

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

AN enjoyable strawberry festival was held last Friday evening in the basement of Cooke's Church, under the superintendence of the Young Men's Association of the church. Songs, readings, etc., were rendered at intervals during the evening. A presentation was made to Mr. McMichael, leader of the choir, in the shape of a handsome mantel time-piece, with an appropriate address.

THE Rev. E. Mullan was inducted into the pastoral charge of Kilsyth, north Derby, and Cruickshanks in Owen Sound Presbytery on the 6th of June. The Congregation decided to draw no supplement from the Home Mission Fund. It had been receiving yearly decreasing aid from that source from the time it was erected as a separate pastoral charge. We predict a prosperous future for the congregation.

THE Sabbath school in connection with St. Andrew's Church, Guelph, enjoyed a most successful picnic recently. The occasion was deemed favourable for making a presentation to the pastor of St. Andrew's, the Rev. J. C. Smith. It consisted of an address expressive of attachment and esteem for him and his family, and accompanying the address was a cheque for \$250. Mr. Smith, in acknowledgment, made a neat and appropriate reply.

THE Rev. E. N. B. Millard, M.A., was inducted into the pastoral charge of Warton and Hepworth on the 25th June. Up to the present time that congregation appeared on the list of Mission Fields of the Presbytery of Owen Sound. Of the Indian Peninsula Mission Fields, two out of the three have become settled charges within a year, and the Presbytery has a reasonable hope that these two will become soon self-sustaining congregations. The Middle Field still remains, the settlers of which are like the conies, a feeble folk trying to make their homes among the rocks.

INTERESTING services were held on last Sabbath morning in the Carlton Street Presbyterian Church, when four elders were inducted into office, namely, Messrs. George Oal, John Bradshaw, James Bain and James Johnson. All these were elders of long experience in other congregations. It is seldom that a new organization, like that of Carlton Street, have so many elders among them to call to this important office. The pastor, Rev. A. Wilson, preached a very able and interesting discourse on the nature and functions of the office of elder. There was a good attendance and both pastor and people have reason to be much encouraged.

THE foundation stone of the new Presbyterian church, Moorefield, was laid on Dominion day, in the presence of a large assemblage. The Rev. Dr. Cochrane, of Brantford, laid the stone, and afterwards gave a thrilling address, which was listened to with deepest interest. An adjournment was then made to the grove where dinner and tea were served by the ladies of the congregation, after which addresses were delivered by the Rev. S. C. Fraser, Rev. Messrs. Campbell, of Harrison. Ait, of Palmerston, and Dr. Cochrane. The whole proceedings of the day passed off most satisfactorily in every point of view, and the event will long be remembered by the people of Moorefield and the surrounding country.

A VERY pleasant evening was spent in connection with the anniversary social, and entertainment of St. James Presbyterian Church, Stouffville, on the 26th of June. Notwithstanding the very unpropitious state of the weather the church was comfortably filled. After a very sumptuous banquet in the church, provided by the ladies, and a friendly conversation among the brethren, the literary part of the programme began. Mr. T. Nixon, present pastor, occupied the chair. Addresses were delivered by the following gentlemen:—Rev. F. Smith, Markham; G. B. Greig, Claremont; W. Patterson, Sunderland; Rev. Mr. Tapscott (Baptist); Rev. J. Unsworth (Congregationalist); Rev. Mr. Rodwell (Primitive Methodist); Rev. J. C. Wilmott (C. Methodist); Rev. Mr. Perry (Christian); all of Stouffville. Mr. J. A. McDonald recited a humorous selection, entitled, "The Bachelor's Dream." The pleasure of the evening was greatly promoted by the choir of the church which rendered several selections in a very charming manner.

A MEETING was held in Bank Street Presbyterian Church, Ottawa, on the evening of June 28, for the purpose of hearing an address by Mr. A. H.

