

ult. As the annual meeting was held this year nearly a month earlier than last year, the receipts have not been as full as they would otherwise be for the year. The following are the receipts: Received for salary by subscription, \$596 50; for missionary purposes, \$154.45; Sabbath collections, \$245 38; special collections, \$60.20; from other sources, \$78 60: total receipts, \$1,135.13. There was a lively discussion on the subject of the apportionment of the missionary money. The apportionment for next year is as follows: Home Mission, 27 per cent.; Foreign, 27 per cent.; French Evangelization, 27 per cent.; College, 19 per cent. It was agreed that a special collection be taken up for the Aged and Infirm Ministers' and Widows' Fund, and that that fund be not hereafter a burden on the ordinary mission money.

THE statistics given below in regard to Sabbath schools in the Presbytery of Guelph, were presented at the conference held last week: Knox Church, Guelph, 310 scholars on roll; 200 of an average attendance; 33 teachers; and 709 books in library. Chalmers' Church, Guelph, has 150 scholars; 138 of an average attendance; 15 teachers; and 428 books in library. Knox Church, Galt, has 225 scholars on roll; 175 of an average attendance; 41 teachers; and 900 books in library. Central Church, Galt, has 125 scholars on roll; 92 of an average attendance; 15 teachers, and 800 books in library. Doon has 38 scholars on roll; 19 of an average attendance; 6 teachers; and 17 books in library. Preston has 65 scholars on roll; 55 of an average attendance; 7 teachers; and 175 books in library. St. Andrew's Church, Berlin, has 50 scholars on roll; 37 of an average attendance; 7 teachers; number of books in library not given.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, London, held its annual meeting on Wednesday, the 26th ult. From the report read it appears that the ordinary revenue for the year ending 31st December, 1880, had been \$4,213.11—an increase over that of 1879 of \$260.31. The Sabbath collections were larger than those of 1879 by \$39.18, and the increase on pew rents was \$221.13. The expenditure, including \$419.80 on repairs and enlargement of the church, had been \$4,748.42, necessitating the borrowing of \$500 for the purpose of meeting the different items of ordinary outlay. The liabilities at the end of the year are stated to have been \$6,350.74, an increase of \$413.92 over what they were at the close of 1879. The Ladies' Aid Society had an income of \$257.69, and had expended \$222 01. From the annual report of the missionary association it appears that the total amount raised for missionary purposes was \$1,177.11. The number of children whose names are on the roll of Sabbath school was 215. Average attendance, 177. The Woman's Foreign Missionary Association had raised \$134.38.

AT Woodbridge on the 20th inst., a musical and artistic entertainment, conducted by Mr. J. W. Bengough, was given in the Orange Hall in aid of the building fund of the Presbyterian Church. Before the hour of commencement had arrived the hall was more than comfortably filled. The order maintained throughout the evening was exceptionally good, and as a proof the audience's appreciation of the entertainment, at the hour of fifteen minutes to eleven o'clock, numbers of voices were heard, "Encore! Encore! Encore!" The evening being everything that could be desired, the weather mild, and roads good, the friends returned to their homes, many of them rejoicing over the very enjoyable evening spent at the entertainment. The last, but not least noticeable feature resulting from the exertions of the promoter and a few of his friends, was the handsome sum of \$180 clear of all expenses—the result of a little perseverance.

THE annual congregational meeting of St. Andrew's Church, Three Rivers, took on the 24th ult. The report submitted by the Secretary-treasurer, Mr. A. Houliston, was most encouraging. For strictly congregational purposes the sum of \$1,275 was collected; for Home Missions, \$50; for French Evangelization, \$48; for Foreign Missions, \$30; for Aged and Infirm ministers, \$13; for Presbytery and Synod funds, \$8; and for Assembly fund, \$3.50. The sum of \$96 was collected by the Sabbath school, \$50 of which was sent as a scholarship for the Pointe aux Trembles school, together with an additional \$25 from Mr. J. Houliston for the same purpose. Total amount, from all sources, collected by the congregation during the year, over \$1,600. Mr. Alexander Baptist, one of the elders, offers to pay \$1,000 towards the liquidation of a debt still resting on the church property, if the peo-

ple will find the rest. We hope it will soon be done. We have reason to thank God for the marked progress made by this little church since the induction of the Rev. C. E. Amaron about eighteen months ago.

ON the 26th ult., upon the occasion of Rev. Mr. Cameron's return from his wedding tour, the congregations of Boston Church, Esquesing, and Knox Church, Milton, assembled in Knox Church and presented the reverend gentleman a very cordial address and a purse containing \$1.40 in gold. Mr. John Stewart occupied the chair. In replying to the address Mr. Cameron said he was deeply affected by these unexpected proceedings, and could only express his heartiest thanks for the kind and encouraging words contained in the address, and for the very substantial presentation. It seemed to him that he had scarcely got over one trouble when another came up. He thanked the people for the very kind expressions of welcome extended to Mrs. Cameron, and hoped they would all come and visit them in their home. Brief addresses of congratulation were then made by Messrs. Hardy, Bowman, and Stewart on behalf of Boston Church, and Messrs. Lindsay, Fraser, Caldwell, Cummins, Smith and Niehaus on behalf of Knox Church. The meeting was then closed, after which the people were introduced to Mrs. Cameron.

