

## Ministers and Churches.

THE congregation of St. Andrew's Church, Beaverton have purchased a handsome organ.

THE congregation of Zion Church, Brantford, had an enjoyable excursion to Grimsby last week.

MACNAH Street Presbyterian Church, Hamilton, held an enjoyable picnic at Landsdowne Park, last week.

THE Presbyterians of Cambray held an enjoyable strawberry festival lately on the grounds of Mr. Wilkinson.

AN exchange says: We regret to note that Mrs. Tolmie, wife of Rev. A. Tolmie, Southampton, is very ill from the effects of a paralytic stroke received last Friday.

AN enjoyable picnic to the Humber under the auspices of the College Street Presbyterian Church, Toronto, Young People's Association, was held last week.

A PLEASANT garden social was held in the grounds of Mr. J. S. Rogerson, Guelph, last week, the proceeds being in aid of the organ fund of St. Andrew's Church.

*Meaford Mirror.*—Rev. J. T. Paterson returned to town on Saturday and occupied the pulpit in Erskine Church on Sunday. He looks the better of his short vacation.

THE Rev. A. K. McLeod, a graduate of Queen's, has been ordained and inducted into the pastoral charge of the Consecration Presbyterian Church, Rev. T. S. Chambers, Wolfe Island, preached the induction sermon.

THE Rev. E. A. McCurdy acknowledges the receipt of \$30 from Mr. Andrew Thompson, Sunny Brae, to be appropriated as follows: Rev. C. Chumquy, \$10; British and Foreign Bible Society, \$10; Foreign Missions, \$10.

THE Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed in Knox Church, Listowel, on Sabbath, the 28th of June. Seventeen new members were added to the roll—making an increase of 109 members since the Rev. J. Campbell took charge of the congregation, eighteen months ago.

MRS. SMITH, wife of Rev. John Smith, of Erskine Church, Toronto, being in poor health, the congregation have generously given their pastor a well filled purse, leave of absence for two months, and have agreed to provide pulpit supply during his absence. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have gone to Prince Edward Island.

At the regular meeting of the Montreal Presbytery on the 7th inst., the call from St. Joseph Street Church in favour of Rev. W. J. Smyth, M.A., Ph.D., was sustained. The clerk read a letter from Dr. Smyth, accepting the call. The Presbytery appointed a meeting at St. Joseph Street Church on the 24th, for the purpose of proceeding with the induction.

THE *Lindsay Post* dips into the future in this fashion: Rev. Dr. McTavish, pastor of St. Andrew's Church, has gone to the Eastern Provinces for a five or six weeks' holiday. It is understood that he will not return alone, but that the Church will have the great pleasure of welcoming a worthy lady as the esteemed pastor's wife. Many friends will join with us in wishing Dr. and Mrs. McTavish much happiness.

THE Presbytery of Glengarry inducted the Rev. A. Matheson into the pastoral charge of Lunenburg and Avonmore on the 23rd June last. Mr. MacArthur, of Finch, presided, Mr. McKenzie preached, Dr. MacNish addressed the minister, and Mr. McArthur the people. Mr. Matheson received a hearty welcome from the congregation assembled; and now for the third time enters upon the pastoral charge of Lunenburg.

THE Rev. Mr. Mackie preached two able sermons in St. Andrew's Church, Kingston, on Sunday week. He has, says the *Wig*, become very popular, and his call will be very cordial and unanimous. If he accepts it he cannot enter upon the regular work of the pastorate before September or October, having to return to Scotland and resign his present charge after leaving here and visiting some points in Canada according to his original programme.

LAST Sabbath the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed in the Presbyterian Church, Orangeville. The pastor, Rev. W. A. Hunter, announced that twenty-nine new members had been added to the roll, most of them on profession of faith. This makes 135 admitted to the membership since the present pastor was settled over the congregation a little over a year ago. Such evidence of success must be gratifying to Mr. Hunter, as it certainly is to his congregation.

