

contributed for missions by the British Societies was £1,351,000.

Brethren, what are we doing? There is a vast and wide Home Mission field stretched out before us. There are many souls perishing for lack of knowledge. There are dark spots in this land filling up with people for whose soul no man seems to care. A spirit of enquiry has been directed to the spiritual destitution existing in the Eastern part of the Province. Has such a spirit been aroused in the West? When will the time come when really girding ourselves for the fight we shall put our

whole sou's in the work, shall go forth earnestly, prayerfully, carefully, not in our own strength and vain gloriously, but as men who remember the words of our Master, "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit saith the Lord." Not comparing ourselves with others, but setting before us the immense amount of work to be done, may we realise how deficient we have been hitherto, and resolve, God helping us, steadfastly to confront, and aim at fulfilling our duty as a church, towards our great Head and towards those whom He has placed under our care.

## News of our Church.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, GALT.—The Report of this Congregation, which we briefly acknowledged in our last, is highly encouraging. The present Report is for the three years, from April 1862, to April 1865, and the Managers state, in explanation, that at the date of the induction of the present excellent pastor, the Rev. Robert Campbell, it was considered advisable to reorganize, the Congregation having become very much scattered. This has been done with the best results, which are now before us. A subscription list was opened for those who would undertake to pay annually for three years a certain sum towards the Minister's stipend.

In the first place, then, it appears that the Minister has been regularly paid \$600 per annum, and that no arrears are due to him, a matter of very great importance, in retaining between pastor and people a feeling of entire confidence. Aid to Missions and for charitable purposes has been liberally bestowed; the means of worship appear to have been kept up in a decent and orderly manner, and it is evident from the amounts expended, that the Church, both in its exterior and interior has been put and maintained on a proper footing. As a specimen of the amounts expended for Synodical objects, and which are worthy of being looked at by congregations, more wealthy probably than that of Galt, we would refer to the Widow's Fund \$50, Temporalities Fund \$136, French Mission \$57, Presbytery's Mission \$18, besides various objects, not strictly Synodical, but which had the Synod's sanction. The annual receipts have steadily risen from \$10.88 the first year, to \$11.62 this last year; and taking the balances in hand with the liabilities which appear on the other side, the congregation of Galt occupies the very pleasant position of being free of debt, and owing no man anything.

The Rev. Mr. Paton, who has been officiating for some time past in St. Andrew's Church, Montreal, lately received a unanimous call to become assistant and successor to the Rev. Dr. Mathieson. He announced acceptance of the call a few Sabbaths ago, and has proceeded to Scotland for Ordination.

The Rev. Dr. Jenkins of St. Paul's Church Montreal, is at present in Britain preparing to bring out his family to this country. It is probable he will be here by the end of this month.

INDUCTION AT SOUTHWOLD.—The Rev. Donald Ross, formerly of Vaughan, was inducted into this charge on the 24th of May last, Mr. Nicol, of London, preaching and presiding. The newly inducted minister was afterwards addressed by Mr. Nicol, and the congregation by Dr. George, of Stratford. The rejoicings of the day (Queen's birth-day), and a great celebration at the neighbouring town of St. Thomas, somewhat interfered with the occasion; but there was a large attendance notwithstanding, and much interest displayed by the people.

Mr. Ross enters upon his ministry in Southwold with great encouragement. The charge is new, and important to the church for the influence which a faithful and successful ministry there is certain to wield on surrounding districts. Mr. Ross has gone West, not so much after his own comfort as in the interests of church extension, and every friend of the church must wish him God speed.

The Rev. W. C. Clark, of Ormstown, Durham, was lately presented by his congregation with a very handsome buggy and a very elegant set of silver mounted harness. The presentation speaks well for pastor and people.

On Sabbath morning, the 16th ult., at five o'clock a. m., the summer kitchen of the manse, occupied by the Rev. Mr. Thomson, Moderator, was discovered to be in flames. An alarm was instantly given, but ere assistance could arrive the manse was blazing within, and burned up almost instantly. Through the efforts of the people, the furniture was rescued, but in the confusion some valuable dresses were consumed. Mr. Thomson insured his household effects about six weeks before, and received his policy two days before the fire took place. But the building itself was not insured. It belongs to the congregation.

The Rev. Mr. Cochrane, through the hands of E. Webster, Esq., has been made the recipient of a very handsome present from the Americans