

## MINISTERS AND CHURCHES

KNOX CHURCH, Stratford, will henceforth use the English Presbyterian collection of Psalms and Hymns.

A NUMBER of friends from the Main Road, Plympton, the other evening met at the residence of their pastor, Rev. Geo. Cuthbertson, and left behind them a purse of \$40 as a souvenir of their visit.

THE executive of the Sabbath School Association of Canada, have unanimously chosen the Rev. Dr. Cochran to represent Canada in the International Sabbath School Convention, to be held in Atlanta, Georgia, on the 17th of April next.

THE good people of Moorefield have just sent some seventeen bags of oats to Rev. D. Anderson, Rothsay, for the good of the horse. Also, articles for home consumption. Some friends from Rothsay had been before them in a similar way.—COM.

AT the meeting of the Presbytery of Guelph, on Tuesday last, the Rev. J. F. Dickie, of Berlin, was granted three months leave of absence. We understand it is Mr. Dickie's intention to visit the old country about the latter end of next month.

A LARGE party met on Tuesday the 5th inst., to bid farewell to Rev. J. S. Mullan, late pastor of St. Matthew's Church, Osnabruck, and to present him with some valuables as tokens of esteem. Addresses were delivered by Rev. Messrs. Geddes, Sanderson, Rainboth, and others.

AT the close of the weekly prayer meeting in Knox Church Kincardine, on Thursday evening 7th inst., a well filled purse accompanied with an address, was presented to Wm. Kay, Esq., as a slight acknowledgment of his services freely rendered in conducting the Psalmody for a length of time previous to the present appointment.

REV. G. M. MILLIGAN of Old St. Andrew's Church, Toronto, delivered his popular lecture, "What the Sunbeams say," in Woodville, on the 12th inst. It was listened to with marked attention throughout. Mr. Milligan has an apt way of putting things; and his enthusiasm, which is generally up to white heat, cannot fail to carry his audience with him.

A DEPUTATION consisting of Mr. Angus McKay and Mr. McMillan, from Beaverton, visited Newmarket yesterday, to examine the Christian Church, and also the plans of the proposed Canada Methodist Church here, and to report thereon to the trustees of a new Presbyterian Church about being erected in Beaverton, which will cost from \$12,000 to \$13,000.—*Era*.

THE Rev. J. B. Duncan, of Forest, delivered his lecture on the formation of character, under the auspices of the Young Men's Mutual Improvement Association, in the Presbyterian Church, Ravenswood, on the 11th. Comment from us would be useless on this occasion, as the abilities of the rev. gentleman are well known to most of your readers in this western section.

LAST week, Mr. Adam Murray, precentor in Rev. Mr. Bentley's Church, Galt, was presented with a purse containing \$72, and an address, by the members of the choir, who took this method of expressing their gratitude for the pains Mr. Murray has taken with them in his capacity of teacher. His many friends in Berlin and Bridgeport will be pleased to hear of his success.

A SOCIAL in connection with the Barrie Presbyterian congregation was held on Thursday the 28th ult. Rev. J. Leiper, the pastor, occupied the chair. Sums were subscribed amounting to nearly \$590, for the purpose of wiping out the floating debt on the church. On the following evening the annual missionary meeting in connection with the Sabbath School was held, at which it was decided by the children to devote the first quarter's contribution to Muskoka, the second to India, the third to China, and the fourth to French Evangelization. Last year the school raised \$107.50.

A *pro re nata* meeting of the Presbytery of Kingston, was held in the vestry of Chalmers' Church, on Tuesday afternoon. The business before the meeting was the consideration of a call from Mill Point to the Rev. Mr. Craig, who has been stationed at that village as a missionary for the last year. The call was sustained. A call from the church at Gananoque to the Rev. Henry Gracey, in the Presbytery of Huron, was also submitted, and the Rev. Mr. McCuaig was appointed to prosecute the call before the Huron Presbytery. This was all the business before the meeting.

