

## MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

REV. J. WELLWOOD, of Cote des Neiges has declined the call to Lancaster.

THE congregation of Wick and Greenbank have lately raised their pastor's stipend one hundred dollars.

THE Rev. J. McFarlane, late of Farnham Centre, has received and accepted a call from Pine River. Induction on April 7th.

A CONFERENCE of Sabbath school teachers is to be held in St. Paul's Church, Montreal, on the afternoon and evening of Tuesday, 6th April, under the auspices of the Montreal Presbytery.

IN our report of the last meeting of Bruce Presbytery, it was said that the Session of Port Elgin sanctioned the introduction of an organ in the "Sabbath service." It ought to have been the "Sabbath school services."

THE social lately given by the young ladies belonging to the Bible class in connection with the First Presbyterian Church, Guelph, was a great success. Excellent addresses, recitations and music made the time pass very pleasantly.

WE intimated recently that the debt on Stanley street Church, Montreal, had been lessened by \$8,000, and we are glad to learn that efforts are now being successfully made to remove the small debt on St. Paul's and Erskine Churches in that city.

THE Presbytery of Lindsay met at Woodville on the 23rd ult. The call to the Rev. D. McDonald, of Cambray, from Alvinston and Napier was disposed of, Mr. McDonald deciding to remain in his present charge. Other matters of local importance were also disposed of.

THE following donations for liquidating the debt on St. Andrew's Church, Sault Ste. Marie, are gratefully acknowledged: Manchester, additional, \$10; North Bruce and Saugeen, additional, \$30; Glamis, additional, \$5; Lucknow, additional, \$3; East Puslinch, collection, \$8; P. W. Bell, Esq., Michipicoten, \$4—J. R. MACLEOD, *Missionary*.

THE call addressed to the Rev. Mr. Hamilton by St. Andrew's Church, Kincardine, has been accepted by that gentleman, and the Presbytery of Maitland meets on the 27th inst., in St. Andrew's Church, Kincardine, at ten o'clock forenoon, to hear Mr. Hamilton's trial discourses, and if these are sustained the ordination and induction will take place on the same day, at one o'clock p.m.

THE Presbytery of Paris met in Zion Church, Brantford, on Monday, the 22nd March, for the visitation of that congregation. The usual questions were put, and the whole work of the church was found to be proceeding with great energy and success. On Tuesday, the 23rd, a good deal of business was transacted by the Presbytery, and in the evening a Presbyterial visitation was held in Mr. Lowry's church with equally satisfactory results.

A VERY pleasant and successful soiree was held in the Presbyterian church, Leslieville, on Thursday, the 18th ult. There was a full house. The provisions were excellent and abundant, the music all that could be desired, though some thought a few of the pieces rather long. The speeches seemed to give general satisfaction. The debt upon the church is rather heavy, but the people are in good spirits and if they had a settled pastor would very speedily get over all their difficulties.

THE annual meeting of the Students' Philosophical and Literary Society of the Presbyterian College, Montreal, was held on the evening of Friday, March 19th. The report read indicated that the closing session had been marked by great success, both financially and otherwise. The following officers were elected for the ensuing session:—President, R. McKibbin, B.A.; 1st Vice-President, G. D. Bayne; 2nd Vice-President, James Reid; Recording Secretary, W. A. McKenzie; Corresponding Secretary, R. Gamble; Treasurer, R. McNabb; Executive Committee, J. McFarland, G. Whillans, R. Leprise, D. McKay, A. Lee.

A VERY pleasant surprise was given to the Rev. Mr. Armstrong, of Florence, on the 9th ult. About fifty of the members and adherents of his congregation took possession of the manse and presented the minister and his wife with a fine set of parlour chairs

and a centre table, with lamp to match, accompanied by a very affectionate address, full of cordial appreciation of Mr. Armstrong's labours, and expressing most earnest wishes for the continued comfort and prosperity of both Mrs. Armstrong and himself. The evening was spent very pleasantly, and all felt that the bonds between pastor and people had been thereby greatly strengthened.

