

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

WE are indebted to Dr. Cochrane for late Scotch papers. The rev. gentleman has been preaching in Paisley, Edinburgh, etc.

REV. F. W. FARRIES of Ottawa, has returned from the sea-side. He visited Manhattan beach, Rockaway, and other favourite resorts.

REV. D. H. FLETCHER, of the MacNab street Presbyterian Church, Hamilton, has returned from Exeter, looking much improved by his vacation.

REV. MR. LOCHHEAD, minister of Lonsboro, preaches every second Sabbath evening in the Temperance Hall, Kinburn; and the large hall is crowded so that it is difficult to find seat room.

AMONGST the departures yesterday, says the Winnipeg "Free Press" of Aug. 15th, were Rev. Professor McLaren and Rev. Mr. Laidlaw, who, with Professor Bryce, will visit Pembina Mountain before their return east.

At the recent celebration of the Lord's Supper at Dundalk—Rev. Donald Fraser officiating—sixty-five communicants partook of the ordinance. Mr. P. McGregor has been ordained one of the elders of this congregation.

MR. TAIT, M.A., has been filling the pulpit of St. Andrew's Church, Berlin, for a couple of Sabbaths; and he is represented by the local paper as presenting "the truth to his hearers in an able, forcible and pleasing manner."

WHILE the repairs are being made in the Central Presbyterian Church, Hamilton, divine service will be held in the Mechanics' Hall at the usual hours of eleven a.m. and seven p.m. The Rev. Mr. Lyle occupied the pulpit on Sabbath last.

THE congregation of Burns' Church and Moore Line have determined to erect a new manse for their pastor elect, Rev. Mr. McAlmon; and have purchased a site near the former church. The building is to be brick; and already \$500 have been subscribed. The matter is in the hands of an energetic committee.

WE regret exceedingly to learn of the serious loss sustained by the Rev. Joseph Elliot, of Cannington, by the burning of his furniture, clothing, library, and other articles of value, in the recent fire at that place. Mr. Elliot was only settled at Cannington a few weeks ago and he had no insurance. His loss will be over \$1,000.

THE new Presbyterian church at Cannington is rapidly approaching completion and will be ready for the formal opening in a few weeks. It is a beautiful little church, occupying a good site on the main street, and is creditable alike to the liberality and good taste of the people. When the building is opened we shall publish a more extended notice.

At the last meeting of the Prince Edward Island Presbytery leave of absence for a few weeks was granted to the Rev. K. McLennan, M.A., on account of ill health, and supply appointed for his pulpit. We sincerely trust that rest from work and change of air may soon enable Mr. McLennan to return to his congregation completely restored to health.

At a meeting of the congregation in Rev. Dr. Proudfoot's church, London, last Saturday night, the worthy pastor was surprised by the presentation to him of a beautiful silk gown, specially brought from England, and a purse of \$100 to Mrs. Proudfoot. The proceedings on the occasion were eminently cordial; and bore eloquent testimony to the high esteem in which Dr. and Mrs. Proudfoot are held by the Clarence street Church people.

ST. PAUL'S Presbyterian Church, Warton, was formally opened and dedicated on Sabbath the 10th inst., by the Rev. G. M. Milligan, M.A., of Toronto, who preached suitable discourses to large congregations morning and evening. Mr. Milligan lectured on Monday evening, his subject being "The contented Man, Who is he?" The attendance at the lecture was very large and all were delighted. Perhaps never before have we had such an eloquent lecturer or such a popular preacher on the Saugeen Indian Peninsula, and the day will long be remembered by the people of Warton and neighbourhood.—COM.

THE new building which is being erected by Knox Church congregation, Kincardine, is drawing near completion. It is to be dedicated to the service of Almighty God (D. V.) on the 7th of September next.

Rev. Dr. Gregg, Rev. J. Smith of Erskine Church, Toronto, and Rev. J. Anderson of Tiverton, will officiate. The building is about 100 feet in length, has a splendid gallery, and is seated to accommodate 1,000. It is frescoed throughout, has stained glass windows of the most expensive quality, a lofty ceiling in which the main timbers are visible, and is pronounced by all who see it to be second to none in Western Ontario.

At a meeting of the Presbytery of Whitby held in Bowmanville, on the 19th Aug., a call from the congregation of Pickering to the Rev. J. J. Cameron, North Easthope, was sustained. The stipend promised is \$900 and a manse. Mr. Drummond was appointed to prosecute the call at the first meeting of Stratford Presbytery. Leave was granted to Duffin's Creek congregation to sell their manse and glebe, in order to build another manse in a more convenient place. Mr. Abraham accepted the call to Whitby, and his induction was appointed for Tuesday, September 9th, at three o'clock p.m. Mr. Crozier to preach, Mr. Roger to induct and address the minister, and Mr. Little to address the people.

THE Presbytery of Ottawa held an adjourned meeting in Manotick, on the 19th inst., for the ordination and induction of the Rev. John Monro, B.A., into the pastoral charge of the congregation of Manotick and Gloucester. There was a fair attendance of members of Presbytery present. The Rev. H. J. McDiarmid of Gloucester, presided; the Rev. Wm. Armstrong of Daly street, Ottawa, preached; the Rev. Wm. Caven of Buckingham addressed the pastor, and the Rev. J. A. G. Calder of Osgoode, the people. At the close Mr. Monro received a most cordial welcome from the people of his charge. The congregation was large, numbering between three and four hundred. The field of labour upon which Mr. Monro enters is inviting and interesting. This congregation made great progress under the brief ministry of its late pastor, the Rev. James Whyte. In his time they built a handsome brick church (capable of seating 400 persons), as well as a neat brick manse. Here the saying is true, "one soweth and another reapeth." With the same united energy in time to come as in the past, we shall be greatly mistaken if this congregation does not soon become a great power in helping forward the work of the Church of Christ in the world. A pleasing feature at the conclusion of the services of the day was the fact that the managers paid Mr. Monro a portion of his salary in advance. This was thoughtful and encouraging to their pastor whom we wish all success and all blessing in his field of labour.

