

## MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

THE anniversary services in connection with Knox Church, Kincardine, were conducted on the 12th and 13th of September, by Rev. Prof. McLaren, of Knox College, Toronto. The services were numerous attended, and were of an exceedingly interesting character. The Rev. Professor preached and lectured to delighted audiences with his usual simplicity, unction and power. Total proceeds, \$142.

ON the 20th ult. the Paris Presbytery visited the Presbyterian congregation at St. George. The finding of the Presbytery with regard to it was that services should be held in the church on Sabbath evenings as well as mornings, for the benefit of such of the villagers and others as can attend, and who, otherwise, go to hear services elsewhere. It is to be hoped that these services once begun, the Presbyterian families of the place will prove loyal to their church and encourage it with their presence and support.

DR. G. L. MACKAY paid a visit to Knox Church, Kincardine, on the 19th of September, which shall not be soon forgotten. He conducted the services morning and evening—St. Andrew's congregation joining that of Knox Church on each occasion. Large numbers were again and again brought to tears as the doctor portrayed the moral and spiritual condition of the heathen in general, and the Formosan heathen in particular. On Monday evening he delivered a lecture, in the same place, on the manners, customs, religion, etc., of the Chinese, and exhibited a large collection of idols, utensils, relics, and other articles of interest to illustrate his lecture. The audience, which filled to overflowing the large auditorium of Knox Church, floor and galleries, was variously estimated at from eleven to fourteen hundred. For two hours the hearers were held spell-bound by an intensely interesting lecture, which was delivered with the doctor's well known fervour and enthusiasm. The impression made may be judged from the result of the collections, etc., \$227.48—one man contributing \$100 of this amount—and from the fact that a certain lady (not a Presbyterian) took a gold ring off her finger and threw it into the collection plate.

THE Paris "Transcript" says: "Our citizens generally, as well as the members and adherents more directly concerned, will regret to learn that the esteemed pastor of River street Presbyterian Church, Rev. John Anderson, has felt constrained, owing to the state of Mrs. Anderson's health, to place the resignation of his charge in the hands of the Presbytery at its session in Glenmorris, on Tuesday. We are sure we reflect the sentiment of the entire community in expressing warm sympathy with the reverend gentleman in the circumstances in which he finds himself placed. The congregation, as will be seen from our Presbytery report elsewhere, will be cited to appear for their interests, in Ayr, on Oct. 18th, between which time and the present, let us hope, such changes will take place for the better as may obviate the loss to the church and the town of Rev. Mr. Anderson, whose personal relations with his congregation are of the most harmonious and satisfactory kind. Mrs. Anderson, whose health, we regret to say, has been very indifferent for some time, is at present staying with her friends in Chicago, and thither her respected husband purposes removing for a time at first, should his resignation be sustained."

A VERY pleasant pic-nic was lately held by the pupils and teachers of the Brock Settlement Presbyterian Sabbath School in the romantic and picturesque grove adjoining the farm belonging to Mr. John Montgomery, which is situated near the Presbyterian church. The place which was selected for this pleasant occasion, it is needless to say, is one of the most beautiful and suitable places which can be found in this section of the country for holding a pic-nic. On one side is the Pretty river rolling its large heavy waves onward to the Georgian Bay, while as far as the eye can reach, the maple and cedar forests coming boldly to the water's edge, lean forward over the jutting banks—as if the branches longed to see themselves reflected—and receding over the undulating hills, topped by their foliage now turning yellow, they at last meet the horizon on the picturesque altitude of the adjacent blue mountains. A large number of teachers, members and pupils of neighbouring Sabbath Schools, were present, and in all the attendance amounted to upwards of two hundred, which

was considered a very fair patronage in the way of attendance. A very pleasant competition took place, as was previously announced, between the pupils of the various Sabbath Schools—the Catechism being the test; and the contest was a pretty warm one for the prizes given, each one doing his and her portion splendidly. A magnificent spread was displayed by the ladies, and all were invited to participate in the good things prepared with "the cup that cheers but not inebriates." After the company had enjoyed themselves with swings, ball playing, and various other sources of innocent amusement, to their hearts' content, the crowd dispersed, more than pleased with the day's proceedings, and realizing it, at this season much pleasanter than if it had been held in the broiling days of summer. We congratulate the managers on the success which attended their untiring efforts in making every one happy, and trust that they may be spared to participate in many more similar celebrations in the future.—Ex.

A MEETING of the congregation of Knox Church, Stratford, was held on Monday, the 20th ult., in the basement of the church, to consider the question of choosing a pastor. The attendance was large and thoroughly representative in its character. In the absence of Rev. Mr. Macpherson, attending the Pan-Presbyterian Council at Philadelphia, Rev. J. K. Hislop, of Avonton, presided, very efficiently. After devotional exercises and a good discourse by the Moderator *pro tem.*, a motion was made, "that it is inexpedient to proceed with the moderation of a call." An amendment, "that the meeting do now proceed to moderate in a call," was first put, and after the *pros* and *cons* were fully discussed, carried by a majority of about four to one. It was then moved "that the motion to call a minister be made unanimous," which was agreed to with but one dissentient. It was next moved and seconded that the name of Rev. P. Wright, of Montreal, be inserted in the moderation paper. This was declared carried unanimously. Several members spoke highly of Mr. Wright's attainments and fitness for the charge. The salary agreed to be given is the same as paid to Rev. Mr. Macleod \$2,000 and a manse. The call, which had previously been prepared by the Moderator of Session, was afterwards produced, and signed by all the elders present. We understand it is now in charge of Mr. Jeffrey, at the hardware store of Messrs. Jeffrey and McLennan, where signatures can be affixed. Rev. Mr. Wright, the divine so harmoniously chosen to minister to Knox congregation, is reported to be one of the finest scholars in the Presbyterian Church—a student and a man of rare attainments, while his pulpit abilities are of the highest order. His social qualities are also highly spoken of. In addition to these he has the reputation of being a man of much public spirit, who cheerfully co-operates in every good work. At the earnest solicitation of leading Presbyterians in Montreal he left Quebec, and a higher salary, to take charge of a struggling congregation in the east end of Montreal, burdened with a heavy debt which he has greatly reduced. He devotes a portion of his time to professional work in the Montreal College, his services in this respect being highly appreciated by the Principal, Rev. Dr. McVicar. Should Mr. Wright be induced to leave his present charge for that of Knox Church as it is earnestly hoped he will—we feel persuaded he would find here a united and not illiberal congregation, while his residence in Stratford would be a decided acquisition to the Presbyterian Church in this part of the Province and to the community at large. *Stratford Beacon.*

