

ideas that are afloat in all countries. It is said there is no country so thoroughly infected with this poisonous political economy as Germany is at the present moment. Strange that this should be so, when we consider the recent events which led to the unification of the Empire and to the enthronement of the Emperor. There is much of this same spirit in the United States at this moment, the disastrous consequences of which may burst forth at any time.

Notwithstanding the Russian victories which would seemingly secure the permanence of the throne of the Czars, there is much of the Communistic element also in Russia. We have its advocates here, and though they may be in a deplorable minority, they are busy in propagating the pestilential ulcer of their political ideas. It is a time when the lovers of law and order do well to be on their guard.

SUBSCRIPTIONS (MOSTLY PAID) FOR DEBT ON ORDINARY FUND OF KNOX COLLEGE. FOURTH LIST BY REV. JOHN M. KING.

Woodstock.—Mr. Ball, \$10; Thomas McDonald, \$5; James Hay & Co., \$5; R. Laidlaw, \$5; John Cameron, \$4; Rev. W. T. McMullen, \$8; John D. Hood, \$5; James Holmes, \$4; John White & Co., \$5; J. T. Grant, \$5; J. G. Short, \$4; James Skinner, M.P., \$10; smaller sums, \$25.50;—in all, \$95.50.

Ingersoll (Erskine Church).—W. T. Root, \$5; Mrs. Watt, \$5; Mrs. Oliver, \$5; smaller sums, \$2;—in all, \$17.

Thamesville.—Robert Ferguson, \$20; John Ferguson, \$40; Miss Sherman \$5; smaller sums, \$7;—in all, \$72.

Chatham.—W. Urquhart, \$25; H. F. Cumming, \$10; Mrs. Smith, \$10; Mrs. Garner, \$10; K. Campbell, \$5; T. H. Taylor, \$5; John McKerral, \$5; A friend, \$4; Mr. Malcolmson, \$5; John McKenzie, \$5; David S. Patterson, \$5; Edward B. Smith, \$5; John Smith, \$5; smaller sums, \$15;—in all, \$114.

Bothwell.—Captain Taylor, \$10; D. McCraney, M.P.P., \$10; Mrs. McCraney, \$10; William Laughton, \$10; Colin Reid, \$5; Robert Marcus, \$5; smaller sums, \$5;—in all, \$55.

Strathroy.—W. H. Murray, \$5; Thomas Gordon, \$4; smaller sums, \$7;—in all, \$16.

Listowel.—John Nichol, M.D., \$5; Andrew McIlwraith, \$4; smaller sums, \$12;—in all, \$21.

Walkerton.—Rev. R. Moffat, \$5; Abraham Rowand, \$5; McGregor Brothers, \$10; John McLay, \$5; John Bruce, \$5; R. B. Hughes, \$5; A. Sproat, \$5; R. H. McKay, \$4; Abraham Rowand, sen., \$5; smaller sums, \$13;—in all, \$62.

Paisley.—Rev. John Straith, \$5; R. M. Hay, \$5; James Laidlaw, \$4; Grant & Sinclair, \$5; J. Gibson, \$5; Robert Scott, \$4; Alexander Campbell, \$4; James Mackey, \$4; E. Saunders, \$4; John McKay, \$4; smaller sums, \$16.75;—in all, \$60.75.

Port Elgin.—Rev. M. Gourlay, \$5; Wm. Gowanlock, \$4; H. Steven, \$5; Arthur Ross, \$5; John Falconer, \$4; James Muir, \$4; Robert Douglas, M.D., \$4; D. Lacroix, \$4; smaller sums, \$3;—in all, \$38.

Southampton.—Rev. A. Tolmie, \$5; Thomas Adair, \$4; Alexander McNabb, \$4; smaller sums, \$11.50;—in all, \$24.50.

Harriston (Guthrie Church).—Rev. John Baikie, \$5; William Kerr, \$5; Michie & Hall, \$5; A. Meiklejohn, \$5; Fisher & Irvine, \$4; smaller sums, \$26.50;—in all, \$50.50.

