

said that it was true, and thereby done myself grave injustice.

I am unwilling to take up any more of the PRESBYTERIAN with this subject, but there are one or two other things connected with it, on which I would like to say a few words. I shall, therefore, pause here, thanking you for the present favor. Yours respectfully,
T. FENWICK.

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

THE Clinton congregation have unanimously resolved to give a call to Rev. A. Stewart.

PROF. JACOBS, musical instructor of the 42nd Battalion band, has been appointed teacher and leader of the choir in connection with St. Andrew's Church, Perth. A great improvement in the singing is observable in consequence.

DR. COCHRANE preached his seventeenth Anniversary Sermon Sunday morning in Zion Church, Brantford, from the text, John iii. 4th verse. "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth." He delivered a most eloquent and impressive discourse.

THE Rev. Wm. Burns, pastor of Knox Church, Perth, has been confined to bed with an attack of pleurisy and inflammation of the lungs. We are happy to say that the rev. gentleman is now recovering, and though yet unable to leave his room, is gaining strength daily.

ON Wednesday evening the 22nd inst., a congregational meeting was held in the East Presbyterian Church, Toronto, to consider the advisability of building a new church on the north-east corner of Queen and Parliament streets. It was unanimously decided to dispose of the present church and to call for plans and specifications to be submitted to the congregation at a meeting to be held on the 29th inst.

ON the eve of his departure for Yorkville, Rev. Patrick Greig was presented with an address from his late congregations at Orchardville and Middle Station, Normanby. Mr. Greig's pulpit ability, earnest labors, and Christian walk and conversation were warmly eulogized in these addresses; his disinterestedness in resigning his charge in order to facilitate a regrouping of the stations was acknowledged, and fervent wishes were expressed for his future welfare and abundant success as a Christian teacher.

THE congregation of Zion Presbyterian Church, Orangeville, are making preparations to build a new church to replace the one recently destroyed by fire. A fine site has been secured on Broadway, and the plans of a handsome and commodious building have been decided upon. The total cost will be about \$12,000. Subscriptions are now being taken, and the committee are meeting with great success in their canvass. Seven members of the congregation headed the list by subscribing the handsome sum of \$3,700.

THE building of the two transepts to St. Andrew's Church, Guelph, will be begun at once, the contracts having been let to the following parties; D. Kennedy, masonry; Geo. & Alex. Bruce, carpenter work; John Crowe, iron work; W. H. Mills, tinsmithing; Humphries & Reynolds, painting. The total amount of the contracts is \$4,000. The whole work is to be completed by the first of November. It is thought that excepting a month or six weeks service can be held in the church while undergoing alterations.

REV. HENRY GRACEY was inducted into the pastoral charge of St. Andrew's Church, Gananoque, on the 2nd inst. Rev. Mr. Nicholson, of Lansdowne, preached; Rev. J. Gallaher presided and addressed the minister; and Rev. F. McCuaig addressed the people. After the induction, Rev. J. Fraser, who for some months past has been in charge of the congregation, was presented with a purse of \$41. As the congregation dispersed the individuals composing it availed themselves of the opportunity afforded them of shaking hands with the new minister.

THE lecture-room extension in course of erection for the Central Presbyterian Church in this city, will conform with the style and architecture of the Church, and will cost between \$7,000 and \$8,000. On the ground floor there will be a lecture-room 28x28, with a parlour adjoining, 28x19; cloak-rooms for ladies and gentlemen, vestry and library. The upper floor will be occupied by the school-room, 36x38, and eight class-rooms, including a large infants' class-room.

These apartments are all cut off from the school-room by folding doors. The basement will be occupied by a kitchen, storage, and other conveniences. The architects are Messrs. Gordon & Helliwell.

A SECOND Presbyterian Church has been organized at St. Mary's. Rev. Mr. Hyslop, of Avonton, preached in the Town Hall on Monday afternoon, after which a committee of the Presbytery of Stratford, consisting of Rev. Messrs. McPherson and Hyslop, and Mr. Robertson, elder, formed a communion roll. Fifty-three certificates of membership were handed in. Messrs. Adair, Laughton, Currie, Hamilton, and Moir were appointed the Managing Committee. Messrs. Laughton, T. D. Hamilton, P. McVannel, G. Grant, A. Smith, and A. W. Knox were nominated for elders. Messrs. Laughton and Smith were appointed to attend the next meeting of Presbytery.

