

## MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

LAST Tuesday the Sabbath school scholars of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Bowmanville, held their annual picnic at the Cedars on the lake shore. The day was pleasant, the attendance large, and the occasion most thoroughly enjoyable. A pleasing feature of the gathering was the presentation to Rev. James Little (who has since left on a visit to his native land) of a handsome dressing case, and an elegantly framed portrait, accompanied with a brief and affectionate address, to which Mr. Little made a very appropriate and feeling reply. Next day he was also the recipient of a purse containing \$134 in gold, from members of the congregation.

THE Presbyterian congregation of Aylwin (Rev. D. McNaughton, M.A., pastor) lately held a very successful tea meeting, which would have been a much greater success had a good deal of sickness not been prevailing in the neighbourhood. A new feature in connection with the tea meeting was an autograph quilt got up by the ladies of Aylwin and vicinity, from which was realized the sum of \$87.50. The whole sum realized was \$130. A subscription list has since been put in circulation, and from the subscriptions received it is confidently expected that the debt on the manse will be shortly wiped out. The autograph quilt was presented to Mrs. McNaughton.

AT the regular meeting of the Presbytery of St. John, N.B., held on the 12th instant, among other things the resignation of the Rev. Dr. Waters was taken up. Mr. Burgess as Clerk reported that under instructions from the Presbytery he had cited the congregation of St. David's Church to appear before the Presbytery, and had presided at a congregational meeting at which Messrs. John Stewart, Robt. Cruikshank, Alexander Duff and R. C. McIntyre were appointed a committee to represent the congregation. The commissioners being present, expressed the regrets of the congregation of St. David's Church at the departure of Dr. Waters, and that he had thought best to sever the amicable relations existing between that pastor and the congregation. Almost every member of the Presbytery echoed the sentiment expressed by the commissioners, and many eulogistic things were said of the minister and the very successful manner in which he had conducted the affairs of St. David's Church since his installation as pastor of that congregation, after which the following was unanimously adopted: "They acquiesce in and accept the resignation by Rev. Dr. Waters of his pastorate of St. David's Church and congregation, to take effect after July 24th. They feel restrained to record their heartfelt sympathy with that congregation in their sense of the very great loss which its members sustain by Dr. Waters' translation. During more than seven years he has discharged the duties of the pulpit and pastorate of St. David's Church with equal fidelity, acceptableness and success. He has been highly esteemed as a minister of the Gospel, and has won the respect of the whole community as a citizen, and they are saddened by the conviction that, on many accounts, his place cannot be easily filled. His brethren in the Presbytery unite in expressing their regret at having withdrawn from them a member conspicuous for his wisdom and prudence in counsel; his uniformly willing and able performance of every special duty imposed upon him; his indefatigable devotion to the work of the Church courts in general; his rare mastery of acquaintance with the whole sphere of Church law, organization and order; and the unflinching interest displayed by him in the missionary and other schemes of the Church. While regretting that, by his withdrawal from them, he enters into a somewhat different denominational connection, they rejoice that he is called to occupy a larger sphere of usefulness within the bounds of a Reformed Church with which the intercourse of the Presbyterian Church has always been of the most fraternal character; and they follow him to his new field of labour with the assurance and earnest prayer, that his many qualifications for ministerial edification may long continue to render him a growing power for good in the service of the Master." Rev. Dr. McRae, Rev. Messrs. Mowatt and Burgess were appointed to draw up a Presbyterial certificate for Dr. Waters. The Rev. J. C. Burgess was appointed to preach in St. David's Church, on July 31st, and declare the pulpit vacant; also to act as Moderator of session.

