

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

THE Presbyterian congregation of Streetsville, on the 13th inst., gave a unanimous call to the Rev. Wm. McWilliam, M.A., of Bethesda and Alnwick, to be their pastor, with the promise of \$800 of stipend, and a manse.

THE Rev. J. M. Macalister, of Beckwith, was recently surprised by a visit of a deputation who waited on him at his residence in Ashton, and in behalf of the Bible class of Knox Church, Beckwith, presented him with an address, accompanied by a valuable gold chain and a purse containing a sum of money. The gift was valuable in itself, but as expressive of the kindly feeling existing between pastor and congregation it was invaluable.

THE annual pic-nic of the Rockwood Presbyterian Sabbath school was held on Saturday, 11th September. After tea had been served the members and adherents, many of whom were present, presented their pastor, the Rev. D. Strachan, with an address expressive of their respect and esteem for him, accompanied by a purse containing \$76. Mr. Strachan made a feeling and suitable reply, and was followed in a few remarks by other gentlemen present.

A DEPUTATION of the ladies of St. Andrew's Church, Perth, called upon the Rev. Dr. Bain a few evenings ago, and made a presentation to him of \$120, subscribed by a number of members of the congregation, and friends, in expression of their regard for him, and of their appreciation of his long pastoral services among them, and in order to enable him to attend the meeting of the Pan-Presbyterian Council in Philadelphia. This liberal donation, and the desire of his congregation that Dr. Bain should attend the great Presbyterian Council about to sit at Philadelphia, are but fitting expressions of the reverend gentleman's claims upon his congregation, and we are glad to see that their feelings in this matter have taken the eminently practical shape they have.

ON the 9th inst. the dedicatory services in connection with the opening of the Presbyterian church at Kenyon, were conducted by the Rev. Messrs. Fraser of Indian Lands, and Ross of Kirkhill, who preached excellent sermons to a large and appreciative audience, the new building being crowded at both services to its utmost capacity. The door collection of the day amounted to \$100. The church is a substantial and commodious stone edifice, with side and end galleries, Gothic windows, and a well proportioned spire. It is 60 x 40 feet, seated for 600 people. Credit is due Mr. Chisholm, the contractor, not only for carrying out the specification in full, but for exceeding it with the intention of giving the congregation more satisfaction. It cost between \$7,000 and \$8,000, and it reflects much credit upon the energy and liberality of the congregation, who are not wealthy, that it is almost free of debt.—COM.

THE new Presbyterian church in Drummond was formally opened on Sabbath of last week, by the Rev. Mr. Burns, of Perth, who preached both morning and afternoon. The reverend gentleman chose for his morning text Exodus xxv. 8: "Let them make Me a sanctuary that I may dwell among them," and in the course of an able and eloquent address, shewed the people that from the earliest times down to the present day it was God's will that the people should assemble themselves together to worship Him, and that His blessing surely descended most copiously in those places where His name was respected and feared. The afternoon service was like another chapter from the same book, and was evidently composed with great care, to suit the occasion. In short, the services of the day were of so impressive and interesting a nature that they will not soon be forgotten by those whose privilege it was to be present. A collection, amounting to \$27, was taken up during the day for the purpose of painting and otherwise improving the building. The church is a comfortable wooden structure, seating comfortably 200 people.

THE Presbyterian congregation of Perrytown a few months ago decided to build a new church. A lot was chosen about mid-way between Garden Hill village and the gravel road. So heartily did the people go to work that the church is so far completed as to be ready for occupation, and on the evening of the 10th inst. it was filled by a large gathering. The brick work is done, the roof on, the floors laid, and the spire nearly finished. The structure is symme-

trical and tasteful, and promises to be a commodious, well arranged edifice. The meeting on the evening in question was intended as a farewell to the Rev. Wm. Hodnett, who has been the pastor in charge for several years. Mr. Hodnett has been appointed by the Home Mission Committee of the Presbyterian Church in Canada to go as a missionary to the North-west, for which region he will soon take his departure. The meeting and addresses shewed the high esteem in which he is held by the people and ministers of that community. After tea had been served, addresses were delivered by the Rev. Messrs. Beattie, Port Hope; Sunderland, Percy; Beattie, Baltimore; and Smith and Horton, of Garden Hill.

