

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

THE Presbytery of Whitby at its last meeting sustained the call from Port Perry to the Rev. H. Crozier of Holsten.

MR. JOHN A. TURNBULL, B.A., of Knox College, Toronto, is to preach at Dundalk and the Fraser Settlement, Proton, during the summer months.

THE induction of the Rev. J. B. Fraser, M.D., to the pastoral charge of Queensville, North Gwillimbury and Ravenshoe, took place on the 20th ult. A fuller notice will appear next week.

AT a recent meeting of the Presbytery of Bruce, the Rev. James Gourlay, M.A., asked and obtained leave of absence for three months. We understand that Mrs. Gourlay and he intend sailing for Britain early in June.

MR. JOHN WILKIE, M.A., was to have left Edinburgh, Scotland, on the 28th ult., for Guelph, Ont. Mr. Wilkie has been studying medicine at the Free Church College, Edinburgh, to complete his qualifications for the position of medical missionary.

THE organ question still agitates the Presbyterian congregation of Knox Church, Perth. The Presbytery has appointed a meeting on the third Tuesday in July, when it will cite the members of the Church to declare by a new vote their wishes for or against the organ as an aid in conducting the praises of the congregation.

AT a meeting of the Presbytery of Stratford, on the 13th ult., the following recommendations of the Committee on Re-arrangements in North and South East-hope were unanimously adopted: 1. That the congregation of Hampstead should be maintained. 2. That it is desirable that Hampstead and Easthope should be united upon terms that may be agreed. 3. That it is desirable that Hamburg and Tavistock be united into one mission field. 4. That it is desirable that Shakespeare and St. Andrew's be united, and that, with a view to this end, the office-bearers of both congregations should resign, as also the pastor of St. Andrew's.

THE corner stone of the new Presbyterian Church, Ridgetown, was laid on the afternoon of Wednesday, 21st ult., by the Rev. Mr. Batisby, of Chatham, assisted by the Rev. A. McColl, Rev. Wm. Walker, of Chatham, and the Rev. Mr. King, of Buxton, who led the services. On the platform erected for the occasion were the resident ministers and friends of the congregation. The building itself is a very handsome brick and stone structure, with cut stone facings, and two towers rising to the height of 175 feet above the ground. The auditorium will be capable of seating about 800 people, exclusive of the galleries. The estimated cost is about \$20,000 when completed.

ON Monday evening the Rev. John Hogg, late pastor of the Presbyterian church of Oshawa, was inducted by the Presbytery of Toronto into the pastoral charge of Charles street Presbyterian Church of this city. Rev. James Carmichael, of King, preached the sermon; Rev. Professor McLaren proposed the constitutional questions, gave the installation prayer and addressed the pastor; Rev. G. M. Milligan, of Old St. Andrew's, in addressing the people gave some sound advice on their relations and duties to their new pastor. At the close the newly inducted minister received a warm welcome by the members and friends of the congregation who were present. On Tuesday evening a large and most enjoyable social was held in the above church in order to give a right good welcome to the Rev. Mr. Hogg. We congratulate the congregation of Charles street on reaching the end of the vacancy caused by the resignation of their late respected pastor, and in obtaining a minister who has earned an excellent reputation both in his late charge and in the United States.

THE 24th of May was a gala day for the Presbyterians of Ashton, for on that day was laid the corner-stone of their new church now building. The old church (a small but substantial stone building) has answered the requirements of the congregation for the last thirty-six years, during which many eminent men have preached within its walls, and the faithful proclamation of the gospel by those who steadily laboured there has resulted in the salvation of many souls, so that many witness with regret the disappearance of a building abounding in such happy memories. But circumstances demanded a more commodious and comfortable building, and accordingly, notwithstanding

