

Ministers and Churches.

REV. FATHER CHINQUY has been lecturing to crowded audiences in Ontario.

DUFF'S Church, Walton, has given a call to Rev. Wm. Galloway, of London.

THE Rev. E. F. Torrance, Peterboro', will visit the Old Country during the summer.

THE Rev. James Little preached in St. Paul's Church, Peterboro', on Sunday evening.

THE Deek Park congregation intend having a garden party in the grounds of Mr. John Fiskien next Saturday afternoon.

MELVILLE Church, Brussels, has added \$100 to the salary of the pastor, Rev. John Ross. A nice property has been purchased for \$1,800 for a manse.

THE new Presbyterian Church at Portage la Prairie is beginning to assume definite form and shape. It will be a commodious structure when completed.

THE Rev. Dr. McLeod, The Vale, Picton, has been granted five weeks' leave of absence by his congregation. He intends to visit Great Britain and the Continent.

THE Rev. D. James, of Midland, has gone to Chetoyan, Mich., for his summer vacation. During his absence his place will be filled by his father, Dr. James, of Paris.

THE congregation of Caven Presbyterian Church, Exeter, held their annual tea and strawberry festival on Wednesday evening of last week. There was a good attendance, and the affair was a success in every respect. The proceeds, after paying all expenses, amounted to \$50.

Two centenaries will be held in connection with the Presbyterian Church in Nova Scotia this summer. The Presbytery of Truro will have reached one hundred years of age in August, and James' Church, New Glasgow, will also hold its centenary in the month of September.

THE social held by the congregation of the Presbyterian Church, Napanee, on Thursday, was a grand success. The sale of fancy goods during the afternoon was well patronized, and netted a tidy sum. The social in the evening was well attended, and was in all respects one of the best ever held by this church.

THE Willing Workers of the Presbyterian Church, Uxbridge, held their garden party recently. The spacious grounds of Mr. Joseph E. Gould were found to be very suitable for such a gathering, and at a distance, so well had the Chinese lanterns been placed and the lighting arranged, looked very pretty. The entertainment was a decided success.

A HEARTY reception was given lately by the congregations of Underwood and Centre Bruce to their pastor, Rev. James Malcolm, on his return from his wedding trip. A grand supper was provided in the Township Hall, to which over three hundred persons sat down. After the supper an address accompanied by a purse of \$100 was presented to the Rev. Mr. Malcolm.

THE first anniversary services in connection with the church at Keene were held on Sabbath, 27th ult. The Rev. James Carmichael, M.A., of Norwood, occupied the pulpit and delivered two excellent sermons. The attendance at both services was large, and the collections were good—\$120. A beautiful fence made of iron and wood now surrounds the church, which adds much to the appearance of the building, and now few villages in Ontario have a more handsome church and grounds than has Keene in its Presbyterian Church.

REV. J. C. SMITH of St. Andrew's Church, Guelph sailed last week for Scotland, by the steamship *Furnessia*. Before leaving the city, two young ladies, in a very quiet and unostentatious manner, left at the manse for Mr. Smith's acceptance a small package, with note enclosed, containing the handsome sum of \$205, mostly in gold, the generous gift of a few of his friends in the congregation. Such a seasonable expression of kindness will of course detract nothing from, but will greatly enhance, the pleasure of the rev. gentleman's sojourn in the old land.

ON a recent Sabbath morning, a large congregation of young and old attended the flower service in Knox church, Goderich. The platform was covered with flowers and plants of gorgeous hues, and presented a magnificent sight. The boys and girls of the Sabbath school, who occupied the centre rows, wore handsome bouquets. Rev. Dr. Ure, the pastor, conducted the service. He took for his text 1 Kings, xiv. 13. In a clear and interesting manner the preacher gave the history of the lad Abijah and his line; the children listened with rapt attention and with the best possible behaviour.