AT Little Current, Manitoulin Island, the people were endeavouring to erect a Presbyterian church, but were not equal to the undertaking alone. The following two churches came to their aid: Mrs. G. C. Robb made a canvass of Erskine Church, Toronto, and raised \$120; Knox Church, Kincardine, also generously contributed through Mr. D. Robertson, the sum of \$50. This \$170 was sent to the field through Mr. J. J. Elliott, who has gone to labour at Little Current during the summer.

THE Rev. R. J. Beattie, pastor of Knox Church, Guelph, has recently introduced a new feature at the morning service which has proved very profitable so far. This is a short service specially for children which takes place after the congregation has assembled and immediately before the usual Presbyterian service is entered upon. Hymns are sung, prayers offered, and the pastor delivers a brief address to the young folks. The beneficial result of this innovation is seen in the large increase in the attendance of children which has taken place since it was made.

A SHORT time since the Rev. John Thompson, of Sarnia, delivered his popular lecture, *Life and its Lessons*, to a fairly large and appreciative audience in Guthrie Church, second concession of Moore. The lecture was learned, simple and practical, and was listened to with marked attention throughout. The evening was enlivened by vocal and instrumental music by the members of Brigden choir and by Mr. R. Tibb, of Knox College, whose rendering of "The

Four Marys," was loudly applauded; also short addresses by Rev. Messrs. J. A. McDonald, chairman; Jas. McCutcheon and J. C. Tibb, and Messrs. Hunter and Ogilvie, B. A.

THE congregation recently formed at West Toronto Junction is making gratifying progress under the care of Mr. J. A. Grant, student of Queen's College. An increased attendance may fitly be regarded as a proof of growing interest and appreciation. The new building in course of erection is expected to be finished by the 1st of October. A successful garden party was held on the grounds of Mr. Brimer on the 11th inst. The proceeds were in aid of the building fund. At present the congregation at West Toronto Junction is associated with that of Dixie, and the prospects are so encouraging that it is expected they will be in a position to have a settled pastor within a year from now.

It is stated that as a mark of esteem to the late Rev. Dr. Kemp a beautiful monument has been erected to his memory in Burlington Cemetery by the pupils of the Brantford and Ottawa Ladies' Colleges, in which colleges the deceased for a number of years was the honoured Principal. The following is the inscription:—In memory of the Rev. Alex. F. Kemp, LL.D., born in Greenock, Scotland, June 22, 1822; died in Hamilton, Ont., May 4, 1884, aged sixty-two years. Erected in loving remembrance by a number of the pupils of the Brantford and Ottawa Ladies' Colleges, of which colleges Dr. Kemp was Principal for many years. "Thanks be to God which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

A LARGE and appreciative audience assembled at the Presbyterian Church, Oshawa, on the evening of July 10, to do honour to Rev. Dr. Smyth, before his departure for his new field of labour in Montreal. The chair was occupied by the pastor, Rev. S. H. Eastman, B. A., who, in the name of the congregation, expressed the deep regret felt at having to part with Dr. Smyth, whose genial manner and valuable co-operation in every good work had endeared him to the community and congregation. After partaking of the good things provided by the ladies, several prominent ministers and laymen of other churches addressed the meeting, expressing their best wishes for the Doctor in his new and important field of labour. Dr. Smyth, in replying, expressed his thanks for the kindness shown him and family during his stay in Oshawa, and especially for this parting token of esteem on the part of the congregation and community.

ON Monday afternoon, June 16, the corner-stone of the new St. Andrew's Church, Peterborough, was laid, the ceremony being performed by Mrs. Charlotte J. Nicholls. The Rev. Alexander Bell, pastor; the Rev. J. Carmichael, Norwood; the Rev. J. Cameron, Millbrook; the Rev. Mr. Hay, Campbellford; the Rev. W. C. Windell, Cartwright; the Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, Toronto; and the Rev. Messrs. A. H. Munro, F. H. Wallace, E. F. Torrance and W. Bennett, were present at the ceremony. Mrs. Nicholls sat in a chair near at hand, and Mr. John Carnegie, as Chairman of the Building Committee, took charge of the proceedings. After the ceremony, dinner was served in the Sabbath school room, Mr. Carnegie, M.P.P., presiding, when addresses were delivered during the evening by the Rev. Messrs. Macdonnell, Windell, Cameron, Carmichael, Wallace, Munro and Hay. The proceeds from the social and the offerings to the corner-stone amount to about \$75.

