

ANNIVERSARY services will be held in Georgetown, on Sunday, Oct., 21st. Rev. J. O. Smith, B.D., of Guelph, will preach in the morning and evening.

THE corner stone of the new church at Oro Centre was recently laid with great success. Addresses were delivered by Mr. A. Miscampbell, M.P.P.; W. H. Bennett, M.P.; Rev. D. D. McLeod and Mr. J. McL. Stevenson, of Barrie. Tea was served, and the receipts, added to those of a social the following evening, amounted to \$75.60.

KNOX church, Ottawa, will celebrate the jubilee of the church (fifty years) in November. \$15,000 is to be raised for the purpose of wiping out the debt of the church, which is just \$15,000. The three pastors who have presided over the congregation since the start, all of whom are still in active service, will be present and take part in the service.

THE Presbytery of Inverness, C.B., has five vacant congregations at present, viz., Whycocomagh, Malagawatch and River Dennis, Port Hastings and River Inhabitant, Middle River and Little Narrows. Every one of these congregations needs preaching in Gaelic as well as in English. Will not some masters of these languages come to the help of the Presbytery.

REV. MR. REID, Onondaga, preached a special sermon at Alberton, on "Indecision in Religious Belief." He traced the causes of much of modern unbelief and indecision to want of clear ideas on the nature of sin, and God's way of salvation; conformity to custom and connection with questionable trade and lack of moral courage. There was a large congregation and the sermon was listened to with great attention.

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A LARGELY attended meeting of Woodville congregation was held in the church on Monday, Oct. 8th, to hear a call from Pickering congregation, Presbytery of Whitby, to Rev. A. McAuly, B.A., the respected pastor of Woodville. It was moved, seconded and carried unanimously that their pastor be retained. Three delegates were appointed by the congregation to attend the meeting of the Presbytery of Lindsay to be held in Woodville.

THE new Knox church, 10th Line, Holland of which Rev. J. F. McLaren, B.D., is minister, was recently opened for public worship. The weather was delightful and as quite a few of the neighboring congregations closed that day for the occasion, the result was an unusually large attendance at the opening services. Alex. Gillray, of Toronto, preached from the text, Eph. iii. 17-19 a touching and edifying discourse on the subject of Redemption. The Rev. Mr. Stevens, of Strathavon, assisted in the devotional exercises. Almost as soon as the congregation was dismissed people came to take their places for the afternoon service, which was advertised to begin at 2.30 p.m. Dr. Waits preached from the text Rev. xix. 16, a very eloquent discourse on the supremacy of Christ in nature, mind, morals and in the spiritual world. In the evening the building was crowded as before to hear Mr. Gillray again preach on Ps. xcii. 12, the palm tree as an emblem of Christian Life. The Rev. Mr. Berry, of Walter's Falls, assisted in the devotional exercises. On the following Monday evening a tea-meeting was held in the new church. During a brief interval the chairman, Rev. J. F. McLaren, gave a short financial position of the new church. The entire cost exclusive of the furnishings was \$2,300 which is nearly all covered by subscriptions. From first to last the building was erected without any extra. The Ladies' Aid Society raised about \$150 to procure the furnishings. The building is one of the newest in this section of the province and exceedingly convenient,

having been designed by Mr. McPherson, of Owen Sound. The contractor was Mr. Robertson, also of Owen Sound.

REV. M. P. TALLING, of St. James' Presbyterian church, dealt with hospital work in an instructive way during his sermon on Sunday evening. He directed attention to the many charitable institutions and organizations in the city and incidentally spoke of Dr. Eccles' recent address on hospital matters, warmly commending the spirit of it. He pointed out that Old London had more than 100 hospitals supported at an expense of more than \$5,000,000 annually. London Hospital alone maintained 6,300 in-patients and 46,000 out-patients, at a cost of over \$200,000 per annum, obtained chiefly by voluntary contributions. Since 1873 Old London had taken a collection in the churches on a Sunday in June known as "Hospital Sunday." That taken in June, 1877, realized \$125,000. Our London had two hospitals, homes for the aged, for orphans, for the incurable, a rescue home, and others. Why should not we have a Hospital Sunday too? It was not the money alone that was a benefit, but it attracted attention to the sick and suffering, and cultivated the sympathies of those who could visit and aid such. —London Advertiser.

