

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

THE Rev. W. H. Jamieson, of Perrytown, occupied the pulpit of St. Andrew's Church, Peterborough, on Sunday week.

THE Rev. Geo. D. Bayne, B.A., Morrisburg, is now the clerk of Brockville Presbytery, *vice* W. M. McKibbin, B.A., resigned.

THE Rev. Hugh Crozier, late of Port Perry, and formerly of Holstein, was inducted at Luther, last week by the Presbytery of Saugeen.

THE Rev. A. Hudson acknowledges receipt on account of Parry Sound manse fund, \$1, from D. J. McLennan, Lochinvar, and \$1 from "A Friend," Richmond Hill.

COOKE'S Church, Caradoc, which has been under repair for the past three months, was re-opened for divine service on Sabbath, June 29th. The Rev. John Gray, of Windsor, preached eloquent and impressive sermons, morning and evening. The congregation are to be congratulated on the neat and tasty appearance of the church, which is now as good as new.

THE St. Louis *Evangelist* says: "The pulpit of the Presbyterian church at Colorado Springs is now very acceptably supplied by Rev. J. S. Black, recently of the Erskine Presbyterian Church of Montreal, Canada. After a successful pastorate of ten years, Mr. Black was constrained to resign his charge, owing to the feebleness of Mrs. Black's health, and seek the climate of Colorado, in the hope of her restoration."

A MOST successful entertainment was given last week by the Young People's Association of the Erskine Church. The Rev. J. Smith occupied the chair. During the evening a handsome water pitcher with cups, was presented to Mr. J. A. Patterson. Miss Isabella Brown made the presentation, and Police Sergt. Chas. Stark read the address. The Rev. J. Smith also made a few remarks in connection with the occasion.

OLD St. Andrew's Church congregation and Sunday school held their annual pic-nic last week. The party numbering some 400 left the city by the steamer *Hastings* at half-past one o'clock, and after a delightful sail of about two hours reached Lorne Park, where a sumptuous dinner, which had been prepared by a contingent who left on the morning boat, awaited them. The Rev. H. A. Robertson, Eromanga, delivered an address during the afternoon.

THE Ottawa *Citizen* says: "It is our painful duty to announce, after a short illness, the death of the wife of Mr. George Hay, one of our most highly esteemed citizens. Mrs. Hay was in herself a quiet and unobtrusive nature, but ever active and ready to unite in furthering the cause of any good work; among many, ably assisting her husband in his duties as President of the Protestant Hospital, and prominent in promoting the work done by the Protestant Orphans' Home. The sympathy of a very large circle of friends will be extended to the bereaved husband and family in this sudden and unexpected sorrow."

AT Weldigo, on Dominion Day, the congregation of Guthrie's Church held a picnic in Clarke's Grove. There were between 400 and 500 present, and the affair was a decided success, financially and otherwise. Dinner was served from one o'clock. Speeches were delivered by the Rev. Mr. Gray, of Windsor; Rev. Mr. Johnston, of Alvinston, and the Rev. J. Henderson. Strawberries and cream, ice cold lemonade, oranges, croquet, lawn tennis and baseball, and the interchange of friendly greetings served to render the time a very pleasant one to those present. Although got up under the auspices of Guthrie's Church, liberal assistance was rendered by the other denominations. The proceeds, amounting to about \$100, are to be devoted towards the furnishing of the new Presbyterian Church, now being built in the village.

THE Paisley *Advocate* says: "At a meeting of the ladies belonging to Knox Church, Paisley, held during the absence of their pastor, Rev. G. B. Greig, it was decided to give the pastor and his bride a formal reception on their arrival at the manse. Accordingly a large number of ladies and gentlemen gathered at the manse on Friday evening, June 27th, each having brought a useful wedding souvenir, and awaited the coming of the future occupants of the house. The happy couple came on the evening train, and Mrs. Greig was no doubt surprised to find so many strangers, but friends, to greet her at her first entrance within

the portals of her new home. Tea had been prepared by the ladies and after all had partaken of an ample repast, a few minutes were socially spent. After worship, the company left for their homes, leaving Mr. and Mrs. Greig in full and peaceable possession.

