

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

REV. C. E. AMARON has declined the call from St. Hyacinthe.

MR. CAMERON, of North Easthope, accepted the call from Pickering, and is to be inducted into his new charge on Tuesday, 30th inst. The Presbytery will meet in the brick church, Duffin's Creek, at eleven o'clock a.m. Mr. Abraham is appointed to preach, Mr. Little to induct and address the minister, and Mr. Carmichael the people.

On the eve of her marriage, on the 9th inst., Miss Sarah Henderson was presented by the members of St. Andrew's Church, Clifton, with a handsome silver tea service, in appreciation of her valuable services as organist for a number of years. Messrs. Allan Logan and Alex. Gray, trustees, on behalf of the congregation, made the presentation.

THE pic-nic in connection with the Egmondville Sabbath School of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, which came off in Payne's Grove, Egmondville, was one of the most successful of the season. A large number were present and an excellent repast was spread by the ladies. An excellent choir was in attendance, and addresses were delivered by Rev. Mr. McCoy, Egmondville; Rev. Mr. McDonald, Seaforth; Rev. Mr. Musgrave of McKillop, and Dr. Campbell of Seaforth.

ON Wednesday, the 3rd inst., the congregation of Knox Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba, held a meeting in the basement of the new church, for the purpose of receiving the report of the committee appointed at the annual meeting in March to mature a scheme for raising revenue, etc. The report, which was unanimously adopted recommended the Weekly Offering system. This plan will no doubt be found to work as successfully in Manitoba as it has done wherever it has been tried in the older provinces.

ON Monday evening, 10th inst., the Presbyterian congregation of Newmarket held a social meeting in the basement of the church for the purpose of presenting an address of welcome to their pastor, Rev. W. Frizzell, on his return from his visit to his native land. The address was hearty and encouraging, and was replied to by Mr. Frizzell in an appropriate manner. On this occasion, also, the "Willing Workers' Association" in connection with the congregation, presented an address and a beautifully bound copy of the Holy Scriptures to Mr. A. B. Baird, who has supplied the pulpit during the pastor's absence.

UNDER the advice of the Presbytery of Chatham, the Session of Amherstburg Presbyterian Church met in the Temperance Hall, township of Colchester, on Saturday, Sep. 6, 1879, and proceeded to organize a new congregation, hereafter to be known as the Colchester Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Three years ago a few persons invited the Rev. F. Smith, pastor of the church in Amherstburg, to preach in the township on the Sabbath afternoon, they guaranteeing him his travelling expenses. There were some difficulties in the way, and only a few met to listen to the Word. The following summer he visited them regularly every second Sabbath, and then, often, all could not get into the "Temple" to hear the word of God. Having resumed the services this past spring, a few persons petitioned the Presbytery of Chatham to organize them into a congregation, which was done by the Session of Amherstburg Presbyterian Church on Saturday last, and the sacrament of the Lord's Supper dispensed on the following Sabbath. The new communion roll was made up of twenty persons—seventeen by certificate and three on a profession of faith in Christ—nearly all of whom are heads of families. The usual attendance on the Sabbath services is large. The new congregation will continue for the present to be looked after by the Rev. F. Smith, of Amherstburg, who to do so has to travel 26 miles and preach, between his morning and evening service in Amherstburg. "Presbyterianism in this peninsula," he says, "needs some fostering; there are some difficulties; it has been terribly misrepresented. A very respectable farmer said to me, 'I have heard most outrageous things about your Church, if half of which is true you are a strange set. I am inclined not to believe it since listening to your preaching.' Another said, 'I kind of dreaded a Presbyterian minister, till I came to know you; it seems to me that you preach the Gospel.' This ignorance of Presbyterian faith and practice may be accounted for by the fact, that up

to five years ago there was only one settled Presbyterian minister in the county, Rev. J. Gray, of Windsor, up to August of this year there were only two; at present there are but three, or one to every ten or twelve thousand souls. In Amherstburg, five years ago, there were fourteen communicants, and a morning congregation of about thirty; in the evening about twenty. In five years there are five times as many attending public Sabbath service, and nearly four times as many communicants. Thus a measure of success has been given. The members of the Amherstburg church gave last year at the rate of \$16 per member, for all church purposes, and the majority of them are poor. They still need some assistance, and must have it. They will, by the help of God, yet be self-sustaining, and pay back every cent that the Home Mission has ever loaned them."

PRESBYTERY OF PARIS.—The regular quarterly meeting of this Presbytery was held on the 9th inst., in River street Church, Paris. In the evening the Presbytery held a visitation of the River street congregation, and on the following evening a visitation of the sister congregation in Dumfries street Church. The Rev. Messrs. McEwen and McKay were appointed to preach in these churches the following Sabbath and read from the pulpit the Presbytery's deliverance addressed to each respectively. The Rev. R. Chambers who had recently accepted an appointment as a missionary to Turkey in the employ of the American Board, applied to the Presbytery to have his status preserved as a minister of the Church in the foreign field. After deliberation it was agreed to refer the application to the General Assembly. The Committee appointed to visit Mount Pleasant and Burford reported in favour of applying to the Home Mission Committee to continue the grant for the current year, which was agreed to. Mr. Root introduced the question of the payment of the travelling expenses of delegates to the General Assembly. The ministers and representative elders from Ingersoll were appointed a Committee to consider this matter and report to next meeting. The report on Sabbath school work was given in by Mr. McLeod, Convener, in which it was recommended that a series of meetings be held during the winter for the training of teachers, and that the next conference on Sabbath school work be held at Woodstock. The report was adopted. Mr. Aull was authorized to Moderate in a call in St. Andrew's, East Oxford, and St. Andrew's, Blenheim, before next meeting if requested by the Session to proceed with the same. Mr. Root reported that all the congregations interested in the St. Andrew's Church property, Woodstock, had appointed representatives to act for them as recommended by the Presbytery, and that the matter was rapidly approaching a satisfactory settlement. The Presbytery recorded gratification. Messrs. Thomson, Anderson, Inglis, McLeod and McMullen, were appointed a Committee to forward suggestions to the Assembly's Committee on the preparation of a hymn book. It was agreed to take up at next meeting the remits anent a Presbyterian University, Romish ordination, and the Home Mission Committee's appeal. It was agreed to hold the next meeting in Ingersoll and within Erskine Church, on the second Tuesday of December at half past seven o'clock in the evening, when the Presbytery will hold a visitation of the congregation worshipping in said church, and of the sister congregation on the following evening in Knox Church.—W. T. McMULLEN, *Pres. Clerk.*