THE Allerton congregation under the care of Rev. T. T. Johnston have evinced a spirit of liberality since the special services were held there that is worthy of notice. Numbering about fifty three members they have had all they could do in the past to pay their proportion for the support of Gospel ordinances, but a month ago, at the close of the meetings, they gave Mr. R. McIntyre, student, a purse of forty-five dollars for his services, and also the caretaker a good collection for his extra labour. Last Friday evening, July 3, they held a very successful strawberry social at the residence of Mr. Baker, and took advantage of the occasion to present the precentor, Mr. Young, with a handsome arm chair, and the organist, Miss May Sager, with a beautiful cake basket and Bible. Last Sabbath eleven converts sat down at the Lord's Table for the first time, and many others were there whose spiritual life had been greatly quickened by these special services. These things speak for themselves.

THE annual Dominion Day picnic in connection with Guthrie's Church, Wendigo, was held in Clarke's Grove and proved a decided success. The attendance was large and the entertainment varied, consisting of speeches by the Rev. Mr. Johnson, of Alvinston, Rev. Thomas MacAdam, of Strathroy, Rev. Messrs. McAllister and Henderson, Wendigo. Instrumental music by the Chippewa Band and vocal music by the church choir, swings, croquet, lawn tennis, quoits, etc. In addition to a bountiful spread table, furnished by the ladies of the neighbourhood, there were to be had ice cream, strawberries and cream, etc. In attendance, entertainment and financial results the picnic was an all-round success and amply justifies the congregation in having inaugurated a pleasant and profitable way of spending Dominion Day, and will stimulate them to make each succeeding celebration, if possible, better than the previous ones. After paying all expenses the net results were about \$115.

THE corner stone of the new Presbyterian Church in the village of Dunganon, Ont., was laid on Dominion Day, by Mr. M. Campbell, of Lucknow. Notwithstanding the fact that there was a circus and several pic-nics in the neighbourhood on the same day; fully five hundred persons assembled at the foundation. The pastor, Rev. D. G. Cameron, presided, and after devotional exercises read an historical sketch of the congregation which was, with other documents, papers, etc., deposited in the stone. Addresses were delivered by Revs. R. Ure, D.D., R. Y. Hartley, J. Pritchard, J. Carry, and Messrs. C. Girvin, W. Young, and D. E. Cameron. A free supper was then served by the ladies of the congregation, after which an entertainment was given in the drill shed, consisting of music and speeches. The admission fee at the entertainment, together with the voluntary contributions of friends, amounted to \$355. The church is to be known as Erskine Church, Dunganon, and will be

built of white brick on a stone basement, with a seating capacity for 200.

THE Rev. T. Nixon, pastor of St. James' Presbyterian Church, Stouffville, was surprised on returning with his bride on the evening of the 29th to find the manse taken possession of by his congregation, and his beautiful lawn covered by tables laden with provisions which had been brought in abundance by the ladies. After hearty congratulations, tea was partaken of and an hour spent in friendly and social conversation, after which the happy pastor was the recipient of a handsome easy chair and sofa, accompanied by an address expressive of the esteem in which the rev. gentleman is held by his congregation, their hearty good wishes for the future happiness of himself and Mrs. Nixon, and assurances of their cordial support in his future labours among them. Mr. Nixon replied in a suitable manner, thanking the friends for their kind reception, the token of their appreciation of his services, their hearty co-operation in the work of the church, and now their good wishes for himself and Mrs. Nixon, all of which would be an encouragement to still more faithful labour for their spiritual good. A pleasant evening was concluded by devotional exercises.

