

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

THE corner stone of a new Presbyterian Church was laid at Flesherton lately by the Rev. John Smith of Toronto.

THE annual excursion of College Street Presbyterian Church Sabbath school took place on the 6th inst. Lorne Park was selected as a most eligible place for holding the picnic. The steamer "Hastings" carried a very large number of scholars, with their teachers, parents and friends, to the scene of the day's enjoyment. A most enjoyable time was spent by all present. Not a single mishap marred the pleasure of the occasion.

THE pulpit of St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa, vacant by the removal of the Rev. D. M. Gordon to Winnipeg has been filled by the ordination and induction of Rev. W. T. Herridge, B.D., to the pastoral charge. On the 5th inst. he was introduced by the Rev. Dr. Jenkins, of Montreal, who at the close of an appropriate discourse, spoke in a kindly strain of the excellencies and qualifications of the new pastor of St. Andrew's. Mr. Herridge preached an able discourse in the evening from the text, "Jesus Christ and Him crucified." He enters on an important charge under favourable and encouraging circumstances.

THE death of the Rev. James Cameron of Chatsworth is announced. He was attacked by typhoid fever which resulted fatally on Monday last. Mr. Cameron was a diligent and successful student. He prosecuted his literary studies at Edinburgh University, of which institution he was a gold medallist. He studied theology with success at Knox College. Ordained and inducted to the pastoral charge of Chatsworth in 1858, he continued minister of the same congregation till his death. Mr. Cameron for several years edited the "Christian Monthly" and the "Presbyterian Year Book." A man of high character and amiable disposition, a minister of devoted fidelity to duty, Mr. Cameron's death occasions sincere regret to all who knew him, and by many his name will be held in loving remembrance.

THE new Presbyterian church at Winchester Springs was dedicated to the service and worship of Almighty God by Rev. George Burnfield, M.A., B.D., of Brockville, on Sabbath, July 27th. The edifice is a neat and well proportioned frame building, 30 x 40, and will comfortably seat two hundred and fifty people. It is built after the most modern style of architecture, and the interior is beautifully finished and well furnished. This congregation has made wonderful progress during the past two years. Not even an organized mission station existed then. Two years ago there were only some eight or nine Presbyterian families in the whole place. Now there are about thirty. The church cost about \$2,000, and the trifling debt now remaining is more than provided for. This is the second new church that our missionary, Mr. James Sutherland, has been instrumental in building within the last two years, and he is at present engaged in raising funds to build a third in the village of Chesterville, in which undertaking he has met with most encouraging success. No doubt the Presbyterians of Chesterville within a year will have a house of their own, in which they can meet to worship the God of their fathers. They should have had such over twenty years ago. On the following Monday evening Rev. Mr. Burnfield delivered one of his famous lectures on "Palestine." It was highly appreciated, and proved remunerative to the Building Committee, the proceeds amounting to \$41 25.

PRESBYTERY OF BARRIE.—This Presbytery met at Barrie on Tuesday, 31st July. The Revs. Messrs. J. W. Mitchell, J. Bryant, J. K. Henry and W. McKee being present, were invited to sit with the court. Reports from the commissioners to the late General Assembly were received. An overture to the Synod of Toronto and Kingston was adopted, praying the Synod to take steps for carrying on missionary work among the several thousands of lumbermen who follow their calling in the northern portion of the Synod's bounds, and are very imperfectly supplied with the means of grace. A call from the congregation of Second Innisfil was set aside in consequence of intimation received that it would not be accepted, and leave was granted to the moderator of the session to moderate in a call again at such time as may be desired. Similar leave was granted to the moderators of the sessions of First West Gwillimbury and Cook-

