

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

THE new manse at Alvinston has been roofed in.

THE Sabbath school of Knox Church, Goderich, had a pic-nic at Bingham's Grove on the 19th ult.

REV. J. GRAY, M.A., and Mrs. Gray, of Orillia, have left home for a couple of months. They will visit friends in Toronto, Kingston, and Perth.

THE Sabbath school children of Knox Church, Morrisburg, enjoyed their annual pic-nic on the 13th ult. Dry Island was the scene of operations.

A SOCIAL held by the Women's Aid Society of the Watford Presbyterian Church, on the 20th ult., is described as being both pleasant and profitable.

ON the 26th ult. the Sabbath schools of Knox and Chalmers Churches, Woodstock, enjoyed an excursion on the Credit Valley Railway to Milton and Toronto.

IT is said that the Rev. G. G. McRobbie, of Ridgetown, has received a call from the Green Avenue Presbyterian Church, Brooklyn, N.Y. Salary offered, \$2,500.

REV. J. A. TURNBULL, B.A., assistant pastor of Knox Church, Goderich, has been laid up with an attack of inflammation of the lungs and bronchitis, but is recovering.

ON the 19th ult. a party of upwards of 200 young people belonging to the Presbyterian Sabbath school, Fenelon Falls, enjoyed a sail by steamer on Balsam Lake and a pic-nic at West Bay.

THE Rev. Joseph Elliot, of Cannington, has been supplying the pulpit of Old St. Andrew's Church, Toronto, with much acceptance, during the absence of the pastor, Rev. G. M. Milligan.

THERE was a large attendance at a garden party given by the Young Ladies' Bible Class of the Brampton Presbyterian Church on the evening of the 25th ult. The proceeds amounted to about \$90.

THE Rev. Henry Sinclair, of Knox Church, Oro, Barrie Presbytery, has accepted the call to North Mara and Longford, in the Lindsay Presbytery. Salary \$600 per annum, with manse and glebe of five acres.

THE sacrament of the Lord's Supper was observed in the First Presbyterian Church, Brantford (F. R. Beattie, pastor), on the 16th ult., when 28 persons were received as additions to the membership of the church.—COM.

A NEW Presbyterian church to be built at Métis, Que., forthwith, will be fifty-seven feet long by thirty-four broad, and will accommodate 170 persons. The building will be a frame one, in the Gothic style, from plans by the pastor.

ON the evening of the 4th ult. a garden party was held in the grounds of Jos. Gould, Esq., under the auspices of the Society of "Willing Workers," in connection with the Presbyterian Church, Uxbridge. The proceeds amounted to over \$73.

THE Newcastle branch of the W. F. M. Society met in the manse on the 17th July. There was a large attendance. Mrs. Roger, the President of the Presbyterial Society, was present, and gave a very interesting and instructive address.

MR. JOHN MATHER, of the Keewatin Lumber Mills, has erected a Presbyterian church for the people employed about his establishment and the other residents in the neighborhood. It was opened on a recent Sabbath by the Rev. Dr. Collins.

ON account of continued ill-health, the Rev. T. T. Johnston, of Molesworth, has tendered his resignation to the Maitland Presbytery. He intends making a tour through the Southern States in a few months, and will probably remain for some time in Florida.

AT a strawberry festival held by the Young Ladies' Association of the Cobourg Presbyterian Church on the 17th ult., interesting addresses were delivered by the Rev. D. L. McCrae, the lately inducted pastor of the congregation, and the Rev. J. M. Douglas, from Indore.

THE Rev. W. J. Dey, having accepted the office of Dean of Residence at the Presbyterian College, Montreal, placed his resignation of the charge of Spencerville and Ventnor in the hands of the Brockville Presbytery at last meeting. The resignation was accepted.

THE Rev. John C. Cattnach, M.A., was inducted into the pastoral charge of St. Andrew's Church, Sherbrooke, Que., on the 28th June. Rev. W. Sym,

of Melbourne, preached the induction sermon. Rev. Mr. McDonald, of Scotstown, addressed the minister, and Rev. Mr. McLeod the people. The new pastor received a very cordial reception from the members of the congregation.

