

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

A NEW Presbyterian Church is being built in Chesley.

AN enjoyable picnic was held recently in connection with St. Andrew's Church, Smith's Falls.

THE Rev. John Boyle has been occupying the pulpit of Widder Street Presbyterian Church, St. Mary's.

THE Rev. J. Carmichael, M.A., of Norwood, occupied the pulpit of St. Andrew's Church, Peterborough, Sabbath week.

THE Rev. Mr. McCrae, Cobourg, occupied his own pulpit last Sabbath, having returned home from his holidays much improved in health.

THE Rev. Alexander Gilray lectured before the Knox Church Musical and Literary Society of Embro, on Monday evening, June 30th.

THE Rev. Mr. Blain, who has been ailing for some time, left Tara last week for Manitowaning, Manitoulin Island, where he will spend a portion of his vacation.

A MEETING of the congregation of St. Andrew's Church, Kingston, has been formally called for Wednesday evening, July 2nd, to consider anew the selection of a pastor.

AT the communion recently held in Boston Church Esquesing there were twenty-five new names added to the church roll. The Lord has been greatly blessing this part of the vineyard.

THE Ladies Home Mission Society of Chalmers Church, Kingston held a garden party last week on the grounds of G. S. Fenwick. It was largely attended, and an enjoyable time was spent.

REV. A. B. BAIRD, of Edmonton, N.W.T., preached in Knox Church, Stratford, on Sabbath evening week, after which he described the work in the North-West and the demand for more missionaries.

THE other Sunday evening the beating of drums by the Salvationists disturbed the Brock Street Presbyterian congregation, Kingston, so much that Dr. Bain had to stop preaching until the procession passed.

THE corner-stone of the New Erskine Presbyterian Church, Hamilton, was laid on Dominion Day by a lady member of the congregation. Rev. H. M. Parsons, of Knox Church, Toronto, delivered an address.

REV. MR. MCKENZIE, B.A., who has laboured for some time as a missionary in the North-West, has recently accepted a call extended to him from the congregation at Carberry, with a yearly stipend of \$1,000 without a manse.

THE Ladies Aid, of the First Presbyterian Church, St. Mary's, propose holding a garden party on the church grounds on Tuesday evening, the 8th of July, in connection with the induction of the Rev. Mr. Turnbull, B.A., LL.B.

THE Rev. W. T. Herridge, B. D., pastor of St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa, who has recently returned from an eight months' trip to Europe, is now visiting his parents in Stratford, and preached in the Waterloo Street Methodist Church last Sabbath evening.

THE Ladies Aid, of Knox Church, St. Mary's, held a garden party and apron bazaar on the 1st of July, at the residence of Mr. Milner Harrison. The beautiful grounds were lighted up in the evening by Chinese lanterns, and the town band discoursed sweet music.

THE Guelph Mercury states that Dr. Wardrop left Guelph last Wednesday for the Old Country in company with his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Grier, of Montreal. His many friends in Guelph will join in wishing him a pleasant voyage and a safe return.

THE trustees of Knox Church, Toronto, have made arrangements for the erection of a one-storey brick addition to the mission in connection with Knox Church on Duckess street. The increased attendance at this popular little mission for some time past has made this step necessary.

ON Sabbath morning week, Mr. John Gibson, sr., of Orono, quietly passed away at the ripe age of seventy-eight. He was an honoured member of society. Rev. A. Fraser conducted the services at the house,

and the Rev. Mr. Lawrence at the grave. Mr. Lawrence was his pastor for many years.

THE Rev. J. C. Tibb, M.A., who, in company with Mr. Baird, visited the universities of Edinburgh and Leipzig, and in company with him visited the great mission field of the North-West, has received a call from the congregation at Rat Portage, where he has been laboring for the past year, in which they offer a yearly salary of \$,000, and a manse.

FORT EDMONTON, the furthest Presbyterian outpost in the great North-West, has extended a call to the Rev. A. B. Baird, M.A., B.D., who, since his return from Germany, has been labouring there as a missionary. It speaks well for Mr. Baird's energy and success, that this church which he has built up, is now able to offer, with an unanimous call, a yearly stipend of 1,200.

The Acton Free Press says: "Rev. D. B. Cameron pastor of Knox Church, Acton, received this week a diploma from the Celtic Society of Montreal, conferring on him the title of honorary member of the society. This distinction is granted only to those who have achieved literary distinction for efficiency in the Gaelic. Thus far only a few persons in Ontario have had this honour extended to them.

