

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

We are glad to understand that the Rev. Mr. Fletcher, of Kulkton, has fully recovered from his lengthened and severe illness.

THE congregation of Knox Church and Highland Creek, Scarboro', have presented their pastor, Rev. R. P. Mackay, with a handsome covered buggy and silver-mounted harness.

A PICNIC and concert were held on the 23rd ult., under the auspices of the young people of Knox Church, Harriston, in aid of the Building Fund. Though the weather was not as favourable as could have been desired, yet the handsome sum of \$121 was realized.

MRS RODGERS, of Collingwood, was lately waited on at the manse by the members of the Bible class for the purpose of presenting her with an affectionate address and with a substantial expression of the esteem in which she is held by them. The present consisted of a very handsome silver butter-cooler, fruit basket and napkin ring. The Rev. Mr. Rodgers replied for his wife, and a very pleasant evening was spent by the company.

A MEETING was lately held in Knox Church, Hamilton, for the purpose of organizing a temperance society. Dr. James, the pastor, explained that the meeting had been called to carry out the unanimous recommendation of the General Assembly at its late meeting, namely, to organize such societies in connection with the congregations of the Presbyterian Church. The meeting was quite enthusiastic, over eighty names being taken, and no doubt the society will soon embrace a large proportion of the congregation.

THE Huron "Signal" of the 1st inst. has the following: "At a congregational meeting of Knox Church, Goderich, held on Wednesday of last week, it was resolved to ask the Presbytery to moderate in a call to Rev. J. A. Turnbull, as assistant and successor to Rev. Dr. Ure. Messrs. Kay, Miller, and Buchanan were appointed delegates to lay the matter before the Presbytery. It is quite probable that before many weeks have passed, Mr. Turnbull will be ordained and formally installed into his position as assistant pastor of Knox Church. The choice is a good one."

A VERY successful strawberry and ice cream festival was held under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society of London East Presbyterian Church, on the evening of the 21st ult. Addresses were given by Revs. J. A. Murray, Dr. Sanderson and D. H. Taylor. Dr. Gardiner gave a reading. The musical programme consisted of solos by Mrs. J. K. Wright, the Misses Crone and Gilmour, and Mr. Robert Morrison: a duet by the Misses Crone, and an instrumental piece by Miss Willis. The proceeds amounted to upwards of \$40, with which a communion service has been purchased for the congregation.

THERE was lately held a strawberry and ice cream social in the basement of Knox Church, Morrisburg, when a couple of hours were very pleasantly spent by those present. The pastor, Rev. H. Taylor, read the biennial statement of the Ladies Aid Society in connection with the church, which was a very satisfactory one, and shewed that besides the \$500 with which the first year began, the Society has raised and expended on church improvement an additional sum of about \$600. This proves the true systematic principle on which the organization is based, and the ladies must be congratulated upon the satisfactory results of their exertions on behalf of their church.

On the afternoon of Monday, 27th inst., the Rev. J. W. Penman, of the Presbyterian Church, Carp, was presented with a purse of money by the children of the Sabbath school in connection with Lowry Church. The presentation was made on behalf of the scholars by their superintendent, Mr. Jas. Gardiner, as an expression of their feelings towards him as a faithful pastor and genuine friend. The reverend gentleman, who is leaving this charge, in returning thanks was deeply touched by the kindly feelings manifested towards him. And after the singing of a hymn and the benediction, there were many husky voices and tearful eyes when the final hand-shaking took place between the flock and pastor.

THE corner stone of the new Presbyterian Church, at White Lake, was laid on the 28th of June, by the pastor, the Rev. George Bremner, in presence of a large concourse of interested people. A jar was de-

posited containing a copy of the CANADA PRESBYTERIAN newspaper, "Missionary Record," Montreal "Witness," Toronto "Globe," "Mail," Pembroke "Observer," Almonte "Gazette," a silver coin of the present year, and a review of the history of the congregation for the last ten years, the time since the present pastorate began. Ten years ago the communion roll contained 108 names, since that time 215 names have been added, and ninety have been removed, leaving 233 names of the roll at present. The congregation have more than doubled during that time. The number of baptisms has been 164 children and thirty-three adults. The annual collections for the missionary schemes of the Church ten years ago were only \$12, and last year they reached \$137, rising annually. During that time the congregation has raised \$2,000 for building purposes, without reference to the new church, which will cost \$4,000. It is a stone structure thirty-eight feet by fifty two. A very successful picnic was held in connection with the laying of the corner stone.—*Com.*

