

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

THE contract for the rebuilding of St. Andrew's Church, Chatham, was let some time ago, for the sum of \$15,000. The corner-stone was laid last Tuesday by the pastor, Rev. J. R. Battisby. When finished the church will be about 80 feet by 65 inside and will seat 900. The seats will be amphitheatre in style, and cushioned. It is to be heated with steam, along with other modern improvements. The congregation is worshipping in the mean time in the Music Hall, and will do so until the church is finished, which will be about the beginning of January.—COM.

THE Presbyterian church in Bobcaygeon, which had been undergoing repairs, was re-opened on Sabbath, June 27th. The re-opening services were conducted by the Rev. Mr. Hastie, of Lindsay, who preached excellent sermons morning and evening, and the pastor of the church who preached in the afternoon. On the following evening a tea meeting was held, which was largely attended. After tea the party met in the church, and spent a pleasant and profitable evening. Interesting and instructive addresses were delivered by the Rev. Messrs. Smylie, Hastie, and Jones, of Brussels, and Messrs. Richmond and C. rrie, missionary students. The addresses were interspersed with music from the choir, which was highly appreciated. To dispose of the eatables a tea meeting was held the following evening at which nearly as many were present as on the night before. Collections on Sabbath and the proceeds of the tea meetings amounted to \$126. The cost of repairing the church was \$468, which has been fully met. The repairs have made the church very comfortable and all are satisfied the money has been well spent.—COM.

THE Rev. P. M. McLeod, late of Stratford, was on Tuesday last inducted into the pastoral charge of the congregation meeting in the Central Presbyterian Church, Toronto. The attendance of the members of the congregation and of the general public was fairly good. The Rev. Mr. McGillivray, of Scarboro', preached from Romans xii. 1; the Rev. Mr. Hogg, of Charles street, Toronto, offered the induction prayer; Rev. Mr. Parsons addressed the newly inducted minister, and Mr. Hogg concluded with an address to the members of the church on their special duties to their minister, to the cause, and to themselves. In the evening there was a very pleasant reception meeting at which there were delivered many short, pleasant, congratulatory speeches. Some good music from the organist also added greatly to the success of the meeting, while the social intercourse enjoyed was by no means the least pleasant part of the programme. Mr. McLeod enters upon his labours in his new sphere of work with the cordial good wishes of all his co-Presbyters, the most heartfelt sympathy and affection of his congregation, and the general good will and unfeigned respect of the community at large, so far as it has yet become acquainted with his excellences. The settlement as a whole is a very gratifying one, and all will pray that the union formed may continue long and be abundantly blessed.

PRESBYTERY OF SAUGEEN.—This Presbytery met in Durham on the 6th of July. Mr. A. C. Stewart was appointed Moderator for the next six months. The people of Black's Corners petitioned the Presbytery to be formed into a mission station. Messrs. Brown, Campbell and Scott were appointed a deputation to visit Black's Corners and Bowling Green and make all necessary inquiries regarding the field, and report at next meeting. Messrs. Niven and Scott were appointed a Committee on Statistics. Messrs. Fraser, Straith and Crow were appointed a Finance Committee. A petition containing the names of forty-six members and nine adherents from the Durham congregation was presented and read, praying for separate organization owing to the introduction of an organ into the service of praise in said congregation. The petition was received and laid on the table. Both the petitioners and the congregation were cited to appear at the next ordinary meeting, and in the meantime both parties were counselled to make every endeavour to find a basis of reconciliation. The congregations of Dundalk and Fraser Settlement petitioned for the services of an ordained missionary for one year. The Home Mission agent was instructed to apply on their behalf. The next meeting of the Presbytery will be held in St. Andrew's Church, Mount Forest, on the

second Tuesday of September, at eleven o'clock a.m.—S. YOUNG, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF HURON.—This Presbytery met in Brucefield, on the 13th July. Mr. Musgrave was appointed Moderator for the ensuing six months. The supplemented congregations and mission stations were revised. Dr. Ure, and Captain Gibson, elder, were appointed to visit the station in Goderich, and to report at next meeting. It was not considered necessary to send deputations to Grand Bend or to Bayfield and Bethany, as the financial standing of the aforesaid congregations was fully considered at this and at last meeting, deputations of said congregations appearing before the Court. It was agreed to ask for a continuance of the grants now received by the above congregations and mission stations. The deputation appointed to visit Chiselhurst having reported, were reappointed to further confer with the people there, and report at next meeting. Commissioners to the Assembly reported in due form. The Standing Committees for the year were reappointed. Messrs. D. M. Ramsay, B.A., and W. J. Hall, students, were examined, and ordered to be certified to the Board of Examiners of Knox College. The session records of Thames Road and of Hullett were examined and attested. A deputation consisting of Messrs. Danby (Convener), McDonald, and Thomson, with the representative elders of Egmondville, Brucefield, and Bayfield Road were appointed to consider the propriety of separating Exeter from Rodgerville as to their pastoral relations, and to report at next meeting. Messrs. Barr (Convener), Stewart and Lochhead were appointed a committee to examine students.—ARCH. MCLEAN, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF PETERBORO'.—This Presbytery met on the 6th inst. at Millbrook. Mr. Clarke of Lakefield was chosen Moderator for the next six months. The application of Mr. Peter Fleming, a minister of the American Episcopal Methodist Church, was referred to a committee. The Presbytery at a subsequent date adopted the recommendation of the committee to confer with the Presbytery of Lindsay before any action be taken. Mr. Fleming's papers were laid on the table until next meeting. An extract minute from the records of the General Assembly was read to the effect that consent had been given to the transfer of the station at Blairton from the jurisdiction of the Presbytery of Kingston to that of Peterboro'. Arrangements were made for the dispensing of sealing ordinances in the different mission stations before next meeting of Presbytery. Delegates were instructed to inquire into all matters affecting the prosperity of the stations. The names of Messrs. F. Andrews, F. R. Beattie, R. J. Beattie and Wm. Bennett were added to the Home Mission Committee. A resolution was unanimously adopted enjoining the Home Mission Committee to furnish the Presbytery at its January and July meetings with full reports regarding the state of the mission fields within the bounds. These reports were ordered to be printed and distributed before the meetings at which they are to be presented. Mr. Bell moved and argued for a system of regular Presbyterian visitation of congregations. The motion was adopted, and Messrs. Bell (Convener), Clarke, Cleland and Bennett were appointed a committee to draw up a list of questions for use at said meetings, and to report at next meeting of Presbytery.—WM. BENNETT, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.—This Court met on the 6th inst., all the ministers being present, but fewer elders than usual. An extract minute of General Assembly authorizing Presbytery to put the name of Mr. James Smith, missionary in Western India, upon the roll, was read; as also an extract minute of Assembly anent the status of ministers, retired by leave of Assembly, and in accordance with these extracts the names of Messrs. T. McPherson, John Fotheringham, and J. Smith were placed upon the roll, with full judicial powers. Mr. McPherson was appointed Moderator for next six months. A call to Mr. P. McF. McLeod from Central Church, Toronto, was by him accepted after the usual formalities, and the charge of Knox Church, Stratford, ordered to be declared vacant next Sabbath. Mr. McPherson was appointed *ad interim* Moderator of Session of Knox Church, and authorized to moderate in a call when the congregation should be ready to proceed. The congregation was allowed to find its own supply of preaching for next three months. Mr. Thos. T. Johnston was allowed to resign his charge of Trowbridge station. A

