

Ministers and Churches.

MISS CAVEN acknowledges receipt of \$2.34 for the McAll Mission from L. M., Stratford.

THE Rev. R. Y. Thomson, of Hensall, has been granted a month's vacation by his congregation.

THE Rev. G. M. Milligan has returned from his transatlantic trip and resumed his pastoral duties.

DR. REID acknowledges receipt of \$10 for Home Missions, from Member of Dumfries Street Church, Paris.

THE Rev. R. J. Laidlaw has returned from his holiday trip, and has resumed his duties in St. Paul's Church, Hamilton.

THE Rev. Dr. Waters, of Newark, N. J., has been visiting friends in Canada, and preached in Parkhill, London, Brantford, and other places.

THE Rev. Alexander Russell, formerly of Hawkesville, was, on Sept. 9, inducted to the pastoral charge of Bothwell, Sutherland's Corners and Florence.

PRINCIPAL GRANT, of Queen's University, and the Rev. D. Macrae, of Dundee, Scotland, spent two days at Deseronto lately, the guests of Mr. E. W. Rathbun.

THE respected pastor of Knox Church, Ayr, the Rev. John Thompson, M.A., has returned from his trip to the Old Country. He looks much benefited by his ocean voyages.

MR. JAMES HAMILTON, B.A., Avonbank, who has been pursuing his studies in Scotland, has returned. He has been supplying his father's pulpit during the latter's absence on a vacation trip.

A PICNIC and tea-meeting under the auspices of the Presbyterian Church, Leeburn, was held on Thursday, 16th inst. Addresses were delivered by Rev. W. Johnston, Salton, Dr. Ure, and J. McGillivray. The church choir furnished appropriate music.

THE Presbyterians of Puslinch held their picnic on the grounds of Mr. Robert Little lately. They were conveyed there by teams, and had one of the most enjoyable picnics ever held in Puslinch. Mr. Little did all in his power to make it an enjoyable affair for all.

WE have received, says the *Chicago Interior*, very thankfully, the Acts and Proceedings of the Twelfth General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, for the current year. It is a large and valuable volume, from which we expect to gather interesting items at an early day.

THE Presbyterian Church at Gore Bay is getting along encouragingly. A respected minister of our Church who had an opportunity of visiting there lately wonders if some good friends could not provide the people at Gore Bay with a church bell. This is urged more for practical than sentimental reasons.

THE lawn party in aid of the Presbyterian Sabbath School, Sunbury, was a decided success. The programme was a good one, the music furnished being of an exceptionally high order. The sum realized, clear of expenses, was \$36. Special thanks are due to Mr. and Mrs. Toland for the use of their grounds, and for the valuable assistance otherwise rendered.

ANNIVERSARY services in connection with the settlement of the Rev. W. S. McTavish as pastor of the St. George Presbyterian Church, were held on Sunday evening, Sept. 12th, conducted by the Rev. W. Wylie, of Paris. On Tuesday evening following a grand harvest home was held. The following gentlemen delivered addresses, viz.:—Revs. W. Wylie, of Paris; James Little, of Princeton; W. T. McMullen and W. A. McKay, Woodstock, and resident ministers. The choir, under the able leadership of Prof. Hastings, and assisted by Miss McKay, of Woodstock, and others furnished musical selections.

AT a recent meeting of the Hamilton Presbytery, held in Burlington, a very hearty and unanimous call was tendered to Rev. A. K. Caswell, by the united charge of Oneida and Hagersville, of the same Presbytery. Stipend offered, \$800 with manse and glebe of ten acres. Mr. Caswell signified his willingness to accept, and it was arranged to induct at Oneida on the last day of August. On that day Rev. Mr. Black presided, Mr. McIntyre preached, Mr. Wills addressed the people, and Mr. Black the minister. At the close of the service Mr. Caswell was welcomed by a large congregation. The settlement seems a most happy one, and both pastor and people have bright hopes for the future.

