

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

THE Young People's Association of Erskine Church, Toronto, have given \$60 to the building fund of the church.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, Carleton Place, has given a call to the Rev. Duncan McDonald, M.A., of Nova Scotia.

THE Ladies' Missionary Society of St. Andrew's Church, Kingston, held a successful bazaar on the 20th inst.

At a Sabbath school social recently held in the Presbyterian church at Mount Pleasant, a sum amounting to over \$30 was realized.

THE Presbyteries of Manitoba and Paris have nominated the Rev. W. Cochrane, D.D., of Brantford, for the Moderatorship of next Assembly.

SABBATH school anniversary services were held in the First Church, Port Hope, on the 18th inst. Rev. D. Mitchell, of Belleville, preached morning and evening.

A BAZAAR held in Old St. Andrew's Church (Mr. Milligan's), in this city, on the evening of the 20th inst., was attended by a large number of eager purchasers.

A CALL from the congregation of Upper Musquodoboit, N. S., to Mr. John A. Cairns, probationer, was sustained by the Presbytery of Halifax at its meeting on the 13th inst.

THE Rev. James McCaul, B.A., of Stanley Street Church, Montreal, has been appointed Professor of Classics for the Preparatory Department of the Presbyterian College in that city.

THE congregation of Knox Church, Ayr, have recently sold their manse on account of its inconvenient location, and have purchased a new site at a cost of \$500, whereon a new manse will shortly be erected.

WITH much regret we notice that the Rev. Dr. Black, of Kildonan, Manitoba, is seriously ill. By latest accounts to hand (Dec. 21) there was some little improvement in his condition, but there were still considerable fears as to his ultimate recovery.

THE Presbyterian congregation of Newburgh had a pleasant and successful tea meeting on the 19th inst. The speakers were Rev. Messrs. Young of Nanapan, Kellog of Millhaven, Young of Camden East, Leishman, pastor of the congregation, and Mr. E. G. P. Sanderson.

SERVICES were held on the 18th inst. in connection with the tenth anniversary of Chalmers Church, Guelph, appropriate sermons being preached by the Rev. Thomas Wardrope, D.D., pastor of the congregation. A social was held on the following Monday evening.

THE congregation of Knox Church, Winnipeg, have resolved to sell their present building and site and secure a more eligible place. An offer of \$100,000 has been received, but not accepted by latest accounts, as it was thought that a still higher price could be obtained.

THE young men of St. Andrew's Church, Guelph, having admitted lady members to their literary society, have changed its name to the Young People's Association. They held their first meeting under the new arrangement on the evening of the 16th inst., with an attendance of over forty members.

THE lecture delivered by Rev. Prof. McLaren in Knox Church, Beaverton, last Friday evening, under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society of that church, was largely attended considering the state of the roads, and highly appreciated by those who heard it. The proceeds, after paying all expenses, amounted to thirty dollars.

A FESTIVAL was held in connection with the Sabbath school of St. Andrew's Church, Winnipeg, on the evening of December 20th. Addresses were given by Rev. C. B. Pitblado, pastor of the congregation, Mr. W. D. Russell, superintendent of the school, and Mr. C. M. Copeland. The school numbers eleven teachers and sixty scholars, in addition to the pastor's Bible class.

ON the evening of Monday, Dec. 19, the teachers and scholars of the Sabbath school in connection with Chalmers Church, Woodstock, made a handsome presentation of reclining chairs to their superintendent, Mr. Thomas Mair. The gift was accompanied by an

address bearing testimony to the benefit derived from Mr. Mair's efforts in behalf of the school, especially in conducting teachers' meetings.

ON Christmas eve the Rev. Dr. Jardine, of St. John's Church, Brockville, was waited upon by the Treasurer of the congregation, who presented him, in the name of the people, with a cheque for \$100, accompanied by an expression of their appreciation of his ministry. Tokens such as these are valuable both for the material benefit to the recipient, and especially as an indication of the feeling which ought to exist between pastor and people.

THE congregation of St. Andrew's Church, Strathroy, held their anniversary services on the 18th inst. Rev. E. Cockburn, of Uxbridge, preached in the morning and evening, and Rev. R. Scobie, the late pastor, in the afternoon. The usual annual social was held on the Monday evening following, when addresses were given by Revs. J. E. Moore (Primitive Methodist), Cockburn, Scobie, Johnson, and Mr. G. W. Ross, M.P.

AT the annual social of the Sabbath school in connection with the Central Church, Hamilton, on 23rd December, the usual order of things on such occasions was reversed in so far that the children, instead of receiving gifts, made spontaneous contributions of money to be distributed among the poor of the city. We are glad to notice the change in this case, and hope we shall soon have further instances to record. "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

WE observe, in a late Maritime Province paper, an announcement of the death of the Rev. James Watson, of New Annan, N.S., one of the oldest Presbyterian ministers in Nova Scotia. He was a native of the north of Scotland, educated and ordained in the late Relief Church. He was first settled at Watterbeck, in the south of Scotland. About thirty-five years ago he came to Nova Scotia, and was successively minister of Economy, West River and New Annan. For the last few years he has been disabled by age and infirmity.