ON the evening of the 15th ult. a number of friends belonging to Knox Church, Paisley, celebrated the "silver wedding" of their pastor and his wife by visiting the manse and presenting Mr. and Mrs. Straith, in the name of the ladies of the congregation, with several handsome pieces of silverware and a quantity of the same precious metal in current coin of the realm. These gifts were accompanied by an address, to which Mr. Straith made a suitable reply.

THE two Presbyterian ministers of Belleville, Rev. D. Mitchell, of John street Church, and Rev. M. W. McLean, of St. Andrew's, in arranging for their holidays, have set a good example. During Mr. Mitchell's absence, his congregation worship at St. Andrew's; and when Mr. McLean takes his vacation, the St. Andrew's congregation attend divine worship at John street. The plan is simple, brotherly, and worthy of adoption wherever circumstances render it practicable.

THE teachers of the West Presbyterian Church in this city met at the residence of Mayor McMurrich on the evening of the 25th ult. for the purpose of presenting Mrs. John Harvie with an address on the occasion of her withdrawal from the school, after ten years' service as teacher of the senior Bible class. The address was tastefully illuminated, and framed in ebony and rosewood. Mrs. Harvie's services were of great value, and the loss of them is deeply felt by the whole school. Still more was her work appreciated and her retirement regretted by her own class, the members of which, to the number of seventy, had a few evenings before paid a farewell visit to their teacher. On that occasion Mrs. Harvie was presented with an address and a very handsome arm-chair and foot-rest, both beautifully upholstered with crimson silk plush. Mrs. Harvie leaves the class in a flourishing condition. Ten years ago the number in attendance was seven; at present there are eighty-six names on the roll, and the number of unregistered visitors has usually been very large.

ON the evening of Thursday, the 13th ult., in view of the Rev. R. N. Grant's removal from Ingersoll to Orillia, a very large farewell meeting was held in Knox Church, Ingersoll. Mr. Grant was presented by the congregation with a cheque for \$375, accompanied by an address expressing appreciation of his labours among them during his pastorate of eleven years, deep regret at his departure, and earnest wishes for his future prosperity and that of his family. Mrs. Grant was also made the recipient of a very handsome silver service from the ladies of the congregation. This gift was also accompanied by an address indicating warm attachment and sincere sorrow at parting. In the course of the meeting, short speeches were made by Dr. McKay (chairman), Messrs. Hewitt and McKenzie, and Rev. Messrs. McKay, of Woodstock; Munroe, of Embro; Ross, of the King street Church, Ingersoll; Archer (Bible Christian), of Ingersoll; Reynolds, of the M. E. Church, Ingersoll; Cameron, of Thamesford; Willoughby, of Ingersoll, and McMullen, of Woodstock.

PRESBYTERY OF CHATHAM.—This Presbytery met at Chatham on the 18th July. Commissioners from Belle River appeared with a petition for a grant in aid of one hundred dollars per annum. The petition was referred to the Presbytery's Home Mission Committee. Mr. King reported that elders had been elected and ordained at Belle River. Essex Centre was erected into a mission station, and Mr. Craig was appointed to dispense the ordinance of the Lord's Supper to the members of our Church there. Mr. Andrew Henderson, probationer, declined the call to Bothwell and Sutherland's Corners. Members of the Court were appointed to take charge of the schemes of the Church within the bounds of the Presbytery: Mr. Battisby, the College Fund; Mr. Gray, the Foreign Mission; Mr. Walker, the Home Mission; Mr. Becket, the Aged and Infirm Ministers' and Widows' Funds; Mr. D. Currie, the French Evangelization Fund; and Mr. F. B. Stewart, the Assembly Fund. Mr. Waddell was appointed to prepare the report on Sabbath Schools; Mr. McRobbie that on the State of Religion; and Mr. Tallach that on Temperance. The Presbytery ex-