the hard times, the congregation (a small one and by no means wealthy) set itself to the task. The building, according to the plans adopted, is to be of stone, 56 feet long by 40 feet wide, with a tower and spire, and with sitting accommodation for 300 persons. In connection with the laying of the corner-stone on the Queen's birthday, the ladies of the congregation provided a substantial dinner which was well patronized. After dinner the ceremonies appropriate to the occasion were commenced by singing the Hundredth Psalm, the reading of the Scriptures by the pastor, and prayer by Rev. Dr. Kemp. Then was read a "History of Melville Church, Ashton," a copy of which along with certain newspapers and coins of the realm, was deposited in a cavity beneath the corner-stone. The stone was next placed in position, and the pastor of the congregation, Rev. J. M. Macalister, after giving it the three mystic blows with the mallet, declared it to be well and truly laid in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. The privilege was then given to any who might be desirous of having part in the laying of the stone to give it a blow upon depositing upon it a contribution, and many availed themselves of the privilege to the great advantage of the Building Fund. Next in order came the address of the occasion, delivered by Rev. Mr. Moore, minister of Bank street Church, Ottawa, who in an able speech showed the progress which the Presbyterian Church was making in Canada, and called the attention of his audience to certain reasons inherent in Presbyterianism which give it the place it occupies. Short addresses were then delivered by Rev. Mr. Lyle, minister of the Church of England, Ashton, Dr. Kemp, Principal of the Ottawa Ladies' College, Mr. A. A. Scott, minister of Zion Church, Carleton Place, and Mr. A. M. McClelland of Richmond; after which the proceedings were brought to a close by singing "God save the Queen," and prayer and the benediction by Mr. Scott. The attendance, considering the lateness of the season in this part of the country and the consequent pressure of work in a farming community, was good, not only Presbyterians, but people of all denominations being present, and the result can scarcely fail to be to the advantage of Presbyterianism in this place.

PRESBYTERY OF MANITOBA.—The regular meeting of this reverend body was held on Wednesday, May 14th, in the basement of the new Knox Church, Winnipeg; the moderator in the chair. John Charlton, Esq., M.P., and D. U. Campbell, Esq., of Winnipeg, having declined acting as representative elders of this Presbytery at the ensuing General Assembly, Professor Campbell, of Montreal, and George Hay, Esq., of Ottawa, were elected in their stead. The Rev. Dr. Black laid before the Presbytery a long letter from Prof. McLaren, of Toronto, of the Foreign Mission Committee, anent matters affecting the interests of the Mission in Prince Albert District, North-West Territory. Dr. Black, Prof. Bryce, the Moderator, the Clerk, and Duncan Sinclair, Esq., D.L.S., were appointed a special committee to take immediate steps to obtain titles to the property of the Indian Mission Schools. The call from Springfield and Sunnyside in favour of Rev. A. Matheson, of Little Britain, was then taken up. Documents in relation thereto were read and considered. Mr. Henderson, of Sunnyside, appeared in the interests of the Springfield and Sunnyside congregations, showing the necessity of a speedy settlement as requested. Messrs. Young and McDonald advocated the claims of Selkirk and Little Britain to retain Mr. Matheson's services. Mr. Matheson was then called upon to state his views. This he did in a long speech, throwing himself on the decision of the Presbytery. The Roseau school matter was referred to the Foreign Mission Committee. The Home Mission Committee's report was considered in reference to the proposed reduction in the salaries of the missionaries of twenty-five per cent. At this point of the proceedings, the Rev. A. Matheson here stated that he was not yet prepared to come to a decision in reference to his translation. It was moved by D. U. Campbell, Esq., and seconded by Rev. W. Scott, "That Rev. A. Matheson be translated from Little Britain to Springfield and Sunnyside;" Rev. W. Borthwick entering his dissent. Dr. Black was appointed to preach the Little Britain Church vacant on the third Sabbath of July. The induction of the Rev. Mr. Matheson to the congregation of Springfield and Sunnyside was arranged for Tuesday, July 22nd, at 10.30 o'clock a.m., the Rev. W. Douglas, of Morris, to preach the induction sermon, Rev. Mr. Campbell to

address the minister, and the Rev. Dr. Black the people, the moderator presiding.—Adjourned.

