

THE PASTORAL LETTER.—The Pastoral Letter which the Synod instructed the Committee on the state of religion to prepare and issue, is in course of preparation, and will soon be in the hands of the ministers and congregations.

SPENCERVILLE AND EDWARDSBURGH.—The Rev. E. W. Garner has been inducted into the pastoral charge of Spencerville and Edwardsburgh. Mr. Smith, of Brockville, preached and presided, and Mr. Quin, of Kemptville, addressed the minister and people.

PRESCOTT.—This congregation, vacant by the resignation of the Rev. Dr. Boyd, who for many years was the laborious pastor of that congregation, and might be regarded as the founder of the Presbyterian Church in the district, have applied for the services of the Rev. W. Ferrie, lately of New York, formerly of St. John's, New Brunswick, and previously of the Free Church of Scotland. Mr. Ferrie is now labouring among them.

HOME MISSION REPORT.—In consequence of delay in receiving reports from Presbyteries, the General Home Mission Report came to hand too late for insertion in this number. It will, however, be inserted in the January number.

HESPELER.—The pastor of Doon and Hespeler, the Rev. Mr. McKenzie, lately received a very gratifying address from the Hespeler congregation, together with a very handsome and useful carriage. It is pleasing to add that this is only one of a series of gifts received by Rev. Mr. McKenzie, from the people of Doon and Hespeler, all indicating warm attachment and the best of feeling on the part of the people towards their pastor.

NORVAL.—The Rev. Joseph Alexander, A.M., who has lately returned from a visit to Britain, lately received from the congregation of Union, an address expressive of their attachment and good-will, and of their appreciation of his diligence and earnestness in the performance of his pastoral duties. In addition to the address, Mr. Alexander received a very handsome carriage of the value of \$200. It is gratifying to note that all connected with the Union congregation took part in this testimonial. The presentation took place on the occasion on the Sabbath-school anniversary.

A PLEASING ACT.—The friends in Whitby, of the Rev. Mr. Findlay, having heard of the death of his eldest son and of other family afflictions, have been pleased to express their deep sympathy for him under these trials, and to remit to him the sum of forty-one dollars in token "of their continued regard for his worth as a minister of the gospel."

What enhances the above testimonial not a little is, that some of these friends, though under the ministry of Mr. F. while he was in Whitby, are now in connection with the Established Church in that place. And as it is upwards of eight years since he resigned his charge there, it is greatly to the credit of all that they should continue to cherish so high a regard for him amid the various changes which usually take place during a similar period.

PRESBYTERY OF BROCKVILLE.—At a recent meeting of the Presbytery of Brockville, missionary meetings were appointed in the western section of the Presbytery as follows: Jan. 11, at 7 p.m., Prescott; 12th, at 7 p.m., Kemptville; 12th, 2 p.m., Oxford Mills; 13th, 11 a.m., South Gower; do. 7 p.m., Mountain; 14th, 11 a.m., Gloucester; do. 7 p.m., North Gower; 15th, 11 a.m., Spencerville; do. 7 p.m., Edwardsburgh; 18th, 2 p.m., Yonge; do. 7 p.m., Lyn; 19th, 2 p.m., Fairfield; do. 7 p.m., Brockville; 20th, 7 p.m., Newboro; 21st, 7 p.m., Westport.

THE SUPPORT OF OUR THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE.

In accordance with a resolution of the Board of Management of Knox College, a circular has been prepared and issued to the several Presbyteries calling