REV. ALEXANDER ROSS, M.A., now pastor of the Presbyterian congregation at Woodville, was, previous to his departure from his former charge (Knox Church, Pictou, N.S.), presented with a number of valuable and useful articles from the ladies of the congregation, the young men of the Bible class, and several individual members in town and country. The gifts included a beautiful silver tea service, a handsome gold watch and chain for Mrs. Ross, Bagster's Bible bound in Morocco, an elegant gold pencil case, etc. The following tribute to the worth and usefulness of Mr. and Mrs. Ross is from a local paper. "Mr. Ross's departure leaves a blank in the community where he laboured for over nineteen years, not easily filled. His late congregation cannot regard the separation otherwise than as a bereavement, the pain of which can only be effaced by time—the recollection never. Besides his pastoral duties—which he performed after the manner of the kindest and most faithful natural parent—he was closely identified with every movement having for its object the social, moral or spiritual elevation of the community. As a lucid expounder of the Scriptures he was the peer of the ablest in his denomination, while as a preacher of righteousness he was forcible, earnest and faithful in an eminent degree. The departure of Mrs. Ross will create a vacancy as marked in the circle of her late sphere of usefulness and influence, as that created by her husband's in his own. She had lived in Pictou town for twenty-six years. Her first husband, Rev. Murdoch Sutherland, pastor of Knox Church previous to Mr. Ross's incumbency, was also the first minister occupying the pulpit in that church. She has ever been highly esteemed by all who enjoyed her friendship and acquaintance, both in Knox congregation and out of it, for her kind and amiable disposition. The departure of herself and her beloved family makes the grief of her husband's late charge double, for the sundering of their relations as pastor and people."

OPENING OF KNOX CHURCH, WINNIPEG.

The new building commenced a year ago by the Presbyterian congregation of Winnipeg, Manitoba, was formally opened for divine worship on Sabbath the 10th inst.—an event which, judging from the very full accounts given by the local papers and from the large attendance reported, awakened considerable interest and attention amongst the inhabitants; and even from a secular point of view such events are important, especially in the history of such a new city, both as indicating material progress already made, and as among the best guarantees of success and stability in the future. Presbyterians throughout the Dominion will also take a deep interest in such an event as this; for it is a more important item in the history of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, and will affect its future prosperity and enlargement to a greater extent, than the opening of ten churches twenty years after this.

We understand that at the morning service about 1,100 persons were present, and that the audiences at the other services were also very large, at the evening service especially the aisles and vacant space about the pulpit being filled with temporary seats. The morning service was conducted by Rev. Professor McLaren of Knox College, Toronto, who gave out the 100th Psalm, read 2 Chron. vii., offered up the dedication prayer, and preached from Matt. vi. 18-22. Rev. Dr. Black of Kildonan, the pioneer Presbyterian missionary of the north-west, preached in the afternoon from Psalm xlviii. 9. In the evening the Rev. R. J. Laidlaw, of St. Paul's (Presbyterian) Church, Hamilton, preached, taking for his text Gen. xxxv. 3. The collections for the day amounted to \$367.93.

We copy the following description of the edifice from the "Manitoba Free Press": "The building is 102 feet long by 56 feet wide, with a tower and spire 115 feet high at the north-east angle. The style is Gothic, of as pure a type as the nature of the materials and the amount of funds available would allow. The total cost of the building, including organ, etc., will be in the neighbourhood of \$25,000. The basement walls are of native stone up to the level of the window sills, above which they are of brick, with an air space of two inches. The basement is eleven feet in the clear, and contains, besides three ample staircases, a fine Sabbath school room 48 feet square, a Bible class room, 24 x 21, an infant-school room, 20 x 11, minister's vestry, 21 x 12, and two furnace rooms. A corridor ten feet wide runs across the west end, connecting the two rear staircases with the various rooms. The entire basement is thoroughly well lighted and very conveniently arranged. The woodwork throughout the building is grained, and a dado three feet high is run round all rooms and corridors. The dado is painted in Indian red; the walls are tinted a white sage green, and the ceilings very pale blue. The string courses, beams, and columns in the nave are painted very pale cerise, and the effect of the whole is light and cheerful without being gaudy. The audience room is 73 x 51, and thirty-eight feet in clear under the nave ceiling; the side aisles under the galleries are ten feet wide, lighted by twelve double mullion windows glazed with lead quarries and tinted glass with coloured border. The nave is thirty-one feet wide, and is lighted by large windows in the clerestory besides three lofty lancet windows in the east end. There are three entrances to the basement and four each to the principal floor and galleries, with staircases of solid oak with balustering of a novel and very pretty design. The east end, under the gallery, is occupied by a roomy vestibule twelve feet wide connecting the principal entrances and leading into the audience room. The west end contains two staircases leading from basement to galleries, with landings at various levels giving access to rear entrance, principal floor and choir. The choir, which is 24 x 14, and occupies the central space between the staircases, allows ample room for the organ and a numerous choir.

From the same paper we condense the following historical notice:

In the winter of 1858-9 the Rev. John Black (now D.D.) of Kildonan, who had been ministering to the old Red River settlers from 1851, began to preach in the Court House within the walls of Fort Garry—then separate and distinct from the Winnipeg of that day—and continued to do so until the summer of 1868, when a small building was erected on the site of the present magnificent edifice. "But before its erection,