

## MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

MR. JOHNSON has declined the call from Amos and Orchardville in the Presbytery of Saugeen.

THE Rev. A. H. Scott, M.A., pastor of Knox Church, Owen Sound, has left for Martintown, Ontario, his home, to spend a month's vacation.

ON the 28th ult., Rev. W. Roger, M.A., moderated in a call at Whitby in favour of Rev. John Abraham, late of Watford. Stipend offered \$1,000 and a manse.

THE Rev. Principal Caven of Knox College, Toronto, and the Rev. R. J. Laidlaw of Hamilton, are expected to assist at the opening of Knox Church, Winnipeg, on the 10th inst.

ON Thursday, the 17th ult., the scholars of the Sabbath school in connection with the Presbyterian congregation of Picton, with their teachers and friends enjoyed a trip by steamer and a pic-nic on Amherst Island.

THE congregation at Percy have recently painted their church and made several important improvements both on the exterior and interior. The handsome finish reflects great credit on the managers to whose superintendence the work was committed.—COM.

THE Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew licensed Mr. M. H. Scott, B.A., and Mr. S. J. Taylor, B.A., to preach the gospel, on the 23rd of July, and at the same time ordained Mr. Taylor as a missionary to the Upper Ottawa, his head-quarters being at Mattawa, and his field extending from Des Joachins to Lake Nipissing.

UNDER the heading "Knox Church," the Owen Sound "Tribune" of July 18th, says: "We are much pleased to learn that twenty-six were added to the communion roll of the above church last Sabbath, making a total increase of sixty-one since the Rev. A. H. Scott, M.A., became the pastor, and also that the Sabbath school has largely increased. Such signs of spiritual prosperity must be gratifying indeed to all who are interested in the things pertaining to the Redeemer's kingdom."

THE Sabbath school of St. Paul's Church, Hamilton, had an excursion to Dundas by railway on Wednesday the 23rd ult. The party, composed of the children, their teachers and some other friends, including the Rev. R. J. Laidlaw (the pastor) and Mr. G. A. Young (superintendent), occupied five cars. On arriving at Dundas, they marched to the Wesleyan College grounds, where a very pleasant pic-nic was held, after which all were conveyed back to Hamilton in safety and well pleased with their trip.

THE sacrament of the Lord's supper was dispensed in Knox Church, North Luther, on Sabbath the 13th of July, by the Rev. Mr. McMillan of Mount Forest, who delivered very interesting and appropriate sermons on the occasion. The following Sabbath the ordinance was also dispensed in the connecting congregations (viz., Ross and Gordonville), by the Rev. Mr. Brown of Little Toronto, he also delivering very excellent sermons. Under the ministry of Mr. R. McIntyre, missionary, these congregations are in a very prosperous state.—COM.

THE Rev. A. Glendenning, late of Glenmorris, was, on the 26th of June inducted into the pastoral charge of Grand Bend, in the Presbytery of Huron. Mr. Hartley presided, Mr. McCoy preached, Mr. Danby addressed the maister, and Mr. Fletcher the congregation. After the induction services were concluded, Mr. Hartley conducted Mr. Glendenning to the door where he received a cordial and most hearty welcome from the people. Mr. Glendenning enters upon his new field of labour in good health, and with encouraging prospects of success.—COM.

ON Wednesday, 23rd ult., the annual pic-nic of Charles street Sabbath school was held in High Park. There was a large attendance of both scholars and friends who enjoyed the various games and other sports, particularly boating on the beautiful lake close by. The refreshments were furnished by the ladies, and were of course of the best quality, and so abundant that the children had a second lunch in the evening. The Rev. Mr. Hogg, the pastor, was present, and by his urbanity of conduct added greatly to the pleasure of the proceedings.—COM.