OBITUARY.

Dunnville congregation, Presbytery of Hamilton, Rev. Geo. A. Yeomans, B.A., pastor, has lost one of its most valuable members in the decease of its senior elder, John Bowman, Esq. His death took place on the 10th of August, and thus closed a life long and useful, and one that gave a living embodiment to the principles of the Bible. He came from Scotland to this country in 1832, married and settled upon his farm in 1835, held a seat in the Municipal Council of his township since its organization in 1850, was a member of the Presbyterian church in Dunnville since its organization in 1849, and not only commanded the universal respect and confidence of his neighbours but exerted an influence few possessed in the religious and political bodies to which he belonged. At his funeral, in the presence of an unusually large assembly of people, his pastor gave a sketch of his character, appealing to all present to witness the power of God's Word in

producing a manly and noble life. He was a man of many virtues, a man of truth so that the public were in the habit of depending upon his word, a good neighbour kind to those in need, a liberal giver to benevolent objects; a man of strong convictions and yet very tolerant of the convictions of others; a man of very temperate habits, believing that the laws of health were just as sacred and as much to be obeyed as the ten commandments; a man who knew the doctrines of the Bible, who regularly observed the Lord's day, who put the fear of the Lord in all that he did, who had lived the same righteous life for thirty years, so that while none of his neighbours could accuse him of falsehood or immorality, none of them could deny that the foundation of his life was God's Holy Word. He was a man whose righteous life was an honour to the Church, and his death is regretted by all. He leaves an aged widow to mourn his earthly absence.

Being an earnest member of the Church, taking an interest in her schemes, and keeping himself informed as to their progress, he was not only a generous giver while he lived, but he has left legacies in his will to be paid by his executors when his farm is disposed of: to the Home Mission Fund, \$500; to the French Mission, 200; to Dunville congregation for a manse, \$200, and if not used for this purpose the bequest to go to the Foreign Mission; to the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, \$200; and any surplus that may remain after providing for his widow and paying other legacies is to be divided among the schemes of the Church. Thus he rests from his labours and his works do follow him, while his genuine, righteous, Christian life gives honour to our Church, and furnishes a strong testimony to the truth and power of the Word of God.

Mr. John Forbes, the subject of the following remarks, died on the 18th ult., at his residence, Goshen, Nova Scotia, at the advanced age of 91 years and 11 months. He was born at Dunbeath, parish of Latheran, Caithness-shire, Scotland, in the year 1788. His father and mother, who were earnest Christians, gave their son a liberal English education, and by the blessing of God on the religious instruction imparted by them he was led to the Saviour in the fifteenth year of his age.

He entered the British army in the year 1808. His regiment, the 93rd Highlanders, was sent to the Cape of Good Hope to engage in the Caffre war in 1810 and remained at the Cape for four years. They then returned to Plymouth, England, where they remained for three months. They were then sent to New Orleans to contest British rights with the United States. On the 8th of January, 1815, they engaged in the battle of New Orleans. They commenced action one thousand strong, but at the close of the engagement there were only two hundred to answer to their names. The Americans under General Jackson claim a victory—"and such they did achieve (said the subject of these remarks) if fighting behind cotton bales can be called honourable warfare."

The victory gained, he said, may be attributed to the unpardonable neglect of a sub-officer (who is supposed to have been bribed by the enemy) to provide pontoons or portable bridges to throw across the canals made for the defence of the enemy. The British army having forced the enemy to retreat, were unable to follow them beyond the canals in the absence of the bridges; hence they were compelled reluctantly to retreat, leaving hundreds of their brave comrades slain on the field of battle.

Peace having been declared between Britain and the United States the brave troops were recalled home to engage in the battle of Waterloo, but that memorable battle had been fought and the victory won before they arrived in Portsmouth.

They were then sent to Ireland to suppress petty rebellions and disturbances in that country.

On account of the peace that followed so many bloody battles it was resolved to reduce the army. Mr. Forbes was thus on the 11th November, 1815, discharged at Dublin, receiving \$73 per annum for life as an acknowledgement of the services which he had rendered to his country.

He then returned to his native parish, married Janet, daughter of Donald Gunn, Esq., of the neighbouring parish. At this time a number of people left the North of Scotland for Australia and America. He and his family sailed for Nova Scotia and arrived in Pictou in May, 1830. He first purchased a farm on the Blue Mountain of Pictou where he resided until 1841, when he removed to Goshen, Guysboro County,