Mount Forest.—J. McMullan, \$10; George Colcleugh, \$4; William Colcleugh, \$5; P. Watt, \$5; Rev. D. Fraser, \$6; J. McFayden, \$4; Dr. Yeomans, \$4; smaller sums, \$16.50;—in all, \$54.50.

Wroxeter.—Alex. Gibson, \$5; James Clark, \$4; D. Clarke, \$4; Robert Clark, \$4; John Moffat, \$5; Thos. Gibson, M.P.P., \$5; smaller sums, \$15.75;—in all, \$42.75.

Goderich.—Additional, P. Dickson, \$10.

Westminster.—Additional, \$2; Seaforth—additional, \$2; A Probationer of the Church, \$12.

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

INCREASED accommodation is to be provided in Knox Church, Goderich, at a cost of \$4,000.

AT its last meeting the Presbytery of Bruce nominated Dr. Cochrane as Moderator of next General Assembly.

THE Rev. W. Donald has this time accepted the call from Pictou, N.S., to the great regret of his co-presbyters and congregation.

INDUCTION OF REV. JOHN MCMECHAN, AND SOIREE.—The Hamilton Presbytery met last week in Waterdown, to induct the Rev. John McMechan into the pastoral charge of the Presbyterian congregation of that village. Rev. John Laing, M.A., Dundas, who had been Moderator of the Session of the congregation during the time they had been without a minister, presided; Rev. S. Lyle, of the Central Presbyterian Church, Hamilton, preached the sermon; and the Rev. Thomas Goldsmith, of St. John's Church, Hamilton, and Rev. Dr. James, of Knox Church, Hamilton, addressed the pastor and congregation, respectively. The people turned out in large numbers and manifested a lively interest in the proceedings throughout. At the close of the services Mr. McMechan received a cordial welcome from his flock and the members of the Presbytery. Rev. Mr. Laidlaw, of Hamilton, was present during the induction. In the evening a soiree was held in the Drill Shed to extend a general greeting to the new pastor. The immense building, which had been beautifully decorated with flowers and evergreens for the occasion by the young people, was well filled. The tables groaned with everything that could satisfy the inner man. After full justice had been done to the magnificent spread, the musical and literary part of the programme was commenced. Rev. J. Laing, M.A., ably filled the chair. After a few remarks from the Rev. Messrs. Hawk and McConnell, resident ministers, expressive of their pleasure at receiving the new brother among them, the Revs. S. Lyle, T. Goldsmith and Dr. James, and Hon. Archibald McKellar addressed the audience. The speeches, interspersed with deep thought, wit and humor, were able and eloquent, and listened to with rapt attention by the large gathering. After each address a very fine vocal selection was given. Miss Turnbull ably accompanied the singers on a fine piano kindly loaned for the occasion by Mr. Jarvis, dealer in musical instruments, Waterdown. A short address from the newly inducted pastor, Mr. McMechan, who thanked the audience for the very cordial welcome extended to him, and the singing of the National Anthem brought the meeting to a close. Rev. Canon Houston was present during a portion of the evening and made the acquaintance of the new minister. After the induction a call from the united congregations of Kilbride and Nelson to Rev. James McEwan, of London, was sustained; and the call from Port Colborne, having been declined by Rev. Mr. McIntyre, was set aside.

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.—An adjourned meeting of this Presbytery was held on the 29th ult., Rev. J. M. King, moderator. The main object of holding the meeting was to receive the report of the committee appointed to confer with the office-bearers of Knox Church, Toronto, anent the resignation of the pastor, Rev. Dr. Topp. The committee reported that they had fulfilled their appointment, and that the office-bearers had agreed to call a meeting of the congregation. Said meeting was called, and a committee was appointed "for the purpose of using their best and immediate efforts to obtain a colleague or assistance to the pastor, such as may be acceptable to the congregation." It was then stated by Dr. Topp, that in consequence of the step taken by the congregation, as also from regard to the wishes of the Presbytery, he was now willing to withdraw his resignation; and he withdrew it accordingly. With this decision the Presbytery agreed to record its warm satisfaction. On application made, leave was given to the congregation of Leslieville to borrow money to the amount of \$4,000, with a view to secure the completion of their church. A certificate of dismission was read from the American Presbyterian Church, in favour of Rev. Samuel Warrender, one of its licentiates; and the Presbytery resolved to apply to the General Assembly for leave to receive him as a probationer of our Church. A report was read from a committee as to

