

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

THE Rev. Dr. Cochrane has agreed to lay the foundation stone of the new Presbyterian church at Moorefield on Monday, 2nd July—Dominion day—and also to deliver an address on the occasion.

THE Rev. John Knox Wright, London East P. O., will act as clerk during the Rev. George Sutherland's absence in Scotland. Presbytery papers and communications should be addressed to Mr. Wright.

THE induction of Rev. Mr. Smith, late of Amherstburgh, into the pastoral charge of St. Andrew's, Markham, and Zion, Cedar Grove, by the Presbytery of Toronto, took place on the 8th inst. Messrs. Carmichael, of King; Grey, Windsor; Macintosh, Unionville; McKay, Scarborough; and Monteath, Toronto, taking part in the services, which were held in the church, in Markham. In the evening a social was held at which \$75 were realized. Mr. Smith's settlement was both harmonious and enthusiastic, and he begins his work in his new charge under very encouraging circumstances with a church free of debt, a united and kindly people a membership of about 140, and a most promising field.

THE congregation of Charles Street Presbyterian Church, Toronto, assembled in their school-room last Wednesday evening to make a farewell presentation to their pastor, the Rev. J. Hogg, who, after a severe illness, extending over three months, has resolved to migrate to Manitoba, there to seek restoration of health and strength. The congregation, amongst whom he has worked for four years, anxious to evidence their regret at his departure, and at the same time to mark their appreciation of his services during the time he has been with them, over six hundred dollars were presented to Mr. Hogg, together with a handsomely mounted vellum address. The school-room was full of friends. The chair was occupied by the pastor. A short service preceded the event of the evening, and as soon as this was concluded, the presentation to Mr. Hogg of an address and of a cheque for the above-named sum was made by the Rev. Dr. Reid, who accompanied the action with a few words, expressing the sentiments of the congregation generally with regard to their pastor's departure and past services. The Rev. Mr. Hogg made a very appropriate response full of earnest feeling, concluding with these words: "I feel this most deeply, and I must say here to-night that I have laboured nowhere—and I have now been in the ministry for nearly twenty years—I have laboured nowhere where I have received such comforting and efficient help in my pastoral work as I have received from this congregation. This has been a great pleasure to me, and my only sorrow has been my inability through ill-health to perform the whole of the duties attaching to my position amongst you."

IN the May number of the "Monthly Reporter" of the British and Foreign Bible Society, the following concerning pastor Chiniquy, appears: At the committee meeting of March 19th it was unanimously resolved that, in consideration of the eminent services rendered to the society by Pastor Chiniquy in Canada and this country, he be appointed an Honorary Life Governor. During his stay in England, Pastor Chiniquy has attended several meetings for the society, and borne emphatic testimony to the rich blessing which has attended the society's efforts in Canada and other countries. We understand that he is very anxious, before his return to America, to obtain funds for the establishment of an institution for the reception of priests desirous of leaving the Church of Rome. One thousand Bibles have been voted to him as already stated, and the committee earnestly hope that he may be supported and receive abundant encouragement in all his efforts for the acceptance of the Bible as the one rule of faith among the thousands of his countrymen who are still in the bonds of superstition. The following is a quotation from the letter in which he accepts the honorary office conferred upon him:—"I thank God that the expression of my views about the wisdom of offering the best translations of the Vulgate to those Roman Catholics, who would for ever remain without any knowledge of the Word of God if we persisted in presenting them translations which they abhor and reject, and which they, with very few exceptions, will never read, has received the approbation of so many of the intelligent Christians of England."

REV. GEORGE BURSON preached his last sermon, previous to leaving his St. Catharines congregation for a trip to his old home in England, last Sunday evening. On Wednesday evening previous a congregational social was held, at which a beautifully engrossed address was presented to him by a committee of the Ladies' Aid Association, and, with it, a purse containing the sum of \$313, to help defray the expenses of the journey. Though not taken by surprise, Mr. Burson was deeply moved, and spoke in response with much feeling, especially when referring to his aged mother, whom he hopes soon to see, after a separation of eighteen years. He accepted the address and the gift as new evidences of affection on the part of his people and of God's providential care, spoke words of encouragement to the elders, the managers, and the congregation; commended his family to their prayerful consideration during his absence, and expressed the hope that, with God's blessing, he might return in due season, to take up again the Master's work in the field where he has so long laboured. Addresses followed by several members of the board of managers, all of which gave expression to the love of the people for their pastor; and by the chairman, Mr. Robert Lawrie, who, as session clerk, has been intimately associated with Mr. Burson for nearly fifteen years, and who testified that during all that time there had never been a word of disagreement in the session, chiefly because of the good sense and moderation of the moderator. Mr. Burson left St. Catharines Tuesday, expecting to sail from Quebec next Saturday, and to be gone about three months. During his absence his pulpit will be supplied by Mr. Laidlaw, a nephew of Mr. Laidlaw, of Hamilton, who will have pastoral charge of the congregation.