PRESBYTERY OF LINDSAY.—This Presbytery met at Woodville on Tuesday, 27th May, and was constituted by the Rev. A. Currie M.A., Moderator pro tem. There were present nine ministers and seven elders. In the forenoon various reports were given in, routine business transacted and Home Mission work attended to. In the afternoon an extract minute was read from Pictou Presbytery intimating Mr. Ross's acceptance of Woodville call and his translation to Lindsay Presbytery. The induction of Mr. Ross was appointed to take place on Wednesday, the 2nd of July. Mr. Elliot to preach, Mr. McNabb to preside, Mr. McGregor to address [the minister and Mr. Cockburn the congregation. Service to commence at 1.30 p.m. the Presbytery to meet at 11.30 a.m. Mr. McLennan reported having preached at Carden and Black River on Sabbath, the 25th, where he found an interesting field. It was agreed that Mr. Currie student, proceed to the field by the 8th of June. Rev. A. Currie intimated his having supplied Manilla for four Sabbaths, and kindly agreed to continue his service there meantime. The papers of Mr. Angus McLeod from Knox College were read, and his request to be taken on trial for license considered, when, on motion of Mr. McNabb, seconded by Mr. McLennan, it was agreed to petition the Assembly to grant the Presbytery authority to take Mr. McLeod on trials for license after he has taken another session at college. Rev. Messrs. McLennan and Lochhead were appointed to support the petition before the Assembly. The next regular meeting of the Presbytery to be held at Lindsay, on the last Tuesday of August.—J. R. SCOTT, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF GUELPH.—The Clerk reported the names and standing of the students labouring in the mission stations in the bounds for the current summer. A committee on the superintendence of students was appointed. The Clerk stated that Statistical and Financial Returns had been received from all congregations under the oversight of the Presbytery, except one, and the Moderator of the Kirk Session in that case was instructed to have them forwarded. The resignation by Mr. Bentley of the pastoral charge of Union Church, Galt, tabled at last meeting, occupied a good deal of time. Moved by Mr. Smellie, seconded by Mr. A. Campbell, that the Presbytery having heard Mr. Bentley's statement, regret the circumstances which have led him to tender his resignation, and deeply regret the prospect of his removal from among them, yet seeing his expressed unalterable determination to continue no longer minister of Union Church, Galt, have no alternative but to agree to the acceptance of his resignation. Thereafter a minute expressive of the high esteem in which Mr. Bentley was held by his co-presbyters was unanimously adopted. Mr. Findlay, a student who had completed his theological curriculum, appeared, requesting to be examined with a view to his been taken on trials for license. He was instructed to meet at once with the Committee on the Superintendence of Students for Examination, and these having subsequently reported favourably, it was agreed to apply to the General Assembly at their ensuing meeting at Ottawa for leave to take him on trials, as craved. The committee appointed at last meeting to prepare a minute on the translation of Mr. A. D. McDonald, lately of Knox Church, Elora, submitted the following, which was approved and adopted by the Presbytery as their minute: "The Presbytery, while sympathising with the congregation of Knox Church, Elora, on their losing a beloved pastor, desire to record their own regret at the removal of the Rev. A. D. McDonald from their bounds. His companionship with his brethren has always been such as became his profession. As a neighbour minister he has ever shown himself disposed to oblige, and his services have been most acceptable to their several congregations. During his connection with the Presbytery he has been one of the most regular in attendance at its meetings, also most ready to undertake any duty assigned to him, as well as faithful in performing it. And by his knowledge of constitutional principles and adherence to the form of procedure, he has proved himself a valuable acquisition to this Court, which it now reluctantly foregoes. The brethren follow Mr. McDonald and his family with best wishes, and their prayer is that the blessing of Almighty God may rest on him and them and on his ministrations in the new sphere of labour to which he is at present called.