

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

REV. MR. PAYNTER is conducting evangelistic services in Elora with good results.

REV. J. F. DICKIE, of Berlin, has received a call to the Central Presbyterian Church, Detroit.

THE congregations of Newtonville and Kendall, gave a unanimous call to Mr. Alex. Leslie of Elora on the 10th.

THE Rev. J. M. King, M. A., of Toronto occupied the pulpit of Crescent street Church, Montreal on Sabbath last and preaches there again next Sabbath.

THE Presbyterian congregation of Brucefield recently presented Rev. John Ross, their pastor, with a cutter and harness, and Mrs. Ross with a purse containing a handsome sum of money.

THE Presbyterian congregation of Omemece held a social on Friday evening, the 7th ult. There was a good attendance. Rev. Mr. Ewing presided, and an excellent address was given by Rev. Mr. Chapman.

THE congregation of Knox Church, Milton, held an entertainment on Tuesday evening, 21st ult., for the purpose of raising funds for the purchase of an organ. The proceeds, including subscriptions obtained at the meeting, amounted to \$130.

THE annual soiree in connection with the congregation of Knox Church, Stratford, was held on Monday evening, the 10th inst. Addresses were given by Rev. P. McF. McLeod, the pastor, Rev. T. McPherson, Rev. C. Walker, and Rev. D. D. McLeod of Paris.

A SOCIAL was held in Stanley street Church, Montreal, on the evening of Tuesday, the 11th inst., for the purpose of welcoming the new pastor, Rev. James McCaul, B.A. Principal Dawson presided, and addresses were given by Revs. G. H. Wells, Dr. Jenkins, John Gordon, J. McCaul, and W. I. Shaw, LL.B.

A VERY pleasant entertainment was given in the Presbyterian Church, Barton, on Friday evening, the 7th inst. Mr. J. Rymal, M.P., occupied the chair, and addresses were delivered by Mr. J. C. Tibb, student of Knox College, Rev. Mr. Lyle of the Central Church, Hamilton, and Rev. Mr. Robinson.

THE anniversary of the Sabbath school in connection with the Barrie Presbyterian Church was held on the 30th ult. Mr. John Black, the superintendent, occupied the chair, and addresses were given by Rev. Mr. Leiper and Mr. A. D. McNab. The total amount contributed by the children for missionary purposes was \$128.67.

THE annual meeting of the congregation of Knox Church, Mitchell, was held on the 13th ult. The report of the Session showed a considerable increase in numbers during the year, fifty-four new names having been added to the roll, while only twenty-three were removed. The membership of the congregation now numbers 296. The number of baptisms during the year was forty-four.

THE first missionary meeting in connection with the new church in Komoka took place on the 7th inst. There was a good attendance. The Rev. Mr. McMillan gave an interesting account of some incidents in his pioneer missionary work in Canada. The claims of the various schemes of the Church were brought forward by the Rev. Messrs. Henderson and D. B. Whimster of English Settlement.

THE annual meeting of the congregation of Calvin Church, St. John, N.B., was held on Wednesday evening, 5th inst. The report read by the Secretary-Treasurer is said to have been highly satisfactory, showing that, notwithstanding the general commercial depression and various other discouragements, the congregation had raised more money during the year than they had raised in any previous year.

AT a soiree held in St. Andrew's Church, East Oxford, on Tuesday evening, 11th inst., Mr. George D. McKay, student of Knox College, was presented with a purse containing a handsome sum of money. The gift was accompanied by an address expressing the regard and esteem of the congregation for Mr. McKay, and their appreciation of his services among them during last summer.

THE annual missionary meeting of the East Puslinch congregation was held in Duff's Church last Thursday night, the pastor, Rev. Alexander McKay, D.D., presiding. Addresses were delivered by the Rev. George Haigh of Hespeler, Archibald Campbell, Esq., of Acton, Rev. N. McDiarmid of West Puslinch,

and Mr. James McLean, merchant at Aberfoyle. There was a good attendance. The collection was in behalf of Foreign Missions.

