

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

THE Rev. Mr. Chiniquy, it is expected, will return to Canada in time for the meeting of the General Assembly in June next.

REV. G. M. CLARK, recently of Kemptville, has accepted the call unanimously extended to him by the Presbyterian church of New Edinburgh.

REV. S. H. EASTMAN, B.A., has accepted the call from the congregation at Oshawa. The ordination and induction will take place on Tuesday, 25th inst.

THE new Presbyterian church in Norwich was opened for public worship on the 2nd instant, with sermons appropriate to the auspicious occasion. This was followed on the Monday by a supper and concert, which were in every respect very successful. The supply of everything was all that could be desired, the speakers were specially happy in their remarks, and all were pleased.

THE opening social of the Parkdale Presbyterian church was held on the 3rd inst. Addresses were delivered by the Hon. J. McMurrich and by several ministers of the Gospel. In the course of the evening addresses in verse and beautifully illuminated, were presented to the Rev. Mr. Abraham from friends of the Sabbath school, and to Miss Rankin, the organist of the church, by her Sabbath school class.

THE annual missionary meeting of the East Puslinch congregation was held in Duff's Church on Monday night, 3rd inst. Rev. Alex. McKay, D.D., presided. Excellent addresses on missions were delivered by Rev. J. Davidson of Alma, Rev. J. B. Mullan of Fergus, Rev. W. Ferguson of Glamis, and Rev. W. Meldrum of Morriston. The attendance was larger than usual. The collection was for the Home Mission.

THE annual meeting of the union congregation of Roslin and Thurlow, in the Presbytery of Kingston, was held on the 22nd of October. The reports showed that during the past year the congregations had made considerable progress, that both had contributed to all the schemes of the Church, and that they were free from debt. The reports also showed that they were in receipt of a grant of \$150 from the Home Mission Fund, but that in future, with the blessing of God resting upon them, they were determined to be self-sustaining so that the grant might go to weaker and poorer congregations.

ON Sunday, the 2nd inst., the new Presbyterian Church at McIntyre's Corners, Osprey, erected through the efforts of Mr. Chisholm, was dedicated to the service of God. Rev. Mr. Rodgers, of Collingwood, preached in the morning; Rev. Mr. McDonald, of Creemore, in the afternoon; and Rev. Mr. Millard, of Maple Valley, in the evening, to good congregations. On Monday the bazaar and tea meeting was held, and about 375 sat down to tea. Several addresses were delivered by speakers from a distance, and the entertainment proved a complete success both financially and otherwise.

THE Halifax "Witness" gives an account of an interesting meeting held at the manse, Lower La Have, N.S., on the 17th ult., convened in consequence of the departure of Rev. Mr. McMillan, Presbyterian minister, from the congregation, for the purpose of taking a new charge at Sydney Mines, Cape Breton. Mr. McMillan had spent eighteen years in this field of labour, and his friends met to testify their esteem and appreciation of him and his wife. An address was read by Rev. A. Brown, to which Mr. McMillan replied. Mrs. McMillan was made the recipient of a sum of money and many valuable articles.

THE Rev. Thomas Christie, missionary to Trinidad, left Halifax on Monday, the 27th October, for Bermuda, on his return to Trinidad. Mr. Christie has been in Nova Scotia since last spring, partly for his health and partly to deepen the interest of the people of the Lower Provinces in the work of Missions. On the previous Friday a farewell meeting was held in St. Matthew's Church, Halifax, at which suitable addresses were delivered and the following resolution, moved by Dr. Burns and seconded by Dr. McGregor, unanimously adopted: "This meeting desires to express undiminished interest in the Trinidad Mission, as an important part of the great Foreign Mission work to whose vigorous prosecution our Church has pledged herself. We would gratefully recognize the benefit that has accrued to the mission from the visit

of Rev. Thomas Christie. His many interesting and instructive addresses have refreshed the churches he visited, and secured for the work increased material aid and a deeper seat in the affections of our people. We would cordially commend him and his worthy partner and their young family, in returning to the field of their love and labour, to that covenant-keeping God who has hitherto graciously befriended them and who can alone preserve their going out and coming in from henceforth and forever."

A NEW Presbyterian church was opened for public worship in the village of Ashton on Sabbath, November 2nd. The Rev. Principal Grant, D.D., of Queen's College, Kingston, preached morning and evening, and the Rev. W. Dyre, of the Canada Methodist Church, in the afternoon, to large and attentive audiences. On the following evening a tea meeting was held and largely attended. Tea was served in the school-house near by, after which the chair was taken in the church by the pastor of the congregation, Mr. Macalister, and for over two hours the audience were entertained and instructed by addresses from the clergymen present, and music by the choir of St. John's Church, Almonte. The building is of stone, 56 feet by 40 feet, with spire 95 feet high. It is seated for about 300, with neat platform pulpit, having the platform carpeted and the aisles laid with matting—a comfortable, commodious church, easy to speak in, and in every way adapted for its intended use, all built (thanks to "hard times") at a cost of two thousand and fifty dollars. And better still, the cost is all provided for with the exception of about three hundred dollars, with good hopes of having that also soon subscribed. That this church built ag may prove a valuable aid in the work of the Lord in this community, that the Lord will often manifest His presence there and make it the place where many shall be born again, is the earnest hope and prayer of those who have been engaged in its erection.—COM.

