

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

A CLOUD of affliction has hung over the household of Rev. Mr. Waits for weeks past, Mrs. Waits having been prostrated with typhoid fever. Just as she was beginning to recover, their eldest boy, a bright little fellow, has been suddenly taken off by scarlet fever. The family have the warm sympathy of the community in their deep sorrow.—*Stratford Beacon*.

THE ladies of Knox Church held a bazaar at the time of the Union Exhibition, in Paisley. The drenching rains at the time prevented the attendance of people on the grounds; nevertheless \$200 have been handed to Mr. W. W. Hogg, treasurer, as proceeds for the building fund, and goods to the value of nearly \$100 are yet to be sold. Their zeal is commendable. After this manner in the old time, the holy women also who trusted in God adorned themselves, "not with braided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array, but (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works."

A VERY cordial reception was given at the Lobo manse on Thursday evening, the 21st ult., to the Rev. Mr. Johnston, the recently inducted minister there, and his bride, on their return from their wedding trip. The turnout of the congregation was large, and the welcome given most cordial. Besides a beautiful wall ornament, the handiwork of one of the members, a splendid buffalo robe was presented by the congregation, with an address, touchingly replied to by Mr. Johnston. The Rev. Messrs. Whimster and Henderson were present, and briefly expressed congratulations and their hearty God-speed to both pastor and people.

ON Tuesday evening, the 19th ult., the Rev. R. C. Moffat, of Free St. John's Church, Walkerton, gave a new lecture upon "Uncle John Vassar," commonly called "The Shepherd's Dog." The peculiar life and work of this singular Christian worker, among cold and formal churches, in gathering in the wanderers, and in the army amidst the horrors of the American civil war, were set forth by the lecturer with great earnestness and power. By his lectures Mr. Moffat is helping not a few churches and associations out of their difficulties in the north, and no doubt this his latest will do further good work this winter. The collection was \$57.

AN exceedingly pleasant evening was spent at the entertainment in the Presbyterian church, Newtonville, on the 22nd ult. The affair was under the auspices of the Newtonville and Kendall Sabbath schools. Considering the disagreeable weather there was a large attendance of scholars belonging to both schools, and in addition the choirs of both churches were present. The programme submitted was mainly by the scholars of the two schools, and a most creditable affair it was. The rendition of the pieces was very good, and the selections faultless. The two choirs rendered excellent service, and an address and two pieces of music from Mr. Thos. Yellowlees, of Bowmanville, completed the programme. Rev. A. Leslie, the pastor, presided.

THE induction of the Rev. J. Carswell into the pastoral charge of Arkona and Adelaide took place on Tuesday, the 19th inst. The Rev. J. B. Duncan preached and presided on the occasion, the Rev. Geo. Cuthbertson addressed the pastor, and the Rev. A. Henderson the people. Arkona is a young congregation; it has only been in existence about two years, and has never had a pastor before. West Adelaide is an old congregation, but has been a long time without a minister, and has—as is usual in such cases—suffered by the protracted vacancy. Both are situated in a very fine district, and, under the labours of an experienced pastor, will, it may be confidently expected, become a very fine charge. They both made a good beginning by paying a half-year's stipend in advance.

THE anniversary services of the Presbyterian church, Orono, on the 17th and 18th inst., were well attended. Rev. Mr. Cameron, of Toronto, preached to large and attentive audiences on Sabbath morning and evening. His hearers were very highly pleased with his sermon on both occasions. On Monday tea was served in the town hall to a very large number of people, many being present from surrounding villages and some from Bowmanville. The public meeting after the tea was as interesting as such meetings usually are. The speakers were Rev. Messrs. Drummond, Cameron, Leslie, Atkinson, and Mr. Thos. Yellowlees. The latter gentleman favoured the audience with two very

appropriate Scotch songs by special request. The pastor, Rev. A. Fraser, presided and introduced the speakers.