THE induction of the Rev. A. M. McClelland took place in Russell Presbyterian Church, Duncansville, on Monday, 22nd ult., at two o'clock. Rev. Mr. Clark, of New Edinburgh preached and presided, the Rev. Mr. ——— addressed the minister, and Rev. Mr. McDiarmid the people. In the evening a very pleasant social was given in the town hall. Addresses of a very interesting kind were delivered by the officiating ministers and by the Rev. Mr. Simpson, Methodist minister of Metcalfe, and also the newly-inducted pastor. The prospects here are very bright, the people are warm and enthusiastic, and Mr. McClelland enters on his labours under very cheering circumstances.

A VERY successful fruit social was held in Union Church, under the auspices of Brucefield branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, on Monday evening the 22nd inst., in connection with the annual meeting. The Rev. J. G. Thomson, the pastor, occupied the chair and gave some interesting extracts from the treasurer's and secretary's reports. These shew the Society to be in a very prosperous and healthy state, there being some additions to the membership during the year, also an increased interest taken by the members in the work of the Society. The amount contributed this year to the funds of the parent Society is \$50, being \$11 more than last year. Appropriate addresses on Foreign Missions were delivered by several ministers. The success of this annual meeting augurs well for the future of the Society.

FROM the printed report of the First Presbyterian Church, Seaforth, it appears that the past year has been one of great prosperity. The total amount raised from all sources was \$3,257.27. Arrangements had been made for clearing off all the debt on the church. A manse had been built which will be ready for occupation by July next. The present membership numbers 450. Since Mr. McDonald was settled as pastor 175 names have been added to the roll, viz., 96 by the union with the Harpurhey congregation, 44 by certificate, and 35 by profession of faith. For the schemes of the Church \$224.42 had been contributed during the year. This, for so large a congregation, seems small, but no doubt a change for the better will be shewn by another year. One very encouraging feature is the increase on the Sabbath collections, amounting to no less than \$349.37, and the hope is expressed that ultimately the whole general expenses of the congregation will be defrayed by this means.

THE second anniversary of the dedication of Knox Church, Harriston, was observed on Sabbath the 21st March. Rev. J. L. Murray, M.A., of Kincardine, preached both morning and evening to large congregations. On Monday evening the ladies gave a social which was a grand success. After refreshments were served, the congregation assembled in the church. The pastor, Rev. John Campbell, B.A., occupied the chair. Addresses were given by Revs. D. Fraser, M.A., Mount Forest, D. Stewart, Arthur, J. Craig and J. Baikie, Harriston. The music, under the leadership of Mr. J. Cumming, deserves particular notice. The proceeds amounted to \$208 and are to be applied to the building fund. This congregation is making laudable efforts to clear the church of debt, and their efforts are being crowned with gratifying success, for the debt of about \$12,000 which they incurred by building the church, is rapidly becoming small and beautifully less, and will soon be one of the things of the past.

THE annual meeting of Knox Church congregation, Beaverton, was held in the basement on the 4th of March. The attendance was very good. Mr. Daniel Cameron, treasurer, read the annual report, which shews the following standing of the congregation: the number of families, 135; number of communicants, 211; number of communicants added in 1879, 23; number of baptisms, 16; number attending the Sabbath school, 130; number of teachers, 12; number of sittings in Church, 1,000; paid minister's stipend, \$800; for building fund and repairing manse, \$1,345; Knox College, \$27; French Evangelization Society, \$24; Foreign Missions, \$38; Sabbath school to Home Missions, \$10; Aged and

Infirm Ministers, \$7; Widows' and Orphans' Fund, \$7; Assembly Fund, \$10; Home Missions, \$50; Assembly Fund, \$30; amount not otherwise specified, \$48. The total sum raised for all purposes in 1879 was \$2,396, making an average per family of \$17.75, and the average per communicant of \$11.32.