THE Manitoba "Free Press" of July 19th says: "Rev. J. Douglas was in the city Tuesday in connection with the new Presbyterian Church being erected at Morris. Mr. Douglas was the first Presbyterian missionary at Morris, having arrived there about a year ago, and also holds services at Union Point and Plum Coulie. His congregation at Morris, with very little outside assistance, has lately agreed with Mr. W. A. McLean for the erection of their new church which will be completed in a couple of months. It is gratifying to see the energy of young congregations in building their own churches instead of calling on the assistance of co-religionists in the older Provinces who may be in no better circumstances than themselves."

THE corner-stone of the new Knox Church, St. Mary's, was laid on Tuesday, the 22nd ult. After devotional exercises, Mr. George Moir, read the scroll and the list of documents to be deposited in the stone, and Mr. Alexander Smith, Chairman of the Building Committee, having presented Mrs. Milner Harrison with the trowel, that lady performed the ceremony in the usual manner. The day being wet, the company adjourned to the town hall, where addresses were delivered by Revs. W. A. Wilson (the pastor), J. T. Wright, R. Hall, R. Hamilton, J. B. Cutler, and Dr. Waters. Although the weather was unfavourable the attendance was large. The new building will be one of the finest in western Ontario—a model of neatness, beauty and comfort and will cost about \$9,000.

ON Monday evening, 28th ult., the Presbyterian Young People's Association of Brampton held an opening meeting, chiefly for the purpose of hearing a farewell address from the Rev. John Wilkie, who proceeds as a missionary to India in about two months. Mr. W. Hunter, M.A., presided, and the Rev. J. Pringle conducted the opening exercises. Mr. Wilkie gave a graphic and comprehensive sketch of the country in which his further field of labour is situated, of its inhabitants, their condition and their needs. On the conclusion of Mr. Wilkie's address a farewell ode addressed to that gentleman was read by Mr. Schooley. On behalf of the Association, Mr. Hunter expressed the deep regret felt at parting with Mr. Wilkie, the hope that he would be eminently successful in the path he had marked out for himself, and that the best wishes and prayers of his friends here would accompany him to that distant land where his future life-work lay. Musical selections were given by the choir. The financial results of the meeting were very satisfactory.

PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.—An adjourned meeting of this Presbytery was held at Napanee on the 22nd and 23rd days of July. *Inter alia*—The resignation of the Rev. Alexander Young was received, to allow him to undertake the work of an agent in the interest of the Building Fund of Knox College. The Kirk session and congregation of Napanee were anxious to retain his services, and pleaded strongly in opposition to the severance of the pastoral tie. However, in deference to Mr. Young's wishes, the relationship was dissolved, to take effect on the last day of that month. A resolution was adopted, expressive of sympathy with the congregation in their painful position, and a determination to further their future interest and speedy settlement. Mr. Craig was appointed Moderator *pro tem.* of the Kirk Session. A committee of supply for the congregation was appointed, of which Mr. McCuaig is Convener. There was read an extract minute of the General Assembly, from which it appeared that the mission field of Palmerston had been transferred from the Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew to the Presbytery of Kingston. The clerk was instructed to secure a suitable book, wherein signatures to the formula may be entered. The Presbyterians of Clark's Mills made application to be supplied by an ordained missionary, and it was resolved to secure, if possible, the services of the Rev. Robert Stevenson for six months from the first of October next for the mission field of Camden and Sheffield. THOMAS S. CHAMBERS, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF HURON.—This Presbytery met at Goderich, on Tuesday, 8th ult. Mr. Lohead was appointed Moderator for the ensuing six months. Extract of minute of Assembly was read, setting forth that a new Presbytery was formed called the Presbytery of Maitland, embracing a number of pastoral charges formerly within the bounds of this Presbytery. It was agreed to hold a Presbyterian Sabbath School Convention in Goderich in the month of February next. A basis of union as agreed on by the congregations of McKillop and Tuckersmith and that of Sea-