A CORRESPONDENT writing from Parry Sound, sends the following:—Having come to this town a short time ago, with your permission I beg leave to say something through the columns of THE CANADA PRESBYTERIAN in regard to our work here. The church here was, only a few years ago, a mission, under the supervision of students from our colleges. Dr. Cochrane, I believe, opened and dedicated to God's service a small church. The desire of the few members constituting the same was to keep out of debt, and in consequence thereof, the building erected was very small. A short time ago it was decided to give a call to a minister. Rev. A. H. Hudson received and accepted the call, and was inducted as first pastor of this church. Under his faithful labours the building is hardly half large enough to accommodate the increased members willing to attend. This being a lumbering district, the membership fluctuates, heads of families removing, with their households, to more remunerative fields of labour, others taking their places. Taking this and other drawbacks into consideration, the membership is well sustained. Parry Sound has a population of 1,500. The Sunday School has on its roll a membership of 100, with an average attendance of 93, with a good staff of earnest teachers. The numbers might easily be increased. A manse was a short time ago erected by the congregation, and, had they the means, would no doubt erect a larger and more commodious place of worship. This is very urgently needed if the good work already begun and carried on is to be increased. The congregation have a fear of getting too heavy a debt on their shoulders; but, had they some assistance, no doubt a move would be made in the matter. It must be very discouraging to Mr. Hudson seeing how his labours have been owned and blessed of God, thus brought almost to a standstill for the reason mentioned. This congregation is certainly worthy the assistance of the Church and Manse Building Fund, or any person of means who feels called of God to aid and advance His cause and Kingdom.

PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.—The quarterly meeting of this court was held at Belleville, on July 6 and 7. Mr. Wilkins was appointed Moderator for the ensuing six months. Mr. Woods, Principal of the Ottawa Ladies College, presented the claims of that institution on the confidence and support of Presbyterian families. A motion was passed commendatory of the college. Standing Committees for the year were appointed. The Conveners of these are as follows: Mr. Maclean for Home Missions; Mr. Houston for Examination of Students; Mr. Wilkins for State of Religion; Mr. Young for Sabbath Schools; Mr. Cumberland for Temperance, and Mr. McCuaig for Sabbath Observance. A proposal to buy the church building at Fredericksburg was favourably considered. Satisfactory arrangements have been made respecting the church property at Bath. The agents for the several Schemes of the Church were re-appointed. The propriety of holding a Sabbath School Conference at Nanapan was considered. The matter was left with the Sabbath School Committee for disposal. At an adjourned meeting, held at Consecration on the afternoon of the 7th, Mr. A. K. McLeod was ordained, and inducted into the pastoral charge of Consecration and Hillier. Mr. Wilkins presided, Mr. Chambers preached, Mr. Robertson addressed the minister, and Mr. Cumberland the people. The attendance was large, and the interest manifested very encouraging. In the evening there was a social reception. In addition to the foregoing ministers there were present Mr. Craig, of Deseronto, and Mr. Pickett, Methodist minister at Consecration. Mr. McLeod enters on his work under most favourable circumstances. The influence exerted during his term of service among them as missionary for a number of summers led to this happy union.—THOMAS S. CHAMBERS, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.—The monthly meeting of this Presbytery was held on the 7th inst., Rev. R. D. Fraser, Moderator. The fact being stated that since last meeting Rev. W. E. McKay, a member of Presbytery, had been removed by death, his name was ordered to be taken from the Presbytery roll. A committee was also appointed, consisting of Rev. Messrs. W. A. Hunter, J. Carmichael and A. McFaul, to draft a minute anent the deceased, and submit the same at next meeting. On behalf of a committee previously appointed, the clerk submitted and read a minute anent the late Rev. James Dick; said minute was adopted by the Presbytery, and a copy of it is transmitted herewith. The call to the Moderator, from St. Paul's Church, Bowmanville, partly dealt with at last meeting, was dealt with again. Whilst this matter was being discussed, the chair was occupied by Rev. R. Wallace. A letter was read from Rev. A. A. Drummond, commissioner of the Presbytery of Whitch, expressing regret for necessary absence; but offering various arguments in favour of translating Mr. Fraser. After the reading of other relative documents, Messrs. Fairbairn and Blakely were heard for the congregation of Bowmanville, and Messrs. Macdonald, McGregor and Nelson.