

throughout were very enjoyable, and the address of the Rev. Dr. Fraser upon his experience as a missionary in China, proved highly instructive and entertaining. The financial result of the dinner amounts to the handsome sum of \$115.

KINGSTON Chalmers' Church tea meeting came off on Friday night at the City Hall, and was attended by over 400 persons. The chair was occupied by the Rev. F. McCuaig, and after an opening prayer by the Rev. A. Wilson, an excellent tea, supplied by the ladies of the congregation, was partaken of. A first class musical and literary programme was then begun, and carried on without intermission until half-past ten o'clock.

THURSDAY evening the 14th ult., the Rev. Mr. Macdonnell of Toronto, delivered his lecture on "Business, Culture, and Recreation," in St. Andrew's Church, Scarborough, to a large and appreciative audience. The weather was delightful, the lecture was full of sound sense and instruction, and delivered with the vivacity and earnestness which characterize all Mr. Macdonnell's utterances; and therefore the evening was a most enjoyable and profitable one. The proceeds were liberal, and in aid of the Sabbath School fund.

THE congregation of St. John's Church, Walkerton, under the pastoral care of Rev. R. C. Moffat, held their annual social on Thursday evening, the 14th inst. The office-bearers gave a brief account of the funds and work of the congregation, and a sum amounting to about \$400 was raised on the spot to meet certain floating liabilities. This is creditable; and it is all the more so when taken in connection with the fact that no longer ago than last month the congregation raised \$300 for church sheds. On the following evening a somewhat similar meeting was held for the special entertainment of the young folks of the congregation.

THE annual soiree of Knox Church, Woodstock, on Thursday evening last was one of the most pleasant and successful yet held by the congregation. The attendance was large. After tea had been served, addresses were delivered in the body of the church by the resident ministers, and by the Rev. R. N. Grant of Ingersoll, and Rev. Mr. Murray of London. These were all brief and vigorous, two most important features upon such occasions. The address of Mr. Murray, who appeared in Woodstock for the first time, was an excellent one and left so good an impression that all present will be glad to hear him again. The proceeds amounted to considerably over \$100.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, Peterboro, held its annual missionary meeting on Tuesday evening the 19th, which was largely attended. The Rev. Mr. Bell, the pastor, occupied the chair. A short address on Foreign Missions was delivered by Rev. Mr. Torrance, who was followed by Dr. Cochrane, the convener of the Home Mission Committee. His address on the claims of mission work in general upon the Church at large, and the pressing claims of the Home Mission fund, was well received. Next evening Dr. Cochrane lectured in St. Paul's, in aid of the debt remaining on the new mission premises recently erected by this congregation. The attendance was good.

FROM the annual report of Division Street Presbyterian Church, Owen Sound, for the year 1877, it appears that the congregation contributed \$2,063.44 for all purposes during the year, \$182.73 of which was collected by the Missionary Association and apportioned to the various schemes of the Church as follows: Assembly Fund, \$6.93; College Fund, \$21.51; Home Mission Fund, \$33.93; Foreign Mission Fund, \$30.47; French Evangelization, \$48.02; Aged Ministers' and Widows' and Orphans' Fund, \$28.52; Assembly and Synod Fund, \$13.35. The congregation may be said to be financially on a cash basis as its liabilities amount to no more than \$100, and it is increasing in numbers. The Sabbath School is also reported in a prosperous condition.

ON Thursday evening the 14th inst., a tea meeting was held in St. John's Church, Garafaxa, Rev. Mr. Millican, the pastor of the congregation, in the chair. After due attention had been paid to the abundant provision made by the ladies, addresses were delivered by Messrs. Fowle of Hillsburg, Smyth of Eramosa, Anderson of Rothsay, and Goodspeed, Carson, and Griffith of Garafaxa. A social was held on the following evening, when the large company of young people who assembled were addressed by several ministers and two members of the congregation. The proceeds amounted to \$94. On Saturday eigh-

teen new members were admitted to the fellowship of the Church and to the Lord's table on the following Sabbath, two of whom, not having been baptised before, had that ordinance administered to them.

THE congregation at Wallacetown held a tea-meeting on the evening of 13th December. After partaking of tea in a neighboring hall, the company adjourned to the church, where they had the pleasure and benefit of listening to addresses from Rev. Mr. Milloy of Bismarck, Rev. Mr. Urquhart of Cowal, Rev. J. A. McDonald, pastor of the congregation, and Drs. Ruthven and Ving of Wallacetown. The proceeds amounted to \$128, which was applied to the payment of repairs previously made on the church. Another successful meeting of a similar character was held on Christmas eve. On New Year's night an entertainment was given to the Sabbath School children, at which there were trees loaded with presents for the children and others, including an overcoat and a silver cake-basket for Mr. and Mrs. McDonald, respectively. At this meeting the sum of \$28 was realized, which was applied to the Library Fund.

THE annual meeting of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Bowmanville, was held on Thursday evening last, at the close of the weekly lecture. The secretary of the congregation, Mr. T. Yellowlees, submitted the report showing that for the past year the congregation had raised \$2,837, an increase of \$200 on any previous year; that in addition to the ordinary expenditure, they had paid former liabilities amounting to \$430; a new bell at \$375; and a fence around the church at \$300; making a total of \$1,100. Every dollar of outstanding accounts had been liquidated, but the congregation had borrowed the money to pay for the organ, and were due the treasurer \$300, leaving the congregation \$600 in debt. All the old board was re-elected with the exception of Mr. Davis who retired, Mr. John McDougall being elected to the vacancy. Mr. T. Patterson was appointed chairman, Mr. T. Yellowlees, secretary; and Mr. M. Porter, treasurer. Votes of thanks were tendered to all the officers of the church, and great pleasure was felt at the very satisfactory statement. The report closed with the hope that the harmony existing between pastor, session, managers, and congregation might be permanent.