town, and of Barrie. A report was received from the committee appointed to deal with the congregation of Guthrie Church, Oro, regarding the resignation of the charge by Mr. S. Hutcheson. In accordance with the committee's recommendations, the Presbytery resolved to accept Mr. Hutcheson's resignation, taking effect on 12th August; to enjoin payment of arrears of stipend; to permit Mr. Hutcheson to occupy the S. B. Ardagh manse until such time as the Presbytery may require it again, on condition that he pay insurance and keep the building in repair. Mr. Hutcheson's application for leave to retire from the active duties of the ministry was laid on the table, as nothing can be done in the matter till next General Assembly. Mr. Gray was appointed to preach the pulpit vacant, and to act as moderator of session during the vacancy. A petition was presented from a number of the members of the church and others for the organization of a new congregation in Mitchell Square, Oro. After petitioners were heard, a committee was appointed to meet at some convenient place in the township of Oro, with the petitioners and the commissioners from neighbouring congregations, to consider whether the organization desired should be granted, and whether a re-arrangement of the congregations in Oro may be necessary. The members of the committee are Messrs. R. N. Grant, W. Fraser, D.D., D. H. McLennan, A. McDonald, ministers, and Mr. W. I. Forbes, elder. The Presbytery, having been informed of the illness of Mr. W. Anderson, of Rosemont and Mulmur, for ten weeks past, and of the doctor's requirement that he should have absolute rest for six weeks to come, expressed its sympathy with their brother, and agreed to provide supply of his pulpit for the latter period. A large deputation from the congregations of Bradford, Second West Gwillimbury, Scotch Line, and St. John's attended to support a petition for moderation in a call with promise of \$850 stipend and manse. The petition was granted, and Mr. S. Hutcheson appointed to moderate at as early a date as possible. A deputation from the congregations of East Nottawasaga, etc., intimated their desire that an ordained minister be appointed to labour among them for a year. They promised \$700 stipend. It was agreed to comply with the wish of the congregation if possible, and the Home Mission committee were instructed to use endeavours to find a minister for the duty. Mr. John Garioch, a resident of the township of Bethune, in Muskoka, who has voluntarily ministered to the religious interests of his fellow-settlers, appeared, on invitation of the Presbytery, and, having satisfied the court, was appointed catechist. Mr. S. Craig, student, applied for and received leave to enter on a course of theological study. A plan for canvassing the congregations on behalf of the Endowment Fund of Knox College was submitted by Mr. Gray, and approved. The next meeting of Presbytery will be held on the last Tuesday of September, at one p.m., in the Presbyterian church, Orillia.—ROBT. MOODIE, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE.—This Presbytery met at Pinkerton on July 17th. The Rev. J. Eadie was appointed moderator for the next six months. A memorial was read from St. Andrew's Church, Paisley, asking to be received, as a congregation, into the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Messrs. George Brookie and Wm. McLeod were heard in support of the petition. On motion it was agreed to receive said congregation, as a congregation in full standing, and Dr. Moffat was appointed moderator of session. A call to Rev. J. T. Paterson, from the congregation of Meaford and Griersville, in the Presbytery of Owen Sound, was laid on the table, and arrangements were made for citing the congregation of Hanover and North Normanby to appear for their interests at an adjourned meeting of the Presbytery to be held in Knox Church, Paisley, on August 7th, at two p.m. Mr. Currie reported that he had moderated in a call to North Kinloss, Riversdale and Enniskillen, which came out unanimously in favour of Rev. Wm. Gallagher; stipend promised, \$650 per annum and manse. The call was sustained and put in the hands of Mr. Gallagher, and his acceptance thereof having been intimated, his induction was appointed to take place at Riversdale on August 14th, at eleven a.m. Dr. Moffat to preach and preside, Mr. Mordy to address the minister, and Mr. Anderson the people. On application leave was granted to the managers of the church at Port Arthur to sell a portion of the glebe lot. The moderator of session of Knox Church, Paisley, was empowered to moderate in a call on the 31st

of July, at eleven a.m. Mr. Tolmie submitted the quarterly Home Mission Report, recommending the Presbytery to make arrangements for the supply of Manitowaning during August and September, Tarbut during August, and the appointment of a minister to visit the other fields on Manitoulin and Algoma Mills, and to dispense ordinances. Messrs. Wardrope, Duff, Currie and Mackenzie were appointed in terms of the recommendation. Dr. Scott having introduced the subject of Knox College Endowment Fund, it was agreed to express cordial approval of said scheme and earnestly recommend the object to the liberality of the members and adherents of the Church. The following were appointed standing committees for the year: Home Missions—Revs. Tolmie (convener), McLennan and Blain, and J. McFarlane, elder. Finance—Revs. Eadie (convener) and Duff, and James McKinnon, elder. Statistics—Revs. Gourlay (convener), Dr. Moffat, and G. McNally, elder. State of Religion—Revs. Dr. Scott (convener), and Ferguson, and Ang. McKinnon, elder. Sabbath Schools—Revs. Dr. Moffat (convener), and Mordy, and J. Hall, elder. Temperance—Revs. D. Wardrope and P. Currie, and Mr. Kirkland, elder. Examination of Students—Revs. Dr. Scott (convener), Gourlay, Mordy, Anderson and Ferguson. Arrangement of Business—Revs. Gourlay (convener), Dr. Scott, and John McKinnon, elder. The next meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held in Westminster Church, Teeswater, on Tuesday, September 18th, at three o'clock p.m. An adjourned meeting was held within Knox Church, Paisley, on August 7th. Rev. J. Eadie, moderator, presiding. The call from Meaford and Griersville to Mr. Paterson was taken up and considered. It was reported that intimation of the call had been made to the congregation of Hanover and North Normanby, and the citation had been duly served. Papers having been read and parties heard, the call was put into Mr. Paterson's hands and accepted by him. On motion of Dr. Scott, seconded by Mr. Ferguson, it was resolved that the Presbytery agree to the translation of Mr. Paterson and instruct him to wait for and obey the orders of the Owen Sound Presbytery. Mr. Mordy was appointed to preach and declare the charge vacant on the first Sabbath of September, and to act as moderator of session during the vacancy. Messrs. Ferguson and Mordy were appointed a committee to prepare a minute antecedent the translation of Mr. Paterson. The moderator of St. Andrew's Church, Paisley, was empowered to moderate in a call when the session and congregation may be prepared. A Presbyterial certificate from the Presbytery of Hamilton, transferring Mr. James Herald, ordained missionary at Port Arthur, to this Presbytery, was read and received, and Mr. Herald's name was ordered to be added to the roll. There was produced and read a call from Knox Church Paisley, to Rev. John McKay, of Milverton, in the Presbytery of Stratford. The call was signed by 193 members and 114 adherents, and was accompanied with a guarantee of \$1,050 per annum of stipend, to be paid quarterly. Commissioners from the congregation having been heard, it was agreed to sustain the call and order its transmission to the Presbytery of Stratford. Mr. Tolmie was appointed to prosecute the call before said Presbytery. Dr. Scott, convener of the Committee for the Examination of Students, introduced to the Presbytery Mr. J. C. Smith, theological student in Knox College, who read a discourse, with which the Presbytery expressed its high satisfaction. An application was made by Mr. John Anderson, a licentiate of the Church of Scotland, to be received as a probationer of the Church, the consideration of which was postponed till next regular meeting of Presbytery.—JAMES GOURLAY, M.A., Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF OTTAWA.—An adjourned meeting was held in St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa on the 2nd August, at which important business was transacted. Two calls from the Presbytery of Brockville were taken under consideration and disposed of in the usual way. The one from Morrisburgh and Iroquois was in favour of Rev. G. D. Bayne, of Wakefield; the other from Kemptville was in favour of Rev. H. J. McDiarmid, of East Gloucester. An *in hunc effectum* meeting will be held on the 14th inst. to dispose finally of these calls. Mr. W. T. Herridge, B.D., pastor-elect of St. Andrew's Church underwent examination in the afternoon, was ordained and inducted into the pastoral charge of the congregation of St. Andrew's Church in the evening, in the presence of a large congregation. Mr. Bennett preached, the