

## MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

IN addition to the amount formerly announced from the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, and the Free Church of Scotland, Dr. Cochrane has received last week £100 from the former and £25 from the latter.

THE Presbytery of Toronto at its last meeting nominated the Rev. Professor McLaren for the Moderatorship of the General Assembly. The Presbytery of Lindsay made the same nomination, while that of Lanark and Renfrew have proposed the Rev. J. K. Smith, of Galt.

THE Rev. John Neil was lately presented with two handsome robes for his cutter by the members of the Cambellville Bible class. This is not the first proof Mr. Neil has had of the kindness of his people. A short time after his induction he received from the ladies of the Nassagaweya congregation the present of a cutter, robe, harness, and dining-table, and from the Cambellville congregation a valuable buggy.

THE congregation of Richmond, Presbytery of Ottawa, have commenced the erection of a new brick church to cost about \$3,000. It is expected to be ready for opening about the 1st of January next. The present church was erected forty-five years ago, and the first minister was Rev. Mr. Evans, from Ireland. The present pastor is the Rev. T. S. Glassford, B.A., a graduate of Queen's College. The people are united, harmonious and hopeful.

LAST Thursday evening the Rev. Dr. Moffat of Walkerton, lectured to the Mechanics' Institute, Hespeler, before an excellent audience. Subject, "Abraham Lincoln, or the Power of Pluck and Character." The Association of Mechanics' Institutes for Ontario, is doing a splendid work for the people in providing one free lecture to every Institute desiring the same, if given before the last day of April. Dr. Moffat is one of the lecturers, and the only minister of our Church so engaged.

THE organ of the French Protestants in the province of Quebec, *L'Aurore*, contains the following:—"The *Lowell Daily Courier* gives us an account of the demission of his charge by M. Côté and of the projects of the Home Mission Society of Boston for the evangelization of the French Canadians of Massachusetts. It appears that this society has confided to M. Côté the superintendence of the mission it has established, as well as a school of theology for French-speaking students under the care of Rev. Mr. Ameron, late of Three Rivers, who will be called to the pastorate of the church founded by M. Côté, and of which he has been the beloved pastor for several years." Both men are well qualified for the special work they are called to undertake.

THE annual meeting of the Philosophical and Literary Society of the Presbyterian College, Montreal, was held on the evening of Friday, March 7th. The annual report was read by Mr. J. H. Macvicar. It shows that the work of the society has been carried on in a successful manner. There are at present fifty-nine names on the roll of membership, eighteen of which were added this year. Ten ordinary meetings were held with an average attendance of twenty-three. Two public meetings were also held, both of which were largely attended and successful in every respect. The financial statement shows an expenditure of \$139 52, leaving a small balance on hand. After hearing these reports, the society proceeded to the election of the following new officers for the session 1884-85: President, W. K. Shearer, B.A.; 1st vice-president, A. Currie; 2nd vice-president, J. A. McFarlane; recording secretary, George McLennan; corresponding secretary, S. Rondeau; treasurer, S. A. A. Thomas; secretary of committees, J. McDougall; councillors: D. L. Dewar, D. A. McRae, C. McKerchar, J. Naismith and G. A. Blair.

THE managing committee of the Presbyterian Church, Hespeler, report financial progress during the year, they have succeeded in paying the debt on the manse, also improved the church property to the amount of \$300. We have had morning and evening services during the last year, and an increase of twenty-four members, and now both pastor and people rejoice together that church and manse are free from debt. On the evening of the 22nd inst., the manse was taken possession of by about twenty of the members of the congregation, to the surprise of pastor and family, with baskets full of eatables, after a general

shaking of hands and greetings, the meeting was opened by singing and prayer, when Mr. Johnston made a few appropriate remarks, presented a purse containing over \$70 as a token of esteem and friendship of the people to their pastor. Mr. Haigh thankfully received the gift and feelingly referred to the kindness and good will of his people and hoped to prove himself worthy of their esteem, confidence and support. Mr. James Little and others gave addresses, after which sociability reigned supreme, and after heartily partaking of the refreshments, so neatly arranged and so bountifully provided by the ladies, we bid good night to pastor and family, feeling it was good to be there.

ON the 21st February a new Presbyterian church was opened for worship at West Farnham, Que., under the name of St. John. West Farnham is a town of some 3,000 inhabitants which has sprung up as if by magic in a few years. It prides itself in a fine railway station, beet sugar factory, and refinery, etc., and bids fair to become one of the leading centres of the eastern townships. So far, Presbyterianism, as an organization, was unknown there. Two and a-half years ago the Board of French Evangelization requested the Rev. D. P. Duclos to open French and English services there, which he did at first in a school-house. After some time, the flock having increased, Mr. Duclos induced them to build a church. A lady at once offered a lot valued at \$1,100, the members subscribed, Mr. Duclos collected. Now a fine brick church 67x36, able to hold three hundred, well laid out and tastefully finished, invites worshippers within its walls. It cost \$4,800, \$3,000 of which is already paid. At eleven o'clock the opening services began, Rev. Mr. Duclos presiding. Rev. J. S. Black preached, and Rev. Messrs. Cruchet, Cauboue, McFarlane, and McDowell took part. There was a large attendance. In the evening the same gentlemen, along with Rev. Jos. McCaul, and Messrs. Thomas, McFarlane, Thompson, and McAyeal, of the Presbyterian College, Montreal, took part in a successful social. All the invited guests admired the activity and *savoir faire* of the ladies, and the energy and perseverance of the acting pastor. Presbyterianism is taking root in the eastern townships.