forth was approved of, and said union was sanctioned to take effect on the 27th of this month, the pastors of the congregations to give due notice of the same. By this union Mr. Barr ceases from the active duties of the ministry, the Presbytery agreeing to recommend to the General Assembly to put him on the fund for the aged and infirm ministers, the united congregation to give him a retiring allowance of \$160 annually. The following minute was put on record by the Presbytery respecting his retirement, viz.: The Presbytery, in sanctioning the retirement of Mr. Barr from the active duties of the ministry because of advancing years and growing infirmities, and in order to an amalgamation of his charge with that of Seaforth, desire to express their sympathy with their brother in his retirement from the active duties of his office as pastor. They recognize with thankfulness to the Great Head of the Church his abundant labours, not only in connection with his own immediate charge, but throughout the bounds of the Presbytery during the last twenty-six years; and it is their prayer that his declining years may be cheered by the tokens of his Master's presence, and that according to the strength given him, he may still find opportunities in doing effective service in the vineyard. Mr. Hartley asked that the session of Rodgerville be appointed ass. ssors with the elder at Exeter to form a session in the latter place. The request was granted. Dr. Ure and Mr. Sieveright tendered the resignations of their pastoral charge, giving as their reason for so doing financial pressure on the congregation. The resignations lie on the table till next regular meeting, to be held at Brucefield, on the second Tuesday of October. A circular from the Assembly's Home Mission Committee was read, and arrangements made in terms of said circular to visit the supplemented congregations, etc. Mr. Leask gave a report on Home Missions. A complaint of Mr. John Anderson, of Exeter, was taken up, and arrangements made to dispose of it at next regular meeting at Brucefield. The following minute was placed on record anent Mr. Ferguson's resignation: "That the Presbytery in recording the resignation of his charge in Brussels of Rev. John Ferguson, would place on record their sense of his efficiency as a pastor, and of the value of his counsels as a member of this Presbytery during the many years of his connection with it. And in parting with him as a co-presbyter, they pray that he may be long spared to labour in the portion of the field to which he has been called, and that his labours may be abundantly blessed by the Great Head of the Church." It was agreed to hold an adjourned meeting at Clinton, on the second Tuesday of September, at eleven a.m. Mr. Stewart was appointed Convener of the Home Mission Committee. The next regular meeting of Presbytery is to be held in Union Church, Brucefield, on the second Tuesday of October, at eleven a.m.

PRESBYTERY OF QUEBEC.—A regular meeting of this Presbytery was held in Chalmers' Church, Richmond, on Wednesday, the 16th ult. The attendance of members was large. The Moderator, the Rev. H. Edmison, presided. A unanimous call from the congregation of Inverness to the Rev. Alex. Russell, probationer, accompanied with a guarantee of stipend to the extent of \$673, with manse and glebe, was laid on the table. The call was sustained, and ordered to be transmitted to Mr. Russell. A copy of the deliverance of the General Assembly anent Home Missions was read. In accordance with its instructions the following deputations were appointed to visit the mission fields and supplemented congregations of the Presbytery. Rev. A. F. Tully, Scotstown, Hampden and Lake Megantic; Rev. J. McDonald, Sherbrooke; Aeneas McMaster, Danville; Rev. Geo. McKay, St. Sylvester; Rev. J. Hanran, Kennebec Road; Rev. F. M. Dewey, Metis and Valcartier. The Convener of the Home Mission Committee having complained of the conduct of the congregation of Three Rivers, in making an agreement with the Rev. Mr. Amaron to supply their pulpit for a number of months without consulting the Presbytery, it was moved by the Rev. J. McDonald, seconded by Aeneas McMaster, and carried, That the Presbytery herewith regret that the Rev. Mr. Amaron and the Three Rivers congregation have entered into an agreement without the knowledge or consent of this Presbytery; that the instructions of the Assembly on these points are explicit, and that unless the Rev. Mr. Amaron and the Three Rivers congregation carry out these instructions the Presbytery must bring the whole matter before the Synod. A deputation from Knox Church, Brampton Gore,