the organizing of a small congregation at Horning's Mills; and an interim session was appointed to receive additional members, and to dispense, at no distant day, the ordinance of the Lord's Supper. The following overture was produced and read to the Presbytery, with a request for its transmission to the General Assembly:—"Whereas in the resolution anent modes of worship annexed to the Basis of Union, the devotional practices followed in the negotiating churches are allowed; and, whereas this resolution did not receive unanimous support in the churches negotiating for union, and even called forth recorded dissent; and, whereas in the superior and supreme courts of this united church in some few instances, to which it is not desirable to add, devotional exercises have been conducted in such a manner as (however unintentionally) to give offence to the consciences of members of these courts, and to prevent them from joining in the same: It is therefore respectfully overtured by the undersigned to the General Assembly, indicted to meet at Hamilton on the second Wednesday of June next, to take the premises into careful consideration, and to adopt such measures as will allow all the members of the courts of the church to join in the devotional exercises of the same with one heart and mind." (Signed) "J. Gardner Robb." The foregoing overture was ordered to be transmitted to the supreme court of the Church. Next ordinary meeting of Presbytery is to be held in the usual place, on the first Tuesday of July at 11 a.m.—R. MONTEATH, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF BARRIE.—The last regular meeting of this Presbytery was held at Barrie on Tuesday, 28th of May, and was attended by fourteen ministers and five elders. A considerable portion of two Sederunts was occupied with an earnest and careful consideration of the course to be taken with respect to the claim against the Presbytery made by the late Mr. Marples. The minute of a *pro rebus natis* meeting of this Presbytery held at Kingston, on the 15th ult., showed that the papers sent up to the Synod of Toronto and Kingston, previous to Mr. Marples' death, asking for a new hearing of the case, had been withdrawn, with the view of considering at a regular meeting what should be done further in the matter. The members who were at the Kingston meeting explained why the papers were withdrawn. The circumstances of Mr. Marples' engagement and connection with the Presbytery were reviewed; the duty which the Presbytery owes to itself in view of outside opinion was considered, and finally it was unanimously agreed to send up a memorial and petition to the General Assembly, of which the following is the essential part:—"That the Presbytery being met on the 28th of May, took the matter into earnest consideration and were still firmly convinced that they are not liable in justice or in equity to payment of the claim of Mr. Marples which gave rise to these proceedings. And inasmuch as the case cannot now be argued on its merits without prejudice to this Presbytery on account of the death of Mr. Marples, and inasmuch as the Presbytery is still unanimous in its contention that it has a right to be heard in full on so important a matter, your petitioners pray that it may please the General Assembly to inquire into all the circumstances of the case in the hope and belief that the Assembly shall find and declare that the Presbytery of Barrie had good and sufficient reasons for declining to settle the claim of the late Mr. Marples." Commissioners were appointed to support the memorial and petition before the General Assembly. A report was received from Mr. Joseph Andrew, missionary in Muskoka, of the money collected in Toronto, Markham, and other places, and expended by him in the erection of churches in the District to which he was appointed. Leave was given to Mr. Fairbairn to moderate in a call from Knox Church, Oro, at such time as may be desired. The remits of the General Assembly were taken up. It was agreed to recommend the deletion of a sentence in clause 8 of the proposed regulations for the Widows' and Orphans' Fund. The appointment of a Home Mission agent, and a common fund for the theological colleges were disapproved. It was thought desirable to retain the names of retired ministers on the roll on leave sought and obtained in each case from the General Assembly, and also to give ordained missionaries labouring for a year or longer in the bounds a place on the roll of Presbytery. Next meeting, first Tuesday of August, at Barrie, at 11 a.m.—ROBT. MOODIE, Clerk of Presbytery.

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