

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

THE Rev. W. Robertson, formerly of Yarmouth, N.S., was inducted into the pastoral charge of the congregation of Danville on the 25th October.

MR. J. PRITCHARD, B.A., of Morrin College, was ordained and inducted into the pastoral charge of St. Sylvester and Lower Leeds, Presbytery of Quebec, on the 11th October.

REV. MR. COCHRANE, D.D., Moderator of General Assembly, Presbyterian Church, has issued a circular letter to all the ministers to hold religious services in their respective churches on Thanksgiving Day, 9th November.

REV. H. M. PARSONS, Knox Church, Toronto, gave some very interesting Bible readings in the Presbyterian Church, Collingwood, on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, the 26th, 27th, and 28th ult. The readings were well attended, and greatly enjoyed by those fortunate enough to be present.

THE ladies of Dumfries street Church, Paris, have done themselves the honour of presenting to Mrs. McLeod, the wife of their esteemed pastor, a nicely covered phaeton of superior workmanship. The gift was made in a quiet and unostentatious way, without that fuss and parade so common now-a-days.

ON Wednesday evening, Sept. 13th, an interesting gathering took place at the house of Mr. Doyle, Benlah, when Rev. A. Fraser was presented with a purse of money, and an address expressing regret at his departure, and grateful acknowledgement of his services, which were much appreciated in that settlement.

THE Presbyterian church, St. George, is making an effort to pay off the debt on the manse, and there is every prospect of their being successful. A choir has lately been organized in the church, and the singing last Sabbath was much improved under the leadership of Mr. Rudel; Miss E. Elliot presiding at the organ.

THE Rev. Dr. Jenkins, of Montreal, has for several Sabbaths occupied the pulpit of St. Andrew's Church, in the absence of the Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, with great acceptance to the congregation. The reverend gentleman left on Monday evening for Cornwall, where he will pay a short visit to his daughter, Mrs. Manice.

THE annual meeting of the Collingwood branch of the Upper Canada Bible Society was held in the Presbyterian church lately. The attendance was very fair, rather above the average, and listened with the greatest attention to an interesting and statistical address by the Rev. James Carmichael, of King, travelling agent of the Society.

AT the last meeting of the Barrie Presbytery, Rev. E. W. Panton, of Bradford, was called to the Superintendency of the Muskoka Mission Field, which position he has since declined. The congregation of St. Andrew's Church, Stratford, moderated in a call on the 23rd ult., which came out unanimously in favour of the Rev. E. W. Panton, and which, in all probability, he will accept.

THE sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed in Tilsonburg on Sabbath, October 29th. Rev. Mr. Martin, of Norwich, preached at the preparatory services, and Rev. Principal Caven, D.D., on Sabbath. The services throughout were impressive, and the congregation appeared to be deeply moved by the earnest declaration of the "old, old story." Twenty-one united with the church, eleven by certificate and ten by profession of faith.

THE Rev. J. Carmichael, M.A., has been inducted to the pastorate of Norwich Presbyterian Church, to succeed the Rev. Mr. Fotheringham. The Rev. E. Torrance of Peterborough, preached an eloquent and impressive sermon, and, together with the Rev. J. S. Ross, of Harwood, Rev. F. Andrews, of Keene, and Rev. J. Cameron, of Millbrook, took part in the induction services. A dinner was held in the basement of the church, and a tea in the evening, both of which were very successful.

CALVIN Church, East Wawanash, under the pastoral charge of Rev. Jas. Anderson, Whitechurch, was opened on the 22nd of October. Services were conducted in the morning and evening by the Rev. James Little, of Princeton. The Rev. A. McLean, of Blythe, preached in the afternoon. The house was filled to overflowing at each diet of worship. A successful tea meeting was held on Monday evening,

when excellent and appropriate addresses were delivered by Messrs. Cameron, of Lucknow; Brown, of Wroxeter; Durea, of the Methodist Church, and Little, of Princeton. The congregation enters their comfortable and commodious place of worship almost free of debt.

THERE was a very pleasant and agreeable surprise on Monday morning, 30th ult., at the manse in Londesborough when Messrs. Alexander Smith and Alexander Watt, senior, drove up to the door, and, in the name of the congregation of Nullett, presented their pastor, the Rev. John S. Lochead, with a valuable horse, sleigh, robe, and whip. These gifts are an expression of the esteem with which they regard their pastor, and are valuable not only in a pecuniary point of view, but still more so as indicating the sympathy and love existing between pastor and people. They will, no doubt, serve to strengthen the bond of union between them, and be an encouragement to the pastor to labour still more diligently for the spiritual welfare of a people who thus manifest their appreciation of him and his labours.

THE Presbyterians of West Puslinch opened their new church on the 29th ult., services being held morning and evening. The morning service was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Dickson, of Galt, and the evening service by the Rev. Alex. McKay, D.D., of East Puslinch. In the morning the church was crowded to the door, quite a number being unable to get in, and in the evening it was comfortably filled. The collections amounted to about \$100. The church is seated for about 500. It is built of white brick, and looks well. The fittings up inside are neat, and the seats are comfortable. The Rev. Evan McAulay is the pastor, and is very popular with his congregation, which is in a flourishing condition. The opening of their new church will give them renewed courage to go on in the good work, and we wish them and their pastor continued success.

BEFORE leaving Port Hope, where Mr. Copeland has resided for several years, he was the recipient of cordial and substantial tokens of the esteem in which he is held by the inhabitants generally. On the part of the citizens, he was presented by ex-Mayor Craig, with an elegant gold watch and chain, and on behalf of the Trustees, Session, and Sabbath-school of the Presbyterian Church, of which Rev. Mr. Beattie is pastor, with a variety of useful books. Mrs. Copeland was also presented with a gold chain and locket—the whole valued at sixty dollars. Mr. Copeland was too much overcome to speak at length, but was duly sensible of the great kindness manifested. Rev. Mr. Beattie expressed regret at losing a true friend and cheerful worker in the church and Sabbath-school. Mr. J. Craick delivered a message from Mr. McNeillie, who was unable to be present, in the words to be found in Numbers, 6 chap., 24, 25, 26 verses.