PRESBYTERY OF HURON.—This Presbytery met at Knox Church, Goderich, on Tuesday, the 12th inst. The Presbytery roll was made up for the year, the changes being chiefly amongst the elders. Rev. Mr. Stewart gave in the Home Mission report, recommending that a grant of \$200 be asked for Grand Bend, \$100 for Bayfield and Bethany, and that the grant of \$100 to the Goderich Gaelic Mission be renewed. The question of the standing of the Exeter congregation was allowed to stand over till next meeting of the Presbytery, and a committee consisting of Revs. Messrs. Thomson, Stewart, McCoy and Danby, appointed to procure supply for Exeter. This committee afterwards reported having appointed Mr. Robert McNair, student, for two months. The Treasurer's books were examined and audited. Messrs. Thomson, Pritchard and Captain Gibson were appointed a committee to nominate standing committees for the year. The following nominations were made and committees appointed: Home Missions—Alexander Stewart, Convener; Archibald McLean and Archibald Mathieson. Finance—Thomas G. Thomson, Convener; M. Danby, A. Y. Hartley, and George Hart. State of Religion—James Pritchard, Convener; Dr. Ure, and Captain Gibson. Sabbath Schools—Joseph McCoy, Convener; P. Musgrave, A. D. McDonald and D. D. Wilson. Temperance—H. Cameron, Convener; J. S. Lochead, Andrew Glendinning and James Lang. To Examine Students—Dr. Ure, Convener; M. Bar, N. Patterson and Colin Fletcher. Leave was asked and granted to the Goderich and associated congregations to moderate in a call to a minister to be colleague and successor to Dr. Ure. Mr. Pritchard was appointed to attend to this duty on July 27th. Messrs. Danby and Stewart were appointed to visit Grand Bend and Drysdale, with a view to amalgamating the French mission with the Grand Bend congregation.

PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.—This Presbytery met on the 12th July. The Rev. R. Campbell called attention to the death of the Rev. Dr. Muir, of Georgetown, who died on Saturday, the 9th inst., in the eighty-third year of his age and forty-fifth of his pastorate, and paid a high and well merited tribute to the memory of the departed, whose calm faith, peace and joy, as he drew near his end, Mr. Campbell had the privilege of witnessing. After members of court had expressed their sentiments, a minute suited to the occasion was adopted by the Presbytery, on motion of Mr. Campbell, seconded by Principal McVicar. Rev. Mr. Morison was appointed to declare the pulpit vacant on the 17th. Rev. Mr. McKeracher was appointed Moderator *pro tem*. Mr. Ward (Convener) read the quarterly report of the Home Mission Committee. Arrangements were made for dispensing the communion at Laprairie, Avoca and Mille Isles, during the month of September. A scheme for holding the annual missionary meetings in the last week of September was agreed to. A circular was read relating to the Common College Fund, and Rev. R. Campbell was chosen by the Presbytery to co-operate with Rev. R. H. Warden in placing the matter before the several congregations. The Committee on Evangelistic Work and the Examining Committee were reappointed. Commissioners to the General Assembly reported. Mr. Anthony Couboue, ex priest, was received in terms of an extract minute of Assembly. The Rev. Mr. McCaul, Moderator of session, *pro tem*, of Chalmers Church, Montreal, received permission to moderate in a call there when deemed necessary. The Rev. Mr. Brouillette tendered his resignation of the congregation of New Glasgow, as he had received an offer of an appointment as missionary from the Mission Board of the American Presbyterian Church. The Presbytery resolved to cite the congregation of New Glasgow to appear before a special meeting in St. Paul's Church, Montreal, on Tuesday, the 13th of September, at two p.m. The next quarterly meeting is on the first Tuesday in October, at eleven a.m., in St. Paul's Church, Montreal.—JAMES PATTERSON, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF CHATHAM.—This Presbytery met at Chatham on the 5th inst. There was a fair attendance of ministers and elders. Mr. Waddell gave notice that at next regular meeting he would move that the resolution of last regular meeting regarding Presbyterial visitation be reconsidered. It was agreed that Mr. Cairns should continue his studies under the Committee of Presbytery, until the next