THE corner stone of the new Presbyterian church, now in course of erection in the village of Norwood, was laid on Friday, the 17th inst., in the presence of a large number of people, comprising many of the inhabitants of the village and surrounding district not belonging to the congregation. The platform was occupied by Rev. T. F. Fotheringham, M.A., the pastor of the congregation; Rev. Thos. Wardrope, D.D., of Guelph; Rev. E. F. Torrance, M.A., of Peterboro'; and Rev. W. White of Warsaw. The proceedings were opened with praise and prayer by Dr. Wardrope. Mr. Fotheringham read a paper giving an outline of the history of the Norwood Presbyterian congregation from its earliest days to the present time, and paying a special tribute to the memory of the late Rev. J. M. Roger of Peterboro'. The ceremony having been duly performed, an adjournment took place to the Drill Shed where an excellent dinner had been provided by the ladies of the congregation. The large assemblage did ample justice to the good things set before them, and afterwards enjoyed the pleasure and benefit of listening to addresses from Rev. Dr. Wardrope, and Rev. Messrs. Fotheringham, Torrance, and White. The cash proceeds of the day amounted to about \$200.

THE corner-stone of the new Presbyterian Church of Mount Pleasant, Ontario, was laid in due form on Tuesday, 14th inst. A large concourse of people were present on the occasion. After engaging in singing, reading of the Scriptures, and prayer, Mr. George Bryce, one of the oldest elders in the congregation was called upon to lay the stone, a handsome trowel having been presented to him for the purpose. Having given a short account of the rise and progress of the congregation from its commencement to the present time, he proceeded to lay the stone in the ordinary way, commending the undertaking to the blessing of Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. On the same evening and connected with the above event a Social Festival was held in the school house presided over by the pastor of the congregation, Rev. Thos. Alexander. After justice had been done to the very abundant refreshments, prepared by the ladies of the congregation,—appropriate addresses were delivered by Revs. Mr. Stobbs, Mr. Paterson, Mr. Ross, Brantford, Dr. Cochrane, and Mr. McLeod of Paris. The Hon. Mr. Hardy, who was invited to be present on the occasion, sent a letter expressing his regret at not being able to be present, and enclosing \$15 to show his good will to the undertaking. Suitable pieces of music were given during the evening. After votes of thanks were tendered to the speakers, to the friends who furnished the music, and to the ladies for providing the refreshments, the meeting which was one of the best ever held in Mount Pleasant was dismissed with the benediction. The sum realized was over eighty dollars.

WE deeply regret, says the Halifax "Presbyterian Witness," to learn that the venerable Moderator of the General Assembly is not recovering as we had hoped. In a note written last week he says:—"It is now not only likely but certain that I shall not be able to attend the General Assembly in June next. The last time I preached was on Thanksgiving Day, upwards of five months ago. Since then I have been confined to the house, and though the weather is very favourable I do not find myself getting better but rather worse. In short I am sinking,—waiting for my change. I now find it burdensome to move from room to room. I have great cause however to be thankful. My life has been a long one, and I trust not altogether unfruitful. Nothing would give me greater pleasure than to preach the opening sermon

and once more address the Brethren. But this is a privilege which in the Providence of God I shall never more enjoy. It is the Lord: let Him do what seemeth Him good." In common with all who hoped to enjoy an earnest and eloquent presentation of the Gospel at the opening of the General Assembly, we deplore the illness of Dr. Macleod. Few men in the Dominion have preached such heart-stirring and quickening sermons as he; and his memorable closing address to the General Assembly in June last year showed that the old fire still burned, and that his right hand had not forgotten its skill. We hope and earnestly pray that our venerable Father will yet gather strength and health, and that though unable to travel to Hamilton, he will be spared to work for the Master amid an attached people in Cape Breton.