ANNIVERSARY services were held in Melville Church, Ashton, on the 22nd and 23d inst. On the Sabbath the Rev. M. McGillivray, M.A., of St. Andrew's Church, Perth, preached morning and evening, and the Rev. W. S. Jamieson, M.A., minister of the Canada Methodist Church at Richmond, in the afternoon to large congregations. On Monday evening tea was served by the ladies in the village school house from six to eight o'clock, after which a meeting was held in the church, the chair being taken by the pastor of the congregation. After praise and prayer, racy and instructive addresses were delivered by Rev. Messrs. A. A. Scott, J. Simpson (C. M.), D. McDonald, of Carleton Place, and M. McGillivray, of Perth. In the intervals between the speeches selections of music were sweetly rendered by the choir of St. John's Church, Almonte, under the leadership of Mr. Andrew Young. Shortly after ten o'clock the audience were dismissed with the benediction, all highly pleased with the entertainment; and not the least pleased were the managers, who, from Sabbath collections and proceeds of tea-meeting, had left in their hands, \$160, which will very materially reduce the small debt yet remaining on the church, which was opened three years ago.

WHITECHURCH and Fordyce formed the pastoral charge of J. A. Anderson, B.A. About a year ago permission was given, by the Presbytery, to the latter congregation, which was then worshipping in a school-house, to remove to a more central locality and erect a place of worship. Thereupon it pulled up its stakes, and pitched its tent in the Methodist brick church, over against its own chosen site. The church has been

built. Its site is on a hill; is beautiful for situation, chaste in appearance, with no sign of extravagance. Size, 36 x 56, is of white brick, and bears the name of "Calvin Church, East Wawanosh." It was opened for divine service on the 22nd of October, by the Rev. James Little, of Princeton, preaching morning and evening, and by the Rev. Archibald McLean, of Blythe, in the afternoon. At each diet of worship the church was densely crowded long before the hour of service had arrived. The people were well rewarded for whatever discomfort they may have experienced in their close quarters, by the thrilling discourses to which they listened. The collections, \$85, evidenced the truth of this. On the Monday evening following, a very successful tea-meeting was held. Refreshments were served in the Methodist church across the road, and addresses were delivered in the new church by Revs. Cameron, of Lucknow, Brown, of Wroxeter, Little, of Princeton, Mr. Cuyler, of Whitechurch, and the pastor. Excellent music was provided by a union choir under the leadership of Mr. Wm. Roche. Mrs. Anderson presided at the organ. At the close of the meeting, a number of story cakes were brought forward, and, instead of auctioning them off, and thus making the house, which was the day before dedicated for worship, a house of merchandise, the cakes were presented to the choir, each member receiving one, and Mrs. A. two particularly fine ones. On the following evening, a social was held for the young people, when the local talent was brought into exercise, with much enjoyment. The total proceeds of the meetings amounted to \$213. With the exception of a small amount, the building is free from debt.

ST. ANDREW'S Church, Williamstown, which has been in course of repair and extensive alteration during the past summer, has been quite lately reopened for public worship. In his interesting historical and statistical report (1866), Mr. Croul calls Williamstown the cradle of Presbyterianism in Upper Canada. The congregation dates from 1787; the present church from 1812. So substantially was the edifice built that to day the walls are as strong and sound as they were seventy years ago. But the internal fittings and arrangements fall behind the requirements of the day. No doubt they did good service, and are deserving of honourable mention. Perhaps they may have been deemed luxurious at one time. But in many respects they did not impress the spectator or worshipper as either beautiful or convenient. Accordingly, five years ago, at the ordination and induction of the present minister, Mr. Alexander McGillivray, it was quietly resolved by minister and people that certain alterations and improvements must be made, at the proper time, to increase the attractiveness and convenience of their place of worship. In their opinion (and this shows what a sensible people they are) the right time would come when they could accomplish their purpose without incurring a debt. So they went to work with a will (greatly helped doubtless by the enthusiasm, energy and business tact of the young pastor) and in a few years, besides repairing the manse, erecting a large Sabbath school hall, horse-sheds, and a stable, they had last spring \$5,500 in hand, or as good as in hand, for the proposed alterations in their church. Forthwith, the work was put into the hands of Mr. Hutchinson, architect, Montreal; and the result is that St. Andrew's Church, Williamstown, is one of the most inviting and comfortable church edifices in Ontario, outside of the great cities. The original gallery, windows, pews, flooring, pulpit have all been replaced by others combining, in a high degree, elegance, utility and comfort. The pulpit commands an easy view of the gallery and main floor. Over the pulpit is a large circular stained window of pleasing style and grouping. The wood-work is chiefly of ash, mounted with walnut, and finished in oil. The area of the church is lighted by a large chandelier of an exceedingly chaste and beautiful design. In addition the gallery is lighted by a series of bracket-lamps, uniform in style with the central chandelier. The aisles, pulpit-platform and stair-ways are covered with carpet of superior quality and style. Without going into further details, it is sufficient to say that the appearance of the whole is eminently pleasing; the harmony of all the parts excellent; and what perhaps is better, comfort, convenience and good taste are never sacrificed for empty display. The opening service was conducted by Dr. T. G. Smith, of Kingston; Rev. John Fraser, of Indian Lands, preached in Gaelic in the afternoon; and Rev. M. McGillivray, M.A., of Perth, in the evening. On