THE Presbyterian Congregation at Alton having united with Charleston, the Rev. A. McFaul was inducted into the pastoral charge of Alton on Tuesday last. The Rev. Dr. Robb preached, and the Rev. J. M. McIntyre assisted in the services. One feature in connection with this induction is worthy of mention and we trust the example will be followed by others—the committee at the conclusion of the services presented their pastor with a year's salary in advance. The Alton congregation is to be congratulated on the auspicious union formed and the prosperous condition which it now occupies.

ON Monday evening, 11th inst., the members of College Street Y.M.C.A. held an "open meeting" in the church, which was well attended. The chair was occupied by the president, Rev. Alex. Gilray, who opened the meeting with praise, prayer, and a few introductory remarks. An essay on "The Dignity of Obedience," was then read by Mr. John Imrie, which was well received. An interesting discussion then took place, the subject being "Should the Bible be taught in our Public Schools?"—Messrs. Atchison and Scobie, affirmative; Messrs. Martin and Scroggie, negative. The discussion was listened to with great attention. The vote of the meeting, was given in favor of the affirmative. The president closed the meeting with devotional exercises.

THE annual social of the Sabbath School in connection with the Presbyterian Church at Richmond Hill, was held in the Masonic Hall on the evening of the 7th inst. A very fine tea, prepared by the ladies of the congregation, was served in the dining-hall to a large number of people. Afterwards, the Rev. I. Campbell, the pastor, took the chair, and introduced the Rev. J. Smith of Toronto, who delivered to a large and attentive audience a most interesting and spicy lecture on, "The sins of the pews." The lecturer displayed his usual skill in blending the humorous and the serious, and held the undivided attention of the audience for almost an hour and a half. The proceedings of the evening were enlivened with choice music from the choir. The school under the superintendence of Mr. R. Marsh is in a flourishing condition.

ON the evening of Tuesday the 5th, the Rev. R. Fairbairn, B.A., pastor of the Presbyterian Church, Jarret's Corners, met with an agreeable surprise. On his arrival home from a long and weary drive over muddy roads, he found his manse filled with a large company of the young people and others connected with Willis congregation. A short but pithy address was read, to which Mr. Fairbairn suitably replied. Along with the address, a buffalo-robe, whip, and inkstand were presented—as a token of the esteem in which he is held, and a slight appreciation of his faithful and unwearied services. Tea was then served, and the usual consumption of dainties ensued. Amusements of a mild and innocent type were heartily entered into and kept up to a reasonable hour,—after which the company adjourned, all delighted with the pleasant evening they had spent.

ON Sabbath, March 3rd, divine services were held in the new Presbyterian Church, Blyth. This church was dedicated some time ago, previous to its being thoroughly seated. Services were then continued in the old church up to Sabbath 3rd, when, in view of everything being in readiness, the congregation assembled in their new place of worship. Upon the occasion a very able discourse was delivered by Rev. A. McNaughton, of Walton, after which the sacrament of the Lord's supper was dispensed. The following day a congregational meeting was held for the purpose of renting pews and other business. The attendance was very large; Dr. Sloan occupied the chair; the treasurer, Wm. Drummond, Esq., read a statement as to the standing of the church, after which the pews were rented, realizing upwards of \$800.

THE annual soiree in connection with Knox Church, Burgoyne, came off Thursday evening, 14th inst. Tea was served at seven o'clock in the church. The chair was occupied by Rev. A. Tolmie, pastor of the church, who was the right man in the right place. Speeches were delivered by Rev. Mr. Blain of Tara, Rolston of Arkwright, and Ross of Port Elgin. Two excellent choirs were in attendance, under the leadership of Messrs. Shell and Adair. At the close of the proceedings an election took place between a married lady and a single one for a large cake. At the close of the poll it was found that the married lady had a majority of twenty-three votes. Another cake was set

up between two young ladies, the winner being Miss Cunningham. The following evening a social took place, which was well attended, and a very enjoyable evening was spent. The total proceeds of both nights amounted to \$143.