Robertson, missionary of the Presbyterian Church to Eromanga. The meeting was announced in all the Presbyterian churches on the previous Sabbath, and in the city newspapers during the week. There was a good attendance, in which all the Presbyterian congregations in the city were represented. The highest expectations of all present must have been more than realized by the excellent address, which contained a concise description of the New Hebrides islands, and a very interesting account of the natives, with a condensed history of the mission. There was no attempt at eloquence, but the simple, unadorned statement of the modest, unassuming missionary (who is really a very good speaker) in which he was evidently striving to conceal rather than to parade the dangers which he and his family had to brave, and the hardships which they had to endure, could not fail to reach the hearts of all present. The address, which lasted about an hour, was heard with almost breathless stillness, except a few interruptions of "go on" when the missionary spoke of closing his remarks. We would be glad to see the address circulated in pamphlet form amongst our congregations. It is very desirable that arrangements could be made to enable Mr. Robertson to visit as many of our congregations as possible before his return, as the fine manly appearance of the warm-hearted missionary, together with the interesting story of his noble work could not fail to be a blessing to all who would be privileged to receive a visit from him. We have much pleasure in commending this heroic brother, who has hazarded his life for the name of the Lord Jesus, to the Christian sympathy of all who may be fortunate enough to receive a visit from him.

PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.—The quarterly meeting of this court was held at Belleville on the second and third days of July. Rev. D. Mitchell was appointed moderator for the ensuing six months. A resolution was adopted protesting in vigorous terms against the desecration of the Sabbath by the Grand Trunk Railway and post-office authorities in the matter of running trains for mail purposes on the Lord's day. The Assembly having granted leave to Dr. Neill to retire from the active duties of the ministry, a committee was appointed to confer with his congregation in regard to a retiring allowance. Mr. Maclean, convener, presented the report of the Home Mission Committee, and submitted a plan for the dispensation of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper in all the vacancies and mission fields. Dr. Gregg addressed the court in the interest of the endowment of Knox College, and a resolution was passed commending the matter to the liberality of the people. There was tabled and sustained a call from the congregation of St. Andrew's Church, Trenton, in favour of the Rev. W. T. Wilkins. Salary promised, \$700. Messrs. W. S. Smith, L. W. Thom and John Robertson were, after due examination, licensed to preach the Gospel. Arrangements were made for the ordination of Mr. Smith, and his settlement as ordained missionary in Camden and Tamworth on the 24th inst. Committees for Home Mission and Examination purposes were appointed. Mr. Maclean to be convener in the former case, and Mr. McCuaig in the latter. The congregation of West Huntingdon was united with that of Surling, offering to contribute as their share to Mr. Gray's support, \$300. From the treasurer's report it appeared that the Presbytery fund was in a very satisfactory condition. Mr. Gallagher was appointed interim moderator of the session of Brock Street Church, *vice* Mr. Chambers, resigned. The moderators of the two vacant congregations in Kingston, were empowered to moderate in calls when the people are ready. Mr. McCuaig was appointed convener of the Church Building Fund. A conference on the state of religion is to be held on the evening of the second day of the next meeting. The report of the committee appointed to frame a minute in relation to the resignation by Dr. Smith of his position as convener of the Home Mission Committee, was submitted and adopted. It expressed a high appreciation of his services in that capacity, and tendered him the sum of \$50 as a slight remuneration for his long and gratuitous labours. An adjourned meeting is to be held in the 8th Concession Church, Camden, on Tuesday, 24th inst., at three o'clock p.m.—THOMAS S. CHAMBERS, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.—This Presbytery met for ordinary business on the 3rd inst., Rev. R. P. McKay, moderator. On application made, authority was