### Presbytery of Algoma.

A MEETING of the Presbytery of Algoma was held at Little Current, Manitoulin Island, on the 13th, 19th and 20th ult. An able and appropriate sermon was preached at the opening by Rev. S. Roudeau, of Sudbury, the retiring moderator, from Acts iv. 13. The attendance was good. Rev. E. B. Rodgers' name was added to the roll in accordance with the action of the Synod of Toronto and Kingston. Rev. J. Rennie, of Manitowaning, was elected moderator for the coming year. The mission stations of Squaw Island and Collins' Inlet were included in this Presbytery by the new definition of boundaries lately sanctioned by the General Assembly; they formerly belonged to Barrie. Rev. A. Findlay, Superintendent of Missions, and Rev. J. Rennie, Convener of the Home Mission Committee, read reports of the work of the past six months, with recommendations for work in the future. These were considered in detail and occupied the greater part of the Presbytery's time. The Presbytery resolved to adhere to the plan originally proposed with regard to the Church and Manse Building Fund for Northern Ontario, and to push forward, with all vigor and diligence, the work of raising the money, so much needed at present, to encourage our people in their laudable efforts to lay broad and deep the foundations of Presbyterianism in this new district, and the Rev. A. Findlay, Supt. of Missions, was authorized to continue the canvas on every favourable opportunity. The Presbytery of Algoma also desires through the press to convey its hearty thanks to the kind friends that have already encouraged their efforts by their liberal contributions to this fund, whether as individuals or as congregations. The clerk was also instructed to convey the thanks of the Presbytery to the several societies that have aided in carrying on mission work in the bounds during the past six months. The spiritual interests of the lumbermen, within reach, are to be attended to and the work is in charge of a committee, with Rev. S. Roudeau, of Sudbury, as convener. Mr. Thos. Ainsley was received and recommended for appointment as catechist to Cockburn Island. Thessalon is to have an ordained missionary. J. Burkholder, W. D. McPhail, J. C. Smith, Geo. Arnold, D. J. Ellison, W. B. Findlay, W. Wallis, Thomas Oswald, P. Reith, G. C. Little, W. Burton, J. B. Torrance, S. D. Jamieson, and John Foster, students, are recommended to their colleges, having fulfilled the requirements satisfactorily. The Standing Committees for the coming year, with conveners, are as follows: Home Missions, Rev. J. Rennie, Manitowaning; French Evangelization, Rev. S. Roudeau, Sudbury; Students and Catechists, Rev. W. E. Wallace, Little Current; State of Religion, Rev. J. L. Robertson, Gore Bay; Sabbath Schools, Rev. W. A. Duncan, Sault St. Marie, Ont.; Statistics, Rev. J. K. Mac-

Gillivray, Maclellan; Sabbath Observance, Rev. W. A. Duncan, Sault St. Marie; Systematic Benevolence, Rev. J. Rennie, Manitowaning. Gratifying reports were received from Revs. Maclellan, Roudeau, Macgillivray and Rennie of work done in the mission fields contiguous to their own, over which the Presbytery had appointed them to have pastoral supervision. A committee was given charge of the Book of Praise and instructed to report the views of Presbytery to the Hymnal Committee not later than February 1st. The usual vote of thanks was passed to the kind friends who had so hospitably entertained the members of Presbytery. The next meeting is to be held in Bruce Mines, on Wednesday, the 13th March, next, at 7 p.m. —J. K. MACGILLIVRAY, Clerk.

### Presbytery of Ottawa.

AN adjourned meeting of this Presbytery was held in Knox church, Ottawa, on Thursday, the 4th inst. The attendance was small. The chief item of business was disposing of a call from Rockburn and Gore in the Presbytery of Montreal to the Rev. Jas. H. Beatt, of Cumberland, and the clerk of Presbytery Rev. J. Nichols, of Montreal, was present as a commissioner from his Presbytery to plead for translation. After parties were heard Mr. Beatt being asked to state his desire, expressed his wish to accept the call. After some conversation a committee was appointed to confer with Mr. Beatt to induce him to reconsider his decision. The conference was unavailing and Dr. Campbell moved with great reluctance that the pastoral tie at Cumberland be severed and that Mr. Beatt be transferred to the Montreal Presbytery after the 11th inst. Dr. Moore moved that Rev. C. A. Doudiet, of Buckingham, be appointed moderator of session during the vacancy and that he be instructed to preside the church vacant on the 11th inst. T. Rev. James Ballantyne, B.A., of Knox church, Ottawa, was appointed convener of the Presbytery's Committee on Augmentation and the Rev. Dr. Armstrong was appointed to appear at the first meeting of the Assembly's Committee on Augmentation in the interests of this Presbytery. The Rev. A. Russell's name was ordered to be sent to the Home Mission Committee. A certificate of ordination was granted to the Rev. Jos. Savignac. The induction of the Rev. A. McGregor, B.A., will take place at Litchfield on Tuesday next. The next meeting of Presbytery will be held in Bank St. church, Ottawa, on the first Tuesday of November (6th) at 10 a.m. JAS. H. BEATT, Clerk.

### Presbytery of Chatham.

CHATHAM Presbytery met in First church, Chatham, on the 11th inst. Rev. J. Hodges, B.A., was elected moderator for six months. Rev. Wm. Burns, of Toronto, being present, was invited to sit as corresponding member. It was reported to the Presbytery that the union between Knox church, formerly in connection with Dresden, and Dover, etc., was complete and that the congregation had promised to add \$50 per annum to Mr. Mc Lintock's stipend. Standing Committee for the year were appointed and the conveners are as follows: Temperance, Mr. Gilchrist; Sabbath Schools, Mr. Kay; State of Religion, Mr. Hunter; Sabbath Observance, Mr. Hodges; Statistics, the Clerk; Home Missions, Mr. Battisby; Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, Mr. Becket; Systematic Benevolence, Mr. Nattress. Botany being about to call, the session was allowed to find its own supply. Leamington seeks supply for December from the Assembly's Committee. It was agreed that, with its own consent, Dresden be reduced to a mission station and that the Home Mission Committee be asked to grant \$2 per Sabbath to the field. A committee with Mr. Nattress, convener, was appointed to arrange subjects and speakers for a conference to be held in connection with Presbytery's December meeting. The moderator and clerk were instructed to authorize the congregation at Elmira, Ill., to sell its church property. Closed with the benediction.

W. M. FLEMING, Clerk.