THE annual festival of Knox Church Sabbath school, Owen Sound, was held on the evening of the 16th inst. The large assemblage filled the town hall. The programme consisted of songs, choruses, glees, recitations, dialogues and tableaux, and a boat laden with gifts for all the scholars had her cargo discharged and distributed at the close. In the course of the evening a purse and gold coin were presented to Mr. Boddy, church organist; a handsome album to Miss Boddy, leader of the choir; and a valuable gift of books to Mr. Malcom, Sabbath school superintendent. The proceeds, clear of all expenses, amounted to \$120. The school numbers over 250.

THE annual missionary services of the Central Church, Hamilton, were held on the 18th inst. Rev. Principal McVicar, of the Montreal Presbyterian College, preached to large audiences morning and evening, and gave an address to the Sabbath school children in the afternoon. At the missionary meeting on the evening of the 19th, addresses were given by Rev. Principal McVicar and Rev. J. Kirkpatrick, of Cooke's Church, Toronto. The collections for missions, including those taken up on the Sabbath and on Monday evening, amounted to \$647.75. At the close of the meeting Mr. M. Wanzer promised Dr. McVicar a special donation of \$50 a year, to found a scholarship for the Pointe aux Trembles schools.

ON the afternoon and evening of the 16th inst. the ladies of Knox Church, Dundas, held a bazaar in the Town Hall, at which a great array of useful and fancy articles were offered for sale. Some beautiful work was to be seen among the fancy articles, and the prices obtained for such articles were very good indeed. Tea was set in the Hall about five o'clock, and from that time until late in the evening there was a constant succession of customers for this department, and the ladies provided bountifully for them all. The attendance both in the afternoon and evening was large, and especially so in the evening. The proceeds, after deducting expenses, will amount to about \$410—a sum the ladies may be proud of having contributed to the building fund of Knox Church.

THE Mission Band connected with John street Presbyterian church, Belleville, held a social in the Sabbath school room on Tuesday, 20th inst.: John Forin, Esq., in the chair. There was a sale of useful and ornamental work, which was well patronised.

The report of the Band, of which Mrs. Ritchie is president, and Miss Bella Forin secretary, shews that there has been year by year a constant increase of membership and of missionary benevolence. Ninety-five dollars was the amount raised by the Fund for the year, while it is confidently expected that a larger sum will be reached for the current year. A new feature of the work this year was found in the fact that a number of young girls had formed themselves into the Band of Hope as a branch of the Mission Band. They furnished a table for themselves with their own work, and netted for Dr. McKay's Mission in Formosa \$11.13. Short and interesting addresses were delivered by Messrs. Forin and Northrup, and by Rev. D. Mitchell. The choir rendered some beautiful anthems.

ANOTHER ERROR IN THE ASSEMBLY'S MINUTES.

MR. EDITOR,—As others are correcting mistakes in the last minutes of the Assembly through THE PRESBYTERIAN, allow me to do so also. The congregation of Tiverton is only credited with \$70 to the schemes of the Church, Synod and Presbytery funds, whereas they remitted \$206. Such mistakes do not tend to make congregations more liberal.

Tiverton, Dec. 22nd, 1881.

J. ANDERSON.

A NOTABLE NEW YEAR.

"Now they began on the first day of the first month to sanctify, and on the eighth day of the month came they to the porch of the Lord; so they sanctified the house of the Lord in eight days; and in the sixteenth day of the first month they made an end."—2 Chron. xxix. 17.

A most arresting statement truly. Few, if any, passages of Scripture could more suitably and seasonably be prayerfully considered by the people of God at "such a time as this;" and the thought, occurring so forcibly, must be expressed, that were the above statement conspicuously legible, although written or printed by only human hands on "the wall" of some spacious building to be occupied during the approaching "week of prayer," it might, under the blessing of God, have animating influence over many souls.

Let us consider:

I. *The great work accomplished.*—vs. 18, 19.

What a grand work of an analogical character is thereby suggested as a work worthy of the most prayerful attention of "the household of faith" in the beginning of 1882! "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God?"—1 Cor. iii. 16.

II. *How it came to pass that it was done, and "done suddenly."*

1. "God had pardoned the people."—v. 36.

2. In so doing He had rendered the priests and Levites greatly useful—vs. 12-16. and so could He render "pastors and teachers" in 1882.

The influence of King Hezekiah had greatly to do with the whole, as is evident from the spirit of his noble address—vs. 5-12.

But "there is another King, one Jesus," who is building the temple of the Lord, to whom we are all invited to look, whose grace is sufficient for us, to animate, to guide, and to strengthen, and who "shall bear the glory."

III. *Some immediate results.*

1. A great impulse given to the spirit of worship—vs. 28-30.

2. Extension of a spirit of liberality in connection with the worship and service of the Lord—v. 35.

3. *Great joy.* "And Hezekiah rejoiced, and all the people, that God had prepared the people, for the thing was done suddenly." JOSEPH ELLIOT.

December 29th, 1881.

We desire again to remind subscribers in arrears that payment should no longer be delayed. Take a look at the printed label on this copy of your paper, and if you find the figures do not indicate subscription paid up to 31st December, 1881, remit at once, and commence the New Year with no indebtedness on your Church paper.

A POWERFUL revival is in progress in Honolulu and other places in the Hawaiian Islands, through the labours of Mr. M. L. Hallenbeck. The missionaries say there has been nothing like it there since the great revival among the natives in 1838.