THE annual social gathering in connection with Willis Church congregation, Drumbo, took place on Tuesday evening. The ladies provided a splendid tea in the Town Hall, to which full justice having been done, an adjournment was made to the church when the intellectual portion of the evening's entertainment was entered into. Rev. Mr. Little, the highly esteemed pastor of the Drumbo and Princeton congregations, presided in his usual happy style. Excellent and appropriate addresses were delivered by Rev. Mr. Hazelton of Drumbo; Rev. Mr. Shaw of Princeton, Rev. Messrs. Grant of Ingersoll, McQuarrie of Wingham; Dr. Cochran of Brantford, was expected, but could not come. Mr. David Beamer's choir from Princeton gave several selections of choice music and added much to the pleasure of the evening. At the close, hearty votes of thanks were tendered to the speakers of the evening, the choir, and the ladies, for the assistance given in providing such an excellent evening's entertainment. Proceeds of tea meeting, \$88.90. The following day the children in the village and vicinity, were treated with an excellent spread in the Town Hall, where a very pleasant time was spent, and the children all left rejoicing over the good things they had partaken of.

THE Annual report of the Macnab Street Presbyterian Church, Hamilton, which is now before us, furnishes abundant proof that the congregation is in a prosperous condition. The amount realized from pew rents and collections during the year ending 31st January, 1878, was \$4,620.63. The Missionary Association collected \$1,054.90; which along with \$168.26 contributed by the Sabbath School, and \$361 collected for benevolent purposes, brings the total contributions up to \$6,704.32. Notwithstanding the dull times, the amount contributed for missionary purposes was larger than in any former year. After paying current expenses and devoting \$500 to the reduction of the church debt which is now very small, the funds afforded the following liberal apportionments to the various schemes: Colleges, \$200; Home Mission, \$469.26; Foreign Missions, \$244; French Evangelization, \$155; Bursary for French Students, \$45; Manitoba College, Building Fund, \$28; Manitoba College, Ordinary Fund, \$25; Knox College, per Rev. Dr. Topp, \$50; Church Building in St. John, N.B., \$151; Knox College, debt on ordinary fund, \$220; College Building, Toronto, \$100; Assembly Fund \$25; Synod and Presbytery Fund, \$27.50; Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, \$40; Home of the Friendless, \$30; St. John Fire, \$50; Charitable Fund, \$108.51. The Sabbath School is also doing well. The teachers and other office-bearers number thirty-eight and the pupils 275. Compared with the previous year, there is a marked improvement in regularity of attendance.

THE anniversary of the West Presbyterian Church Sabbath School was held on Tuesday evening, 12th ult. The basement of the church was packed with old and young, and a very pleasant evening was enjoyed. Short addresses were given by the pastor, Rev. R. Wallace; the late superintendent Hon. J. McMurrich; the present superintendent, W. B. McMurrich, Esq.; Mr. Marshall and Mr. J. Gordon; also an interesting reading by Miss Jessie Alexander. The whole was enlivened by singing Sabbath School hymns with organ accompaniment. The average attendance since the New Year was 220; the amount raised by the school for missions, etc., \$112.97. At the close of the exercises 300 paper bags with their contents were distributed to the children, who were greatly delighted on the announcement of their accustomed good cheer. The Hon. J. McMurrich stated that forty-five years ago in 1833, there were about 100 scholars attending the two Presbyterian Sabbath Schools then in Toronto—St. Andrew's and Mr. Harris—now there are over 3000 attending thirteen schools. Such has been the great progress in number during that time, and the improvements in the mode of conducting them are also very great. One pleasing feature is that wherever you go you find the same Sabbath School lesson taught on the same day. At the annual meeting of the congregation lately held, the income for the past year was reported as about \$3000, part of that being for the removal of debt on the church; seventy-nine members were received, and the congregation was stated by several to be in a prosperous condition.