THE treasurer of the Student's Missionary Association of Queen's College, Kingston, begs to acknowledge receipt of the following sums collected by students in their various mission fields during the past summer. Owing to the low condition of the funds at the disposal of the Home Mission Committee, the Association agreed to assist the Kingston Presbytery in the maintenance of two missionaries to be employed within their bounds, by defraying half the expenses, and these sums are contributed for that purpose. James Ross, B.A., Camilla, \$9; P. F. Langell, Darling, \$4.27; R. C. Murray, Glentay, \$5; J. W. Mason, B.A., Greenock, \$9.25; D. McCarmel, B.A., Minden, \$3.50; D. McTavish, Collingwood Mountain, \$4.56; Peter Pollock, St. George's, N.B., \$14; G. McArthur, Lake Megantic, \$5; James Somerville, Huntsville, \$4; G. C. Patterson, B.A., Bearbrooke, \$8.20; John Chisholm, B.A., McIntyre, \$6; Andrew Love, B.A., East Templeton, \$5; James Cumberland, B.A., Hillier and Consecon, \$5.35; Robert Nairn, B.A., Newburg, \$5.33; Alexander McLeod, Tamworth, \$1.27.

ON Wednesday night, 17th inst., the second anniversary of the opening of the new church, corner of Jarvis and Carlton streets, Toronto, was celebrated by the congregation of Old St. Andrew's. The meeting was largely attended, and took the form of a missionary meeting. The pastor, Rev. G. M. Milligan, occupied the chair, and opened the meeting with devotional exercises. Professor McLaren, the moderator of the session before the congregation had a pastor of their own, Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, the pastor of the original members of Old St. Andrew's, and A. MacMurchy, Esq., the only member in the congregation of the original session, very appropriately addressed the meeting. The two former speakers very heartily congratulated the congregation on their success during the past three years. Mr. MacMurchy made a capital speech. A collection was taken up for the missions of the Presbyterian Church, making the contributions of the congregation for the year \$430. A very successful meeting was brought to a close by thankful recognition on behalf of the people by Mr. J. H. Thorn, seconded by Mr. William Henderson, of the services rendered them by Professor McLaren, who spoke on foreign missions, Mr. Macdonnell on home, and Mr. MacMurchy on congregational work.

BY the yearly report of St. Gabriel street Church, Montreal, it appears that there are 176 families connected with the congregation, and 375 members on the roll, a net increase of 16, for the year, after deducting all deaths and removals. The total receipts up to the 31st of January, 1880, were \$3,130.66, and disbursements \$2,854.07, leaving an apparent balance of \$276.59. The disbursements, however, were only to the 30th of November, and the sum needed to defray the expenses of the succeeding two months would place the church in debt to the treasurer to the extent of \$45.07. Old arrears, amounting to \$633, have to be paid off, towards which one member has offered \$100. The Sabbath school had an attendance of 183, a gain of 30 on the year. The school income was \$223.90. The following is a summary of the entire income and expenditure of the congregation for the year: Weekly offerings and collections, \$2,540.42; interest of money invested, \$413; special collections, \$168.24; Missionary Association, \$289.38; Sabbath school, \$143.12; Temperance Association, \$63.20; Dorcas Society, \$50.10; contributions to Queen's College, \$309; contributions to Taylor Church, \$117; contributions to Stanley street Church, \$30; received for Sabbath school picnic and soiree, \$125; total, \$4,258.55. Expended upon strictly congregational purposes, \$3,105.55; the schemes of the Church, \$788; other religious and benevolent objects, \$365; total, \$4,258.55.

ONE of the last public acts of the late Rev. Dr. Taylor, of Erskine Church, Montreal, was the organizing of a new Presbyterian congregation in the east end of that city, named, in honour of himself, "Taylor Church." Nearly four years have passed away since then, during which time the congregation has had a somewhat chequered history, changing its place of meeting fre-