

## MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

THE Rev. Dr. Ormiston, New York, and family, are the guests of his brother, Mr. David Ormiston, Whitby.

ON the 23rd July the congregations of Dover and Chalmers Church gave a unanimous call to Rev. John A. McAlmon.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, Paisley, known as the late Old Kirk, is now leaving the Church of Scotland, and entering the Union.

THE Rev. Dr. Cochrane, convener of the Home Mission Committee, has started on a tour in Manitoba and the North-West.

LAST Sabbath communion services were held in West Church, Toronto. Thirty-one were added to the membership of the congregation.

IN connection with the last General Assembly the Rev. John Dunbar made over to the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund the sum of \$1 000.

REV. MR. PATTERSON, of Hanover, has accepted the call of Erskine Presbyterian Church, Meaford, and will enter on his pastorate shortly.

MR. WILLIAM S. SMITH was ordained, and settled as ordained missionary at Camden on the eighth and Tamworth on the twenty-fourth of July.

THE Rev. W. J. Smyth, Ph.D., of New Carlisle, Ohio, has resigned his charge, to accept the principalship of Demill Ladies' College, Oshawa.

THE Rev. Alexander McKay, D.D., pastor of Duff's Church, East Puslinch, was unanimously elected moderator of the Guelph Presbytery for twelve months.

ON his return from a lecturing tour in Great Britain the Rev. Charles Chiniquy was tendered a very cordial public reception by his congregation and friends in Kankakee, Illinois.

REV. W. T. WILKINS has accepted the call from St. Andrew's Church, Trenton, and is to be inducted there on Thursday the ninth of August at half past seven o'clock p.m.

MR. R. M. CRAIG, lately called to the united congregation of Dunbarton and Highland Creek, has accepted the call, and his settlement will take place there on the 14th day of August.

THE Presbyterian congregation at Regina, says the "Leader," are to be congratulated in securing the services of the Rev. Mr. Urquhart as their pastor. He comes highly recommended, and we bid him welcome, and we wish him every success.

A FEW of the friends of the Rev. L. Cameron, Thamesford, representing his congregation, came to the manse on the evening of the 23rd ult., and presented him with a handsome sum of money, when on the eve of taking a trip to the west.

AT one of the week evening services in Free St. John's, Walkerton, last week, the Rev. Dr. Moffat baptised fourteen persons from twenty-seven years of age down to ten months. At the Communion Services on Sabbath eighteen were received into the membership making thirty so far for the year.

DUFF'S Church, East Puslinch, is being repainted this summer, and otherwise improved, so that it now looks internally like one of our best city churches. It is expected that it will be re-opened in August. The services are now conducted in the town hall, Aberfoyle, and German Church, Morriston.

HON. L. CLARKE has presented to Rev. J. Sieveright a splendid chandelier for the Presbyterian church, Prince Albert. This church has now a session. The elders are Col. Sproat, formerly an elder of St. Paul's Church, Walkerton, and Mr. Wm. Miller, one of the oldest settlers. He is the first elder ordained in Saskatchewan territory.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed in Sarawak and North Keppel on the 8th and 22nd of July by the Rev. Messrs. Stevenson and McLennan. An addition of 114 was made to the membership of the churches, of whom 104 are by profession. There have been no special services, but this large addition is due to the faithful labours of Mr. Gardiner, a student of Knox College, who has occupied this field during the past four months.

THE increased attendance at the Uxbridge Presbyterian church has induced the congregation to resolve on the enlargement of the building. Under the pastoral care of the Rev. E. Cockburn, M.A., there has been a marked increase in the membership and

activity in Christian work. The Uxbridge "Guardian" says it is gratifying to all interested in its welfare that a congregation comparatively small a few years ago has made such great advancement.

ON Tuesday, July 31st, the annual picnic of the Stouffville Sabbath school was held in the grounds of Mr. William Ragan, superintendent of the school. The scholars assembled at the church, where several conveyances were in readiness to give them a drive into the country, returning to the grounds. The day was very pleasant, and a most enjoyable time was spent in healthful games and amusements, in which all heartily participated. Everything passed off pleasantly, nothing occurring to mar the pleasure of the day. During the present summer the Sabbath school has increased from twenty-one to seventy-five. The teachers hold monthly meetings to devise plans to carry on the work more successfully, believing that if the nursery is well-trained, the trees will be of greater value.

ON Wednesday, July 18th, Mr. Homel's grove was the scene of a large and happy gathering of the Presbyterians of Kintyre, together with a large number of their friends from the surrounding districts. Ample justice having been done to the rich provision made by the ladies for the occasion, the pastor took the chair, and the large assembly approached the platform. Able and stirring addresses on various departments of Church work were then delivered by Rev. Messrs. Macadam, Sirathroy; Currie, Wallaceburg; Beamer, Wardsville; Mann and McIntyre, Rodney. These addresses were interspersed with music, well rendered by the Wardsville band and the Sabbath school children. Early in the evening all left for their homes, highly satisfied with every part of the day's proceedings.

A highly enjoyable and successful strawberry festival was held on the thirteenth instant in the grove surrounding Mr. R. Paton's residence. It was inaugurated and very ably superintended by the ladies of the congregation of the New Lowell church, of which Mr. J. S. Hardy is at present in charge. On the evening of the following Thursday, a committee of the ladies presented Mr. Hardy with a neatly prepared address, accompanied with a purse of \$50. Mr. Hardy richly deserves recognition of his valuable services by this congregation. He came here under discouraging circumstances, the church having been for a long time in a disorganized state. Mr. Hardy, through unabated zeal, untiring perseverance and Christian energy has succeeded in invigorating the congregation and building up the church.