MR. A. J. MCLEOD, B.A., who has been in charge of the Rev. Mr. Stalker's field at Gladstone during the summer, has left for the east to resume his studies at Knox College, Toronto. During his stay at Gladstone he has been most assiduous in his labours and has gained the good wishes of all denominations. A number of friends met at Mr. Broadfoote's for the purpose of giving Mr. McLeod a good send off. A programme of instrumental and vocal music was successfully carried through, at the close of which an address and a well-filled purse were presented to Mr. McLeod, who very feelingly replied. A large number escorted him to the station where kindly leave-takings occurred.

ON Sunday, 12th September, the communion of the Lord's Supper was dispensed in St. Andrew's Church, Sherbrooke, Rev. A. Lee, pastor. The attendance of communicants was the largest in the history of this congregation, 102 taking part in the feast of remembrance. Twelve new members were received by the Session, ten on profession of faith and two by certificate. The weekly prayer meetings are well attended, and everything in St. Andrew's bears signs of increasing interest in the work of the Lord and the promise of greater prosperity yet to come. The church lately has been repaired and neatly and tastefully decorated in the interior and furnished with a furnace for heating purposes.

THE anniversary services of Knox Church, Beaverton, were held on Sabbath week, and Rev. Principal Grant, of Kingston, occupied the pulpit. The rev. gentleman gave excellent discourses. At the morning service the speaker gave a very impressive resume of the extent and labours of the Presbyterian Church since the Union, and urged on his hearers the necessity of drawing together and interesting themselves more generally in the Schemes of the Church. He also pointed out the great work the Presbyterian Church is doing in the mission field, and alluded to the action taken by the General Assembly in the matter of the North-West Rebellion. At the evening service the body of the Church was crowded by an appreciative congregation who listened very attentively to the speaker.

THE anniversary services of the Springfield Presbyterian Church were held on Sabbath and Monday evening week. On Sabbath, Rev. Mr. Watt preached special sermons suited to the occasion. On Monday evening, a large gathering assembled to partake of a bountiful repast provided by the ladies of the congregation. After a brief introductory address by the chairman, Rev. Messrs. Beattie, McNair, Brown, of Belmont, Francis, of Rodney, and Dr. Mills delivered addresses. The speeches were practical, pointed, and were attentively listened to. The musical part of the programme consisted of solos by Miss McLaughlin, Miss McEachren and Mr. Douglas, a couple of songs by Mr. John Patterson, and a number of quartettes and choruses by the members of Knox Church choir, St. Thomas. The proceeds amounted to \$77.

THE congregation of Bathurst, N. B., vacant for a considerable period by the removal of the Rev. Mr. Quin to Manitoba, has now settled among them the Rev. A. H. Thomson, late of Economy, N. S. The new pastor, says our correspondent, brings with him a high reputation for talent and Christian character. He has served the Church for twelve years as a minister, and his ministry here has been commenced in the midst of a gracious revival. Largely attended prayer meetings are being held every night in the lecture hall, and many persons have publicly testified that they have found peace in believing. One feature of this revival is that it appears to have laid hold of the young of the congregation, who seem to be deeply impressed with spiritual truth. About twelve will join the Church at the communion for the first time next Sabbath. At the morning service in the church every seat was occupied, the pastor officiated and preached an excellent discourse on the danger of neglecting the great salvation. All left profited, feeling that it was good to have been there.

SOME time since a large and representative company assembled at the manse at Bradford to hear testimony to the esteem in which the Rev. James Bryant is held by his congregations and the community generally. Mr. E. Garrett read an address which gave fervent expression to the warm feeling of attachment to Mr. and Mrs. Bryant, and the high value they placed on his ministerial labours while pastor at Bradford and neighbouring congregations. Mr. A. Bannerman, in the name of the respective congregations, presented Mr. Bryant with a handsome copy of Bagster's Bible and an elegant gold watch, bearing a suitable inscription, while to Mrs. Bryant was presented by the ladies a valuable assortment of silverware and other articles both for domestic use and ornament. Mr. Bryant replied in terms full of kindly feeling and grateful acknowledgment. The Rev. Mr. Caswell presided, and the gathering was subsequently addressed by Messrs. Graham, reeve of the village, Booth, reeve of the township, G. Evans, ex-reeve, Rev. Mr. Bryon and Dr. Forrest. The Bradford band and church choirs at intervals rendered excellent musical selections.