regular meeting of Presbytery, said Committee then to report, and that the Presbytery should then determine what steps to take in regard to licensing Mr. Cairns. A petition was presented from Protestants at Belle River to the number of thirty-three, praying to be organized as a congregation in connection with Maidstone; the prayer of the petition was granted. The congregations under the pastoral charge of Mr. Becket having petitioned the Presbytery to give more service to the congregations of Thamesville and Turin, Messrs. Waddell, Bittisby, Webster and Urquhart were appointed to attend a meeting of the congregations, to ascertain the feelings of the people, and to see what can be done in the way of granting the prayer of the petition. The next regular meeting was appointed to be held at Chatham, in the First Presbyterian Church, on 13th September next, at eleven o'clock a.m., and it was resolved to hold a Sabbath school convention in the evening of the same day. Mr. W. D. Webster brought before the notice of the Presbytery the severe and long-continued illness of Rev. D. McKeracher, and asked the aid of the Presbytery to keep up the supply of ordinances in the Wallaceburg church. The Presbytery expressed its deep sympathy with Mr. McKeracher and the congregation of Wallaceburg, and made arrangements for the supply of the pulpit for one month. Mr. Chesnut gave in the report of the deputation to visit Henderson; the report was received, and the station was left in the hands of Mr. Chesnut for the next three months. Mr. Gray was appointed to dispense the ordinance of the Lord's supper at Sombra. Mr. Becket was authorized to moderate in a call at Dresden and Knox Church. There was laid on the table a call from Florence and Dawn in favour of Mr. Angus McLeod, signed by thirty-four communicants and fifty-five adherents. It was moved by Mr. Waddell and seconded by Mr. Bittisby that the call be sustained as a regular Gospel call. It was moved in amendment by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. W. D. Webster, that the sustaining of the call be postponed, and that a deputation be sent to Florence and Dawn to inquire more fully into the state of matters there, and to induce, if possible, those members who have not signed the call to do so. The vote having been taken, the motion was declared carried. Mr. Gray was appointed to take charge of Foreign Missions within the bounds of the Presbytery; Mr. Mackechnie of French Evangelization; Mr. Walker of Home Missions; Mr. Becket of Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, and also of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund; Mr. J. B. Stewart of the Assembly Fund; Mr. Waddell of Sabbath Schools; Mr. McRobbie of the state of religion; and Mr. Bittisby of the College Fund. It was agreed to adjourn to meet at Chatham on the 28th, instant, at eleven o'clock, to consider a call (expected) from Dresden and Knox Church. Deputations were appointed to visit all the aid-receiving congregations and mission stations.—W. WALKER, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.—The quarterly meeting of this Presbytery was held at Belleville, on the 5th and 6th days of July. Mr. Kelso was appointed Moderator for the ensuing six months. Messrs. Jas. Ross, B.D., David Kellock, Donald McCannell, M.A., John Chisholm, M.A., and Malcolm S. Oxley, M.A., were, after due examination, licensed to preach the Gospel. Mr. J. W. Mason, M.A., was transferred at his own request to the Presbytery of Wallace for the completion of his trials. The report of the Home Mission Committee was presented. The arrangements recommended for the dispensation of the sacrament of the Lord's supper in the several mission fields were sanctioned. The Home Mission Committee and the Standing Committee of Examination for the year were appointed—Dr. Smith, Convener of the former, and Mr. McLean of the latter. Mr. Mitchell was empowered to moderate in a call at Melrose, when the people are ready for such a step. Mr. Cormack tabled a call from the congregations of Camden and Newburgh in favour of the Rev. R. W. Leitch, of Dungannon. It was signed by sixty-nine out of seventy-three on the communion roll, and by fifty-eight adherents. The people promise a salary of \$500 and a free house, and the Presbytery is to seek a supplement of \$150. Mr. Cormack was appointed to prosecute the call before the Presbytery of Maitland. Arrangements were made for the ordination of Mr. Kellock, and his settlement as ordained missionary at Mill Haven, etc., on the 26th inst., at