pressed its sympathy for Mr. Chesnut in his long-continued severe illness, and for the congregations of West Tilbury and Comber, and made arrangements for the supply of the pulpits until the end of September. At the next regular meeting of Presbytery, to be held at Windsor on the 19th of September, it was agreed to hold a conference on Missions. Mr. McColl was appointed to examine Mr. Fleming, student, on the first eight chapters of the Acts of the Apostles. Messrs. McRobbie and Waddell were appointed to strike and collect the rate for defraying the expenses of the Presbytery's Commissioners to the General Assembly.—WILLIAM WALKER, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF GLENGARRY.—This court met at Lancaster on the 4th day of July. There was a full meeting—only one clerical member absent. After routine and the appointment of the Rev. Finlay McLennan as moderator, a numerously signed call from Finch was tabled in favour of Mr. George McArthur, B.A., promising a stipend of \$700 and manse. The call was sustained and ordered to be transmitted. Dr. McNish was appointed moderator of the session of St. Matthew's, Osnabruck, and authorized to declare the pulpit vacant, and moderate in a call when the people are ready. The induction of the Rev. James Cormack to Alexandria was appointed to take place on the 18th July, the moderator to preach and preside. Mr. Wm. Ferguson to address the Minister, and Mr. Calder the people. The clerk was instructed to read at all ordinary meetings all standing orders in the minutes; to have said orders printed for distribution among the members, so that members may not forget them, and that there may be dutiful attention in this matter. The Rev. J. Fergus was appointed convener of the Committee on State of Religion, in room of Mr. McCrae, and Mr. Patterson was appointed to take charge of the French Evangelization scheme. The matter of levying a rate to defray the expenses of delegates to the General Assembly and other expenses was left to the Committee on Statistics, of which Mr. Burnet is convener. The following deliverance, which was submitted and read by the Rev. John Fraser, in reference to the report on Sabbath schools, was adopted. "The Presbytery would record its thankfulness to God for the measure of success which has, through His blessing, attended the Sabbath school work in so many of our congregations; and considering the neglect that so generally prevails on the part of parents to give religious instruction to their children, and also that multitudes of the young are in many places without the advantages of a Sabbath school or religious instruction in any form, remits this subject to the Committee for its special consideration, to report at a future meeting." The Sabbath School Committee was reappointed, with Mr. Alex. McGillivray convener. Mr. Lang reported for the Home Mission Committee. The report was received, and leave of absence was granted the convener for three months, as craved, and Mr. Forrest's appointment to supply Lunenburg was sanctioned. The Presbytery further expressed its sympathy with Mr. Lang in his enfeebled state of health. The moderator and clerk were authorized to prescribe subjects of exercise to the students within the bounds, said exercises to be read at the September meeting. It was agreed in future to hold the ordinary meeting of Presbytery alternately at Lancaster and Alexandria. The Presbytery appointed its next ordinary meeting at Alexandria on the second Tuesday of September, at eleven o'clock. Mr. Fraser moved that a Committee be appointed to take charge of the collection for the schemes of the church; and further, that the Committee devise a method for giving full information anent the schemes, said Committee to be a standing Committee, and to consist of Messrs. Fraser, McGillivray, Calder, Elder, Dingwall, and Patterson, and to report in September. Mr. McGillivray seconded this motion, and it was agreed to. The Presbytery adjourned, to meet at Alexandria on July 18th, when the Presbytery met at Alexandria and inducted the Rev. James Cormack, B.A., to that charge. In the absence of the moderator, the Rev. John Ferguson preached and presided, Mr. Wm. Ferguson addressed the minister, and Mr. F. McLennan the people.—HUGH LAMONT, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.—This Presbytery met at Stratford on Tuesday, July 11th. The Rev. J. R. Hislop, according to the roll, was appointed Moderator for the next six months. The Rev. Dr. Kemp, of Ottawa, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member. The commissioners to the