

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

THE Rev Robt Thynne has returned to his congregation in Beverley, after a three months' tour in the old country.

THE Rev. J. R. McLeod, late of Sault Ste. Marie, has received a unanimous call to the congregation of Kingsbury and Brompton Gore, in the Presbytery of Quebec.

THE Rev. A. B. Simpson, pastor of the Thirteenth street Presbyterian Church, New York, and formerly pastor of Knox Church, Hamilton, has returned to the scene of his labours, greatly improved in health.

WE see it stated that the Pembina Presbyterian congregation recently gave a call to Rev. John Campbell, of Harriston, offering him \$1,000 a year, a manse, and the expense of removing. The call has been declined.

THE anniversary services connected with Knox Church, Beaverton, held last Sabbath, were conducted by the Rev. Principal Caven, of Knox College, who preached morning and evening. It is scarcely necessary to add that the sermons were most suitable and impressive, and were listened to by large and attentive congregations.

THE Rev. Mr. Welsh, son-in-law of the late Dr. Guthrie, preached in the First Presbyterian Church, Brockville, on Sabbath, the 5th inst. The sermon was a most impressive one and the services were enjoyed very much by a large congregation. Mr. Welsh is on his way to the Pan-Presbyterian Council, at Philadelphia.—COM.

SAYS the Berlin "Telegraph": "On the evening of Monday, August 30th, the Bible Class of Chalmers' Church, met at the manse, and presented the Rev. A. M. Hamilton, M.A., with an address expressive of their respect and esteem for him, accompanied by a very handsome adjustable easy chair. Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton possess, alike, in a high degree, the faculty of making all about them feel comfortable, and the class spent a very pleasant evening with them."

THE ladies of the Presbyterian church in Chesley held a very successful harvest social in the town hall, on the 20th ult. There was a full supply of all the delicacies of the season, and, after tea, a large number of able speakers and two very efficient choirs entertained the company. The large hall was completely crowded, and at the conclusion of the entertainment the ladies presented the pastor, the Rev. John Ferguson, with a well-filled purse to shew their appreciation of his services since he came to the place. Mr. Ferguson has laboured with great acceptance and success since he came to Chesley only some eight months ago—the membership of the church having been nearly doubled in that time.—COM.

REV. PROF. CALDERWOOD, LL.D., of Edinburgh, last Sabbath evening occupied the pulpit of St. James' Square Presbyterian Church, Toronto, and preached an impressive sermon from John xiv. 16, "I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever." The reverend gentleman divided his remarks under three heads, as follows: (1) The promise of another and an abiding Comforter in the place of Christ the Saviour, viz., the Spirit. (2) The relation of the Comforter to the work of the Saviour. (3) The special work of the Comforter, abiding in the world. The Doctor, in his concluding remarks, earnestly enjoined his hearers to seek the Spirit, as the precious gift is only guaranteed to those who diligently ask for it.

ON Tuesday evening, 7th inst., the drill shed, at Hall's Corners, Binbrook, was the scene of a very pleasant gathering, the occasion being the fourth anniversary of the induction of the Rev. W. P. Walker, into the pastorate of the congregations of Binbrook and Saltfleet. An excellent supper was provided by the ladies, after which a select programme of vocal and instrumental music was proceeded with, interspersed with addresses by the Revs. Messrs. Fletcher of Hamilton, Wilson of Caledonia, and Harris of Hall's Corners. A very interesting feature of the meeting was the presentation to the pastor, by the Binbrook congregation, of a beautiful top buggy. Dr. Russell, of Hall's Corners, on behalf of the congregation, making the presentation in a neat speech, which was feelingly responded to by the recipient. Such pleasing incidents are among the best evidences of the genuine sympathy of a congregation with the ef-

forts of the pastor, and do much to strengthen his hands in his labour of love. A very enjoyable evening was brought to a close by the pastor pronouncing the benediction. The financial result of the meeting was the neat sum of \$121, which is to be applied to the liquidation of the debt on the manse erected a short time ago.—COM.

THE Rev. A. D. McDonald, of Seaforth, having some time ago taken possession of the new manse erected for him, a number of ladies and gentlemen, members of the congregation, recently assembled at the residence of Mr. S. G. McCaughey, proceeded in a body to the manse, and surprised Mr. and Mrs. McDonald, by taking forcible possession of the premises. Notwithstanding this unceremonious attack, however, they were all heartily welcomed, and after the congratulations and formalities usual on such occasions were got through with, the real object of the assemblage was made manifest. Mrs. S. Dickson, on behalf of the congregation, read a complimentary address, and Mrs. Wm. McCulloch presented Rev. Mr. McDonald with a handsome purse containing \$152 in gold. Mr. McDonald made a feeling and suitable reply. The tables were then spread by the ladies, and the company partook of the good things which had been so bountifully provided for the occasion, and the remainder of the evening was pleasantly spent with music and social intercourse. The new manse is 44 x 34, two stories high, with kitchen, woodshed and verandahs attached—all of brick work. The walls were built last fall and the roof put on. Early in the spring the mechanics were at work and all was finished, and about the end of June the minister and his family took possession. That the entire cost of this building has been met, and at the same time provision made for the payment of all previous indebtedness, speaks well for the energy and liberality of the congregation.