THE annual congregational meeting of Knox Church Stratford, was held last week. The report of the session was of a very encouraging character. It shows a steady increase of membership, the number now on the roll being 528. The manager's report is on the whole exceedingly satisfactory. The ordinary revenue has met all the expenditure and yields a surplus of over \$350, which has been applied to lessen its liabilities. The average giving per Sabbath for ordinary purposes is \$90 and the total amount raised for all purposes during 1883 was a little over \$6,000. This, however, does not include several sums of money paid in 1883 on behalf of Knox College endowment, or amounts which the ladies have raised for foreign missions, as these sums are not passed through the books of the congregational treasurer. The total for all purposes is a little short of that for 1882; but in that year provision had to be made for a considerable outlay in frescoing the church, etc. The Sabbath school report was probably the most encouraging ever presented in this connection. The attendance is larger than ever before, there being now fully 500 pupils on the roll. The pastor has been relieved of the duties of superintendant by the appointment of Mr. A. S. McGregor near the end of the year. The question of Sabbath school accommodation was discussed, and its necessity cordially acknowledged; but owing to the financial depression bearing more or less heavily both on town and country it was deemed inexpedient to incur such additional financial responsibilities at present.

THE annual meeting of the Knox College Meta physical and Literary Society was held last Friday. The following gentlemen, by election, compose the staff of the *Knox College Monthly* for next session.—Editors—Messrs. J. C. Smith, B.A., W. L. H. Rowand, B.A.; A. Blair, B.A.; J. A. Jaffray, B.A.; J. L. Campbell, B.A.; R. Haddow, B.A. Business Manager—Mr. J. McKay, B.A. Assistant manager and treasurer—Mr. Jno. McGillivray. The following officers were elected for the society for the coming session.—President, Mr. J. C. Smith, B.A.; First vice-president, Mr. R. McNair; second vice-president Mr. A. Blair, B.A.; critic, Mr. John McKay, B.A.; recording secretary, Mr. J. L. Campbell, B.A.; cor-

responding secretary, Mr. R. C. Tibb, B.A.; treasurer, Mr. James Hamilton, B.A.; secretary of Committees, Mr. S. S. Cralg; curator, Mr. A. Patterson; councillors, Messrs. J. B. McLaren, G. A. Francis, D. McKenzie. The prizes for public speaking and reading were awarded as follows.—public speaking, Mr. G. E. Freeman; 2nd, Mr. J. S. Mackay, M.A.; Scripture reading, Mr. A. Hamilton; 2nd, Mr. H. C. Howard; secular reading, Mr. T. Manson; 2nd, Mr. W. S. McTavish. The first vice-president for the present session then read the valedictory address, urging upon the members the increasing value of such exercises as the society afforded to its members for the cultivation of force and directness and fluency in speech, and of effectiveness in reading. With a few well-chosen sentences the president dismissed the society to meet at the call of the president-elect in October next.

THE induction of the Rev. John McAlpine, lately of St. Marys, into the Presbyterian church at Chatsworth, took place on Wednesday of last week. There was a very respectable representation of the congregation, the more so that the day was one of the inclement ones of the season, adding another barrier to attendance to that afforded by the badness of the roads rendered difficult of travel from the softness of the previous days. The charge had become vacant by the demise in the month of August preceding, of its late minister, the Rev. James Cameron, a man whose decease was a loss not only to Chatsworth, the Presbytery, but to the church at large. At the close of the year Mr. McAlpine preached and received a hearty call to become the pastor of the congregation. Accepting the call tendered to him the Presbytery of Owen Sound appointed the induction for last week. The various brethren designated to the usual services of an induction were on hand, although in some cases somewhat late, owing to the weather and the roads. The Rev. Mr. Somerville of Owen Sound presided; Dr. Fraser, lately inducted to South Road and Annan preached an admirable sermon from 1 Peter ii. 21, upon various features of the example set us by Christ. The Rev. Mr. Currie, of Desborough, addressed the minister, pointing out that he is a servant to the congregation only to the extent in which he is a servant of God, and the people were addressed in a simple, earnest, effective manner by the Rev. Mr. Scott of Owen Sound. At the close of the services Mr. Currie, at the request of the moderator, led the new minister to one of the doors of the church where he received a very cordial welcome from his people.

A SHORT time since, a statue and monumental tablet in memory of the late Rev. Robert Irvine, D.D., formerly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, were unveiled in the First Presbyterian Church, Augusta, Georgia. The deep interest manifested in these services evidences the kindly feelings with which the memory of their late pastor is cherished by the congregation and people of Augusta. The statue, bearing appropriate inscriptions, is described as a masterpiece of art. The act of unveiling was performed by a granddaughter of Dr. Irvine. The Rev. James Bennet, D.D., of St. John, New Brunswick, a fellow-student and lifelong friend, delivered the principal address on the occasion. It was the best of all tributes—the utterance of a manly Christian heart. The story of Dr. Irvine's life was lovingly told by a large-hearted friend who understood him. Unusual demands on our space prevent us from giving Dr. Bennet's address, and condensation would only spoil it. The following are his closing sentences: I would that that statue had no need yet to be reared—that I could only speak to Robert Irvine and recall with him the pleasant days of school, of boyhood, college, of the wanderings over hill and dale. One such hour to me were worth a hundred statues. But it may not be, and since he is gone ours is the melancholy joy of erecting and beholding this tribute in stone to his memory and worth. Farewell dear friend, companion of my boyhood; farewell, the faithful pastor of many churches; farewell, the wearer of the trophies of attachment—the tributes of admiration of many hearts; farewell, the great heart of sympathy now hushed from its beating; farewell, the active brain that teemed with quaint conceits and grand ideas; farewell, the tongue from which rolled the tides of eloquence; farewell, the love, the help, the uphold ing which he was wont to extend to the worthy—to the unworthy. Farewell, all till we meet thee again in the better country—farewell, 'I am distressed for thee, my brother. very pleasant hast thou been to me. Thy