THE Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed in Union Church, Brucefield, on Sabbath last, the first occasion since the settlement of the Rev. J. H. Simpson, when 142 members took part. Eight new members were added to the membership of the congregation. After the thanksgiving services on Monday, Mr. Wm. Fotheringham, in the name of the session and congregation, in a neat speech, addressed Rev. Joseph McCoy, of Egmondville, and presented him with a purse of \$75, in token of their respect and kindly feelings toward him, and in recognition of his services as Moderator of Session during the late vacancy.

THE annual strawberry festival in connection with the Winthrop Sabbath school, held on Wednesday evening of last week, was a grand success. Though the evening was somewhat unfavourable on account of the threatening rain, there was a good attendance. The literary programme was all that could be desired, and the following are those who took part: Recitations were given by Miss Hillen, Miss M. S. Govenlock, Mr. G. E. Leach and Mr. F. Pearen. Choice readings by Messrs. James Dickson, D. Johnson, George Mordie, and Dr. Campbell, of Scaforth. The Rev. Joseph McCoy, of Egmondville, gave a good address.

WE learn on good authority, says the Guelph *Mercury*, that the pastorate of St. Andrew's Church, St. John, N.B., now vacant, has recently been offered, with the promise of a handsome salary, to our townsman, Rev. J. C. Smith, B.D., of St. Andrew's Church. This, it may be remembered, is the second time Mr. Smith has been urged to accept of this charge as the unanimous choice of the Nominating Board and of the congregation. When officially notified that these steps were being taken in the direction indicated, Mr. Smith at once replied, respectfully declining the overture, believing that such a course was in accord with the Supreme Will.

THE Presbyterian Church at Ashburn, which has been undergoing repairs for some time past, was reopened recently. The services, both morning and evening, were conducted by Rev. Mr. Cockburn, of Uxbridge, who preached two very excellent sermons. On Monday evening a tea-meeting was given and was very largely attended. Speeches were delivered by the Rev. Messrs. Cockburn, of Uxbridge, Redditt, of Brooklin, and Klippen, of Claremont. The Brooklin choir furnished abundance of choice music. J. M. Kennedy, of the *Chronicle*, read, and Rev. Mr. McLellan occupied the chair. The church looks very handsome, and is a credit not only to the enterprising congregation but to their genial pastor, who has worked so hard to complete the work.

THE annual picnic and social in connection with the Presbyterian Church, Marquette, was held at the school house lately. About two hundred sat down to dinner. The greater part of the day was spent in the usual amusements, baseball, croquet, etc. In the afternoon the following programme was gone through, after which the company dispersed, satisfied with the day's outing. Short addresses were delivered by Rev. Wm. Steale, Mr. Champion, of Poplar Heights, and Mr. Fortune of Winnipeg, respectively. Recitations by Mr. F. B. Little, of Winnipeg, were much appreciated, and organ selections by Miss Radford, of Winnipeg. Songs were given by Mrs. Champion, Mrs. Campbell, Messrs. Malcolm and Alexander McDougall. Some pieces by the choir, under Mr. Bodkin, were also well rendered.

THE members of Knox Church, Kirkfield, made the present of a beautiful horse and buggy to Mr. L. Perrin, who is at present the appointed student from Queen's College, Kingston, to this district. Mr. Perrin, says a correspondent in the *Lindsay Post*, is a great favourite with the people in his church, and deserves much credit for the interest he has taken in the welfare of his congregation. Mr. Perrin replied in a few well chosen words, and thanked the people of Kirkfield for the kindness they had shown him since he had been in their midst, and he trusted so long as they and he were spared they might be blessed with the spirit of God so as to perform their duty toward their Saviour Jesus Christ. He also added that as he could now get around more easily than heretofore, he would try harder to do the Lord's will.

A VERY pleasing and successful concert was given on the evening of the 23rd ult., in the Presbyterian Church by the children of Cumberland. Early in the spring, Rev. J. Myles Crombie, who takes a great interest in the little folks, invited the children of the village and neighbourhood to meet in the church and form a singing class, when Miss Prince very kindly undertook their training. The children promptly responded to their invitation, and every Saturday as witnessed quite a number of juveniles gathering in the church. The Sabbath school possessed no library, and Mr. Crombie, feeling convinced that one would be more prized if it were procured by the children's own exertions, and wishing to encourage them in their work, suggested their giving a floral concert, the proceeds of which would be devoted to the purchase of a school library. The result was a most enjoyable and successful concert, which has helped to lay the foundation of a substantial library. The church was most beautifully decorated with plants.

