to kirk sessions to consider and report at the following Assembly." A motion in favour of a Presbyterial visitation of the congregations within the bound, was passed, and a committee was appointed to prepare rules to be observed and questions to be asked at such visitations.