REV. H. A. ROBERTSON, of Eromanga, visited Brussels, Presbytery of Maitland, on Friday, July 4th. Although but two days' notice had been given, a goodly number assembled in Melville Church to hear the glad tidings brought by that man of God, from the far-off island of the sea. For more than two hours Mr. Robertson related his labours, difficulties, dangers and triumphs, thrilling the hearts of the people and melting even strong men to tears by his simple and unaffected recital of the scenes through which he had passed in labouring for God amongst the Eromangans. A deep impression was made by the missionary's visit, and he will be followed by the earnest prayers of many who were privileged to listen to his words, and whose interest in the great work of christianizing the heathen was so much quickened by the story which he had to tell. Although many were unaware that a collection was to be taken up, the contributions amounted to \$33.

THE Ladies' Aid Society of the River Street Presbyterian Church, Paris, held their annual meeting in the lecture room, on the evening of Wednesday, the 25th ult., the Rev. J. Ballantine, pastor, in the chair. After devotional exercises, an appropriate address was delivered by the chairman from Paul's words: "Whose I am, and whom I serve." Acts xxvii. 23. The secretary's report was thereafter read, from which it appears that the ordinary receipts by collectors have been \$96 34; those of the previous year having been \$88 55. The sum total from all sources amounts to \$266 64, which is 28 51 in advance of the sum total of the preceding year. Gratuities have been made from time to time for various purposes, for instance, \$110 36 in all, for cleaning, painting, carpeting, and matting church; \$12 49 for pulpit-lamps; \$29 donation from friends of lamp-pillars, and \$24 75 for the needy in the congregation. After all these payments there still remains in the treasurer's hands a balance of \$128 81. At a meeting of the society in March, it was agreed to give a fair trial to the plan of raising money by contribution instead of holding a social and sale of ladies' work, as in former years. It proved quite a success, \$113 having been realized, which is a little larger sum, when the expenses are all deducted, than the total proceeds of the bazaar last year.

PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.—This Presbytery met at Belleville on the 8th inst., and appointed the Rev. H. Gracy, of Gananoque, moderator. Letters were read stating that Rev. J. W. Archibald declined the call to St. Andrew's Church, Kingston, and that the congregations of Seymour and Rylestown were united. Rev. Joshua Fraser's case, at his own request, was referred with all the documents to the meeting of the Toronto and Kingston Synod at Cobourg next May. The committee appointed *in re* Ministers' Stipends reported that the movement to augment the salaries of ministers in poor stations had succeeded admirably. Rev. David Mitchell, of John Street Presbyterian Church, Belleville, on the strength of letters received from his medical advisers in New York, asked the Presbytery to grant him leave of absence for a few months, in the hope that absolute cessation from work would fully restore him. The Presbytery unanimously favoured the request and deeply sympathized with Mr. Mitchell in his affliction. He was granted six months' leave. Rev. G. Shore, of Lansdowne, tendered his resignation as pastor of that congregation, having accepted the appointment of Superintendent of Missions in St. John, N. B. The Presbytery by resolution expressed its disapproval of Rev. Mr. Gallagher's conduct in marrying a man to his deceased wife's sister, as it was contrary to the law of the Church.

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.—This Presbytery met in Widder Street Church, St. Mary's, the 8th inst. The Rev. John Kay, moderator. A deputation from Linwood was heard regarding the erection of a station at that place, and a committee was appointed to visit the field and report at the September meeting. It was agreed that hereafter delegates who go to the General Assembly by rotation shall be appointed according to the date of induction in this Presbytery and not as formerly the date of ordination. The Rev. J. A. Turnbull, L.L.B., having accepted the call from

