

## MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

A PRESBYTERIAN garden party at Listowel realized \$22.23.

REV. DR. ORMISTON, of New York, has been visiting his old charge at Newcastle.

THE corner stone of a new Presbyterian church at Deseronto is to be laid shortly.

THE Picton District Sabbath School Convention opened at Northport on the 7th inst.

THE Sabbath school of Knox Church, Ingersoll, held their annual picnic on the 1st inst.

THE congregation of Ratho and Innerkip, now vacant, are taking steps to call a minister.

THE congregation of Caven Church, Exeter, are taking steps towards calling a minister.

AN iron rod fence is in course of erection around St. Andrew's Church, Blyth, at a cost of \$115.

A MEETING in favour of the prohibition of the liquor traffic was held in the Leshville Presbyterian church last week.

ON the 26th ult. the Sabbath school in connection with the Ancaster congregation held their annual picnic—proceeds, \$28.

THE congregation of Mabou, Cape Breton, has given a call to the Rev. James A. Maclean, of Clyde and Barrington, but he has declined.

REV. PROF. BRYCE, of Manitoba College, and Mrs. Bryce, have left Winnipeg for Europe, where they will remain at least three or four months.

ON Sabbath evening, 28th ult., the pulpit of Chalmers' Church, Woodstock, was occupied by Rev. Prof. McCurdy, of Princeton, New Jersey.

AT a harvest-home held by the congregations of St. Andrew's, Mountain, and South Gower, on the 30th ult., a purse containing over \$100 was presented to the Rev. Archibald Henderson, late pastor of these congregations, who is now on the eve of his departure for a new sphere of labour in Ireland. A warm address which accompanied the purse elicited a feeling reply from Mr. Henderson.

REV. BERNARD L. QUINN, an ex-priest, preached in Quaker Hill Presbyterian church last Sabbath week, and lectured in the same place and in Uxbridge town hall to immense congregations, on the Errors of Rome. He was requested to give another lecture, embodying his reasons for leaving the Church of Rome, which request he readily complied with. The reverend gentleman displayed great ability and power throughout all the lectures.

A LARGE number of the members and adherents of the Presbyterian church, St. George, met at the manse on Thursday evening, the 25th ult., for the purpose of welcoming back the Rev. Robert Hume, M.A., pastor of the church, on his return from his trip across the Atlantic for the benefit of his health. After a bounteous tea, provided by the ladies, a warm address of welcome and a purse of \$78 were presented to him as a token of the esteem in which he is held by the members of his church. The rev. gentleman made a feeling reply. After spending a few hours very pleasantly together, each returned home much pleased with the evening's entertainment.

ON the occasion of the anniversary services of Erskine Church in this city, last Sabbath, Rev. Principal Grant preached morning and evening. At the close of the morning service Rev. Jno. Smith, the pastor, gave a brief statement of the recent progress of the congregation. The following are the figures: When the new church was opened, on the 27th July, 1879, there were 120 families in connection with the congregation; the number in connection now is 160; shewing a net increase of forty families. The number of members on the roll at the opening was 336; it is now 307; net increase, 71. Such marked progress as is indicated by these numbers, taking place in the short time that has elapsed since the church was opened, and in a locality sufficiently distant from any other Presbyterian place of worship, is encouraging to the congregation and cheering to all friends of the cause.

THE Rev. F. Ballantyne, pastor of the North and South Westminster congregations, who has been spending the summer abroad for the benefit of his health, is expected to return shortly much recruited, and ready to resume work. He will be warmly welcomed by both congregations, who entertain the

highest affection for their pastor. It was with deep regret that they parted with him at the beginning of summer; but Mr. Ballantyne was very fortunate in securing the services of Mr. Boyle, a Knox College student, who has carried on the work with a zeal and earnestness which won for him the heartfelt co-operation of both congregations. The students of the North Westminster Bible class, as a token of their high esteem for Mr. Boyle, presented him, on the eve of his departure and the last meeting of the class, with a purse containing \$50, accompanied by an appropriate address, to which he replied in a most feeling manner.

THE working members of our churches are now much more numerous than they formerly were; young men and young women are in most congregations engaging in church and Sabbath school work with ardour and enthusiasm; but the older working members—those who worked when the workers were few, and upheld the struggling cause with little help and less encouragement—these are passing away one by one, and their memory deserves a tribute. We notice with regret the death, at the age of seventy-one, of Mr. John Murray, a useful man of this class, connected with the Glenmorris congregation. Of him the Dumfries "Reformer" says: "The deceased was a native of the town of S-lirk, in Scotland, and emigrated to this country in 1846. After residing for a short time in Galt he moved to Glenmorris, where he carried on business as a tailor for thirty years. Mr. Murray was, at the time of his death, the oldest inhabitant in the village. The deceased was in many respects a remarkable man. Very early in life he gave indication of being possessed of considerable musical talent. When only fourteen, he led the singing in the Sabbath school which he attended; when he was seventeen, he was regularly installed as precentor of the church. This office he held in several churches in Scotland for a period of twenty years. After coming to Canada he led the singing in St. Andrew's Church, Galt, and latterly in the Presbyterian church, Glenmorris, for a number of years. Mr. Murray had a very retentive memory, especially for passages of Scripture and Scottish poetry, whole pages of the latter he has been known to repeat without missing a word. He took a great interest in the religious education of the young, and for over twenty years was a teacher in the Glenmorris Sabbath school. His remains were accompanied to the village cemetery by a large body of friends and acquaintances, shewing the respect in which he was held by the community."