THE General Assembly which was convened in St. Paul's Church from Wednesday, June 9, to Thursday evening, June 17, says the *Hamilton Spectator*, was pronounced by those who attended its sessions to have been the most delightful meeting of the kind that has been held since the union of the Presbyterian Churches of the Dominion, twelve years ago. The order that prevailed was perfect, the harmony that characterized all the seditious was equally pleasing, while the way in which the business was transacted was worthy of a Church which is known to have many of the best business men of the country in its membership. Much of this gratifying state of things was due to the sensible character of the members, and the entire absence of cranks. Not a little was owing to the quiet, unobtrusive, yet very able and efficient manner in which the Moderator discharged the duties of his office; yet it was remarked on all hands that the excellent appointments of the church in which the Assembly met contributed largely to the success of the gathering. The fact that the commodious parlours and committee rooms were separated from the Assembly room proper by a closed hallway, through which no noise could be transmitted, and that the acoustic properties of the church are perfect, so that all could hear with ease in every part of the building, made St. Paul's Church, with its admirable lecture hall, a most suitable place for such a meeting. To the congregation of St. Paul's, and to the Presbyterian and Christian people of Hamilton generally, it cannot but be gratifying to observe the change which a few years have made in the position of this interesting historic church. Nine years ago it had a membership of a little over two hundred. Its beautiful edifice—one of the finest specimens of Gothic architecture in the Dominion—had almost passed out of the hands of the Presbyterian denomination, and its friends were called upon to rally to its rescue. Now it has a membership of over 500, and ranks among the foremost of the Presbyterian Churches of the city, all of which are full of vigorous life. No lover of the cherished institutions of the city could look in upon three or four hundred members of the Assembly gathered within this venerable church without a feeling of generous satisfaction at the thought that a church,

which within recent years passed through trying experiences, has had its unremitting efforts crowned by having the privilege of welcoming within its walls representatives of Presbyterianism from all parts of the Dominion, assembled as the supreme court of the large, united and influential religious body to which it has the honour to belong.

ON Thursday, June 17, the corner stone of the New Presbyterian Church in the village of Dunbarton was laid. There was a very large gathering of the members, adherents and friends of the congregation present. The audience joined in singing the 122nd Psalm, after which prayer was offered by the pastor, the Rev. R. M. Craig, who presided on the occasion, and afterward read an historical sketch of Presbyterianism in the community from the year 1833, when the late Rev. Dr. Thornton preached his first sermon in Pickering. The sketch gave an account of the organization of the congregation near the village of Dunbarton, the settlement of the Rev. Mr. Waddell in 1847, the organization of the Dunbarton congregation in 1854, the settlement over the original congregation of the late Rev. John Baird in 1857 and of the Rev. Wm. Peattie in 1869; also the history of the Dunbarton organization and of the settlement of the Rev. Alex. Kennedy in 1854, and of the various changes in the congregation until his resignation in 1881, at which time the two congregations united under the name of "The Dunbarton Erskine Church." In December, 1882, another union was effected with Melville Church, Scarborough, and in August, 1883, the present pastor was ordained and inducted as minister of this interesting charge. During his pastorate forty new members have been added to the Dunbarton congregation and twenty four removed, leaving at the present date 105 members. After reading this sketch the chairman called upon Mr. Peter Nesbit, an aged and respected member of the community, who is the oldest elder in the congregation, and who has taken a very practical part in the building of the new church, to lay the corner stone. After this the audience sang "Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow," and adjourned to the beautiful grounds of Mr. Wm. Dunbar, where interesting addresses were delivered by the Revs. J. A. Carmichael, of Columbus, and A. H. Klippen, of Claremont. The ladies of the congregation had provided tea, and were also busily engaged during the afternoon in disposing of a large number of fancy and useful articles which they had been preparing for the occasion. There were deposited in the corner stone the following: *The Globe*, *The Mail*, *Pickering News*, *THE CANADA PRESBYTERIAN*, *Review*, *Record*, *Children's Record*, list of delegates to the General Assembly, list of members of session, managers, building committee, Sabbath school teachers, communion roll, Sabbath school roll, together with the Canadian copper and silver coins in circulation. The Ellesmere brass band added very much to the enjoyment of the party. The total proceeds amounted to upward of \$175. The building is being pushed forward, and will be opened early in the fall.

