

## MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

THE new Presbyterian church at Wingham is nearly ready for the roof.

REV. R. N. GRANT, of Ingersoll, has returned from his trip to the eastern provinces much improved in health.

REV. MR. ROSS was inducted into the pastoral charge of the congregation of Knox Church, Perth, on the 15th inst.

REV. DR. JENKINS, of Montreal, will leave for Europe in November, on a six months' trip for the benefit of his health.

THE children of the Sabbath school in connection with St. Andrew's Church, Almonte, enjoyed their annual picnic on the 10th inst.

It is stated that the congregation of Chalmers Church, Montreal, have given a call to the Rev. S. C. Haney—stipend offered \$1,000.

SIXTY TWO new members have been added to the Parkdale Presbyterian church since the Rev. Mr. Hunter assumed the pastorate ten months ago.

REV. DR. WATERS is paying a visit to this Province before entering upon his new charge at Newark, New Jersey. He preached in Knox Church, St. Mary's, last Sabbath.

THE corner stone of the new manse in course of erection by the congregation of Chalmers Church, Kincardine, was laid on the 12th ult. The building is of white brick, and when finished will be both handsome and comfortable. The grounds extend to six and a half acres of excellent land.

A VERY pleasant fruit social was held in the Presbyterian church, Napanee, on Tuesday evening, 13th inst., at which there was a very large attendance. Rev. Mr. Young presided in his usually affable manner, and interesting addresses were delivered by Rev. Messrs. Hanstord and Card. These, together with peaches and excellent music by the choir, combined to make an exceedingly pleasant and profitable evening's entertainment.

WE have received through the courtesy of the Rev. Mr. McEwen, of Ingersoll, copies of the various documents issued by the General Assembly's Committee on Sabbath School work in connection with the Sabbath School Teacher's Course of Study for 1881-'82. These papers have evidently been prepared with great care, and we hope that a very large number will enter their names with the view of taking part in the examinations at the different times mentioned.

THE Young People's Christian Association in connection with the College street Presbyterian Church, Toronto, held its annual meeting on last Monday evening, when the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, R. Gilray; 1st Vice-President, D. W. Clark; 2nd Vice-President, Miss Annie Kelso; Secretary, John J. Kelso; Treasurer, Miss Elsie Clark. Executive Committee. Miss Maggie Murdoch, Miss Lillie Overton, J. Alexander, Fred. Pim, W. Mitchell. Librarian, Alex. Fleming.

THE annual tea meeting of the united congregations of Binbrook and Saltfleet Presbyterian church took place in the drill-shed, Hall's Corners, on Wednesday evening, 14th inst. The proceeds amounted to \$107, which is to be applied to purposes in connection with Sabbath schools and church. The following ministers occupied the platform and aided much in entertaining the audience: Rev. W. P. Walker, chairman, and Rev. Messrs. Harris, Binbrook and Schouler, Hamilton. The whole proceedings were of a very satisfactory character.

A PLEASANT evening was spent at the Presbyterian manse, Bradford, on Friday evening, 2nd inst., on which occasion the Rev. E. W. Pantton was made the recipient of a purse containing eighty dollars, together with an address expressive of sympathy and good-will to him as pastor of the Bradford congregation. The ladies of the church and a few of their friends in the village and township collected the amount. The address was replied to by Mr. Pantton in feeling and appropriate terms. A portion of Scripture was read, prayer and thanksgiving offered for the mercies of the past, and for the token of good-will manifested. The company, consisting of about fifty persons, were then served with the good things of this life, which the ladies know so well how to prepare. A short time was spent listening to music and in social converse, when the company separated. A few weeks prior to

this Mrs. Pantton was presented with a beautiful set of china together with the sum of twenty dollars, by a few lady friends as a token of good-will and kindly feeling to her as the helpmeet of the pastor in the work of the ministry.

ON Sept. 11th, the Wardsville Church was reopened, after undergoing extensive repairs, and being supplied with a set of new pulpit furniture. Rev. J. McEwen, of Ingersoll, gave excellent sermons morning and afternoon. A platform meeting was held in the evening at which addresses were delivered by Revs. J. McEwen and Whiting (C.M.) On Monday evening following a harvest home festival was held in the church grounds, and the building was beautifully decorated with the products of the garden, field and orchard. After the festival, Rev. G. Cuthbertson of Wyoming, gave a lecture on "Scotch Wit." Receipts over \$100. During the last year and a half extensive improvements have been made on both Wardsville and Newbury church property, and also on the manse property. Great credit is due to the managers and their associates in the work, for the diligence and perseverance with which they are pushing the enterprises of both congregations. The Lord is in the midst of His people, and every communion marks the accession of new members at the Lord's table. During the summer months, while the Wardsville Church was closed for repairs, the pastor and wardens of the Episcopal church of this village kindly offered us the use of their church, which is worthy of special mention. —COM.

