

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

THE communion services were held in Duff's Church, East Puslinch, last Sabbath. The attendance on all the days was good, especially on Thursday and Sabbath. The pastor was assisted by the following neighboring ministers:—Messrs. G. Haigh, T. Wardrope, N. McDermid, W. Meldrum, and H. H. McPherson, Scarborough.

THE ladies of the Mount Pleasant congregation held a social festival on the 23rd ult. for the purpose of raising funds to assist in the purchase of a site for the new church to be erected there next summer. Readings, recitations music, etc., contributed much to the enjoyment of the large assemblage present. The proceeds amounted to over \$63.

CHARLES St. Church, Toronto, which has been enlarged and beautified, will be re-opened on Sabbath, the 11th inst. The Rev. J. M. Worrall, D.D., of the Eighth Church, Chicago, is to preach morning and evening, the services in the afternoon to be conducted by the Rev. D. J. McDonnell, of this city. The opening services will be continued on the following Sabbath, Rev. J. K. Smith, M.A., of Gait, preaching at both diets of worship.

THE congregation of Chalmers' Church, Woodstock, in addition to great improvements in the interior of their place of worship have put around it a very fine new iron fence. The next thing for them to do, says the *Sentinel*, is to lay a good sidewalk to the Church from Vansittart Street at least, if not from other directions. [Would it not be as well for the congregation to allow the worthy town fathers of Woodstock to put down the needed sidewalks?—ED. CAN. PRES.]

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, Stratford, will be re-opened for divine service on Sabbath next, Nov. 11th. Special sermons will be delivered on the occasion, at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m., by the Rev. George M. Milligan, B.A., of old St. Andrew's Church, Toronto, and at 7 p.m. by the pastor, the Rev. E. Wallace Waits. On Monday evening a lecture will be delivered in the church by the Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, B. D., of Toronto. Subject—"Business, Culture, and Recreation."

THE Presbyterian Church, Wallaceburg, which has for some months been undergoing repairs, was re-dedicated to the service and worship of God on Sabbath, the 7th ult. The congregation have secured the services of Mr. W. P. H. Fishburn as their pastor, and the prospects of success are very promising. On the occasion of the re-opening the Rev. Dr. Matoon of Monroe city, Michigan, preached in the morning and afternoon, and the pastor in the evening. The services were well attended, and the collections amounted to upwards of \$60.00.

AT a social held in the Presbyterian Church, Eramosa, on the 19th ult., Rev. Wm. Barrie, D.D., who after a long and laborious pastorate is now retiring from the active duties of the ministry, was presented with a pocket-book containing \$70, accompanied by a very cordial address expressing appreciation of his arduous and valuable services during a period of nearly thirty-five years. Dr. Barrie made a suitable reply, and stated that as he intended to locate himself in Guelph, he expected from time to time to revisit his old friends in Eramosa.

ON the 17th ult., the Rev. David Taylor, late of Spencerville, Ont., was inducted into the pastoral charge of the congregation of Bass River, Kent Co. N.B., vacant since the resignation of the Rev. James Fowler. The opening sermon was preached by Rev. Mr. Russell, of Dalhousie; the charge was given by Rev. James Anderson, of Newcastle; and Rev. Mr. Wilson of Chatham addressed the people. Mr. Taylor enters upon his new charge with good prospects, and has met with a warm welcome both from his people and from the Presbytery of Miramichi.

ON the evening of Tuesday, the 9th ult., a party of ladies and gentlemen from the Binbrook congregation waited upon the Rev. W. P. Walker at the manse and presented him with a purse of money accompanied by an address welcoming him back after his visit to Scotland, condoling with him on the bereavement which he had suffered in the death of his father, and expressing their good will and respect for himself and Mrs. Walker. Mr. Walker replied, expressing his gratitude for the kindness the congregation of Knox Church, Binbrook, has shown him since his coming to them,

INDUCTION AT ERAMOSA.—The Presbytery of Guelph met on Friday according to adjournment in the church at Eramosa, for the induction of Mr. David Smyth into the pastoral charge of the congregation there rendered vacant, as our readers are aware, by the resignation of Dr. Barrie, in the month of June last. Public services were begun by devotional exercises conducted by Dr. Barrie, after which the Rev. J. G. Smith, of St. Andrew's Church, Guelph, delivered an able and forcible sermon, appropriate to the occasion. At the close of public worship, Mr. Torrance gave a brief narrative of the steps in the call to Mr. Smyth, put to him the questions of the Formula, and satisfactory answers having been returned to the same, solemn prayer was offered, in the course of which the pastor elect was inducted into the charge of the congregation, with all the rights and privileges connected therewith. He had then extended to him the right hand of recognition and fellowship by the brethren present. Suitable addresses were then given to him and to the congregation by Mr. Wardrope and Mr. Torrance respectively on the reciprocal duties arising from the relation established between minister and people. The congregation had afforded to them the opportunity of welcoming their minister at the door as they retired. Few cases have occurred in which a congregation has been vacant for so short a period. We trust the union will be a prosperous and happy one. The field is most interesting. Great changes have taken place in it under the long and able ministry of Dr. Barrie. There is still opportunity for the energies of one who is a careful student of the Word, and an energetic pastor. Mr. Smyth enters upon it bringing favorable reports from the districts in which he is well known, and affording ground for the expectation that he will prove himself an able minister of Jesus Christ.