THE cornerstone of the new Presbyterian Church to be erected in Parkdale was laid on Tuesday week in the presence of a number of Presbyterian and other clergymen, and a large body of local and city laity. There were present the pastor, Rev. R. P. McKay, B.A., and the Rev. Messrs. P. McF. McLeod, Alex. Gilray, H. A. Parsons, W. Reid, D.D., Dr. Eby, Professor McLaren, Dr. Thomas, John Smith, D. J. Macdonnell, W. Frizzell, and R. H. Abraham; also Mr. S. H. Blake, Q.C., Mr. Wm. Gooderham, Mr. S. R. Briggs and others. The stone was laid by the pastor, and most of the ministers named above took part in the attendant ceremonies, the chair being filled by Mr. W. C. Patterson, who made an interesting memorial statement, setting forth the origin of the Church and its growth to the present time. Interesting addresses were delivered by Rev. R. H. Abraham, Rev. H. M. Parsons, Mr. Wm. Gooderham, and Mr. S. H. Blake. The new church will be by far the largest in Parkdale, and is expected to hold about 1,100 people. It will be built with white stone after the style of architecture of Old St. Andrew's, with two towers on the front. It is expected to cost about \$20,000.

AFTER being enlarged and tastefully improved, the Presbyterian Church, Port Perry, was re-opened on Sabbath, the 5th instant. The building was crowded in every part. The Rev. J. K. Smith, M.A., of Galt, Moderator of the General Assembly, officiated. He preached from Heb. xii. 27. His sermon was an admirable presentation of the truth, uttered in the most simple language, most pleasant manner, and with the sweetest spirit, and should be long remembered by those who were privileged to hear it. In the afternoon there was a meeting mainly for the Sabbath school. Mr. Smith spoke from the words, "Train up a child in the way he should go," addressing himself first to the parents and teachers, and then to the children and young people of the Church. At the evening service the church was crowded, and yet a stream of people continued to flow in till the vestry and corridor and every available space was occupied, and many had to go away. The text was Ezekiel xvii. 22-23, which was discussed with much vigour and in a highly evangelical spirit. The proceeds of the collections at the different services exceeded \$100, including a cheque of \$20, generously put on the plate by Mr. Aaron Ross. The ladies of the congregation entertained a very large company in the basement of the church on Monday evening. The pastor, Rev. J. McMechan, occupied the chair, and made a statement as to the amount expended on

improvements, somewhere about \$1,800; all of which, he was satisfied was well spent, and he considered that there was nothing done that could have been left out. He reported that the committee of management recommended that subscriptions be solicited to meet the expenditures incurred, to be paid in three instalments—the first on the 15th October next, the second on the 15th April, and the last on October 15th, a twelvemonth hence. The ladies, he further stated, had undertaken all the internal improvements—the re-seating, cushioning, painting, and the providing of new chandeliers and lamps; the whole cost exceeding \$500, half of which happily they had already in hand. Subsequently, admirable and highly appropriate speeches were delivered by the Rev. Dr. Carry and Rev. J. A. Carmichael, of Columbus. The choir responded to the frequent calls of the chairman in a manner that gave delight to all present. Though there was no appeal made to the meeting by sending round of subscription sheets, yet the chairman earnestly invited the members and adherents of the congregation present to make a beginning, and upwards of \$600 were subscribed before the end of the evening in the vestry. One very pleasing incident of the evening was a donation handed in by Mr. J. W. Meharry, to the Ladies' Aid Funds, to encourage them in their noble work.

KNOX CHURCH, Hamilton, was re-opened on Sabbath week with appropriate services, when Rev. D. H. MacVicar, D.D., LL.D., of the Presbyterian College, Montreal, preached morning and evening. There were large congregations in the morning and afternoon; but at the evening service the building was taxed to its utmost to accommodate the large numbers that were present. Principal MacVicar took for his text in the morning, Ephesians v. 25. He said: Christ loved the Church, so should we love one another. What is the Church and how are we to manifest our love to the Church? The Church of God is not limited to any one period, as the Apostolic period; but back to the days of Adam, through all the generations down to the present time. The Church is a company of God's people, for it is said, "Wherever two or three are gathered together, there am I in the midst." The Church is in our home and in our sacraments, of which there are only two, viz., baptism and the Lord's supper, one flock, one Shepherd, one Head, one body, one, and one only, true Church. How should we manifest our love to the Church? By entering into loving fellowship with the Church, not mere formality, but giving our souls and all we are to the Lord, and showing our appreciation of the Church by loving Him who first loved us. Show your love to the Church by your active services in its behalf, not by words—talk is cheap—but by your services, and by your gifts and sacrifices. In the afternoon Rev. Mungo Fraser, M.A., minister of the church, preached from 2 Chronicles vi. 41. The theme of this is the abiding presence of the Lord implored. The temple had been built especially for God's service. Previously to this they had merely tented and tabernacled, and, as we are now re-opening and re-dedicating our church this day, may our God accept the work of our hands, which we have been, through His blessing, enabled to accomplish, and as we have now a most commodious schoolroom which we can use for all ordinary purposes, this church will in future, we trust, be used for the worship of God exclusively, and as in the improvements which have been made with so much satisfaction to all concerned and for the comfort of the congregation as a whole, may nothing in future occur to mar the beauty of the building, nor disturb the harmony which exists between members of the congregation. In the evening Dr. MacVicar preached from Philippians i. 29. The sermon throughout was a most thoughtful and eloquent one, and was listened to with the greatest attention by the large congregation, the talented preacher urging on all present the great duty of faith and trust in every walk of life, and, if it need be, to suffer for each other for the truth's sake. The collections were very liberal, and the building fund will be greatly helped by the efforts of the members and adherents of the congregation, as well as by the very many friends of the Church who turned out in such large numbers to all the services. The collections amounted to \$691.17.

PRESBYTERY OF LINDSAY.—The Presbytery of Lindsay met in Woodville on the 31st August. There were present ten ministers and nine elders, Rev. E. Cockburn, M.A., Moderator. Arrangements were made in connection with vacant congregations and supply, augmented congregations, mission stations' claims for the summer and winter supply. The ministers agreed to give a day each to those where students cannot reach them in winter, and have students to supply their pulpits on the day granted. The following students gave in discourses and were certified to college—Messrs. Perrin, Perrie, Gilchrist and Emes. A deputation was appointed to visit Uptergrove and report, Rev. G. C. Patterson, M.A., Convener. Congregations were instructed to make their congregational returns coincide with the calendar year. Committees were appointed on the Schemes of the Church. The next regular meeting to be held at Uxbridge on the last Tuesday of November, at eleven a.m. —JAMES R. SCOTT, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF PARIS.—The ordinary meeting of Presbytery was held at St. George on Tuesday, 14th inst., Rev. D. M. Beattie, Moderator. There was a large attendance of ministers and elders. The Session records throughout the bounds came up for examination, were sent to committees and afterwards attested by the signature of the Moderator. The committee appointed to visit Old St. Andrew's, East Oxford, reported the discharge of that duty, and gave an account of the state of the cause in that congregation. The committee was continued with further instructions. Messrs. Leeming and Nichol appeared for examination with a view of admission to Knox College, and their examination having been sustained as satisfactory they were certified to the College Senate. Mr. James E. Brown, a student entering in the third year in theology, read a sermon before the Presbytery which was also approved as satisfactory. A letter from Dr. Middlemiss, Convener of the