PRESBYTERY OF SARNIA.—The Presbytery of Sarnia held its regular meeting in St. Andrew's church, Sarnia, on Tuesday, 29th June, at nine a.m.; Rev. R. W. Leitch, Moderator, in the chair. Rev. J. S. Loughhead was appointed Moderator for the next six months. Rev. Mr. Henderson, Hyde Park, gracefully acknowledged a telegram sent to him by this Presbytery in the hour of his sad bereavement. There was laid on the table and read, a communication from the Presbytery of Huron in regard to a proposition to confer with a committee appointed by them, inasmuch as it affects to some extent the congregations of Parkhill and McGillivray. It was agreed to receive the communication and appoint a committee to confer with representatives of the Huron Presbytery and report at next meeting. Said committee to consist of Revs. George McLennan and Hector Currie, and Robert Rae, elder; and further, if necessary, to cite Parkhill and McGillivray congregations to appear for their interest. The matter of supplying Marthaville was then taken up. Mr. Mackenzie, for that neighbourhood, laid on the table a document expressing the desire of the Marthaville people to be supplied in connection with Mandamin, and also stating certain conditions upon which they would connect themselves with Petrolia, after October next. The representatives for Mandamin intimated their unwillingness to be connected with Marthaville. No communication was received from Petrolia on the subject. On motion of Mr. Cuthbertson, it was agreed that the present arrangement continue till the end of October, and in the meantime appoint a committee, consisting of Revs. Dr. Thompson, McCutcheon and Tibb, to confer with the Marthaville and Petrolia people, in reference to future supply. The Presbytery proceeded to hear trial discourses and exercises of Mr. R. C. Tibb, M.A., who was afterwards licensed to preach the Gospel. The next regular meeting was appointed to be held in Strathroy, on the last Tuesday of September next, at two p.m. The following deputations were appointed to visit and receive congregations and mission stations, viz.: Rev. J. C. Tibb, Corunna and Mooretown; Rev. Mr. Beemer, Oil Springs and Oil City; Rev. Dr. Thompson, Point Edward; Rev. Hector Currie, Forrest; Rev. Messrs. McDonald and McCutcheon, Mission Fields. At the request of Mr. Beemer, the elders of Wyoming were appointed assessors with him in the management of Petrolia congregation, with a view of having elders elected and ordained as soon as possible. Standing Committees were appointed for the year, and are as follows, first name to be convener: Home Missions—Revs. Hector Currie and J. Anderson, ministers; Robt. Rae, elder. Temperance—Revs. J. C. Tibb, and J. A. McDonald, ministers; Wm. Cole, elder. Finance—Rev. Geo. Cuthbertson, minister; Messrs. Geo. Leys and D. Mackenzie, elders. Statistics—Rev. T. McAdam and Hugh Cameron, ministers; Wm. Ireland, elder. State of Religion—Rev. Geo. McLennan and Rev. W. Leitch, ministers; Geo. Leys, elder. Sabbath Schools—Revs. Mr. Beemer and J. R. Johnson, ministers; Alex. Gilliaty, elder. Colleges—Revs. Hugh Cameron and Robert Hume, ministers; and their elders. Arrangement of Business—The Clerk and Rev. Mr. McLintock. Schemes of the Church—Revs. J. S. Loughhead and J. Lee, ministers;