PRESBYTERY OF CHATHAM.—This Presbytery met on the 13th inst. It was agreed to visit the congregations within the bounds. It was resolved to take no further steps in the meantime towards the readjustment of the field of which Turin forms part. It was cordially agreed to bring the case of the widow and children of the late Mr. McKerracher before the Widows' Fund Board. Mr. McLeod's trials for ordination were sustained, and his ordination was appointed to take place at Florence on 6th Oct. next, at two o'clock p.m. Trials for license were assigned to Mr. John Cairns. A call from Wallaceburg, to Rev. Donald Currie was sustained. Mr. Robertson, formerly missionary to Africa, was received as a catechist. It was agreed to recommend the Home Mission Board to grant Mersea \$200, and Kilmarnock \$100 per annum, Henderson \$2, and Buxton \$3 per sabbath, when supplied. Arrangements were made to hold missionary meetings, or to preach missionary sermons in all the congregations and mission stations within the bounds. Discourses were heard from two students. The next regular meeting was appointed to take place in St. Andrew's Church, Chatham, 13th Dec. at eleven o'clock. In the evening a Sabbath School Convention was held.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.—This Presbytery, as reconstituted by the Assembly, held its first meeting on Tuesday, the 13th inst., in Dr. Proudfoot's Church, London. There was a large attendance of members. On motion the Rev. Mr. Munro was chosen Moderator, and by a vote, Mr. George Sutnerland, of Ekfrid, was elected as clerk. A call from the congregation of Strathroy addressed to the Rev. D. D. McLeod of Paris, and signed by 147 members and adherents, was considered and duly sustained. The half-yearly report of the Home Mission Committee was given in and considered *seriatim*. The report as a whole was adopted. The standing committees of Presbytery were appointed. Rev. Mr. Whimster tendered his resignation of the pastorate of Proof Line and English Settlement, from physical inability to overtake the work. In reference to this the following motion was made and adopted: Resolved, That the Presbytery greatly regrets that Rev. Mr. Whimster has, on account of continued indisposition, been led to lay the resignation of his charge on the table, and while hereby citing the congregations of English Settlement and Bethel to appear for their interests at next meeting of Presbytery, would express the hope that by a division of his field of labour, which appears to be too great for any man, or by affording him a few months' rest, or by providing partial assistance for him, it may not be necessary to accept his resignation. In reference to the supplements asked from the Home Mission Committee, the Rev. Mr. Henderson asked that the following minute be inserted. "Mr. Henderson requested that he be allowed to forego all supplement from the Home Mission Fund and continue his labours at Hyde Park and Komoka, at a

stipend of \$600. The Kintore appeal was so far proceeded with when the hour of adjournment arrived, and the Presbytery laid the case over till next day. On resuming on Wednesday, the Kintore case was proceeded with, and ultimately referred to a committee which was instructed to report at the meeting in January. Certain students were certified to the Senate of Knox College. It was decided to hold a conference on the State of Religion at an evening meeting of the next Presbytery. After other matters of no general importance had been disposed of, the Presbytery adjourned to meet in the same place on the second Tuesday in November at two p.m.

## BOOKS AND MAGAZINES.

THE ATLANTIC MONTHLY. (Boston: Houghton, Mifflin & Co.) The October number of the "Atlantic" contains contributions from Richard Grant White, Elizabeth Stuart Phelps, Dr. Phillips Brooks, and other well-known writers.

THE PREACHER AND HOMILETIC MONTHLY. (New York: I. K. Funk & Co. Subscription price, \$2 50 per year.)—We are always glad to see a number of this well-conducted publication, but would be still better pleased if it came regularly. The contents of the September number are varied and valuable.

THE CANADA EDUCATIONAL MONTHLY. Edited by G. Mercer Adam. (Toronto: C. E. M. Publishing Co.)—The September number of this excellent periodical will well repay an attentive perusal. The first two articles are specially worthy of notice, viz: "Religious Instruction in the Public Schools," by President Wilson, LL.D., and "Compulsory Education," by Miss A. M. Machar, of Kingston. The writer of the last mentioned paper says that "compulsory education is the natural complement of free education;" that "the State has a right to interfere to protect children from being . . . ruined for life by their degraded parents;" that "every thoughtful and patriotic man and woman must rejoice in the passing of an Act which puts it within the power of our local authorities everywhere to enforce the attendance of children at school for a large portion of the year;" that "if some trouble be not taken to enforce it [the compulsory clause in the Education Act], it will remain a dead letter on the statute book;" and that "no class have it in their power to do more [in aiding school boards and truant officers to make the law effective] than those ladies who take so prominent a part in our various philanthropic societies, especially those which have for their object the uplifting of our sunken classes to a higher plane of morality and respectability."

### SUSTENTATION FUND—CORRECTION.

MR. EDITOR,—Allow me to correct some printer's mistakes in the table on "A Sustentation Fund," which appears in your last number. In the column "present rate," in the "cents" column, where a cipher precedes a significant figure it should be omitted, e.g., in McNab street Church, it should read \$5.30, not \$.503. The significant figures are *dimes*, not cents. In Simcoe, No. 29, the "present rate" is \$11, not \$4, as printed. These mistakes may mislead or confuse any one who tries to understand the table, and therefore I would like attention called to them.

JOHN LAING.

Dundas, Ont., Sept. 20th, 1881.

### SABBATH PROFANATION.

MR. EDITOR—In your article of the 16th inst., entitled "The Sabbath—What Next?" you truly describe the alarming state of things in Canada when you say that "Mammon has at last succeeded in destroying our national day of rest." In addition to the Syndicate meeting in Toronto and the excursion to Niagara, on Sabbath, the 11th inst., the daily papers reported a Sabbath accident on the Grand Trunk, involving a loss to the company of about \$20,000. A few weeks previously another Sabbath accident was reported on the same road, and of similar financial dimensions. One would suppose that Sabbath labour on the line cannot be regarded by the company as profitable with such frequently occurring disasters, even if the managers were influenced by no higher consideration. The Canadian people have, with unbounded liberality, voted vast amounts of