

## MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

THE Rev. Daniel Anderson of Rothsay and Moorefield, Ontario, departed this life on the 11th inst.

THE Rev. E. Pelletier has been called to the pastorate of the French Presbyterian congregation at St. Hyacinthe, Que.

OWING to death and removal from the city, Erskine Church, Montreal, has recently lost several of its members of Session. An election of six new elders is to take place on Sabbath first.

KNOX CHURCH, Paisley, will be opened on Sabbath the 2nd November. Rev. Professor McLaren of Knox College and Rev. John Smith of Erskine Church, Toronto, will preach. On the following Monday evening Mr. Smith will lecture on "Prejudice and Progress."

THE Rev. A. B. Cruchet of New Glasgow, Que., has accepted the call to the French Presbyterian Church, Canning street, Montreal, and is to be inducted on Thursday next, the 30th inst. The Rev. C. A. Doudiet to preach and preside, Rev. Prof. Campbell to address the minister, and Rev. C. Brouillette the people.

THE congregation of St. Matthew's Church, Montreal, has made rapid strides since the settlement of the Rev. W. R. Cruickshank six months ago. At the quarterly communion in July, fifty four names were added to the roll, and at the communion this month there has been another addition of fifty-one, making a total of one hundred and five new members in the half-year.

REV. R. D. FRASER, M.A., formerly minister of Charles street congregation, Toronto, has accepted the call from First and Second congregations of Chinguacousy, and will be inducted at Claude on the 28th inst. Rev. M. C. Cameron to preach, Rev. A. McFaul to preside and address the people, and Rev. E. D. McLaren B.D., to give the charge to the minister.

THE Rev. J. A. R. Dickson, lately of the Northern Congregational Church, Toronto, who was received by last General Assembly into the ministry of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, was on Tuesday the 14th inst., inducted to the pastorate of Union Church, Galt. Rev. R. Fowlie preached, Rev. R. Torrance presided at the induction; the minister was addressed by Rev. J. C. Smith, and the people by Rev. David Smyth. In the evening a tea-meeting was held in the town hall, at which addresses were given by Revs. Dr. Cochrane, Dr. James, Walter Inglis, David Smyth, J. K. Smith and J. B. Smith. Mr. Dickson enters upon his new sphere of labour with prospects of much success and usefulness.

THE Rev. William Fraser, D.D., lately withdrew from the active duties of the ministry after a residence and pastorate in Bond Head of forty four years. On Friday last, the 3rd inst., a large representation of his congregation assembled at Dr. Fraser's residence for the purpose of expressing their continued esteem for him and their appreciation of the value of his lengthened labours in the locality. Mr. James Wilson was called to the chair, and an address was read by Mr. William Wright, elder, which referred in fitting terms to Dr. Fraser's extended pastorate, his high Christian character, his untiring energy, his arduous labours, his ability, faithfulness and tenderness, in the pulpit and at the bedside of the sick and dying, to the regard in which he and his family had ever been held by the congregation, and to the deep regret with which his recent resignation had been received. The address was accompanied by a well-filled purse. In his reply, after suitable acknowledgment of the address and the valuable consideration by which it was accompanied, Dr. Fraser spoke at some length of his long connection with the congregation, expressing his deep sense of their many kindnesses, of the consideration and respect ever extended to him, and of their Christian sympathy with him in seasons of personal trial. The conspicuous generosity towards himself of two valued friends and members of the congregation, now deceased, was adverted to, and the interesting statement made, that, during the forty-four years of his incumbency he had not been laid aside from active duty for a single day by sickness. After brief addresses by several of the members of the congregation present, and a season of social intercourse, the company separated.

THE new Presbyterian church in Cannington was

opened and dedicated to the service and worship of God on Sabbath, 5th inst. Rev. Prof. Gregg, D.D., of Toronto, preached in the morning to an over-flowing congregation from Rev. i. 6, respecting Christ "in the midst of the throne," and at the same hour the pastor, Rev. J. Elliott, had occasion to preach in the fine basement to an excellent congregation from the words, Rev. xix. 12, "on His head are many crowns." In the afternoon the church was filled, when Mr. Elliott preached from Haggai i. 14, on the rebuilding of the temple, and in the evening Dr. Gregg preached to a crowded congregation a valuable and impressive sermon on the final judgment from 2 Cor. v. 10. On Monday evening, 6th inst., a social meeting was held in the basement, amply provided for by the ladies of the congregation, after which an adjournment was made to the main body of the church where Mr. M. Gillespie, chairman of the building committee, efficiently presided, and addresses of much interest and expressive of varied and kind congratulations were delivered by Rev. Messrs. Paul, Ross, Gunn, Acheson, Cockburn, and Elliot of the Lindsay Presbytery; Weldon and West, Methodist Church; Mayor Forman of Port Perry and Dr. Gillespie of Cannington. The whole was enlivened by an excellent choir under the leadership of Mr. Coxworth. On Tuesday evening following a social meeting of children was held in the basement, and after they had partaken of the ample provisions on the tables, they were addressed by the pastor, who told them that he was exceedingly glad there had been occasion to have a dedication service in the basement also on Sabbath morning; for there would be the weekly prayer-meetings, and the Bible-class, and the Sabbath school, which would doubtless prove a nursery to the Church under the smile and blessing of the Saviour who gathers the lambs in His arms. The series of meetings closed with a special thanksgiving service on Wednesday evening. The church is a beautiful, commodious, and well lighted brick building, capable of comfortably seating 450 in the main body of the church, and fifty in a neat end gallery. Proceeds of the opening services towards the building fund was over \$500.—COM.