CHURCH OPENING AT WOODVILLE.—The beautiful edifice recently erected by the Presbyterian congregation at this place, was formally opened and dedicated to the public worship of God on Sabbath the 21st ult. In the morning Rev. Prof. McLaren preached from Zechariah xii. 10. The sermon was able, eloquent, and appropriate. Immediately after the close of this service, Rev. Alex. Fraser, of Kincardine, preached in Gaelic to an appreciative audience. Rev. Prof. McLaren preached again in the afternoon from Matt. vi. 19: "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt and where thieves do not break through nor steal." The discourse was at once thoughtful and simple, concise and comprehensive. In the evening Rev. Mr. Fraser was to have conducted the services, but owing to his indisposition the Professor occupied the pulpit for the third time and delivered an excellent discourse on the parable of the Prodigal Son. At all these services the attendance was large, and the collections amounted to \$301. On Monday evening the Rev. J. Smith, of Bay St. Church Toronto, delivered an able, interesting and amusing lecture entitled, "The Sins of the Pew," which was highly appreciated by the audience as an intellectual treat of a very high order. The Rev. Messrs. Paul, Fraser, Hastie, McNabb, Currie, Campbell and McLellan also delivered short addresses congratulating the congregation of Woodville on the completion of their handsome and commodious church. Prof. Jones of Toronto, Miss Rose Adam, of Lindsay, and the local choir under the leadership of Mr. Jamieson, furnished excellent music and added greatly to the success of the entertainment. We are sorry that we cannot make room for the interesting sketch of the history of the congregation, given by Rev. J. L. Murray, the pastor, on the Sabbath previous to the opening, but will publish it shortly.

CHURCH OPENING AT LANCASTER.—Previous to the Union in 1875 two Presbyterian congregations existed in Lancaster, one in connection with the Canada Presbyterian Church, and the other in connection with the "Kirk." The minister of the latter being an opponent of Union, carried with him out of the Church a large section of his people. The remainder united with the Canada Presbyterian congregation, and soon after called the Rev. Donald Ross, then settled in Dundee. The result has exceeded the most sanguine anticipations, it being now difficult to distinguish between the two sections of the happily united congregation. Soon after his settlement, Mr.

Ross, with characteristic energy, set about the erection of a new Church to accommodate the increasing members attending his ministry, and on Sabbath, the 14th of October, the beautiful and commodious edifice was dedicated to the worship of God. The opening services were conducted by the Rev. R. H. Warden of Montreal, in the morning; Rev. N. McGillivray, of Williamstown, in the afternoon; and the Rev. Principal Macvicar in the evening. The attendance at the various diets was large notwithstanding the rain and the almost impassable roads. On the following evening a social meeting was held in the church, presided over by John McLennan, Esq., President of the Merchants' Bank, Montreal, whose residence is in the vicinity of Lancaster. Addresses were delivered by the Chairman, the Rev. Messrs. Ross, Warden, and McGillivray, also by Revs. R. Campbell of Montreal, Binnie of Cornwall, Mullan of Osnabruck, and MacMechan of Lancaster. The musical part of the entertainment was furnished by a well-trained choir under the leadership of Mr. McLean, assisted by a Quartette Club from Fort Covington, led by Rev. Mr. Thomas, the Presbyterian minister there. The meeting was most successful, and seemed to be heartily enjoyed by all present. The church is a substantial brick building, very tastefully finished in the interior, and reflecting great credit on the pastor, whose design it is, and on the architect and builder, Mr. Hugh McMillan, a member of the congregation. The pews are of ash with walnut facings, the ends being of iron. The ceiling is of basswood with butternut batting. The windows are of stained glass, that over the pulpit being particularly noticeable from its design and finish. The church proper is seated for 520. At the rear are two large rooms, the one above the other, designed for week evening meetings and for Sabbath School purposes. When necessary the doors of these can be thrown open and thus an additional 250 persons can be brought within sound of the preacher's voice. The church, which was opened free of debt, cost \$8,000, all of which was contributed by the congregation with the exception of \$25 each kindly given towards the expense of the chandeliers by two Montreal gentlemen originally from Lancaster, Messrs. Hugh McLennan and A. G. McBean. Mr. Ross has only been settled in Lancaster about eighteen months, during which time the membership has increased from 100 to upwards of 280, while he has drawn out the liberality of the congregation to a marked degree in connection with the church building. He has not been unmindful of the schemes of the Church, the people having contributed \$250 toward these during the past year. We congratulate the pastor and his congregation on the completion free from debt of their handsome new church, and wish them continued success and prosperity in the Lord's work.

MR. DELANE has resigned the editorship of *The Times*, and Mr. Chenery, the lord almoner's professor of Arabic at Oxford, is his successor. Professor Chenery, to whose chair no salary and no duties are assigned, has been connected for many years with the staff of the journal.

Births, Marriages and Deaths.

NOT EXCEEDING FOUR LINES 25 CENTS.

DIED.

In this city on the 28th ult., Kate Sutherland, youngest child of D. Gunn, Esq., aged nine months and twenty-eight days.
At 15 Eglinton Street, Saltcoats, on the 28th ult., Willie, eldest son of the late Rev. R. Kennedy, Canada, aged thirteen and a-half years. Friends will please accept of this intimation.

MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERY.

HAMILTON.—In Central Church, Hamilton, on Tuesday, Dec. 18th, at 11 o'clock a.m.
OTTAWA.—In Knox Church, Ottawa, on Tuesday, 6th November, at 3 o'clock.
TORONTO.—In the lecture room, Knox Church, on Tuesday, 6th November, at 11 a.m.
QUEBEC.—At Melbourne, on Wednesday, 19th December, at 10 a.m.
WHITBY.—In St. Andrew's Church, Whitby, on 3rd Tuesday of December, at 11 a.m.
SAUGEEN.—At Mount Forest, on the third Tuesday of December, at 2 o'clock p.m.
BARRIE.—At Barrie, on Tuesday, 4th December, at 11 o'clock.
LINDSAY.—At Cannington, on Wednesday, 6th November, at 12.30 o'clock.