petition from parties in North Mornington for supply of preaching was refused. Public probationary trials for license were assigned Mr. Wm. Shearer in anticipation of his transference from the Presbytery of Montreal. The report of the Commission to Biddulph was read, as also resolutions of the congregation setting forth its views of its condition and the causes thereof, and complaining of the action of the Commission. Consideration of these documents was postponed. A protest and appeal by Mr. Alex. Mitchell and others against the action of session suspending them from church membership was taken up, and in part considered. Owing to lack of time the matter was postponed till next ordinary meeting. A petition from Widder street, St. Mary's, was granted, asking Presbytery's sanction to mortgaging its church property with a view to meeting its obligations incurred by the erection of a new church. In the afternoon of the 7th inst. a Commission of General Assembly, with plenary power in the case, heard all parties in the Brookdale case—so called. It was decided that the petitioners thus should be held as representing the former Church of Scotland in Zorra, that they should have preaching given them, and that in this matter Presbytery should so arrange as not to interfere with the interests of Harrington.—J. FOTHERINGHAM, *Pres. Clerk*.

BOOKS AND MAGAZINES.

CANADIAN METHODIST MAGAZINE. (Toronto: W. Briggs.)—In the July number of this well conducted publication appears No. VII. of Dr. Ryerson's Essays on "Canadian Methodism," dealing with the early struggles for denominational equality in matters civil.

THE TEMPERANCE LIGHT. (Boston: Oliver Ditson & Co.)—These are hymns and sacred songs with the music, to be used at temperance meetings, and they seem exceedingly well suited for the purpose. Anything that helps in the crusade against intemperance—that giant evil of the day—cannot but be acceptable.

THE ATLANTIC MONTHLY. (Houghton, Mifflin & Co., Boston, July, 1880.)—Several well-written papers—biographical, critical and historical—the usual instalments of choice fiction, some very 'air poetry, book reviews, and about a dozen of brief but brilliant essays in the "Contributors' Club," makes up an excellent number of this magazine.

THE PREACHER AND HOMILETIC MONTHLY. (Religious Newspaper Agency, New York, July, 1880.)—Many prominent names appear in the present number, such as those of Dr. Storrs, Dr. Crosby, Professor Hitchcock, Dr. Leech, Dr. Rylance, and Professor Thwing. The readers of the "Preacher" are in a position to watch the course of current religious thought.

ORATIONS OF DEMOSTHENES, translated by Leland. MISTER HORN AND HIS FRIENDS. (New York: I. K. Funk & Co.)—These are the last issues of the cheap Standard Series of the Messrs. Funk and are quite as deserving as any of the previous numbers. When the whole of the orations of Demosthenes can be had, rendered into English, for forty cents a good many people ought to be ashamed to be ignorant of them. What we think of "Mister Horn" may be seen in another column.

LITTLE PILLOWS. MORNING BELLS. ROYAL BOUNTY. By Frances Ridley Havergal. (New York: Anson D. F. Randolph & Co.; Toronto: Hart & Rawlison.)—These three little books are by the saintly and much loved Miss Havergal, so well and widely known by her writings both in poetry and prose. The two first are specially intended for the little ones, and have all Miss Havergal's characteristic tenderness. The last supplies short readings for each of thirty-one days which will be found very helpful.

THE INTERNATIONAL REVIEW. (A. S. Barnes & Co., New York, July, 1880.)—The current number of the "International" is not behind its predecessors in the masterly treatment of those secular topics to which this periodical as a rule restricts itself; but it contains (of course under the usual notice of editorial irresponsibility) a contribution which not only gives an incomplete and distorted view of the beliefs and teachings of a great man but indirectly attacks some of the fundamental doctrines of the Christian religion. To enable many of our readers at once to guess the