

the day of Mr. Malcolm McLeod's induction from July 20th to July 24th, and Rev. J. A. McDonald was appointed to visit Pleasant Bay the week previous, and hold meetings there, with a view of securing entire unanimity in support of Gospel ordinances in Cape North congregation. A matter of order and another of discipline were disposed of. Next meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held at Loch Lomond on Wednesday, the first day of August, at 11 a.m.

Presbytery of Chatham.

CHATHAM Presbytery met in St. Andrew's church, Chatham, on July 10th, at 10 a.m., the Rev. R. J. Hunter, B.A., moderator, in the chair. A petition from Knox church for severance from Dresden, and union with Dover, etc., was read, and Dr. Battisby and Messrs. Davidson, D. Currie, Law and Stone were appointed to visit the fields, confer with the people and report at an adjourned meeting to be held in this church on Tuesday, 31st inst., at 10.30 a.m. Mr. Morrison again resigned his charge of Dawn, etc., and it was agreed to cite the congregation to appear for its interests at the adjourned meeting named above. The session records of Dawn, etc.; Bothwell, etc., and Leamington were examined and ordered to be attested. The supply of the pulpits of Leamington, Dresden, etc., and Hotsay etc., was left in the hands of their respective sessions till the September meeting. Mr. Alex. Bartlett of Windsor, commissioner to Assembly, gave, by letter, a very full report of the meeting at St. John, for which Presbytery agreed to thank him. The next regular meeting will be held in First church, Chatham, on Sept. 11th, at 10 a.m.—W. M. FLEMING, Clerk.

Presbytery of Hamilton.

THIS Presbytery met on the 17th and 18th of July. A resolution was adopted disapproving of the street car service in Hamilton and the running of excursion trains on the Lord's day. Four students appeared asking to be recognized as students intending the ministry; they were conferred with, but final action is postponed till September. A call from Hagarville to Rev. And. McNab was sustained. Mr. McNab asked time to consider. The commissioners to the General Assembly gave a favorable report of diligence. Extract minutes from Assembly minutes were submitted, showing: 1. That in the application of Mr. McKnight which had been referred for advice, the Assembly decided that Mr. McKnight is not a minister of the Church, and empowered the Presbytery to issue the application it again made. 2. That Rev. P. A. Tinkham may be received after he has attended one of the Colleges for a session. 3. That leave was granted to Mr. J. G. Murray to retire and that he is not an annuitant on the Agel and Infirm Ministers' Fund. The congregation of Smithville was separated from St. Ann's and united with Muir's Settlement; and Muir's Settlement was separated from Grimby. Mr. Crumkank resigned the charge of Smithville. Wollandsport was united with St. Ann's. Leave was granted to Port Dalhousie to mortgage the church for a sum not exceeding \$2,000. Arrangements were made for trying to raise the Augmentation deficit. The resignation of St. John's church, Hamilton, by Hon. Mr. Meseton was accepted. Mr. McKnight applied again to be received as a minister, but after spending a whole day on the matter, the Presbytery resolved to postpone further consideration, upon which Mr. McKnight withdrew his application.—JOHN LAINC, Clerk.

THE Presbyterians of Janetville are building a church, which will be completed in a short time.

THE garden party given by the Presbyterians of Norral, on the grounds of Mr. Robt. Noble, on Friday evening, was a huge success. The gate receipts alone were \$150, the total from all sources about \$170.

THE Parkdale church picnic took place last week to Wilson Park, N.Y., and is reported to have been the most successful ever held by the church, over one thousand having taken advantage of the trip, and the arrangements having been all that could be desired.

THE vacant charge of Morewood and Chester Hill has candidate supply arranged for up till end of October.

THE garden party at the residence of Mrs. Cox, Colborne, was well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by those present. The proceeds—\$30—were handed over to the church.

THERE was a large attendance at the Wednesday night prayer-meeting at St. Andrew's church, Lindsay, it being the evening of the fifth anniversary of Rev. R. Johnston's advent as pastor of the church. The pastor was very earnest in his remarks. During the last five years the church has had encouraging spiritual growth, as well as being very ably assisted financially. At the close of the prayer-meeting the audience was entertained for a few minutes through the kindness of the ladies of the congregation; cake and lemonade was served, all having a chance to shake hands and speak to one another before leaving.

THE ordination and induction of Rev. T. C. Tough, at Hornby, was the occasion of an interesting meeting of the congregation. Rev. R. Haddow, Milton, acted as moderator of the Presbytery. Rev. Mr. Craig, Oakville, addressed the newly-inducted minister, and Mr. Haddow addressed the congregation. Rev. James Argo, Norral; Rev. Mr. Tibb, Streetsville; Rev. Mr. Tibb, Parkdale; and Mr. T. Watson, Knox College student, Woodbridge, were present during the afternoon. After the services were ended refreshments were served by the ladies of the church on the main grounds and a very pleasant and social time was spent.

A LARGE congregation assembled on Thursday evening last, in the East church, Toronto, to witness the ceremony of inducting the new pastor, Rev. J. A. Morrison, into his new charge. The induction service commenced at eight o'clock, and, after a short prayer, Rev. Clarke addressed the congregation, preaching from the text, "Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business!" and "It is finished." He went shortly through the history of the life of Christ, pointing out its purity and perfection. He pointed out that the fact of God's taking time was no excuse for procrastination on the part of His people; that God had eternity to perfect His works, but that the span of human life was too short to admit of putting off the day of repentance, or of doing the work allotted. Two thousand souls are daily passing into eternity, and if efforts to save them are not put forth to-day, to-morrow may be too late. He dealt with the problem of the moral responsibility of the insane, quoting several examples of those intending to repent, but struck down before they put their intentions into execution, and quoted, in conclusion the dying words of General Wolfe, who returned thanks that he had been permitted to finish his work. The ceremony of inducting the new pastor was performed by Rev. D. H. McDonald, the moderator. After recapitulating the events which had led to this call to Rev. J. A. Morrison, and stating the regular forms of procedure which had been gone through according to the constitution of the Presbyterian Church, the moderator asked the customary questions of the new incumbent, and then declared him duly inducted, after which the members of the presbytery advanced, and bestowed their congratulations and good wishes. Rev. Dr. Carmichael, of King, addressed the new pastor. He impressed on him the necessity of regarding the office to which he had just been inducted as fraught with grave responsibilities, and exhorted him to regard not his own but the dignity of his office. He reminded him that there was no higher position than that of one engaged in promulgating the teachings of Christ, and advised him to live always in sympathy with his Master. He warned him not to be discouraged under difficulties arising from meeting possible coldness and indifference, and concluded with words of encouragement and exhortation to be true to his responsibilities and to strive ever for success. Rev. J. McP. Scott addressed the congregation, reminding them that it lay with them, as well as with their new pastor, that the mutual intercourse about to begin should be productive of beneficial results, and exhorted them to be mindful of their responsibilities.

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