THE annual social of the Presbyterian church, Bolsover, came off on Wednesday evening, the 13th inst., in the school-house, and proved a decided success. Over 250 persons sat down to a sumptuous repast which was got up by the ladies of the congregation. After full justice had been done to the good things provided, an adjournment took place to the church, where addresses were delivered by the Rev. Messrs. Paul of Bolsover, Gunn of Eldon, and Windom of Manvers. The Gamebridge choir assisted on the occasion, Mrs. McFadyen presiding at the organ. On the following evening Rev. Mr. Paul was waited upon by some of the members, at his residence, and presented with a purse of \$75, the proceeds of the preceding day. Mr. Paul made a suitable acknowledgment for the valuable and thoughtful present.

THE juvenile concert in St. Andrew's church, Kippen, on the 19th ult., in aid of the Sabbath school library was quite a success, notwithstanding the unfavourable state of the roads and weather. The children, under the leadership of Mr. Blair, with Miss Hunt presiding at the organ, rendered several pieces very nicely, though they had only a few weeks practice. The music was interspersed by short addresses by Rev. Messrs. Smith and McCoy, and Messrs. McMurdie and Miller. After the programme had been faithfully gone through, six girls, in the name of the children and their parents, presented Mr. Blair with a beautiful writing desk, an elegant gold pen, and an album, in token of a sense of his self-denying efforts on their behalf. Mr. Blair was altogether taken by surprise, but made a neat reply, thanking the donors for their beautiful gifts. The meeting was brought to a close by singing the National Anthem and pronouncing the benediction.

ON the 17th ult., the new Presbyterian church at Lieury, in the township of McGillivray (D. McEachern, pastor), was opened for divine service; the Rev. J. Thomson, Sarnia, preaching in the morning and afternoon, the Rev. A. Glendenning, Grand Bend, in the evening. All the services were largely attended and highly appreciated. The edifice is a very neat one; tasteful in design and the work well executed. It is seated for 250; pews very comfortable, made of ash and cherry, finished in oil and varnish; stained glass windows and wall veneered with brick. On Monday evening a very successful tea meeting was held, Mr. Thomson delivering a lecture entitled "Life and its Lessons," which was replete with practical instruction. After which Rev. Mr. Rennie and Mr. W. Fraser, musical leader of the congregation, gave brief but very happy addresses. The congregation deserves much praise, for not merely is the church opened free of debt, but a small balance is actually in hand, with which they proceed at once to build a lecture room.

THE new Presbyterian church (Rev. J. Monroe's) at South Gloucester, Presbytery of Ottawa, was opened on Sabbath, 17th ult., by Rev. Principal McVicar, Montreal, who preached morning and evening to crowded congregations. In the course of his morning sermon, which was founded on Psalm cxii. 6, "They shall prosper that love Thee," he drew attention to the fact that "church" in the New Testament has a variety of meanings. (1) a company in a house; (2) a congregation; (3) Christians in a large city or province, e.g., Jerusalem; (4) the visible Church on earth; (5) the whole company of the redeemed in all ages, whose names are written in heaven. The evening sermon was from Gen. xxii. 1-2. The pastor and congregation were delighted to have with them the former pastor of Gloucester, Rev. W. Lohead, now a venerable patriarch over eighty years of age. Rev. H. J. McDiarmid, East Gloucester, and Rev. J. F. McLaren, Presbyterian College, Montreal, were also present. The new church, which is of brick, commodious and neatly fitted up, may be said to be unencumbered by debt, the whole amount having been provided for.

