

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

THE Rev. Dr. Mackay, of Formosa, has gone to rest and recuperate for a season at his native place in Zorra, county of Oxford. He preached to a large congregation in the Presbyterian church of Embro, on Sabbath, the 4th inst.

ON the third inst. the congregation of New Richmond presented their pastor, the Rev. P. Lindsay, with a handsome buggy. Such marks of regard from the flock to their pastor are not only evidences of good feeling but cultivate kindly relations between them. This sea side charge has in many ways acted in a kind and generous manner towards its present pastor during the short time he has been among them.

ON Sabbath, 4th inst., the new Presbyterian church, on lot 32, Tenth Line, Proton, at Ventry P.O., was opened for divine worship. The Rev. Mr. Fraser, M.A., of Mount Forest, preached at each of the services, commencing at eleven a.m. and three p.m. The church was well filled on both occasions, and deep attention was paid to the eloquent discourses delivered. There was good singing at each service, led by a choir of local talent. Collections in aid of the building fund were taken up and amounted to \$21.50. The new building is a neat frame structure, built in the Gothic style, three windows on each side, and the entrance at the end towards the road. It is well plastered, but not seated, except with plank and blocks, and will hold about three hundred people. The cost of the building so far, without the labour given, is about \$200. It is situated in a fine farming section, and on the corner of one of the prettiest and most valuable farms in Proton. A soiree was held on the following evening and was very largely attended. Dr. McWilliam, of Dundalk, was appointed chairman and made a neat and suitable address. Excellent music was supplied by a choir from Dundalk, and the speeches were all excellent and appropriate. The Rev. Mr. Morrison spoke of his experiences as a missionary in the district nineteen years ago, of the late Alexander Fraser who had always been such a warm friend to the cause, and of others who had helped forward matters to their present encouraging state. Mr. J. R. Johnstone, B.A., who has laboured on the mission for three summers, also spoke, as well as Mr. Wilson, of Markdale, and others. The proceeds of soiree and collection were \$55.

PRESBYTERY OF PARIS.—The ordinary meeting of this Presbytery was held on the 5th and 6th inst. at Norwich. A Presbyterial visitation of the congregation of Norwich and Windham was held on Monday evening; and a deliverance was adopted by the Presbytery, to be read from the pulpit next Sabbath by the Rev. John McEwen, of Ingersoll. The Rev. W. M. Martin was appointed Moderator of Presbytery for the ensuing twelve months. The name of the Rev. R. Chambers, missionary in Turkey, was entered on the roll of Presbytery in terms of the General Assembly's decision. Rev. T. Lowry addressed the Presbytery in the interests of the Foreign Mission Fund.

PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.—The quarterly meeting of this Presbytery was held at Belleville, on the 6th day of July. The attendance of members was small. Rev. Mr. Maclean was appointed Moderator for the ensuing six months. The name of Rev. J. Cormack, ordained missionary, was added to the roll. The tender of resignation made by the Clerk of his official position was withdrawn at the request of the Presbytery. Sanction from the Assembly having been obtained, the stations of Morton, etc., were transferred to the Presbytery of Brockville, and the station of Blairton retransferred to the Presbytery of Peterboro'. Professor Mowat and Dr. T. G. Smith were appointed a committee to draft a suitable minute in relation to the late Rev. Alexander MacLennan, of Amherst Island. The matter affecting Mr. Joshua Fraser being taken up, notice of motion for reconsideration of sentence was given—to be disposed of at next meeting. The report of the Home Mission Committee was presented by Dr. Smith, Convener. The arrangements proposed in it for the dispensation of the sacrament of the Lord's supper in the several mission fields within the bounds were sanctioned. The Home Mission Committee were reappointed, with the addition of Rev. D. Kelso. Messrs. Maclean and Mitchell were appointed a committee to prescribe written exercises to the students labouring within the bounds. The field formerly known as Camden and Sheffield having been divided

into two parts, is to be known as First Newburgh and Clark's Mills, and Second Eighth Concession Church, Camden, and Sheffield. Rev. A. Young was authorized to attend to the ordination of elders in the former of these fields, and assessors were associated with him for the purpose. Mr. William S. Smith, student in Arts of Queen's College, asked to be certified to the Divinity Hall of said College. Messrs. McCuaig and Chambers were appointed to confer with him, and examine his College certificates. Messrs. Gilbert C. Patterson, M.A., and James Cumberland, M.A., were examined for license. Their trials were sustained, and they were duly licensed to preach the Gospel. The following minute was adopted in relation to the Rev. J. M. Boyd, late minister of Demorestville: "The Presbytery in accepting the resignation of the Rev. J. M. Boyd, desires to place on record its appreciation of his services. Settled over one of the feeblest of its congregations, he nevertheless continued in the face of many difficulties faithfully and successfully to labour for the upbuilding of the cause. The Presbytery regrets that Mr. Boyd feels constrained to resign his charge, and in parting with him commend him as a faithful servant of the Lord Jesus Christ."—THOMAS S. CHAMBERS, *Pres. Clerk*.

BRAMPTON PRESBYTERIAN CONGREGATION.

LAYING THE CORNER STONE OF THEIR NEW CHURCH.

The corner stone of the new Presbyterian church, Brampton, in process of erection on Church street, was laid on Thursday afternoon, the 1st of July, 1880, in the presence of a large crowd of interested spectators.