A VERY interesting service took place on Tuesday, 21st ult., at the Rev. Mr. Morrison's church, Waddington, N.Y. The reverend gentleman has now attained his fifty-first year of active service in the Gospel ministry, forty-one years of which have been spent in connection with his present charge. The Presbytery of Brockville of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, with which Mr. Morrison is connected having met at his church, it was made the occasion of holding a jubilee service in honour of the venerable pastor. The church was decorated in true American style, with an artistic display of plants, and the reverend minister's portrait adorned the front of the pulpit wreathed in flowers, very suggestive of a fragrant memory of faithful service, and emblematic of a beloved pastor enshrined in the hearts of a flourishing people. The Rev. George Burnfield, M.A., of Brockville, ex-Moderator of Presbytery, presided, and

preached an eloquent and appropriate discourse from Luke ii. 49: "Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?" At the close of the sermon a congratulatory address was read from the Presbytery by the Clerk, Mr. McKibbin, also one from the session and congregation by Mr. Hobkin. The address from the people was full of touching allusions to the long and faithful services of their minister, and bore ample testimony to the fruitful nature of a long pastorate, concluding with a graceful offer of substantial assistance to lighten the labours of his declining years. From the emotion displayed by a large portion of the audience while it was read might be inferred the real respect in which their honoured pastor was held. Short addresses were also delivered by Rev. Messrs. Stuart, McKibbin, Taylor, Dey, McIntyre, and Burnfield, members of Presbytery present. Mr. Morrison made a suitable reply to the various addresses, and gave some interesting details in regard to the past fifty years of his ministry. The reverend gentleman is the oldest but one ordained minister in connection with the Presbyterian Church in Canada. He was born in Glasgow, Scotland, at the close of last century, educated in connection with the Reformed Presbyterian Church, and ordained in the year 1829 to the sacred ministry. He spent the first ten years of his ministry in his native land, after which he was sent out as a missionary to this country and finally settled in Waddington, where he has since remained as pastor of a large and flourishing congregation in the Scotch settlement there. He is still hale and hearty for a gentleman of his years, and we trust that many days are yet in store for him in the field of labour to which he has consecrated his energies and devoted his lengthened days. His venerable appearance and courteous deportment, combined with true piety of life, remind one forcibly of the sturdy old Covenanters whose Christian patriotism and decision of character made Scotland what it is in all that pertains to true greatness in Christian life and national character.

PRESBYTERY OF PARIS.—This Presbytery met in St. George, on the 20th ult., and visited Rev. Mr. Hume's congregation in the evening. Next day the meeting was held at Glenmorris, where the following items of business were transacted, viz.: A call from the Palmerston congregation in favour of the Rev. J. M. Aull, of Ratho and Innerkip, was received and laid on the table awaiting Mr. Aull's decision. The Rev. John Anderson, of River street Church, Paris, placed his resignation of his charge in the hands of the Presbytery, assigning as a reason for the same the condition of Mrs. Anderson's health. The resignation was received with expressions of regret, and Rev. W. T. McMullen, of Woodstock, was appointed to cite the congregation to appear in their interest at a meeting of Presbytery to be held in Ayr, on Oct. 18th. In the afternoon a Presbyterial visitation of Rev. Mr. Scrimger's congregation was held, when the Presbytery found it to be in an excellent and flourishing condition. The Presbytery then adjourned.

PRESBYTERY OF GUELPH.—This Presbytery met in the First Presbyterian Church, Guelph, on Tuesday, the 21st ult., Mr. J. K. Smith, M.A., of Knox Church, Galt, Moderator. There was a large attendance of both ministers and ruling elders. Mr. Duff's name was placed on the roll in terms of a resolution adopted by the General Assembly at its last meeting. The ministers of Guelph with their representative elders were appointed a Committee to make arrangements for holding the usual Presbyterian Sabbath School Conference—Mr. Smith, Convener—and to report at next meeting. The Finance Committee submitted an estimate of expenditure for the year, and the amount to be raised from each congregation to make up the same, adding at the same time the names of those congregations that were in arrears for 1878 and 1879. The report was received, the Committee thanked for their diligence and the lucid report presented; and the Clerk was instructed to send out notices to all the congregations of the sums for which they were liable, and to urge those in arrears immediately to discharge the same. The motion of which Mr. Smellie had given notice was taken up and considered, when it was resolved to appoint a small Committee to whom the motion was referred, with instructions to consider the whole subject of appointing Commissioners to the General Assembly and report at next meeting, the Committee to consist of Mr. Smellie (Convener), Mr. Torrance, Mr. Middlemiss, Mr. Ball, Mr. Chas. Davidson, and Mr. D. Henderson. Considerable time was spent in consid-