THE Congregation of St. Matthew's Church, Point St. Charles, Montreal, recently made several improvements on their school-room to aid in defraying which a concert was given in the Mechanics' Hall last Friday evening. The chair was occupied by Mr. Jas. Croil. A varied programme, including an address from the Rev. J. Scrimger, was gone through. The attendance was large and the meeting a thorough success. The Rev. M. C. Cameron, B.D., has filled the pulpit of this church for the last two Sabbaths with great acceptance.

A SOIREE was held at Ratho on the evening of Thursday, the 6th inst., in connection with the Presbyterian congregation of that place. The chair was occupied by the pastor, Rev. M. Aull, and addresses were delivered by Rev. Messrs. Robertson, Little (Princeton), McLeod (Paris), McMullen (Woodstock), and Mr. Oliver, M.P. The proceeds amounted to \$101.90. A social for the young people was held on the following evening when addresses were given by Rev. Messrs. Aull and Armstrong, and Mr. T. Nichol. The amount realized at this meeting was \$10.40.

THE first series of Missionary services in the Hyde Park Presbyterian Church were held last week and were very successful. Sermons appropriate to the occasion were preached by the Rev. J. A. Murray of London and Mr. Henderson, the pastor. On Monday night an interesting and instructive address on the claims of our colleges, and an appeal on behalf of our Home Missions were made by the Rev. Dr. Proudfoot. The Rev. F. Ballantyne, M.A., spoke on Foreign Missions. More than fifty dollars were reported as contributed to the schemes of the Church during the past year.

ON Tuesday evening, the 4th inst., a large number of the members and adherents of the Presbyterian congregations of Mono Mills and Mono East, visited the Rev. Alex. Tait at his boarding place and presented him with a well filled purse and an address expressing their esteem and regard for him, and their appreciation of his efforts in the cause of morality and religion. To the address Mr. Tait made a fitting reply. It is not many weeks since some of the ladies of the Caledon congregation—another branch of Mr. Tait's charge—called on him and presented him with a plaid and a valuable pair of buffalo robes.

THE annual festival of the Sabbath School of St. Paul's Church, Montreal, took place last Friday evening in the lecture room of the church, which was tastefully decorated for the occasion. The Rev. Dr. Jenkins presided and gave a short address, as did also the Rev. Mr. Cruickshank and J. L. Morris, Esq., the superintendent. The annual report was read by the Secretary, Mr. T. Henderson. The school roll numbers 300, and the missionary collections for the year exceeded \$400. The main feature of the evening's entertainment was a magic lantern exhibition, which gave great delight to the children, each of whom was presented with a box of confections before retiring.

THE annual missionary meeting of Knox Church, St. Thomas, was held on 29th January. The attendance was fair. The report of the Missionary Association for the year was read by Mr. James McCrone on behalf of the secretary, Mrs. McCrone, from which it appeared that upwards of two hundred and twenty dollars were contributed for the schemes of the Church. The congregation raised besides during the year upwards of \$———. After a few remarks from the pastor, Rev. M. Fraser, Revs. G. Sutherland of Fingal, and J. A. Murray of London addressed the meeting. The choir gave splendid music. Rev. G. Simpson was present, but lack of time precluded him making a speech. The meeting was a very good one.—COM.

THE annual meeting of the congregation at Dunnville, was held on the evening of Wednesday, Feb. 5th., a considerable number of the members and adherents being present. The pastor, Rev. Geo. A. Yeomans, B.A., occupied the chair. A report of the financial affairs for 1878 had been previously printed by the Board of Managers and was in the hands of the congregation. This report showed the receipts and expenditures for the year—for ordinary congregational expenses, for schemes of the Church, and for paying off the debt incurred for improvements a year ago. Among the business transacted was the adoption of a constitution which had been submitted to

the Presbytery for correction, so that this congregation has now an authorized body of rules for the government of its affairs. The Session Report showed that the communion roll with late additions numbers ninety-three. After the business was transacted, the ladies supplied the congregation with coffee and other refreshments, and a friendly social time was spent cultivating acquaintance among the members.