A SUM of money was given to the Rev. Geo. Burnfield, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Brockville, by Mr. John M. Gill, in order that he might visit the Pan-Presbyterian Council, lately held at Philadelphia. Mr. Burnfield gave an interesting address last Sabbath evening, to a large congregation, on the Council. He spoke of the causes that led to the existence of the Council. Two facts had been impressed on the speaker's mind by the missionaries' state-

ments, viz., that the Gospel was suitable for all races, and that it was a mighty power yet, as it had been in apostolic days. He then reviewed some of the papers read at the Council. First the papers on the "Atonement," by Drs. Cairns and Hodge were brought before the people, and the position held by these divines shewn to be entirely scriptural, and that held by the Reformed Churches. Second, The subject of "Inspiration" was examined. The position taken by Dr. Watts, of Belfast, and others, was pointed out, and the arguments by which they defended their views of verbal inspiration were stated. The subjects of "Missions" and "Sabbath Schools" were spoken of. Many facts of great interest in connection with these departments of Church work were mentioned. The benefits obtained by the Council were referred to. Among these were named, (1) that true unity of all the branches of the Church of Christ consisted in oneness of doctrine, spirit, and life, and not in external uniformity; (2) that there is a true unity in all the branches of the Presbyterian Church along with external diversity; (3) that the weakest Presbyterian congregation is not isolated, it is a living member of a great living Body; (4) that the Council tends to stimulate the zeal of the Churches at home by definite knowledge of the great work to be done in the world. The speaker closed by an appeal to self-consecration and effort for Christ.

PRESBYTERY OF WHITBY.—This Presbytery met at Whitby on the 19th Oct. There was a good attendance of members. According to the instructions of the last General Assembly the name of Mr. A. Kennedy was retained on the roll with all his judicial functions. An elaborate report on the Presbytery's statistics for the year 1879-80 was read by Mr. Crozier, and an abstract statement was ordered to be printed and sent to every family within the bounds of the Presbytery. It was agreed that a missionary meeting be held in each congregation during the winter, the pastor and session to make the necessary arrangements for it and report to the meeting in April. The subject of Presbyterian visitation was brought before the Presbytery, on notice of motion given at last meeting, when the finding of the Presbytery, two years ago, was reaffirmed by an all but unanimous vote, viz.: that the Presbytery by deputation or otherwise, visit those congregations that request visitation and those where it is known visitation is needed. The circular on Sabbath school work from the General Assembly's Committee was handed over to the Presbytery's Committee on Sabbath school work, with instructions to deal with it according to the best of their knowledge. The following members were appointed to take charge of the schemes of the Church. Mr. Drummond, Home Missions; Mr. Eastman, Foreign Missions; Mr. Little, the Colleges; Mr. Carmichael, French Evangelization; Mr. Crozier, the Aged and Infirm Ministers; Mr. Leslie, the Widows and Orphans; and Mr. Abraham, the Assembly Fund. A very interesting conference on the state of religion was held in the evening, in the presence of a goodly number of the congregation of St. Andrew's. Messrs. Drummond, Eastman and Leslie introduced the topics that were discussed—viz., The Duties of Parents to the Young; Revivals; The Promise of God and the Duty of the Church—and were followed by other members of Presbytery in short and pointed addresses. At the close, the Presbytery expressed its satisfaction with the exercises, and hoped that by the blessing of God, the meeting would be promotive of much good. The Presbytery adjourned to meet in Oshawa on the third Tuesday of January next at eleven o'clock a.m.—A. A. DRUMMOND, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF SAUGEEN.—The Presbytery of Saugeen met in St. Andrew's church, Mount Forest, on Oct. 21st. In the absence of the Moderator, Mr. Macmillan was appointed Moderator *pro tem*. Mr. C. Cameron accepted the call from Chalmers' Church, Kincardine, and the Presbytery agreed to his translation. Mr. Aull having accepted the call to Palmerston, and the Presbytery of Paris having agreed to the translation, his induction was arranged to take place on the 10th of November. The following minute was read and Mr. D. Stewart's translation: "The Presbytery, in parting with the Rev. D. Stewart, desire to place on record their high esteem of him as a faithful and zealous pastor; his kindly bearing and genial manner were such as to make his co-Presbyters feel that they had in him a true friend and a kind brother. Regular in his attendance at the meetings of Presby-