given to Rev. A. McFaul to moderate in a call from the congregation of Orangeville, and like authority was given to Rev. Dr. Gregg for the congregation of Charles Street Church, Toronto. A motion was submitted and adopted congratulating Rev. Dr. King on his appointment to the offices of Professor and Principal of Manitoba College, and agreeing to offer earnest prayer that he may be guided to a right decision thereon. A letter was read from the convener of the Home Mission Committee, setting forth that Rev. W. McWilliams, of Streetsville, had been appointed by said committee to Prince Albert, N.W.T., and Mr. McWilliams had signified his acceptance of the same, subject to the action of the Presbytery. Rev. E. D. McLaren was appointed to preach to the congregation of Streetsville on the 22nd inst., to lay before them the aforesaid facts, and to cite them to appear for their interest at the next ordinary meeting. Considerable time was spent in considering a report of a committee (of which the moderator is convener) on a scheme for presbyterial visitation. The report recommended the dividing the Presbytery into seven sections for the purpose of visitation, said sections to be overtaken by committees of ministers and elders within every three or four years, and set forth a variety of questions to be put to ministers, sessions, deacons, or managers, and congregations. Several amendments to the scheme were arrived at, and some other questions to be put to congregations were added. The report was remitted to the committee, with instructions to arrange all details as to mode of procedure, and to report at next meeting. Rev. W. H. Hunt was, with leave of the General Assembly, received as a probationer of the Church. On motion made by Rev. A. Wilson, seconded by Principal Caven, a long resolution was adopted, expressing high regard for the Lord's day, protesting against profanation of the same by steamboat and railway excursions, deploring the recent announcement of an additional Sunday train between Toronto and Montreal, and calling on Church members and others to abstain from evil in the way referred to. Copies of the motion aforesaid were ordered to be sent by the clerk to the Post Master General, the authorities of the Grand Trunk Railroad, and the owners of the steamboat "City of Toronto." Mr. W. B. McMurrich, convener, Revs. G. M. Milligan, J. M. Cameron, and E. D. McLaren were appointed the Presbytery's committee on Sabbath schools. Mr. R. B. Smith, B.A., Mr. J. S. Henderson, and Mr. G. B. Greig, underwent their public trials for license, by examination in theology, Church history and government, a Greek and a Hebrew critical, a sermon and a lecture from each of them; and in due form they received license to preach the Gospel. Revs. J. Smith, J. M. Cameron and the clerk were appointed a committee to assign to students within the bounds subjects for essays or discourses, these to be given in at the re-opening of the colleges. Next meeting of the Presbytery was appointed to be held in the usual place on Thursday, the 26th inst., at eleven a.m.—R. MONTEATH, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF SARNIA.—This Presbytery met in Sarnia on Tuesday, June 26th, Rev. Mr. Goldie in the chair. A call was laid on the table from Parkhill and McGillivray congregations to Rev. Mr. Patterson, Glengarry Presbytery. The call was unanimous and hearty, promising \$900 with \$100 for expenses of moving. Reasons of translation were also read. It was agreed to approve of the moderator's conduct, sustain the call as a regular Gospel call, and instruct the clerk to forward the same with relative documents, to the clerk of Glengarry Presbytery. Dr. McNeill was appointed to represent the Presbytery in the matter. Rev. Mr. McAlmont tabled the resignation of his charge of Burns Church and Moore Line congregation. It was agreed to let the resignation lie on the table, and in the meantime cite the parties to appear for their interests at the next ordinary meeting. A petition was laid on the table from parties in Petrolia, who have been receiving supply from the Presbytery, asking to be organized into a congregation. On motion of Mr. McAlmont, duly seconded, the prayer of the petitioners was granted, and Mr. McDonald and session, of Brigid, were instructed to discharge that duty and report at the next meeting. Standing Committees for the year were appointed as follows: Home Missions: Rev. H. Currie, convener, and elder. Temperance: Rev. P. C. Goldie, convener; with J. R. Johnston and James McNaughton, elders. Finance: Rev. John Thompson, convener, with W. Bryce and F. Blaikie, elders. Statistics: Rev. J. Wells, con-