

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

THE anniversary services of St. Andrew's Church, Blyth, were held on Sabbath, 13th January, when able and appropriate sermons were preached by Rev. A. D. McDonald, of Seaforth. The annual tea-meeting was held on the Monday evening following. The proceeds of the whole amounted to over \$220.

THE Rev. Robert Torrance, Guelph, desires us to state that, on the 8th of December last, he mailed a parcel to each Presbytery Clerk containing a blank form for Statistics and Financial Reports of Congregations; and that he would esteem it a favour if informed if in any case it had not reached its destination.

THE Oakville Presbyterian church held their annual meeting on the 30th ult. The session report, the Sabbath school report, and the managers' report were read and adopted. Forty-four members have been added to the church during the year, and thirteen have been removed. The full membership is now 149. The income is a little over \$1,100. They have added to the minister's salary \$200.

THE Missionary Association of Queen's University, Kingston, acknowledge with thanks the following sums: James Murray, Berkley, O., \$21; P. M. Pollock, Plantagenet, \$7; P. F. Langill, Dominion City, Man., \$10; R. C. Murray, Grand Valley, Man., \$21; John Moore, Arthur, \$20; D. McTavish, Murray-Harbour South, \$5; D. McTavish, Murray Harbour North, \$20; John McNiel, Kirkhill, \$6.65; John Hay, Pinkerton, \$5 65; Alex. McAulay, North River, N. S., \$12—R. C. MURRAY Treasurer.

THE annual congregational meeting of St. Andrew's Church, Pickering, was held on the 9th ult. The attendance was good considering the weather. The treasurer's report showed that the year just closed has been the most prosperous one since the union, financially, numerically and spiritually. The surplus for the year 1883, after paying all expenses, including minister's stipend three months in advance, is \$127.67, besides what the managers have (\$1,236) at interest. The Sabbath school and church services are well attended.

ANNIVERSARY services in the Presbyterian church, Innerkip, were held on Sabbath, 20th ult., when Rev. A. Gilray, of Toronto, preached with great acceptance, morning and evening. The annual tea-meeting was held on the following Monday evening, and proved in every respect a successful and enjoyable occasion. The pastor, Rev. Mr. McKinley, filled the chair with tact and efficiency, and very appropriate and able addresses were given by Rev. Mr. Ross, of Ingersoll, and Rev. Mr. Gilray. The Sextette choir from Woodstock furnished music of a very high order. The total proceeds amounted to about \$140.

THE induction of the Rev. R. Pettigrew late of Weston and Woodbridge to the charge of Glenmorris, took place on Tuesday, the 29th ult. There was a large gathering of the members and adherents of the congregation, and also a number of friends from the neighbouring congregations. Mr. Ross, of Ingersoll, preached, Mr. Thompson, of Ayr, presided and addressed the members, and Mr. Robertson, of Chesterfield, the people. In the evening a most successful soiree was held to give a welcome to the minister. The choir of the congregation, under the leadership of Mr. Carswell, supplied suitable and excellent music. Addresses, by ministers of usual power and ability, were delivered by Messrs. Hume (St. George), McLeod and Ballantine (Paris), Morton (Hamilton), Porteous and Robertson.

THE annual social gathering of the congregation of Erskine Church, Montreal, took place on the evening of Thursday, 31st January. Mr. John Millen, president of the board of managers, was in the chair. After a brief but excellent musical programme, the chairman called upon the minister of the church, the Rev. J. S. Black, to address the meeting. In his remarks Mr. Black referred to the many personal favours and kindnesses which he received from his people. Grateful mention was also made of the prosperous condition of the congregation. Nearly \$13,000 have been raised in 1883 for missionary and benevolent objects. Mr. Black in his address drew attention to the fact that in giving the total benevolence of the congregation, they confined themselves to the money raised for strictly denominational purposes. By adding up the amounts given to the various city char-

ities, etc., by members of the congregation, the sum total could be very much increased. After the more formal business was finished, refreshments were provided by the ladies of the church, and a very pleasant evening of social intercourse was enjoyed.

THE annual meeting of St. Paul's Church, Peterborough, was held on Wednesday evening, Jan. 30th, and was well attended by the members and adherents of the church. The reports indicated that some progress had been made during the past year in the different departments of the work of the church. There are connected with the congregation 285 families and 608 communicants. There were raised from pew-rents and Sabbath collections for ordinary revenue \$3,145; while \$600 of pew-rents were due, but not collected. There was raised for missionary and benevolent purposes \$2,058; of which sum \$1,462.22 was for the schemes of the Church; \$400 for the Women's Foreign Mission Society, \$195 for other objects. As the result of a partial canvass of the congregation, \$11,500 was subscribed for the alterations to be made in the church, and of this sum \$2,500 was paid during the year. The estimated cost of the alterations is \$28,000, and it is expected that when the canvass is completed the greater part of the sum will be subscribed. The foundation for the school-room in rear of the church was dug in the autumn and the building is to be commenced early in the spring. When the building is completed, the congregation will have a beautiful and commodious church.

THE Managing Committee of St. Andrew's Church, New Westminster, B.C., beg to report that the financial affairs of the congregation during the year just closed have continued to be prosperous. The committee has been able to carry out some necessary repairs, both to the church building and the fencing of the church property; and also to appropriate a considerable amount towards a much needed increase in the seating accommodation of the church. A reduction having been made in the grant towards salary from the Home Mission Committee, the managers are glad to be able to report that they have felt justified, by the state of the finances, in making good a part of the deficiency thus created. Your committee earnestly recommend that an effort be made to pay, if possible, at least \$1,200 on salary account this year, in order that the amount to be drawn from the Home Mission Committee may be still further reduced. Praying that the great Head of the Church may continue to bless us with prosperity, that His work may thereby be advanced, the managers have now to surrender into your hands the trust with which you have honoured them during the past year. The total receipts were \$1,594.80. The principal payments were—salary of pastor \$1,100; schemes of the Church (Canadian) \$136.