THE fiftieth anniversary of First Chinguacousy (Mayfield) congregation was celebrated by a picnic on Dominion Day. It was acknowledged on all hands to have been the most successful ever yet held. Tea, ices, summer drinks, swings, the Tullamore brass band, a beautiful grove, and a perfect day, conspired to unusual enjoyment, and put a very handsome sum in the hands of the treasurer to the credit of the manse fund. The time for speaking was rather limited, but was utilized to the utmost advantage by Revs. J. Pringle and E. D. McLaren, of Brampton; A. Gilray, of Toronto; C. J. Dobson, of Caledon East, and J. R. Gilchrist, of Cheltenham. Dr. Robinson, M.P.P. for Cardwell, who was announced to speak, was compelled to leave at an early hour. We glean some facts in the history of the congregation from a paper prepared by Rev. R. D. Fraser, the pastor, who was prevented from being present by domestic affliction. It was read by Mr. McLaren. The first minister was ordained May 26, 1831—Rev. Duncan McMillan, still living in Komoka, whence he sent last week a long and most interesting letter of reminiscences. Mr. McMillan was minister not only of the north half of Chinguacousy, but of Erie, Caledon, and part of Mono. His Presbytery met sometimes as far east as Prescott, and the six ministers present at his ordination were from Markham, West Gwillimbury, Toronto, Nelson, and Grimsby. Mr. McMillan's successors were Rev. Mr. Johnston, Rev. Mr. Nicol, and in 1840, when the congregation sought and obtained admission into the "Missionary United Associate Presbytery," Rev. S. Porter, now in retirement at Barrie. Rev. D. Coutts, who is in his old age a resident of Brampton, was inducted in 1843, and remained till 1867. He was followed, in 1868, by Rev. R. M. Croll, who was translated to Simcoe in 1878, and was succeeded in 1879 by Rev. R. D. Fraser. The first place of worship was a log school-house. In 1841 a frame church was built, on a subscription list of £70. 11s. 6d. Volunteer labour was largely employed in its erection. It was soon followed by a frame manse, 20x30, which did service for a quarter of a century. During Mr. Croll's ministry the glebe of five acres with house, now removed, was bought, in which First and Second Chinguacousy shared equally, as they did also in the magnificent manse built last year. The handsome and commodious brick church, with convenient school hall, now used by the congregation, was erected in 1874. The congregation has been vigorous and harmonious from the first, and enters on its second half century at peace, well equipped, and alive to a sense of its responsibility in regard to the general work of our Church at home and abroad. It is worth adding that Mr. Robert Dansmore has been precursor for forty-four years, and Mr. Hugh Hunter treasurer since 1848, and that the Sabbath school, which meets throughout the entire year, has in the neighbourhood of one hundred scholars, more than the half of whom are adults.

DR. MCKAY'S MEETINGS IN OXFORD COUNTY.

Since our last issue Dr. McKay has addressed meetings in various places throughout the county and neighbourhood in the interests of his training school. In nearly every instance the congregation has been as large as the limits of the church building would allow, and an excellent spirit everywhere prevailed.

The results, financial and otherwise, must, we feel sure, be most cheering to the Doctor. The following are the total amounts raised, beginning where we left off last week: Kintore, \$130; Burns' Church, E. Zorra, \$106 20; Harrington, \$250; E. Oxford, \$58; St. Andrew's, E. Oxford, \$44.19; Innerkip, \$85; Chesterfield, \$150; Embro, \$465; Ayr, \$500; Paris, \$500; St. George, \$150. Let the friends in and around Woodstock, and throughout the county, exert themselves in this matter, and the whole amount of \$4,000 required for the erection of Dr. McKay's training school in Formosa will be secured. Having closed his meetings in the county of Oxford, Dr. McKay at once left for the Maritime Provinces, where he is to address a series of meetings for the next three weeks. He will then probably make a short visit to Winnipeg, after which he will leave for Formosa. It is proposed by his friends in Oxford before he leaves to give him a grand farewell meeting in the town of Woodstock. This meeting will be undenominational in character, and it is expected to be the largest religious meeting ever held in Woodstock. Such a meeting will be a fitting termination to the great missionary's visit to his native country and county.

PROBATIONERS and others, writing on Home Mission matters, to Hamilton Presbytery, will till further notice, please communicate with Rev. John Laing, M. A., Dundas.

REV. E. H. BICKERSTETH, in an account of a visit to Palestine, said that, while calling on the Turkish governor of Es Salt, and speaking to him of the mission schools there, he replied, "They are excellent schools, and I am going to take my boy, ten years old, from the Mussulman school, where he learns very little, and send him there; there is no school like it."

FROM the last published reports of the Winnipeg Young Men's Christian Association we learn that though that association was only organized about two years ago it is in full and active operation. There are free reading-rooms in Mackay's block, Main street, to the use of which all are welcome; while the immigrant sheds are regularly visited and all possible help given to new comers in the way of seeking employment for them and directing them to respectable lodging places, etc. When so many young men are turning their steps to the North-West we advise all to take advantage of the kind services of the Young Men's Christian Association in Winnipeg, and let those who do not need help themselves try to assist those who do. A kind word and a helping hand are mighty factors for good everywhere. If every professing Christian who goes to the North-West were doing his best in this respect, what a grand result there would be for good.

ATHEISTIC science babbles of life, with scientific nomenclatures, experiments, and what not, as if it were a poor dead thing to be bottled up in Leyden jars, and sold over counters.—*Carlyle.*

WHEN you enter church will you kindly take seats as far forward as you can. This is an entirely new request. Friends coming in a little late are troubled to get seats near the door. It has been funny to watch people drop into a seat near the door and look down, as though they were too tired to walk a few seats farther up the aisle, or even lift their eyes. The minister is warranted not to bite. Please sit forward.—*Pulpit and Pew.*

THEOLOGICAL soundness ought to be the glory of the Church; and it is only when made a buttress to spiritual decay and corruption that it becomes a reproach. Doctrine is the framework of life; it is the skeleton of truth, to be clothed and rounded out by the living graces of a holy life. It is only the lean creature whose bones become offensive.—*A. J. Gordon.*

Workman of God! O, lose not heart,
But learn what God is like;
And in the darkest battle-field
Thou shalt know where to strike.
Thrice blest is he to whom is given
The interest that can tell
That God is on the field, when he
Is most invisible.

At Vellore, India, the men of high caste recently applied to the American Reformed Church to give them a school for their daughters. Twenty pupils were at once enrolled, of whom twelve were Brahmins; and in a month the pupils were 104.