MR. WILLIAM MUIR, for many years an honoured and respected elder in the Central Presbyterian Church, Hamilton, died recently at the ripe old age of seventy-eight. Regarding him the Hamilton "Spectator" says: "Few men, in these days, at his age were in such full sympathy with what was youthful, and entered so largely into the spirit of what was going on around him. He had a kindly word for all, young or old, and a warm heart and an open hand to all in trouble or distress. We fail to hear of even the shadow of enmity anywhere being felt towards him. He has had the unspeakable satisfaction of seeing his family around him—all in honourable positions and able to take care of themselves. One of them, Mr. Wm. K., is the well-known railroad manager, and another, Thomas, is equally well-known in business circles as the manager of the Ontario Car Works at London."

ON Sabbath the 2nd inst., a new church was opened for divine worship on the Town line of Nottawasaga and Collingwood—a preaching station connected with the congregation of West Nottawasaga. The Rev. James Carmichael of King, who officiated on the occasion, taking for his text in the forenoon, Acts xvii. 23, and in the afternoon John iv. 23-24, preached very impressive discourses to large audiences. The new building is a neat brick structure, seated for about 250 persons, and with the use of extemporised seats, capable of accommodating, as was the case at some of the opening services, about 350. It is tastefully finished and comfortable. The cost, including vestry, is about \$1,300, nearly all of which has been subscribed by the people of the surrounding settlement. A suitable site for the church and sheds, soon to be built, was kindly presented to the congregation by Mr. John McAlister. The people of this settlement are deserving of credit for the spirited manner in which they set about and provided for the erection of a place of worship. It is only four or five months since the idea of building a church was entertained; up to that time the congregation assembled in the schoolhouse for worship. On Monday, the 3rd, a tea-meeting was held for the benefit of the building fund, and was largely attended, many being unable to gain admittance for want of room. The chair was taken by the pastor, Rev. Alex. McDonald, who gave a short sketch of the history of the congregation since the first settlement of Nottawasaga and adjoining townships. Interesting and instructive addresses were delivered by the Rev. Messrs. D. McDonald, Creemore; Millard, Osprey; and Rodgers, Collingwood; and some readings by Mr. Malcolm, Collingwood; while excellent selections of music were rendered by the Nottawa choir, Mrs. D. Macquade presiding at the organ. About \$120 was realized towards the building fund of the church, which, by the way, is called St. Andrew's Church, Collingwood Township.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.—An adjourned meeting of the London Presbytery was held in the Clarence street Presbyterian Church, London, on Tuesday, the 4th inst., Rev. A. Henderson, Moderator, in the chair, and a fair representation in attendance. The call from the congregation of Belmont to Mr. McDonald, of Indian Lands, Glengarry Presbytery, was declined. Leave was granted Rev. D. Camelon to moderate in another call on the 17th inst., at 11 a.m. A call from the congregation of Parkhill and McGilivray to Mr. McEachern, of Glencoe, was read. It promised \$900 without manse. It was agreed to approve of the Moderator's conduct, sustain the call as a regular Gospel call, and instruct the congregation to forward reasons of translation to the Clerk, and that parties be cited to appear at the next meeting of the Presbytery. The Presbytery then proceeded to hear trial discourses of Mr. A. H. Kippen, with a view to being ordained into the charge of Dorchester and Crumlin. Rev. Mr. Thompson announced that he had moderated in a call at Point Edward, where a unanimous call was extended to the Rev. J. C. Cameron, at present of Shakespeare. The call was signed by forty-three adherents and thirty-six members of the