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.—An ordinary meeting of this Presbytery was held on the 7th inst., Rev. J. Smith, Moderator. The attendance of members was large, particularly of ministers. On report of a committee submitted by Dr. Gregg, the names of Revs. J. Bain, D. Coutts, R. Monteath, Dr. J. Barclay, and J. Brown—all of them retired ministers—were ordered to be put again on the Presbytery roll; also the name of Rev. J. Dick, as previously ordered by the General Assembly. Mr. John Mutch and Mr. John S. Smith, both of them members of the Church, applied for examination with a view to enter as theological students at Knox College. A committee was appointed to confer with them, and at a subsequent stage, on a favourable report of said committee, the Clerk was instructed to attest the young men to the Board of Examiners in Knox College. Rev. J. Carmichael, of King, reported that he had moderated in a call from the congregation of St. Andrew's Church, Vaughan, which was given unanimously in favour of Rev. D. Camelon, minister of St. James' Church, London. A paper was also read from the congregation, promising a stipend of \$700, payable in two parts semi-annually. The call, which was read, was found to be signed by 112 members and concurred in by twenty-seven adherents. Messrs. Malloy and Elder, commissioners from the congregation and session, were heard. Mr. Carmichael's conduct was approved of, the call was sustained, and ordered to be sent with relative papers to the Presbytery of London, and Mr. Carmichael was appointed commissioner to appear before said Presbytery in support of the call. It was learned afterwards that said Presbytery is to meet on the 21st inst., and in view of the translation sought being then possibly granted, arrangements were made for Mr. Camelon's induction in Vaughan on the 5th prox. Agreeably to an application produced and read, the Clerk was instructed to transfer Rev. James Campbell, M.A., probationer, to the Presbytery of Colorado, in connection with the American Presbyterian Church. Considerable time was spent in determining what moneys should be applied for, in the way of supplements and grants to certain congregations and mission stations within the bounds. Authority was given to Rev. J. R. Gilchrist to preside at the election of elders for Horning's Mills, as also for their ordination. There appeared Messrs. A. Baird, M.A., J. C. Tibb, M.A., Wm. McKay, and J. R. Johnston, B.A., theological students, who applied for license, and who, after undergoing prescribed trials, were duly licensed to preach the Gospel. On motion of Rev. J. Carmichael, of Markham, it was agreed to instruct minis-

ters and sessions to severally make arrangements for the holding of missionary meetings at such a time as they may reckon most convenient, and report to a subsequent meeting of Presbytery. A resolution of the General Assembly was read, agreeing to request each Presbytery to hold a conference during the year on the state of religion within its bounds. In connection therewith, it was moved by Rev. H. Parsons, seconded by Rev. J. Hogg, "That pursuant to recommendation of the General Assembly, a committee be appointed to arrange for a more extended meeting of Presbytery in November, including devotional services of prayer, preaching and conference, and inviting the congregations within the bounds to be present at these devotional services; also that printed schedules of the services, specifying appropriate hours for the business of the Presbytery, be sent ten days before the meeting to each member of Presbytery." The motion being put to the house was adopted, and in terms thereof the following were appointed members of committee, viz.: Revs. H. M. Parsons (Convener), J. M. King, J. Hogg, Carmichael of King, D. J. Macdonnell, Professor McLaren, Messrs. R. Merryfield, J. C. Robb, and J. Brown. It was also agreed that said meeting for business and conference be commenced in the usual place on the first Tuesday of November, at eleven a.m. A circular was read from Rev. Dr. Reid anent the Assembly Fund, setting forth (*inter alia*) that five cents per member would suffice for the purposes connected therewith, that the amount required from this Presbytery is \$396.95, and that after collecting for said Fund on the first Sabbath of September, congregations should send their contributions as soon as possible. The Presbytery agreed to direct the attention of all its congregations to this matter, and to urge them to transmit the amount of their collections without delay to Dr. Reid. Various other matters were brought up and disposed of.—R. MONTEATH, Pres. Clerk.

INDUCTION.

We copy the following letter from the Collingwood "Daily Messenger":

SIR,—I have no doubt your numerous readers in the "Back Settlement" will read with interest, the following lines, inasmuch as they refer to one born and brought up in their midst, and who has now obtained the object of his ambition in the profession to which he has devoted his life.

The Presbytery of Glengarry met at Martintown by appointment on the 12th day of August, for the purpose, *inter alia*, of hearing Mr. Patterson's trials with a view to his ordination and induction to the pastoral charge of Summerstown. Mr. Patterson laid on the table an extract minute of his license, from the Presbytery of Kingston, which was sustained. He was accordingly examined in the various subjects prescribed by the laws of the Church, and acquitted himself in a brilliant manner, notwithstanding that he was kept standing for three long hours. The Presbytery unanimously sustained his trials, and his ordination and induction was fixed for the 24th of August. On the day named, the Presbytery met at Summerstown in the beautiful church there, which was adorned and repaired three years ago through the indomitable perseverance of Mr. Patterson. The Rev. John Matheson, B.A., having constituted the meeting with prayer, the clerk, Rev. Dr. Lamont, gave notice three times to the assembled multitude, that if any one had objections to offer to the "life, character or doctrine" of the minister elect, they were to appear before the Presbytery forthwith and lodge certification with proof. No objections having been offered, the presiding minister preached an able sermon on "Justification," shewing that we are justified by (1) Grace, (2) Blood, (3) Faith, and (4) Works. After the sermon he narrated the steps taken to fill the vacancy, and having put to the young minister the questions prescribed by the Church, and these having been satisfactorily answered, Mr. Patterson knelt down, surrounded by all the members of the Presbytery present. The Moderator offered up a solemn ordination prayer, and at the particular part of the prayer when the formula of ordination is introduced each member laid his hand on the head of the candidate, who was thus set apart for the office and work of the ministry "by the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery." Every one present seemed deeply moved with the solemnity of this part of the service.

The newly ordained minister was then suitably