Widder Street congregation, was inducted to the pastoral charge. The induction services were conducted by Rev. Geo. Crystal, who preached an excellent discourse from Phil. iii. 13-14. The Rev. P. Wright, who presided, offered prayer and inducted the minister to his charge. The Rev. D. Gordon addressed the minister, and the Rev. A. F. Tully the people. Rev. Mr. McPherson then escorted Mr. Turnbull to the door and introduced him to the members as they retired. The Rev. Messrs. Russell, Turnbull, Forrest, Fletcher, and Thompson being present were invited to sit as corresponding members. Mr. W. Hamilton, a graduate of Knox College, applied to be taken on trials for license and parties were appointed to conduct his examination at next regular meeting. A call from the united charge of Granton and Lucan in favour of Rev. John Campbell, licentiate, was laid upon the table. It was signed by ninety-five members and eleven adherents. Salary promised, \$600. The call was sustained after hearing commissioners, and ordered to be forwarded to Mr. Campbell. The Home Mission Committee was instructed to make application to the Augmentation Fund in behalf of this charge. The Presbytery adjourned to meet on the second Tuesday of September.—A. F. TULLY, *Pres. Clerk, ad interim*.

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO An ordinary meeting of this Presbytery was held on the 8th inst. The attendance was not large, and most of the business was transacted at one sitting. Rev. E. D. McLaren reported moderating in a unanimous call to Mr. W. H. W. Boyle, probationer, from the congregation of Streetsville. The stipend promised is \$1,000, payable in quarterly sums in advance, together with a manse. The call was sustained, and ordered to be transmitted to Mr. Boyle, arrangements being also made provisionally for his ordination, if he should accept. A committee was appointed to assign subjects for exercises to be prepared by students within the bounds, and given in before the re-opening of the colleges. On application made, Rev. P. Nicol was appointed interim moderator of the session of Weston and Woodbridge, with authority to moderate in a call. Rev. Walter Reid, formerly Primitive Methodist, was received in the usual way as a minister of the Church, agreeably to leave received from the General Assembly. Rev. W. E. Mackay tendered, by letter, the resignation of his charge at Knox Church, Caledon; and the clerk was instructed to cite both minister and people to appear for their interests at next ordinary meeting. Mr. G. E. Freeman, probationer, read his sermon on trial for ordination, which was approved of. The Presbytery met for his ordination on the evening of the same day, in the church at Deer Park. A goodly congregation occupied the church. Rev. J. Match preached from John xvii. 17: "Sanctify them through thy truth; thy word is truth." The moderator, Rev. R. Wallace, put the questions, offered the ordination prayer, and, as substitute for Rev. G. M. Milligan, subsequently addressed the congregation. The charge to Mr. Freeman was delivered by Rev. John Smith. At the close of the services, Mr. Freeman received a cordial welcome from his people. It is proper enough to add here, that of five students who were licensed by the Presbytery, in May last, three have been already ordained by the same Presbytery, viz.: Messrs. J. S. Mackay, T. Nixon, and G. E. Freeman. The next ordinary meeting of Presbytery is to be held in the usual place on the 2nd of September, at eleven a.m.—R. MONTEATH, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF SARNIA.—This Presbytery held their regular quarterly meeting in St. Andrew's Church, Sarnia, on Tuesday, 25 ult., Rev. Johnston, moderator, in the chair. There was read an extract minute of Synod in reference to the complaint of the Sarnia Presbytery in the matter of the East Williams jurisdiction. The Presbytery tendered their thanks to the representatives at the bar of the Synod, and expressed satisfaction with the finding of the Synod in the matter, and in the terms of that finding hold themselves in readiness to receive any communication from the Presbytery of London in regard to the future working of the East Williams congregation. The following standing committees were appointed: Home Missions.—Rev. Hector Currie and elder, with Rev. Mr. Anderson; Temperance.—Rev. Mr. Leitch and elder, with Rev. Mr. McCutcheon; Finance.—Rev. Mr. Cathbertson and Messrs. D. Mackenzie and F. Blaikie; Statistics.—Rev. Mr. McAdam and elder, with Rev. Mr. Loughhead; State of Religion.—Rev. J.