ON Friday evening, July 20th, a concert given by Knox Church, Burlington, for the benefit of the Sabbath school library was held in the town hall. The place was tastefully decorated for the occasion. A large and appreciative audience was in attendance; and the evening in every respect was pleasantly and profitably spent. Mr. Waldy occupied the chair. The programme consisted principally of vocal and instrumental music, kindly furnished by lady and gentlemen friends from Hamilton, and others more immediately connected with the congregation. The very hearty applause elicited from the audience testified their appreciation of the respective parts. The proceeds amounted to \$60. The school is now in a very prosperous condition, under the efficient management of Dr. Bates, the present superintendent.

MRS. JOHN A. LAMPARD was on Thursday evening presented with a beautifully illuminated address, teacher's Bible, and a gold medal brooch suitably inscribed. The occasion calling forth this expression of esteem was the twenty first anniversary of Mrs. Lampard's earnest labour in Sabbath school work, in connection with the Quebec Suburbs' East End Mission, now Taylor Church Sabbath school, Montreal. The testimonials were the gifts of the superintendents of the school from its inception to the present time, and Mr. Thomas Davidson (one of them), in making the presentation, referred in feeling terms to many incidents of interest whilst he held the superintendency. The presentation was made in the residence Mr. James Brown the superintendent of Taylor Church Sabbath school, his staff of teachers upwards of twenty in number, being present. A most enjoyable evening was spent.

THE Rev. Mr. W. Maclean, of Belleville, met with an agreeable surprise at the hands of his people, on the evening of Wednesday, 25th ult. At the close of the prayer meeting, Mr. W. Webster, collector of

customs, having taken the chair, called upon one of the elders, Mr. H. Walker, to state the business before them. He did so, touching on the prosperous condition of the congregation, the unanimity existing among the members, and the pleasant relations that have always subsisted between them and their minister during the ten years of his pastorate among them. He concluded a neat address by presenting Mr. Maclean with a purse containing \$200, in the name of St. Andrew's congregation, accompanied with the desire that he would spend it in a holiday by the sea. Mr. Maclean acknowledged the handsome gift in suitable words, and thanked them for the good feeling and thoughtfulness manifested by it. He was followed in kind remarks, made by the chairman, and by Mr. J. G. Campbell, one of the elders of John Street Presbyterian Church.

ON Sabbath the fifteenth of July, the Communion was observed in the Presbyterian church, Oakville. Coming immediately after the revival meetings that had been held during the larger portion of the previous five weeks, it had been anticipated with more than usual interest. Preparatory services were conducted on the afternoon of Friday the thirteenth. The Rev. Mr. Scouler, of Erskine Church, Hamilton, preached an excellent and appropriate sermon. Fifteen members were received by letters from churches in England, Scotland, Ireland and Canada. Twenty members were admitted on the profession of faith. These were a portion of the fruits resulting from the meetings conducted by Rev. J. M. McIntyre. As many more, favourably impressed, delay their application for admission to the Church, and some from peculiar circumstances had to go from home. It is not definitely known yet how many will be received into the Methodist church, at their quarterly meeting on the first Sabbath of August, but it is hoped that over forty will be added to their membership. On Sabbath morning considerable rain fell and prevented the attendance of some town's people, and a large number that would have come from the country, the church, however, was well filled and much enjoyment was experienced. An appropriate discourse was preached by the pastor, from the words in Song i. 4. "Draw me; we will run after thee; we will remember thy love more than wine." The names of the members admitted by the Session were announced, and the twenty persons that had been received on profession of faith rose in the pews nearest to the pulpit, and gave their assent to the questions put to them. Deep and solemn feelings were experienced by all. This whole revival work has been extremely gratifying. The churches have been refreshed. Very decided interest has been created in the Community, and the hope is confidently cherished that much permanent good has been accomplished. The two churches mutually interested have been brought nearer to each other. Practical co-operation has made all understand that there is no essential difference between them in endeavouring to bring lost men to God; to build up in peace, in holiness, in comfort; and in striving to present every one perfect in Christ Jesus. A pleasant evidence of the strength and beauty of the feeling of union was displayed on the evening of Sabbath, July eighth, in the Methodist church. The two congregations met in concert, and after a very suitable sermon by Rev. J. McIntyre, a portion of the members of both churches observed the Communion. The Methodist members, in accordance with their custom knelt around the Communion rail, and were served with the bread and wine by the two pastors. The Presbyterians, in their usual way, sat in several pews allotted to them, and had the bread and wine served by Rev. Messrs. McIntyre and Robinson. May they all go in the strength of that spiritual food many days, and in due time appear before God in the heavenly Zion!

PRESBYTERY OF CHATHAM.—This Presbytery met at Chatham on the 10th July. There was a fair attendance of ministers and elders. The clerk was appointed to moderate in a call at Dover on the 23rd ult. The congregation of Florence and Dawn were recommended to have separate sessions. Presbyterians in the vicinity of Windfall asked leave to build a church there. Their request was granted, and Messrs. Gray and McRobbie were appointed to visit them. The next regular meeting of the Presbytery was appointed to be held at Fletcher on 18th Sept. at seven o'clock p.m., and it was further appointed that on the first evening of the meeting a Conference of Sabbath School Work be held. Mr. Logie and Mr.