AT a special meeting of the Presbytery of Manitoba, held on the evening of the 25th ult., the session of Knox Church, Winnipeg, presented a resolution passed at the congregational meeting held on Tuesday evening, 16th inst., granting the sum of \$10,000 to the Second Presbyterian Church as soon as organized. The resolutions passed at a preliminary meeting of the second congregation, held in the City Hall, on Wednesday evening, were read, and Messrs. Robertson, Copeland and Russell, were heard in support of the petition. It was moved by Professor Bryce, seconded by Professor Hart, and resolved, that the Presbytery recognize with thankfulness the generous action of Knox Church, Winnipeg, in giving \$10,000 to the Second Presbyterian Church congregation in Winnipeg for church building, and rejoice to learn that so great a degree of unanimity characterized the action taken. Moved by Mr. McGuire, seconded by Mr. Scott, and carried, "That the Presbytery appoint Messrs. Russell, Hamilton and Copeland as an interim session for the proposed congregation, to meet on Tuesday evening at eight o'clock, in the Court House, to organize and fully constitute the Second Presbyterian Church." Rev. Dr. Black was appointed moderator of the interim session. The second clause of the memorial of the proposed congregation as to territory, namely, that McWilliam street be the southern limit, was granted, subject to the approval of the session of Knox Church. On the same evening, after the meeting of Presbytery, the members and adherents of the new congregation held a meeting in the Court House; appointed trustees, managers and auditors; resolved to proceed immediately to obtain a supply of services, and to apply to the Government for the use of the Court House as a place of meeting pending the erection of a new church; gave the trustees full power to procure a site; appointed a committee to raise subscriptions, and decided to adopt the name "St. Andrew's Church, Winnipeg."

REV. DR. MCKAY, the Formosa missionary, has just held a series of successful meetings in the West. Accompanied by his wife, he paid a visit of a week and a half to his old friend and College mate, Rev. J. L. Murray, of Kincardine. But the Doctor's idea of rest and recreation is somewhat peculiar. He desired Mr. Murray to arrange meetings for him every night in the week. The following places were visited in the short space of eight days: Teeswater, Paisley, North Bruce, Kincardine, Ripley and Huron (joint meeting), Chalmers' Church, Mount Forest, and Wingham. Crowded audiences greeted him during his brief tour, and the interest manifested was of the intensest character. His vivid narration of the trials, privations, and hair-breadth escapes, through which he had passed, his glowing account of the wonderful grace of God in blessing his labours in that heathen island, and his thrilling appeals to saints and sinners regarding their duty toward God and their brother-man, brought tears from hundreds of eyes unaccustomed to weep. Never has it been my privilege to witness an audience so profoundly impressed as that which assembled in Knox Church, Kincardine, on Sabbath morning (Aug 21st). It is gratifying to observe that the Doctor was highly pleased with his visit on both social and financial grounds. Contributions were liberal. Teeswater, \$21.50, together with a special donation of \$25 from Rev. D. Wardrope; Paisley, \$57; North Bruce, \$53, Ripley and Huron, \$50; Chalmers' Church, Kincardine township, \$20; Mount Forest, \$100, together with a cheque for \$100 more from a Mr. Scott, near the town; Wingham, sum not known; Knox Church, Kincardine, over \$100, about half of which was contributed by a young man named Ebenezer Robertson, out of his first earnings. Another case is worthy of special mention. One Miss Lizzie Byers, a servant girl, gathered together all the money she had at her command, \$5 27, and gave it to the Formosa Mission. No appeal was made in Kincardine on this occasion for a contribution to the Formosa Mission work, as nearly \$400 was given a few months ago for that object. The \$100 now contributed was handed in by those whose hearts were willing without a collection or subscription being taken up. It is greatly to be regretted that the Doctor should leave Canada without visiting scores of places which would greet him with large audiences and liberal collections. Money flows freely into the Foreign Mission treasury wherever the Doctor appears; and, what is of more importance than the amount now contributed, is that the Church is being stirred up from her slumber and selfishness and quickened with a missionary spirit which shall bear fruit in future at home and abroad.—COM.

## BOOKS AND MAGAZINES.

RESPONSIVE READINGS. (New York: The Century Co.)—The Century Co. is the new name adopted by the corporation formerly known as Scribner & Co. The volume now before us contains an admirable selection of Scripture passages arranged under topical headings.

VICK'S ILLUSTRATED MONTHLY MAGAZINE. (Rochester, N.Y.: James Vick.)—A gorgeous group of cinerarias for frontispiece, numerous engravings illustrating the reading matter, several useful articles on subjects connected with horticulture, and a large number of brief items conveying seasonable hints to the amateur gardener, render the September number of Vick's Monthly very attractive.

SPIRITUAL SONGS FOR THE SUNDAY SCHOOL. (New York: The Century Co.)—This pretty little volume contains 273 hymns, all well fitted for Sabbath school singing. They are not overly childish, and they have nothing of the spasmodic or sensational about them. The compiler is the Rev. Charles S. Robinson, D.D., one of the busiest and most popular contributors to the "Sunday School Times."

THE CANADIAN METHODIST MAGAZINE. (Toronto: W. Briggs.)—The September number of the "Canadian Methodist Magazine" contains the Rev. Dr. Punshon's last article and his last poem; the subject of the prose article is "Wesley and his Literature." In this number we also find an interesting life-sketch of the late Rev. George McDougall, who after sixteen years of intrepid pioneer work in the North-West, perished on the plains in January, 1876.

ROSE-BELFORD'S CANADIAN MONTHLY. (Toronto: