

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

REV. Mr. McCaul has declined the call to St. Paul's Church, Fredericton.

THE Second Presbyterian church, St. Mary's has had its name changed to that of "Knox church, St. Mary's."

THE congregation of the Presbyterian church at Prescott, has given a unanimous call to the Rev. Mr. Stewart, of Pakenham.

A SOCIAL recently held in connection with Boston church, Milton, at the house of Mr. J. Hume, realized over sixty dollars.

REV. W. A. LANG, M.A., minister of Lunenburg and Avonmore, has been presented by the Avonmore congregation with a very valuable pair of buffalo robes.

THE Ladies' Aid Society of Knox church, St. Thomas, held a literary and musical entertainment at the manse on Tuesday evening 21st inst. The receipts amounted to \$20.

REV. John Somerville, M.A., of Division street Presbyterian church, Owen Sound, was recently presented by his congregation with an elegant and comfortable study chair.

AT the annual meeting of the congregation of Erskine church, Montreal, on the 15th inst., it was decided to abolish pew rents and adopt the envelope system of voluntary contributions.

ON the 19th inst. an interesting address on mission work in China was delivered in Knox Church, St. Thomas, by the Rev. Mr. Porter, who has been for six years a missionary in that country.

THE Young People's Christian Association of Knox Church, Galt, had Vice-Chancellor Blake lecturing for them on the evening of the 15th inst. The subject of the lecture was "Charles Dickens."

THE annual social of Dalv street Presbyterian church, Ottawa, held on the 23rd inst., was largely attended. The chair was occupied by Rev. Mr. Armstrong, and addresses were delivered by Rev. Messrs. Gordon, Sparling and Farries, and Rev. Dr. Kemp.

ON the evening of the 9th inst. the Presbyterians of Mann's settlement, Sarnia township, visited the Rev. J. M. Goodwillie of Knox church, Camlachie, who has been supplying them with monthly services during the past year, and presented him with a handsome sum of money.

REV. G. COULL, formerly of New Glasgow, N.S., has accepted the call to Valleyfield. The stipend promised is \$800 and a free manse. The induction has been fixed for Thursday, 6th February. Rev. D. W. Morrison to preside, Rev. R. H. Warden to preach, and Rev. J. S. Black to address the minister and people.

THE call from Stanley street Church, Montreal, to the Rev. James McCaul, formerly of Three Rivers, has been accepted, and the induction is to take place on Tuesday, 4th February. Rev. P. Wright to preach and preside, Rev. J. Nicholl to address the people, and Rev. J. Mackie to address the minister.

A MEETING on behalf of home and foreign missions was held on the 16th in Zion church, Brantford. Earnest and practical addresses on the subject were given by Rev. Mr. Laidlaw, of Hamilton, and Rev. Mr. Murray, of London. The chair was occupied by the pastor of the church, Rev. Dr. Cochrane.

A REPORT recently circulated in several newspapers throughout the country, to the effect that the Rev. Dr. Jenkins had resigned the pastoral charge of St. Paul's church, Montreal, and that the congregation had desired the Rev. D. M. Gordon, of Ottawa, to become his successor, has been contradicted by Mr. Gordon.

THE annual soiree in connection with the Presbyterian Church, Bowmanville, was held on the 1st inst. The chair was occupied by Rev. T. Atkinson, pastor of the church, and addresses were delivered by Rev. J. C. Smith, of Oshawa; Rev. Mr. Howard, of the M. E. Church; Dr. McLaughlin, of Bowmanville, and Rev. A. A. Drummond, of Newcastle. The proceedings were enlivened by excellent music supplied by the choir in connection with the church.

THE Sabbath School of St. Andrew's Church, Arthur, held its annual entertainment on Wednesday evening, 1st January. There was a very large attendance. The Rev. D. Stewart, the pastor of the congregation occupied the chair. Interesting addresses

were delivered by the Rev. Mr. Robinson (Baptist) the chairman, and others. At present the Sabbath School is large, and in a flourishing condition. Mr. Peterkin, Secretary, (who also leads the Sabbath School singing) takes a lively interest in its welfare.—
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AT the anniversary services of St. Andrew's church, Blyth, on the 12th inst., Rev. J. Sieveright, of Goderich, preached, and a collection was taken up to go towards liquidating the debt remaining on the building. On Monday evening, the 13th a soiree was held at which addresses were delivered by Rev. Messrs. Pritchard, Sieveright, and McLean. The children had their festival on Wednesday, the 15th and were addressed by Rev. Messrs. McRae and McLean, and by several of the teachers. The amount realized, including the Sabbath collections, was \$148.40.

THE annual meeting of the congregation of Widder street Presbyterian church, St. Mary's, was held on Monday, the 20th inst., Rev. John McAlpine, the pastor, in the chair. It was announced that over \$8,000 had been subscribed towards the erection of a new church, which would probably be increased to over \$10,000 by the time the canvas was completed. A vote having been taken, it was decided to proceed with the erection of a new building on the old site during the coming summer. It was also decided that instrumental music should be introduced, and that the system of voluntary weekly contributions by means of envelopes should be adopted.

ON New Year's morning the Hon. W. J. Christie, James Hall Esq., and other officers of St. John's church, Brockville, called on their pastor, the Rev. D. McGillivray, B.A., and, in the name of the congregation, presented him with a purse of money, and an address, assuring him of the sincere friendship and attachment of the congregation to him as their pastor and personal friend; signifying their unanimous desire and firm determination to sustain him in all his schemes for the advancement of the congregation and Sabbath School; and expressing their appreciation of his ministerial labours and efforts for their own and their children's spiritual good. Mr. McGillivray made a suitable reply, stating that though he prized their magnificent gift for its own sake, he prized it still more for the sake of the generous feeling which it evinced.

