

Home Ecclesiastical Intelligence.

1. PICTON.—The Rev. J. McMechan, has been inducted as Pastor of the congregation, at Acton.

SARNIA.—The congregation at Sarnia, have just presented their new Pastor, the Rev. J. Thompson, with a purse containing \$300, in testimony of their esteem, and of their sympathy with him, in the loss which he lately sustained, in having his valise robbed of about \$400.

ST. FRANCIS COLLEGE, RICHMOND, C. E.—We have received a circular giving an interesting account of the closing exercises of this institution, and of its progress during the past year. There have been in all 123 students and pupils in the College and Grammar School during the year. The arrangements appear to be all well fitted for enabling the students to obtain a respectful education, to fit them for further professional studies, or for the active duties of life.

GRAFTON.—The Rev. J. W. Smith, before setting out for Portland, was waited upon by a deputation of the congregation, who presented him with an address together with a more substantial token of their esteem, in the shape of a purse with seventy five dollars. We trust that a visit to the sea side may tend to recruit Mr. Smith's health, which we regret to learn has not been good for some time past.

PARIS, DUMFRIES STREET.—The Congregation of the Dumfries Street Church Paris, in addition to many previous tokens of esteem, lately presented their pastor the Rev. John James, with a valuable horse, harness, and carriage. This gift will be very useful to the pastor in the discharge of his important pastoral duties.

NEWMARKET.—This new but interesting Congregation, we are glad to hear, continues to prosper. During the first part of the Summer they were supplied by Mr. F. W. Farries, Student, who, on leaving that field of labour, received from them in addition to other gifts, a valuable copy of Henry's commentary.

DEGREE CONFERRED.—The degree of D. D. has been conferred by the Hamilton University, N. Y., on the Rev. R. F. Burns, of St. Catharines.

DEFERRED ARTICLES.—We trust correspondents will bear in mind that our space has been of late largely taken up with Synodical matter. Several deferred articles and communications will appear in our next number.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.—This Presbytery met in McNab Street Church, Hamilton, on the 10th of July last. Mr. Wallace of Drummondville was chosen Moderator for the next twelve months.

Certain Kirk Session Records were examined, and found to be correctly kept.

Mr. Baikie, Student, read a sermon from John iii, 3, which was approved and sustained.

The Presbytery, at the request of the Silver Hill Congregation, appointed a member to open their new Church, and to dispense the Sacrament of the Supper, as soon as convenient.

The Clerks Reports on Missionary labour and finance for the previous three months, were read and considered. The Presbytery regretted that, owing to the non-arrival of letters addressed to Probationers, a few disappointments had been experienced by congregations, yet on the whole, the general cause of Missions in the bounds is hopeful, both as respects the Christian spirit displayed, and as respects the financial condition of the Stations.