KNOX CHURCH, Paisley, was dedicated to the worship of God on Sabbath, 2nd inst. The morning and afternoon services were conducted by Rev. Prof. McLaren of Knox College, who preached from Matt. vi. 19-21, and from Acts xvi. 14, 15 and 25-34. The large church was well filled on both occasions and the audience were held spell-bound by the clear, logical and impressive reasoning of the theological professor. In the evening, the Rev. John Smith, of Erskine Church, Toronto, preached from Isaiah xlix. 15, 16, with his usual eloquence and power, and kept his hearers in breathless attention while he declared to them the gospel of the grace of God as manifesting His love. In the afternoon the Sabbath school and youth of the flock were addressed by Mr. Smith and Prof. McLaren. On the evening of the following Monday, the people again assembled to hear Mr. Smith deliver his celebrated lecture on "Prejudice and Progress." On the platform, besides the lecturer and the pastor (Rev. John Strauth), were the Revs. A. Tolmie of Southampton, J. Gourlay of Port Elgin, A. Forbes of the Episcopal church, J. Green of the Canada Methodist church, and J. Campbell of the Baptist church, Paisley, and D. Sinclair, Esq., M.P.P. The lecture was both instructive and entertaining. The people of Paisley have cause to be grateful to God that He had put it into their heart, and enabled them, to erect such an edifice for His worship. It is large and handsome and would be an ornament to any city. It will accommodate about a thousand. The structure is of brick and stone, with galleries on two sides and at one end. The seats are circular. The gallery is so constructed that the front is relieved with a large concave, which gives to the whole building a cheerful aspect. We cannot close this notice more appropriately than by quoting the concluding remarks of Prof. McLaren. After referring to the erection and completion of the building which had that day been dedicated to the worship of God, he said, "This beautiful house is an ornament to the place and a credit to your intelligence, enterprise and liberality. In erecting such a church you have done well. For while we do not believe that God dwells in temples made with hands, or that under the gospel there are any Holy Places which can claim His special presence, we think it is seemly that the place where we assemble for His worship should, in the comfort and comeliness of its appointments, correspond, in some measure, with our advancing wealth. When God has prospered you as a community, it seems but reasonable that His house should reflect something of your prosper-

ity. It may safely be taken for granted that a people whose worldly circumstances are steadily improving, and who are content to worship God in a mean and unsuitable house, are not profiting very largely by the religion they profess. In building this church you have done well. But it is only a means to an end. This beautiful edifice is but a scaffolding for the erection of a spiritual house which you must seek to rear within these walls. Then gird yourselves for earnest, united spiritual work, and He who has so evidently blessed you in the past, will bless you more largely in the days to come. It is a matter of much pleasure to me personally to come here and observe in this church and congregation such manifest tokens of the success which has crowned the labours of an old friend and fellow-student. I congratulate minister and people on what we witness this day. This is an important landmark in your history. You may this day erect your memorial pillar and inscribe upon it Ebenezer. To you it is a day of thankful retrospect and hopeful anticipation. Let it also be a day of high and holy resolve, and then shall this house aid you to work more efficiently for the Master, and enable you, in the truest sense, to lay up for yourselves treasure in heaven."

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.—This Court met at Stratford, on the 4th inst., all the ministers, twenty, being present, and twelve elders. It was agreed that sessions be enjoined to see that the subject of missions be brought before their congregations as they deem best, and report, and that deputations be appointed, as last year, to correspond with sessions, and to give their services at missionary meetings as they may be able to arrange. Messrs. McAlpine and Hall were accordingly appointed a deputation to the north part of the Presbytery, and Messrs. Wilson and Scott to the south. Leave was granted to the congregation of Knox church, St. Mary's, to mortgage their church property to the extent of \$6,000, for the purpose of raising money to meet the debt thereon. The committee on re-arrangement reported that the congregations of Hampstead, St. Andrew's and Shakespeare, had agreed upon the details of union, and the report was received and the committee thanked for their diligence. Representatives of the congregation of North Easthope were heard in support of a petition for a reconsideration of the decision uniting the three congregations just named. It was agreed to reconsider at next ordinary meeting as desired, and to cite all parties concerned to appear for their interests. Mr. Hislop was appointed *ad interim* moderator of the session of Hampstead, etc., in place of Mr. Macleod, resigned, and Messrs. Alex. Robertson and James Hamilton were appointed assessors with him to form a session for the purpose of presiding at the election of new sessions in the congregations, should that become necessary. Mr. Johnston tendered the resignation of the charge of Molesworth and Trowbridge, and it was agreed to ask the congregations to appear for their interests at next ordinary meeting. A committee was appointed to prepare regulations anent the payment of expenses of deputations of Presbytery. A minute in relation to Mr. Cameron's translation, prepared by the committee appointed, was adopted in the terms following: "Having agreed to the translation of the Rev. John J. Cameron, the Presbytery desire to put on record an expression of regard for his abilities as a preacher, for his attainments as a scholar, for his diligence in his late field of labour, and for his amiability of character, and to express their hearty desire that the divine blessing may rest upon him and his labours in his new sphere." Mr. Gordon gave notice of motion at next meeting in regard to the employment of students. The Home Mission Committee was instructed to ascertain the present condition and prospects of the station of New Hamburg, and report at next meeting. It was agreed to enjoin ministers to report in writing to the Clerk before next meeting, whether they have read from their pulpits the address of the Moderator of the General Assembly on Home Missions, and what steps have been taken to give every individual an opportunity to contribute for that object. It was agreed to take up remits of Assembly at the mid-winter meeting. Presbytery adjourned to meet for ordinary business at half-past nine o'clock a.m., on the 18th inst., in Knox Church, Stratford.

THE Episcopalians have been holding a Church Congress in Swansea, South Wales.