THE Rev. Joseph Cook was about sixteen years old when he delivered his first lecture. From earliest boyhood he had a passion for delivering addresses. He was born near Ticonderoga, his parents being plain country people. His full name is Flavius Josephus, and until he grew up he was known as "Flave." On becoming a man he dropped "Flavius," nobody knew exactly why. When he was quite a lad he wrote a history of Ticonderoga, which was published in the village newspaper. His discourses are now more extensively published than those of any other preacher in this country. The Publisher of the PRESBYTERIAN will forward three pamphlets containing seventeen of the recent course of lectures, postage pre-paid, to any address, on receipt of fifty cents, or any one of the three for twenty cents.

BENEFIT OF COMMUNION WITH GOD—God is a centre to the soul; and, just as in a circle, what is nearest the centre is subject to least motion, so the closer the soul is to God, the movement and agitation to which it is exposed will be less. Make the experiment upon a level area: sink a staff into the ground, attach to it a line, around it as a centre describe a circle of considerable extent; then bid some friend walk round that circle, while you do the same round another drawn at a short distance from the staff. You will find that your friend will have to walk long and fast to accomplish his task, but that a few steps will be enough for yours. It is the same with the soul. The greater its distance from God and from spiritual and heavenly things, the wider the circuit it will have to make, the faster it will have to speed without knowing why, and the more will it seek, but be unable to rest. He, however, who, by devotion and faith, love and resignation, keeps as near as possible to God, finds that which his heart desires.—*Gotthold.*

MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERY.

KINGSTON.—At Picton, on Tuesday, 9th July, at 10 a.m.
QUEBEC.—In Morrin College, Quebec, on Tuesday, 16th July, at 10 a.m.
PETERBORO'.—At Millbrook, on Tuesday, 2nd July, at 11 a.m.
WHITBY.—At Oshawa, on Tuesday, 2nd July, at 11 a.m.
HURON.—In Knox Church, Goderich, on Tuesday, 9th July, at 11 a.m.
STRATFORD.—In St. Andrew's Church, Stratford, on Tuesday, 9th July, at 9.30 a.m.
OTTAWA.—In St. Andrew's Church, Almonte, on the first Tuesday of August, at 2 o'clock, p.m.
LONDON.—In First Presbyterian Church, London, on Tuesday, 9th July, at 2 p.m.
GLENARRY.—At Alexandria, on Tuesday, 9th July, at the usual hour.
TORONTO.—In Knox Church, Toronto, on Tuesday, 2nd July, at 11 a.m.
MONTREAL.—In St. Paul's Church, Montreal, on Tuesday, 9th July, at 11 a.m.
BRUCE.—In St. Paul's Church, Walkerton, on the last Tuesday, in June, at 2 o'clock p.m.

Births, Marriages and Deaths.

NOT EXCEEDING FOUR LINES 25 CENTS.

BIRTHS.

At Whitby, on the 14th inst., the wife of the Rev. M. Macgillivray, M.A., of Scarboro, of a daughter.
At Woodstock, on the 18th inst., the wife of Mr. R. Laidlaw, of the "Review," of a son.

MARRIED.

At Montreal, on the 14th inst., by the Rev. P. Wright, of Chalmers' Church, assisted by the Rev. J. McCaul, of Three Rivers, John Stewart Riddle, merchant, Danville, to Helen Ann Munro, of Ross-shire, Scotland.
In Toronto, May 22nd, 1878, by Rev. R. Douglas Fraser, M.A., of Charles Street Presbyterian Church, John Shaw, Esq., to Sarah, eldest daughter of Mr. Wm. Holmes, Rich Hill, Ireland.

On the 10th inst., at the residence of the bride's father, Springfield, by the Rev. J. B. Edmondson, Mr. David M. Cannon, to Agnes M., second daughter of Mr. Wm. Forgie, Almonte.

On the 11th inst., by the Rev. Walter Ross, M.A., at the residence of the bride's mother, Mr. Wm. Fraser McRae, to Miss Adelia Easton, both of Carleton Place.