PRESBYTERY OF SAUGEEN.—This Presbytery met in St. Andrew's Church, Mount Forest, on the 14th inst. Four students gave reports of their labours in the Presbytery during the summer; each of them also read a discourse. Mr. McLeod being unable to attend on account of sickness sent in his report and discourse, which were read by the Clerk. The Presbytery expressed their satisfaction both with the reports and discourses. The Clerk was instructed to certify them to their various Colleges. A call from Palmerston congregation to Rev. J. M. Aull, of Ratho, etc., was sustained. The salary promised was \$900, without manse or house. The mission stations of North Luther, etc., also the mission stations in Osprey applied for ordained missionaries. The following was the deliverance of Presbytery in reference to the Durham case: "That owing to the irregularity of the session and congregation in ascertaining the mind of the congregation in regard to the introduction of an organ in the sacred music of the church, and also the irregularity of the petition presented by the petitioners, that the Presbytery appoint an adjourned meeting at Durham, on the 29th September, at eleven o'clock a.m., and have a meeting with the congregation and the petitioners in the Presbyterian church, Durham, with the view of arriving at a wise conclusion in the case, and all be duly cited to appear in said church at seven o'clock p.m. of that date.—S. YOUNG, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF HURON.—This Presbytery met at Seaford, on the 14th of September. The Clerk was instructed to certify Mr. Joseph Higgins to the Board of Examiners of Knox College. On behalf of the Finance Committee Mr. Thomson submitted an estimate of the Presbytery's expenditure for the ensuing year, and recommended a method to raise the amount specified. The estimate and recommendation were approved of. The order of business as adopted last year, for one year, was adopted to be the standing order for the future. A telegram was received from Dr. Ure stating that he could not be present, and recommending that no change be made in the grant to the Gaelic station at Goderich. The Presbytery agreed accordingly. Mr. Hartley reported respecting the state of the people at Chisholm, setting forth that they were taking steps to build a church. The committee was reappointed to watch over the interests of the cause there. Mr. Paterson reported that the communion roll of Bayfield congregation was purged, and submitted the session records of said congregation for examination. Rev. Wm. Inglis, of THE PRESBYTERIAN, was invited to sit as a corresponding member, he being present. On the report of the deputation to Rodgerville and Exeter it was agreed not to separate the aforesaid congregations. Measures were adopted to raise the sum expected for Assembly Fund. A circular letter from the Convener of the Assembly's Committee on Sabbath Schools was read, and moderators of sessions were instructed to submit the circulars received by them on the matter to the teachers of their Sabbath schools, requesting them to consider the subject and send a report to the Convener of the Presbytery's Committee on Sabbath Schools. The following brethren were appointed to attend to the interests of the schemes of the Church respectively, viz. Mr. Stewart, Home Mission; Mr. McDonald, Foreign Missions; Mr. McLean, Colleges; Mr. McCoy, French Evangelization; Mr. Musgrave, Aged and Infirm Ministers; Mr. Lochhead, Widows and Orphans; Mr. Thomson, Assembly Fund. A mode of electing Commissioners to Assembly was agreed upon to be adopted in future. Next meeting to be held in Clinton, on second Tuesday of November, at ten o'clock a.m.—A. McLEAN, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE.—This Court held its regular meeting at Walkerton, on the 14th and 15th inst.,

Rev. R. C. Moffat, presiding. There was read a communication from Rev. John Scott, stating that owing to ill-health he would not be present at this meeting. There was read a communication from Rev. H. McKay, tendering his resignation of Gore Bay and associated stations. It was agreed to lay the resignation on the table in the meantime, and inform the Home Mission Committee of his action. There was read an extract minute of a congregational meeting held at Manitowaning on the 8th inst., asking for the services of an ordained missionary, and promising to pay \$440 towards his support, and more should they secure the services of Rev. H. McKay. Mr. Tolmie submitted the Home Mission Report, and gave a very interesting account of his late visit to Manitoulin Island, St. Joseph Island, and the north shore of Lake Huron. The report was received, and the convener thanked for his diligence. It was agreed to recommend this mission field to the Home Mission Committee, and ask that at least three missionaries be employed to labour in it during the winter months, and that one of these be Mr. Jones, who is already labouring on the Island of Manitoulin. Messrs. Builder, Meldrum, Robertson, McTavish, and Gibson, students labouring within the bounds, were certified to the College Board. The supply of Salem congregation was left in the hands of the Moderator of its Session. The Clerk was instructed to ascertain what supply may be required by Riversdale and Enniskillen for the next three months, and to inform the convener of the same. There was read a circular letter from Dr. Reid anent the Assembly Fund. The Finance Committee was instructed to levy the amount required of this Presbytery on the several congregations of the bounds. It was resolved to visit Zion Church, Teeswater, Presbyterially, on Monday, 20th December, the committee of Presbytery to meet with the office-bearers at half-past six p.m., and with the congregation at half-past seven p.m., the committee to consist of the Moderator, Dr. Bell, and Mr. Straith, ministers, and Mr. Blain, elder—Dr. Bell to preach. Westminster Church to be visited on the following evening and at the same hour. The next meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held in Zion Church, Teeswater, on Tuesday, 21st of December next, at two o'clock p.m.—A. G. FORBES, Pres. Clerk.

A HEARTY GREETING.

A very pleasant social reunion took place in the lecture room of John street Presbyterian Church, Belleville, a few evenings ago, for the purpose of welcoming the delegates who represented Belleville at the celebration of the Raikes Centenary in England. There was a very large attendance of the young people with their friends. The chair was filled by Mayor Patterson, and the Rev. David Mitchell, pastor of the church, was asked to address the meeting and to give expression to the feelings of pleasure experienced by those present at the return of Mr. Northrup and Mr. and Mrs. Ritchie, which the reverend gentleman did in very felicitous terms.

Mr. Northrup happily responded to the address of welcome. He spoke of the surprise and sense of honour conferred upon him with which he had received the proposal that he should go as a delegate to the Raikes celebration. He enjoyed the voyage very much, having never been absent from a meal except for one day on his return. He could not describe the feelings with which he looked back upon the meetings in which he and his fellow-delegate had both the pleasure of taking part. The children's gathering at the Crystal Palace was especially interesting. It was wonderful to hear so many thousands render the hymns. By their firmness the delegates from Canada were prevented from being classed in general as those from America. The Canadians held their own; in particular the Hon. Vice-Chancellor Blake, who distinguished himself not only by his eloquence, but by the firm stand he took upon the question of temperance. Rev. Dr. Burns, of Halifax, became quite a popular favourite, and at Brighton he took exception to some utterances which had been freely made on the subject of Sabbath observance in such a way as to call forth loud applause. Mr. Northrup said while he was pained by what he saw of intemperance and profanation of the Sabbath, he felt very much interested in the Christian life and enterprise which were to be seen in London, Scotland, Ireland and Paris. The London city missionaries were a noble band of workers. The work undertaken by Mr. Quarrier in Glas-