ONE feature of great interest in connection with the annual ecclesiastical gatherings in Edinburgh, in the month of May, is the number of delegates from the churches of other lands. The recent meeting of the United Presbyterian Synod was specially attractive in this respect. The Presbyterian Church in Canada was represented by the Rev. W. D. Armstrong, M.A., of Ottawa, and the Rev. A. N. Archibald, Halifax, Signor Prochet spoke on behalf of the Waldensian Church. The Rev. A. Constantian represented evangelical Christianity in Constantinople, and the Revs. T. McC. Stewart, and H. M. Browne, coloured brethren, recently appointed professors in Liberia College, West Africa, were speakers on the occasion. Mr. Armstrong was the first of the delegates called on to address the Synod. The following synopsis of his speech is given by the "Daily Review": The Rev. W. D. Armstrong, M.A., of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, gave an account of the work being done by the Church in the Dominion, over which they had scattered 116,000 members. They expected by and-by, as years went on and emigrants were gathered into the country, that this young Church would ultimately become one of great strength and great influence. As an indication of the extent of their mission, he asked the Synod to suppose their churches scattered all over Europe, and they would have some idea, not an exaggerated one, of the extent of their home mission. He asked the Synod to send out missionaries partly paid by this Church to open new stations until they could become self-supporting. After pointing to the influence of the 300,000 French-Canadian Roman Catholics, ruled in all things by their priests. He referred to the opportunities for converting the aborigines, and said he believed that the great work of evangelizing the Chinese nation was to be accomplished on the western shores of America. There they were coming in in thousands. Politicians tried to arrest them by enactment; the Irish met them with violence; but they were bound to meet them with the Bible in their hands. God was bringing them there that they as a Christian nation might meet them.

THE congregation of St. Andrew's Church and the city of Kingston on the evening of the 17th inst. bade a formal adieu to the Rev. Dr. Smith, who for the past nine years has been a faithful pastor to the former and a good citizen to the latter, who has left for St. Andrew's Church, St. John, N.B. The farewell meeting was held in St. Andrew's Hall, which was filled almost to overflowing. The Rev. Dr. Grant, Principal of Queen's University, occupied the chair, and after the opening prayer by the Rev. Mr. McCuaig, called on Mr. Alex. Ross, the oldest teacher in the Sabbath school to read an address from the Sabbath

school. The address was accompanied by a handsome clock and a cheque for \$50. Dr. Smith, who was much affected, made a very suitable and touching acknowledgment of the gift and the generous expressions accompanying it. Rev. F. W. McCuaig then, on behalf of the congregation of Chalmers Church, presented Dr. Smith with a cheque for \$100. In doing so he said he was happy to be the channel of communication between Dr. Smith and a few of his friends in Chalmers Church. The cheque was meant as a slight acknowledgment of his worth as a man and as a minister of the Gospel. It was intended especially as a recognition of his long and arduous labours as the convener of the Presbytery of Kingston's Home Mission Committee. He had given much time and much labour, besides much of his own means, to this work. Chalmers Church regretted his leaving this city and would rejoice at his prosperity in his new field of labour. On behalf of St. Andrew's congregation, Mr. Donald Fraser read an address expressive of the appreciation of Dr. Smith's varied and valuable labours amongst them. The address was accompanied by a cheque for \$300. To these fervent expressions of esteem and affectionate regard Dr. Smith delivered a characteristic and very appropriate response, in which fine Christian feeling predominated. The Rev. A. Young, moderator of Kingston Presbytery, on behalf of that body, paid a graceful tribute to Dr. Smith for his devoted labours in connection with the Home Mission work of the Church. Principal Grant then addressed the meeting in brief but befitting terms and called on the Rev. Dr. Elliott of the Methodist Church and the Rev. Dr. Wilson of the Episcopal Church, who both spoke highly of the value of Dr. Smith's work, and the excellence of his personal qualities. Mr. W. Hasty, as a citizen of Kingston, testified to the esteem in which Dr. Smith was held by the citizens generally, and an enjoyable and impressive meeting, with high class sacred music interspersed, was brought to a close with the benediction.

PRESBYTERY OF SAUGEEN.—The following are the commissioners appointed to attend the General Assembly.—By rotation, Messrs. McMillan and Straith, and by ballot, Messrs. Young and Fraser, ministers, and Messrs. John Inkster, Isaac Starratt, Neil McArthur and Thomas Bowie, elders. Prof. McLaren was nominated as Moderator of next General Assembly. The Rev. Mr. Brown resigned the pastoral charge of south Luther, Luther village and Waldemar with a view of accepting a call to a congregation in Ohio, U. S. Parties are cited to appear for their interests at a meeting to be held in Knox Church, Mount Forest, on Tuesday, the 22nd inst., at one o'clock p.m.—S. YOUNG, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF MAITLAND.—This Presbytery met in St. Andrew's Church, Lucknow, on the 15th May. The resignation of the Rev. Alex. Grant of the congregation of Ashfield was considered. A resolution, passed at a meeting of the congregation, was read, agreeing to pay on his retiring one thousand dollars. The resignation was accepted. The Rev. A. F. McQueen was appointed to declare the congregation vacant on the third Sabbath of July, and to act as interim moderator of session. It was agreed to ask the General Assembly for leave for Mr. Grant, on account of old age and infirmity, to retire from the active duties of the ministry. Messrs. Sutherland and Murray, ministers, were appointed to present the case before the Assembly's committee. Mr. Sutherland was granted three months' leave of absence from his congregation.—ROBERT LEASK, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF OWEN SOUND.—This Presbytery met in Division Street Church, Owen Sound, on the 22nd inst. Mr. Currie reported that he had moderated in a call to a minister in Kilsyth congregation; that came out in favour of Mr. E. Mullen; that the salary promised was \$600 and a manse. Mr. Currie's conduct was approved, and the call sustained. At a subsequent stage, in reply to a telegram from the clerk of Presbytery, Mr. Mullen accepted the call, and the induction was fixed for the 6th June, at two o'clock p.m., in Kilsyth church. Mr. Currie was appointed to preside, Mr. McLaren to preach, Mr. Scott to address the minister, and Mr. A. McLaren the people. Mr. Colter declined the call to Nelson congregation, Manitoba. Mr. D. D. McLennan was appointed to dispense ordinances in the middle field of the peninsula. Mr. Currie gave notice that at next ordinary meeting he would move that notice of parties under discipline by