THE annual meeting of the congregation of Knox Church, St. Catharines, was held in the basement of the church, on Wednesday evening, the 12th inst. There was quite a large attendance. Mr. Robert Lawrie filled the chair. The financial affairs of the congregation are in a very prosperous state, which is due in a great measure to the weekly envelope system being generally adopted, and also to the Ladies' Aid Society, who have done nobly this year, having raised over \$700 to assist the trustees in paying off the debt. It was decided at the meeting that a special collection be taken up on the last Sabbath in each month, the proceeds of which is to go towards reducing the mortgage. By this means they hope to raise nearly \$1,000. The annual missionary meeting was held on the following Wednesday; it also was well attended, the basement of the church being full. The amount collected by the ladies, with interest added, was \$331, and from the Sabbath school, \$130, making in all, \$461, which was appropriated as follows: Home Mission, \$15.50; Foreign Missions, \$100; French Evangelization, \$103 35; Colleges, ordinary fund, \$53; Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, \$15; Widows and Orphans' Fund, \$15; Manitoba College, \$10.60; Assembly fund, \$13.25. The above amounts to \$10.50 more than the sum asked for from them by the Presbytery.

THE annual Sabbath school tea-meeting in connection with Chalmers' Church, Quebec, was held on the evening of the 11th January. There were present at the tea about 150 children. After they had done justice to the good things which the teachers had provided for them, they repaired to the church, where their number was augmented by about 200 of their friends, and a very choice programme of addresses, readings, and singing was gone through. The report of the Secretary of the school, which was read by him during the evening, was a very satisfactory one, shewing the school and Bible class to be in a very flourishing condition, numerically and financially, the number in the Bible class being the largest ever attained. Then came the most interesting event of the evening. The teachers and their friends had provided a surprise, in the shape of a Sabbath school tree loaded with good things for the children. After they had all been distributed, the children and all present seeming to enjoy it immensely, two of the smallest children in the infant class presented their pastor, the Rev. G. D. Mathews, D.D., on behalf of the congregation, with a very handsome fur coat and a pair of gloves. The rev. gentleman expressed himself highly pleased with the kindness shewn him, and hoped he would be long spared to labour among such an affectionate congregation.

AT the annual congregational meeting of Chesley Presbyterian church, the Treasurer reported the finances of the church in a flourishing condition. During the past year steps had been taken to wipe off the debt on the church property. The chairman of the Building Committee announced the gratifying news that the effort made had been successful, and that the church was now free from debt. The pastor, Rev. John Ferguson, B.D., reported an addition of ninety to the communion roll during the year, and

seven removals therefrom, or a net increase of eighty-three, making the total membership at present 193. Favourable reports were also given of the Bible class and prayer-meeting, especially the latter, which has largely increased in interest and attendance during the year. As the church is getting too small for the regular attendance, a committee was appointed to consider what steps should be taken to provide suitable accommodation for the congregation, either by enlarging the present church or building a new one. The pastor having been requested to vacate the chair, and D. M. Halliday, Esq., J.P., being called to it, it was decided by vote of the congregation to pay the rent of the minister's house until it would be convenient to build a manse. A few months ago the ladies of the congregation presented the pastor with a purse containing \$68. At present congregational affairs are prospering, and the outlook for the future is hopeful.

PRESBYTERY OF PARIS. This Presbytery held a special meeting at Paris in Dumfries street Church, on the 24th ult., at four o'clock p.m. There was a very full attendance of members. A call from the congregation of Ridgetown in the Presbytery of Chatham, in favour of Mr. G. G. McRobbie, minister of Tilsonburg and Culloden, was read, with relative documents. The usual citation was issued, and parties directed to appear for their interests at a meeting of the Presbytery to be held in Knox Church, Woodstock, on Tuesday, the 15th inst., at twelve o'clock, noon. River street Church, Paris, petitioned for a moderation in a call to a minister. The petition was granted, and the Moderator of session was appointed to attend to the matter as soon as may be found convenient. Mr. Little, minister of Princeton and Drumbo, gave in the report of the committee appointed to visit Old St. Andrew's, East Oxford. The report was received, the committee were thanked for their diligence, and the Presbytery agreed to ask the Home Mission Committee for a grant of two dollars a Sabbath for said station. The attention of the Presbytery having been called to the serious illness of Mr. Thomas Lowry, minister of First Church, Brantford, a resolution of sympathy was adopted, and arrangements made for supplying the pulpit by members of the Presbytery. As previously arranged, a Conference on the State of Religion was held on Monday evening and Tuesday. The opening sermon was preached by Mr. Grant, minister of Knox Church, Ingersoll, from Acts i. 8, "But ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you." Thereafter the Conference proceeded to the discussion of the following subjects, fifteen minutes being allowed for each opening address, viz.: "Hindrances to the Work of the Spirit, and how they may be Removed," "Duties of the Eldership," "The Great Aim to be kept in view by the Gospel Minister," "Family Religion," "The Sabbath School Teacher's Preparation," and "How may a Revived State of Religion be brought about within our Bounds?" All elders and Sabbath school superintendents within the Presbytery having been invited to take part in the conference, the speaking was not limited to the members of the court. The discussion never flagged, a profoundly earnest and solemn spirit reigned throughout, a hallowed sense of the Spirit's presence was felt, and about half-past five on Tuesday evening, the meeting was brought to a close, all feeling that it had been good for them to be there. The Presbytery then adjourned to meet in Knox Church, Woodstock, on the 15th inst., at noon. —W. T. McMULLEN, Pres. Clerk.

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