ON Sabbath the 17th inst., the communion was dispensed in Knox Church, Palmerston, Ont. On that occasion thirty-five persons united with the church, making in all seventy-three, who have been added to the membership of the church during the pastorate of the Rev. Daniel W. Cameron, commencing June 6th, 1877. The large proportion of these were added on profession of their faith, the result of God's blessing attending the Sunday preaching, and the pastoral visitation of the congregation. A large majority of these new members are heads of families. Since June the seating arrangements of the church have been re-adjusted, adding fifty more sittings. At present the building—a comfortable stone structure—will easily seat 300. The Sunday congregations have increased gradually but steadily, until now the place is filled almost to its utmost capacity, and the congregation feels that if God blesses the church in the future as He has done during the past eight months, necessity will be laid upon them to extend the bounds of church accommodation, either by enlarging the present edifice or by re-building. The Sunday School under the efficient management of Mr. H. McEwing, superintendent, assisted by an able corps of teachers, is making good progress. Last Sunday the number of pupils was 173, being the largest number ever present in this school.—COM.

ON Thursday evening the 7th ult., a very successful soiree was held in St. Andrew's Church, Markham, for the purpose of liquidating the debt on the church building. Good cheer was first of all dispensed in charming abundance and variety in the basement. An "adjournment up-stairs" followed, where the second and third parts of the programme were to be enacted. Variety and abundance still prevailed. A large number of speakers, and a well-trained choir were in readiness to minister to the intellectual and aesthetic tastes of an overflowing audience; and there were other means not wanting, not exactly to minister to, but cultivate a taste of a different order. A subscription list was opened. "Actions speak louder than words." An old, and well-nigh worn truism, but very true for all. That the speaking and singing were at least not below the average may be inferred from the fact that an attentive audience sat there till eleven

o'clock. That the novelty of a subscription list at a soiree didn't disturb the equanimity of the Presbyterian mind of Markham, and that the appeal was made to the right sort of people may be seen from the fact that whereas that day the church was \$1,500 in debt, next day the managers found in their hands a fat looking subscription list with \$1,525 on the face of it, and \$200 of this in hand, the soiree itself netting \$102. Good! say we, good for the Presbyterians of Markham!—COM.

THE anniversary services of Knox Church, Stratford, were held on the 17th inst., when the recently inducted pastor, Rev. P. McF. McLeod preached three sermons to large congregations, with much acceptance. The annual congregational meeting was held on the Monday evening following, Rev. Mr. McLeod in the chair. After devotional exercises and a very appropriate and admirable address from the chairman, the annual report of the managers for the past year was read. From the report it appeared that during the year 1877 the amount received from pew rents was \$1,584.13. The Sunday collections amounted in all to \$1,436.56. The proceeds of the soiree in January, 1877, were \$63.32, and the treasurer realized from the sale of lamps no longer in use \$48, making a total income of \$3,162.01, against an expenditure of \$2,813.25, which does not include the cost of alterations, amounting to \$113. Apart from these sums, it appeared that the congregation had contributed to the mission schemes of the Church the sum of \$273. The report of the Sabbath School superintendent showed that there was an average attendance of 225 pupils, with the names of 300 on the roll, and that the school was in a flourishing state financially. Afterwards the board of managers was re-constructed, important additions were made to the session, and the meeting closed with the benediction. At the Sabbath School social held on Friday evening, the young people of the congregation presented a gold-headed cane to the late pastor, Rev. T. Macpherson, and an elegant writing desk to Mrs. Macpherson.

THE young people of Knox Church, Camlachie, held a most successful literary and social entertainment and fruit festival on the evening of the 18th February. The church was well filled. The introductory exercises were conducted by the Rev. J. M. Goodwillie, pastor of the congregation. A specially interesting feature of the entertainment was the distribution of the various kinds of fruit provided, which in every respect appeared much in advance of the tea and coffee, etc., ordinarily provided on such occasions. Ample time having been given for participating in the festivities of the evening, Wm. Symington, Esq., was called to the chair, and interesting and intelligent addresses were delivered by Rev. Messrs. John Thompson, M.A., Sarnia, and John Abraham, Watford. The Camlachie choir, accompanied by the organ, under the able leadership of Mr. John Stirret, conductor of the church psalmody, gave a number of choice renderings, which did much to enliven and make happy the time for all present. The proceeds, which amounted to about \$60, are to be devoted to the interests of the Sabbath School. A few evenings previous to the above festival, a surprise party, comprising about fifty persons from the various parts of the congregation, met at the residence of Mr. John Stirret, and presented him with an address, accompanied by a purse and a handsome sum of money, as a slight acknowledgment of the willing and efficient manner in which during the past year he had fulfilled his part as leader of the church music in connection with the congregation of Knox Church, Camlachie. At a recent annual meeting of the congregation, the Treasurer's report showed the financial affairs of the congregation to be in a most satisfactory and encouraging condition. It was unanimously resolved to dispense with the Home Mission supplement which the congregation had received for the past year and a half, and in the future the stipend of \$700 will be contributed by the congregation alone. Besides these outward evidences of prosperity, there are also other encouraging tokens in the increased attendance upon public ordinances, and in the constancy with which all unite in sustaining the worship of God.

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