

## MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

THE Presbyterians of Dundalk have purchased a new library for the Sabbath school.

THE Rev. D. McEachren is unanimously called by the congregation of Parkhill and McGillivray.

REV. ROBERT HALL, West Nissouri, recently received several valuable presents from his congregation.

THE Presbyterian congregation of Brampton have decided to purchase a site for a new church at a cost of \$1,800.

A COMMITTEE has been appointed by the Presbyterian congregation at Clinton to select a site for a new church.

ON Tuesday evening, Rev. R. N. Grant, of Ingersoll, lectured in the Preston Presbyterian Church on "Misplaced Men."

REV. DR COCHRANE, of Brantford, delivered a lecture on "Scotland's Hero Martyrs" in St. Andrew's Church, Guelph, on Tuesday evening, 28th ult.

THE congregation of Fraser's Settlement in connection with Dundalk, are making preparations for the erection of a new frame church next summer.

THE Ladies' Aid Society of St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa, gave an entertainment, chiefly of a musical and literary character, on the 28th ult. for the benefit of the poor.

By a tea meeting which the Presbyterian congregation of Bethel Church, Price's Corners, recently held for the purpose of raising money to build a shed, they realized \$18 more than the sum required.

At a meeting of the Presbyterian congregation of Seaforth, held on the 28th ult., it was unanimously resolved to extend a call to the Rev. A. D. McDonald of Elora. The salary offered is \$1,400 and a free manse.

At the meeting of the Presbytery of Barrie on the 28th ult. Rev. W. Fraser, D.D., of Bond Head, tendered his resignation, which was laid on the table till the next regular meeting, to be held on the last Tuesday in March.

At the annual missionary meeting of Knox Church, St. Thomas, held on the 29th ult. Rev. M. Fraser, the pastor occupied the chair, and addresses were delivered by Rev. Messrs. Murray of London and Sutherland of Fingal.

THE Presbyterians of Parkdale held their first service on Sabbath evening, 26th ult., in the old school-house. Mr. Hunter, student of Knox College, preached. A building committee has been appointed some time ago. The congregation was organized on the 4th ult.

THE annual soiree of Duncanville Presbyterian Church, Rev. H. J. McDiarmid, pastor, was held on the 23rd ult. Addresses were delivered by Rev. A. Rowat, Rev. J. Simpson, and Mr. James Stewart, agent of the Bible Society. The proceeds amounted to \$46.23.

THE beautiful new church erected by the congregation of Rev. G. Burnfield, Brockville, was opened on Sabbath last, the pastor being assisted by the Rev. J. S. Black of Montreal. We hope to give a fuller account of the church and opening services in next week's issue.

ON New Year's night, Mr. David Forrest, student of Knox College, who has been supplying Middle Station, Normanby, was presented by his Bible class there with a purse containing \$19. This was accompanied by an address, to which Mr. Forrest replied in a suitable manner.

THE annual meeting of the congregation of St. Andrew's Church, Peterborough, was held on Tuesday evening, 28th ult. The report of the managers showed that the receipts for pew rents had increased considerably, and that the collections in 1878 had nearly doubled as compared with those of the previous year.

ON the evening of the 4th ult., the members and friends of Amos Presbyterian Church, Egremont, where Mr. Mowat, student of Knox College had been labouring during last summer, presented him with a purse containing \$37. The gift was accompanied by an address, to which Mr. Mowat made an appropriate reply.

THE young men of the Reserve Presbyterian congregation in the township of Oxford called recently on their pastor, and supplied him with twenty or thirty cords of firewood. Some time prior to this he was presented with a set of harness, and the Thamesville

portion of his charge presented him with a buggy last summer.

REV. JOHN FERGUSON having resigned the pastoral charge of Melville Church, Brussels, and his resignation having been accepted by the Presbytery, a union of the two Presbyterian congregations in that place has been proposed, and negotiations with that object in view are now pending.

THE annual meeting of the congregation of Knox Church, Hamilton, was held on the 29th ult. The prosperous condition of the congregation is indicated by a net addition of sixty-six to the membership, and an increase of \$936.81 in the Sabbath collections. The total amount contributed for all purposes, during the year, was \$5,662.13.

THE annual meeting of the congregation of Chalmers' Church, Guelph, was held on Thursday evening, 30th ult. The business meeting was preceded by a very pleasant social. After tea, the meeting was constituted, and the various reports were read, showing the congregation to be in an encouraging condition both as regards its spiritual interests and its financial position.

ON the evening of the 20th inst, the congregation of Knox Church, Milton, held a very successful soiree in the interest of that Church. The evening was pleasantly spent between music and speeches. The Revs. M. C. Cameron, B. D., J. Pringle, B. A., of Georgetown, and Mr. Dobie of Milton, gave suitable addresses. The proceeds of the evening which amounted to \$135 will be devoted to the purchase of an organ.

ON Monday evening a musical and literary social was held in Free St. John's, Walkerton. Excellent addresses were given by Messrs. Jamieson, Turnbull, and Wilson of Knox College. The music was led by three applicants for the office of Precentor. It was a good meeting, well attended. On the following Tuesday Mrs. Robert Mann gave a parlour social, in aid of the Ladies' Building Fund. It was in every way successful.—COM.

THE annual social of the Sabbath school in connection with Daly street Presbyterian Church, Ottawa, was held on Friday evening, 24th ult. Addresses were given by Mr. Thorburn, the superintendent of the school; Rev. Mr. Armstrong, the pastor; Mr. Somerville, and Rev. Mr. McDermott. Singing, by the children alternated pleasantly with the speeches, and the whole programme seemed to be keenly enjoyed by those present.