After the singing of the hundredth psalm and the reading of a portion of Scripture by the Rev. E. D. McLaren, B.D., the junior pastor, the Rev. James Pringle, the senior pastor, engaged in prayer for the divine blessing and direction. After which Mr. James Fleming read the following memorial:

"The Presbyterian church, Brampton, had its origin in the year 1847. In the month of June of that year 'The Presbytery of Toronto of the United Presbyterian Church in Canada' opened a preaching station in Brampton in connection with what was then called the Centre road congregation, but what is now known by name of Derry West. The united congregation being at that time without a settled pastor, a moderation was obtained and held in the church at Derry West, on the 1st day of November, 1847, the late Rev. John Jennings, D.D., Moderator, when a unanimous call was given to the Rev. James Pringle, a missionary of the 'United Secession Church of Scotland' to be their pastor. Mr. Pringle, having accepted the call, was ordained to the office of the holy ministry, and inducted to the pastorate of the united congregation of Brampton and Derry West, on the 19th day of January, 1848.

"As there was no church at Brampton, at that date, divine service was conducted in the school-house, on Queen street, until the present brick church was erected in the year 1849, the lot on which it stands having been generously given to the congregation by the late John Scott, Esq. In the fall of that year, on the first Sabbath of October, the church was opened by the Rev. A. A. Drummond, then of Brantford, now of Newcastle, who preached from these words: 'And he brought him to Jesus' (John 1. 42).

"After the union between 'The Presbyterian Church of Canada' and 'The United Presbyterian Church in Canada' in the month of June, 1861, the aforesaid congregation took the title 'The First Presbyterian Congregation of Brampton' by which name it was known until the second day of January, 1877.

"In the year 1853 another Presbyterian congregation was organized in Brampton, under the title 'Brampton Presbyterian Church' and under the inspection of 'The Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada.' Said congregation built its place of worship on John street, and was under the pastoral care of the late Rev. A. T. Holmes from its inception until he resigned his charge about the year 1863 or 1864. From that time until the year 1876 the aforesaid congregation was successively under the pastoral care of the late Rev. Francis Duncan, the Rev. John Aull and the Rev. John Baikie.

"Sometime during Mr. Duncan's pastorate said congregation took the name of 'Knox Church or congregation' by which name it was known until the second day of January, 1877.

"In the year 1876 Mr. Baikie, the last named of these pastors of Knox Church, was translated to Harrison and accordingly the church was left vacant.

"After negotiations, which commenced in the fall of 1876, with a view to union between these two congregations, namely, 'The First Presbyterian Congregation of Brampton,' and 'Knox Congregation, Brampton,' at a meeting of the Presbytery of Toronto, on the 2nd day of January, 1877, it was agreed that the First congregation and Knox congregation unite under the pastorate of the Rev. Jas. Pringle and form one congregation under the title of the Presbyterian congregation, Brampton, and the Rev. Wm. Meikle, of Oakville, by appointment of Presbytery, preached in the brick church, Brampton, on Sabbath, 14th day of January, 1877, and declared the two congregations united into one.

"At the union there were 128 members in full communion in the First congregation and sixty-five in Knox congregation; making the number of members in the united congregations 193. When the last statistical return was made to the Assembly the number of members was 236.

"In consequence of there being two outside stations in connection with the congregation of Brampton, namely, Derry West and Malton, it was absolutely necessary that the pastor should have some assistance, and as not a few in the congregation preferred having a colleague, a moderation in a call was obtained and held in the church on the 16th day of September, 1879—the late Rev. James Breckenridge as Moderator. The call came out in favour of the Rev. E. D. McLaren, B.D., of Cheltenham and Mount Pleasant. On the 30th day of September, of the same year, the Presbytery sustained the call and translated Mr. McLaren to Brampton, and on the 16th day of October he was accordingly inducted to the co-pastorate of the Presbyterian church, Brampton, as colleague and successor to the Rev. James Pringle.

"The corner stone of this building to be known as 'The Presbyterian Church, Brampton,' erected for the worship of God, is laid by the Rev. James Pringle, for upwards of thirty-two years pastor of the congregation, on Thursday, the first day of July, in the year of our Lord 1880, and in the forty-fourth year of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, and in the thirty-fourth year of the life of Presbyterianism in Brampton."

Mr. Pringle, with the silver trowel prepared for the occasion and presented to him by Mr. Robert Smith in the name of the congregation, performed the ceremony of laying the corner stone, and declared the stone well-prepared and truly and properly laid.

After prayer by Mr. McLaren appropriate and interesting addresses were delivered by the Rev. John M. King, M.A., the Rev. John Smith, the Rev. G. M. Milligan, M.A., of Toronto, and the Rev. Robert Hall, of Nissouri. The interesting proceedings of the day were brought to a close by the Rev. William McFadden, of the Canada Methodist Church, pronouncing the benediction.

PAN-PRESBYTERIAN COUNCIL.

The following list of British and Colonial delegates to the great Presbyterian Council to be held in Philadelphia in September, will be interesting to many of our readers. The list is not complete, but we give it as fully as the officials can as yet make it. The delegates from Canada and from the European Continent will be given afterwards.

ESTABLISHED CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

Rev. William Robertson, D.D., minister of New Greyfriars' Church, Edinburgh; for many years Convener of Committee on Foreign Churches; a warm friend of Continental churches, especially the Waldensian; proposer of the scheme for the Waldensian Pastors' Fund.

Rev. Robert Flint, D.D., LL.D., formerly Professor of Moral Philosophy at St. Andrew's, now of Divinity in University of Edinburgh; author of "Philosophy of History," "Theism," "Anti-Theistic Theories;" preacher of Opening Sermon at Edinburgh Council.

Rev. A. F. Mitchell, D.D., Professor of Church History in St. Mary's College, University of St. Andrew's; well known in connection with Confessional researches, and as an historian and expositor of Confession of Faith; formerly Convener of Committee for Conversion of Jews.

Rev. William Lee, D.D., Professor of Church History in University of Glasgow; author of "Increase of Faith," editor of late Principal Lee's "Lectures on History of Church of Scotland."