THE annual tea-meeting of the St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Delaware, was held on the 5th February; and although, the day was anything but agreeable, the evening was much more favourable, and at the hour for serving tea, there was a well-filled house. A noted feature of the occasion was the presence of the popular choir of St. Andrew's Church, London, led by Prof. Freeland, extensively known in the West as a teacher of the science of music. In this department the programme was rich and varied, consisting of solos, duets, quartets and glees together with some rare performances on harmonicas by men. The singing was so much appreciated by the audience that those engaged in it were frequently recalled. The choir was very efficiently filled by Mr. G. D. Glennie, of Caradoc, who was assisted by a staff of good speakers. The addresses were short, pointed and well received. The secretary of the congregation, Mr. Jas. Hay, at the close made a statement that the proceeds of the evening amounted to \$92, which was to go to the ladies' association in aid of re-seating the church, a work which the ladies of the congregation have now on hand, and toward which they have some \$180. The Presbyterians of this section are to be congratulated for their energy and liberality, not only in recently raising their pastor's salary beyond apportionment of Assembly, but in their continued efforts to build up our cause here.

THE annual meeting of the Central Presbyterian Church was held in the Sabbath school room on Monday evening, 28th January, the pastor, Rev. P. McF. McLeod, occupying the chair. Judging from the reports presented at the meeting it is clear that the progress of this congregation during the year 1883

has been very satisfactory. The number of members now on the roll is 404, an increase of thirty-five during the year. The ordinary Sabbath collections amounted to \$5,985 96, and the ordinary expenditure to \$5,809.09, being \$166.04 less than the collections. In addition to those contributions, the sum of \$969 17 was paid in reduction of the debt. The total collections for the various mission schemes of the Church and congregation during the year amount to \$1,369.65. Aggregate collections for the year \$8,324.78, being an average of over \$20 for each member of the congregation. The annual reports of the Board of Managers, the session, the Sabbath School, the Bible Class, the William Street Mission, the Missionary Committee, the Womens' Foreign Mission Society and the Ladies' Aid Society were read and adopted. The following were elected to fill the places of those members of the Board of Managers who retired by rotation:—W. Nicholas Millar, S. B. Windrum, B. Jennings, Andrew Jeffrey, George H. Robinson, Thomas Alison, Kenneth MacLean A. R. Creelman. A strong effort will be made by this congregation to pay off a considerable portion of the debt during the present year and a carefully prepared measure with this object in view was unanimously adopted at the meeting.

PRESBYTERY OF BARRIE.—This Presbytery met at Barrie on Tuesday, 29th January, and was well attended. Session records were examined. A call from Angus, New Lowell and Bonnyton, to the Rev. John Leishman, of Newburgh, etc., in Kingston Presbytery, was sustained, and arrangements made for induction in the event of his accepting the call. A letter was received from the Rev. John Anderson declining the call from the 2nd Innisfil congregation. There were read extract minutes from Lindsay Presbytery, showing that the Presbytery agreed on the 18th December to loose Mr. Cockburn from Uxbridge, and translate him to Barrie, and at a *pro re nata* meeting on the 8th January rescinded the motion and refused to translate. It was agreed to refer to the Synod of Toronto and Kingston the question whether the action of Lindsay Presbytery is in accordance with the practice and laws of the Church or is suitable to be followed as a precedent. The congregations of Barrie and Second Innisfil were instructed to proceed to call again as soon as possible. Their respective moderators were continued with power to moderate in calls when desired. The Presbytery agreed to cordially commend to friends of the Church the efforts of Mr. Hudson, ordained missionary at Parry Sound, in procuring aid towards building of a manse there.—ROBERT MOODIE, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF HURON.—This Presbytery met in Brucefield on the 15th January. Mr. Turnbull, of Goderich, was appointed moderator for the ensuing six months. The following is the deliverance of Presbytery as to what constitutes a family, to be reported to the Assembly as such:—1. All families in which the heads are members of the congregation. 2. All families in which the majority of the household are members or adherents. 3. When a single member of the family is the only one of the family connected with the congregation, he shall be reported as a single person connected with the congregation, and for purposes of contribution four such single persons shall be considered as equivalent to a family. 4. The number of families within the bounds of a congregation who have no other Church connection and who profess to be Presbyterians and are regularly visited by the pastor though not regular attendants on the means of grace, shall be annually reported to the Assembly. Some changes are made in the standing orders. Mr. Thomson, of Brucefield, reported that he received notice from the clerk to declare the pulpits of Kippen and Hill's Green vacant, but that it was not convenient for him to do so on the day specified, and it was agreed that Mr. Thomson be instructed to declare said pulpits vacant on Sabbath first. Mr. Thomson was also appointed moderator for the session of St. Andrew's Church, Kippen, and Hill's Green. Owing to ill-health, Mr. Thomson, of Rogerville, desired that another should be appointed in his place on the committee of Stipend Augmentation. Mr. Martin, of Exter, was accordingly appointed. The Presbytery agreed to inaugurate a fund for paying the expenses of commissioners to the Assembly, and laid down the following rule for the election of such commissioners, viz., "All commissioners to be elected by rotation except in special cases when it may be in the interests of the Church to depart from this rule." The As-