THE Presbyterians of Grassmere, Manitoba, held their annual tea meeting on Christmas eve. After tea the chair was taken by Mr. A. Hickey, who addressed the meeting, and was followed by Rev. Messrs. Stewart, Campbell, Robertson, Dyer and Dr. Black. The financial statement read shewing a small debt on the church, the meeting, at the instigation of Mr. Robertson, went to work and subscribed the deficiency, thus rendering the church free of debt.

THE large and influential congregation worshipping in Crescent street Church, Montreal, are meeting with much success in their new church. The call to Rev. A. B. Mackay, Brighton, England, (to which reference was made in our columns last week) has received between 500 and 600 signatures. We understand that strong hopes are entertained of Mr. Mackay's acceptance. The Rev. Dr. Topp, of Toronto, occupied the pulpit on Sabbath last, and at the close of the morning service Principal Macvicar ordained the following elders: Messrs. Joseph Mackay, P. Nicholson, Hugh Watson, and J. Cameron.

THE Kilbride congregation held a soiree on the evening of the 29th ult. Though the roads were almost impassable, through falling rain and dissolving snow, yet the attendance was good and a considerable amount was realized, which is designed to pay for repairs and improvements on the church and grounds. The Rev. Mr. Turner and the Strabane Methodist Church choir deserve special thanks for their excellent services on the occasion. The Nelson congregation, formerly in connection with Waterdown, but now associated with Kilbride, intend soon to hold a soiree with a view of making their neat church more comfortable and attractive. Any faithful pastor who may be placed over these congregations is sure to meet with hearty sympathy and support.—COM.

THE annual meeting of the Erskine Church (Montreal) Missionary Association was held on Wednesday of last week. Among the sums voted for the past year

were \$900 to Home Missions, \$600 to Foreign Missions, \$400 to the Montreal College, and \$300 to French Evangelization. In addition to these amounts the congregation contributed during the past year \$100 to the Presbyterian City Missionary, about \$100 to Taylor Church, upwards of \$350 as special subscriptions to one of the theological chairs of Montreal College, besides various sums to the other schemes of the Church and to the Sabbath School Association, Ladies' French Evangelization Society, etc., etc. A resolution was unanimously adopted instructing the treasurer to pay quarterly during the current year grants to the various schemes of the Church on the basis of the grants for the past year. This is a step in the right direction, which will we trust be imitated by other congregations throughout the Church.

THE congregation of Taylor Church, Montreal, which is situated in the east end of the city, was formed about three years ago. For several years previous a mission Sabbath school was in operation in the district, supported largely by the funds of the Montreal Presbyterian Sabbath School Association. The congregation of Knox Church has recently assumed the financial responsibility connected with the school, and is about to put forth efforts to increase its usefulness. On Thursday of last week the annual social gathering of the school was held, presided over by Rev. J. Fleck. The annual report showed an increased interest and attendance during the past year. The evening was profitably spent in listening to readings, duets and quartettes by the children and their friends, and addresses from Messrs. W. Brown, W. Paul, D. T. Fraser, J. McD. Hains, and the chairman. Efforts are now being made to obtain a suitable lot on which to erect a place of worship for this new congregation.

THE annual meeting of the Port Elgin Presbyterian Church was held on Monday evening, the 13th ult. The chair was occupied by the pastor, Rev. James Gourlay, M.A., who opened the meeting with devotional exercises. From the report of the Session it appeared that forty new members were added to the congregation during the past year, and eighteen removed leaving a net increase of twenty-two. The Sabbath school report was also very encouraging, there being an average attendance of 123 scholars—twenty-three more than the average of the preceding year. The treasurer's report showed that the receipts for the congregational fund amounted to \$888.17, and the expenditure to \$887.22. For the church building fund \$192.19 was collected; for missionary and other purposes, \$155.58—making a total of \$1,235.94. On the recommendation of the managing committee it was unanimously agreed to adopt the "envelope system" of weekly contributions, and arrangements were made for its introduction.—COM.

THE annual congregational meeting of St. Paul's Church, Peterborough, was held in the basement of the church on the 29th ult., and was largely attended by the members and adherents. The Session report showed that after the roll had been carefully purged, the membership of the church was for the year ending Dec. 31st, 1878, 473, a net increase of thirty-one over the preceding year. The Sabbath school report showed that the average attendance for the year was 221, being an increase of seventeen over the average attendance last year. The attendance at the mission school and at the schools in the country has been large during the year, so that the total number receiving Sabbath school instruction under the care of the congregation is over 400. The report of the Missionary Society showed that there had been raised for missionary purposes \$1,100, \$213 of which had been raised by the Sabbath school. The amount raised by the Sabbath school this year is greater than the whole sum raised by the congregation for missions a few years ago. The elders have taken a more active part in the work of the Church during the year, several of them having weekly prayer-meetings in their own districts and in the country parts. About \$1,000 was expended in improving the church.—COM.

THE annual meeting of the congregation of St. Andrew's Church, London, was held on Wednesday evening, 29th ult. From the report of the Board of Management it appears that the Sabbath collections amounted to \$1,807.80, being \$195.94 less than the previous year; and that the revenue from pew rents reached \$2,105.12, being within \$18.78 of the previous year's revenue from the same source. In addition to the foregoing, the mortgage on the church has, during