THE induction of the Rev. E. D. McLaren, B.D., of Cheltenham, into the charge at Brampton, as colleague and successor to Rev. James Pringle, took place on Thursday, the 16th inst. The church was crowded to the door. Rev. Mr. Hogg preached an appropriate sermon on 1 Cor. xii. 14. "For the body is not one member, but many." The constitutional questions were put to Mr. McLaren by Mr. Pringle, who presided, and these being satisfactorily answered, the latter offered the benediction prayer. The members of Presbytery led by Mr. Pringle gave the newly inducted minister the right hand of fellowship, after which Rev. T. Breckenridge of Streetsville, and Rev. David Mitchell of Toronto delivered instructive addresses, the one to the pastor and the other to the people. At the close, the members and adherents of the congregation, as well as a number of friends, gave Mr. McLaren a warm welcome, many audibly saying "God bless you." In the evening a social was held in the Concert Hall, which was largely attended. Rev. James Pringle, as senior pastor, occupied the chair, and on the platform there were no fewer than a dozen ministers, besides the choir of the church. The speaking was unusually excellent, the Rev. Messrs. Mitchell, Macdonnell and Milligan of Toronto occupying the principal portion of the time. These gentlemen bore ample testimony to the scholarly attainments, the pulpit and pastoral qualities, and the Christian manliness of Rev. Mr. McLaren. The Rev. W. McFadder, a Methodist minister, congratulated Mr. Pringle on having secured so promising a colleague, and said the Presbyterians were imitating the Methodists in following the dual principle of Paul and Barnabas. The Rev. Mr. McLaren addressed a few feeling words to those with whom he was entering new pastoral relations, and expressed the conviction that Mr. Pringle and himself would be of one heart and one mind in carrying on the work of the church. We congratulate Rev. Mr. McLaren upon the hearty reception awarded to him by the people of Brampton. He has been settled in this charge, because, as Mr. Macdonnell and Mr. Milligan well said, of the earnest pleading of the commissioners. But for this he would have been the pastor of Lancaster, to which he had been unanimously called. While Mr. McLaren decided to accept Lancaster, the Presbytery, in view of the representations made as to the necessities and requirements of Brampton, ven-

tured upon the extraordinary, though strictly Presbyterian course, of retaining him, and of inducting him into Brampton. We are persuaded the Presbytery acted wisely, and there can be only one feeling in view of all the circumstances, that namely of an earnest expectancy regarding the future usefulness and success of Mr. McLaren.

PRESBYTERY OF PETERBORO'.—This Presbytery met in Cobourg on the 30th September. There were fifteen ministers and four elders present. The Rev. Mr. Hogg of Charles street Church, Toronto, being present was invited to sit with the Presbytery. Reports were received from deputies appointed to visit the various supplemented congregations and mission stations within the bounds "with a view to the reduction of the grants." Reports were also read from three of the missionaries who had been labouring within the bounds during the summer months. A committee was appointed to consider these several reports and to recommend to the Presbytery a course of action in connection with them. At a subsequent stage this Committee submitted a report, which, with its recommendations, was adopted by the Presbytery. Presbytery therefore resolved, 1st. That the Home Mission Committee be requested to make a grant of \$100 each to the two supplemented congregations of Bobcaygeon and Dummer. 2nd. That for the group of mission stations in Chandos and Burleigh the Committee be asked to make a grant of \$3.50 per Sabbath, and further, that the Committee be requested to supply this field under the provisions of the "scheme for the continuous supply of mission stations." 3rd. That application be made for \$3.50 per Sabbath for the stations in Harvey. 4th. That the two fields around Minden and Haliburton be united and put under the charge of an ordained missionary and that a grant be requested of at least \$250 per annum for this group of stations. The Presbytery's Sabbath School Committee gave in a report through the Convener, the Rev. T. F. Fotheringham. Its recommendation to hold a Sabbath school conference in connection with next meeting of Presbytery was adopted. The records of the sessions of Alnwick, Grafton and Norwood were ordered to be attested as "carefully and correctly kept." The Committee on the superintendence of students reported as to the discharge of the duties assigned to them. The next meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held in St. Andrew's Church, Peterboro', on the third Tuesday of January, at ten o'clock a.m. Upon inquiry made it was found that the pastoral letter of the Moderator on the state of the Home Mission Fund had been read to their respective congregations by most of the ministers of the Presbytery. The Clerk was instructed to correspond with absent members as to whether or not they had complied with the injunctions of the Assembly in the case and to report to next Presbytery. Mr. Bennett gave notice that at future Sederunt he would move, "That the Presbytery establish a fund to aid in the erection of churches and manses within the bounds."—WM. BENNETT, Pres. Clerk.

### KNOX COLLEGE STUDENTS' MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The first meeting of the year just commenced was held in the College on Thursday evening, 8th inst., the 2nd Vice-President, Mr. James Farquharson, in the chair. After the usual devotional exercises, reports of the past summer's work in the different fields were read by several of the Society's missionaries. These reports are most encouraging, testifying, as they do, to the success of the Society's efforts to spread the gospel. The missionaries report that they were everywhere kindly received, that their services on the whole were well attended, and that considerable additions to the Church were made in some cases between thirty and forty persons on one field. These facts lead the Society to give thanks to God for the approval with which He has been pleased to bless its work, and to put forth increased efforts during the year just before it. The report of the Treasurer showed that the sum of \$1,277.44 had been received from various sources during the year, and that it had been expended in defraying necessary expenses. Resolutions were passed to the effect that the various missions in the city be aided as in former years, and a Committee was appointed to ascertain whether a mission should be organized in or near Yorkville. The officers for the year are: A. B. Baird, B.A., President;