THE annual meeting of the congregation of St. Andrew's church, Guelph, was held on Monday the 20th inst. The several reports having been read and adopted, the meeting proceeded to the election of office bearers. Mr. Richard Rutherford was elected in room of Mr. James Galbraith, and Mr. James Dunn in room of Mr. Douglas, resigned. Mr. C. Pettiford was elected in place of Mr. James Patterson, who was elected Secretary-Treasurer in place of Capt. Swinford, resigned. On motion of Mr. John McCrea, seconded by Mr. Geo. Anderson, a cordial vote of thanks was passed to Capt. Swinford for the very efficient services he had rendered the congregation during the three years he had acted as Secretary-Treasurer. A vote of thanks was also passed to the Mayor and Town Council for their kindness in granting the use of the Town Hall to the congregation during the time the church was being enlarged.

THE ordination of the Rev. D. G. McKay, and his induction into the pastoral charge of the Presbyterian congregation at Bluevale, took place on the 8th inst. It is a remarkable circumstance that the services connected with this ordination and induction began at half past eleven p.m. and were closed at one o'clock in the morning. The cause of this was that the train by which Mr. McKay travelled from Woodstock was detained all afternoon at Palmerston by snow-drifts. The Presbytery, however, determined to await his arrival, and the people followed their example to such an extent that the congregation present at these midnight services numbered over 600 persons. Many of these, having come from some distance at 11 o'clock, a.m., remained in or about the church for fourteen hours without manifesting any signs of impatience. After recording this fact it is almost unnecessary to state that their new pastor is highly appreciated by the Bluevale congregation, and that his prospects are very encouraging.

THE Rev. Charles Campbell, having a few months ago resigned the pastorate of St. Andrew's church, Niagara, received prior to his departure a hearty demonstration of respect and esteem, joined in by all

classes and denominations in the town and neighbourhood. For nearly twenty years he had been chairman of both High School and Public School Boards; and at the close of the Christmas examination of the High School, a crowded audience assembled in the Court House to witness the presentation to him of addresses from the pupils of both schools, and a general address from the town and neighbourhood, together with a handsome gold watch and chain and a purse of money. In the address from the inhabitants, Mr. Campbell is credited with sterling integrity, brilliant talents and sound judgment, together with unassuming manners and uniform kindness; and special mention is made of the sacrifices of personal ease and comfort which he had cheerfully made to promote the public welfare.

THE annual meeting of the Central Presbyterian Church, Toronto, was held on Monday night, Rev. D. Mitchell, pastor, in the chair. After devotional exercises the reports were read. An increase of 160 appears in the membership since the organization of the church in June 1875. The Sabbath School attendance has reached 210; and the children have during the year given \$88 to missions and \$120 to the building fund. The Ladies' Missionary and Benevolent Association have devoted \$60 to benevolence and \$100 to the schemes of the Church. A Young Men's Association has been formed in connection with the congregation. The revenue has steadily increased, having now reached upwards of \$80 per Sabbath. The weekly offerings by envelopes are found sufficient for the maintenance of the church, without pew rents or special contributions. Additional buildings for the Sabbath School and the social work of the church have been erected during the year at a cost of upwards of \$8,000. The meeting, which was a very agreeable and harmonious one, was terminated by the doxology and the benediction by the pastor.

THE new church recently erected by the Presbyterian congregation of Greenbank, was formally opened on Sabbath Nov. 10th. The Rev. Professor McLaren was to have conducted the forenoon service, but was unwell. The Rev. R. Leask of St. Helen's, preached both forenoon and afternoon and the Rev. S. Acheson, of Cookstown, preached in the evening. The attendance at all the services was large. At the afternoon service many could not get in, and the pastor of the congregation conducted another service in the basement of the church. On Monday there was a dinner, after which addresses were given by members of the Lindsay Presbytery and two ministers belonging to the Methodist church. Then there was a tea in the evening, after which Rev. John Smith of Bay street, Toronto, gave his excellent lecture, the "Characteristics of a Living Church." On Monday though the day was unpleasant and the roads very bad, the attendance was large, over \$300 were realized from the collections on Sabbath and the meeting on Monday. The building is a fine brick church with excellent basement, and has a fine appearance. Pastor and people deserve great credit for its erection.

THE opening of the new Presbyterian church in the village of Norwood took place on the 12th inst., in the presence of the largest concourse of people ever assembled on such an occasion in that neighbourhood. At each of the three services the attendance was very large, many having to turn away for want of accommodation, although every possible expedient was adopted to make room for all. Rev. T. F. Fotheringham, the pastor conducted the opening devotional and dedicatory exercises. Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, of Toronto, preached morning and evening, and Rev. Mr. Bell, of Peterborough, in the afternoon. On Monday, the 13th, a soiree was held, at which the pastor presided, and interesting addresses were delivered by Rev. Messrs. White, Bell, Thom, and Macdonnell. Another social was held on Tuesday evening. At both of these the commissariat department was well attended to, and the choir of the church did admirable service. The collections at the Sabbath services amounted to \$95, the proceeds of soiree on Monday to \$182.50, and those of the social on Tuesday to \$37.50, making in all \$315. The total cost of the building and ground is about \$8,000, more than half of which is subscribed, and, in great part, paid.

THE Norwood congregation sets an example to our debt-burdened city churches. About eight months ago the corner stone of their new church was laid, and on the second Sabbath of the current month