AT St. Andrew's Church, Guelph, on a recent Sabbath evening, the pastor announced that hereafter the evening service would be conducted strictly within an hour, and he would endeavour to have that of the morning take as little over the hour as possible. In reference to which announcement the Herald says: "By all means let us have short sermons during the very hot weather, and we will have larger congregations, better worshippers, and more contented church-going people."

THE Bradford Witness says: Preparator services were held in the Scotch Settlement, Second West Gwillimbury, on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of last week. There was a large attendance at each service. The Lord's Supper was observed on Sabbath. The church was crowded, and it was a most enjoyable and profitable communion season. A thanksgiving service was held on Monday, at which there was also a large attendance. During all of these services Rev. James Bryant was assisted by Rev. Donald Strachan, of Rockwood, Presbytery of Guelph, who preached very able and impressive Gospel sermons, which were richly enjoyed by the people. Surely it is a source of gratitude and encouragement to the Presbyterians in this place, and especially to the pastor, Rev. James Bryant, that after the sixteen weeks of continuous services in Bradford and Scotch Settlement, a hundred members have been added to the communion roll, who are able to give an intelligent reason of the hope that is in them.

THE Truro Woman's Foreign Missionary Society recently held their seventh annual meeting. The report records steady and satisfactory progress. The membership has increased to 100. It is also stated that: we have been more than usually favoured during the year by visits from missionaries. At our social in October, there were present Mr. and Mrs. Morton, of Trinidad; Mr. and Mrs. Robertson, of Erromanga, and Mr. and Mrs. Christie, late of Trinidad. The three ladies were also present at our regular meeting the same month; and we are now looking forward with pleasant anticipations to a visit from Mr. and Mrs. Fraser Campbell; this being their first visit to Nova Scotia after several years' labour in India. Mr. and Mrs. Morton have since returned to their field of labour, and we have been gratified by receiving a letter from Mrs. Morton lately, in which she states that Mr. Morton's health still continues improved and their work going on as usual. Mr. and Mrs. Robertson are still in Canada.

A SOCIAL gathering was held in the basement of Stanley Street Presbyterian Church, Montreal a short time ago on the tenth anniversary of the church. Some time having been occupied in social conversation, Lieut-Col. Stevenson took the chair. After the opening services, refreshments having been served, the Rev. Jas. McCaul read a short statement of the history and progress of the church. It was organized on the 26th of May, 1874, with seventy members, sixty-four of whom had letters of disjunction from Erskine Church. The congregation, which met for worship in the basement of St. George's Church, was ministered to by the Rev. E. F. Torrance, now of Peterborough, until the Rev. Dr. Baxter was inducted on

May 7th, 1875. With a debt of \$25,000 over it, the outlook for the congregation was certainly not encouraging at the beginning of the Rev. Mr. McCaul's pastorate in February 4th, 1879, and several prominent members left and joined other congregations. In the first year of his pastorate \$8,000 were paid off, and in 1883, a successful movement was initiated with the object of removing the balance of the debt. During the Rev. Dr. Baxter's ministry 203 names were added to the communion roll, and under the present pastor 275 more have been added. Of the original seventy members, thirty-one still sit at the communion table. Touching and affectionate mention was made of those who had passed away. The ladies of the congregation have been, in a great measure, its backbone, and their noble work deserves all praise. The treasurer, Mr. Ross, then presented the financial statement, which showed the original debt to have been reduced from \$38,790 to \$6,149; deducting \$600 cash on hand, and \$4 534 subscriptions, the small sum of \$1,015 remains. They have hopes of receiving \$300 from the city council for a piece of land expropriated, and so there would be hardly any debt left. During the ten years of its existence the congregation has raised nearly \$76,000, exclusive of money for missionary purposes. The Rev. Dr. Stevenson spoke as a neighbour, and heartily sympathized with them in their efforts to remove their debt, and hoped that his own congregation would be as successful. The Rev. Mr. McCaul deserved the highest praise for accomplishing so well an apparently impossible task. The Rev. Principal MacVicar, in a few words, stated that the secret of their success had been that they set out with a determination to accomplish their object, and that always made people succeed. The Rev. Professor Scrimger referred to the circumstances of the formation of the congregation, and how they had stuck to their convictions. He warned them not to think that their work was done when the debt had disappeared, but to engage in a higher work, and felt sure that they would do so from their past record.

PRESBYTERY OF LINDSAY.—This Presbytery met in St. Andrew's Church, Lindsay, on Tuesday, 17th June, and ordained and inducted Mr. Daniel McTavish, M.A., pastor of that congregation. It also met on the 24th, at Sunderland, and inducted Rev. A. Stevenson, from Owen Sound Presbytery, over the congregations of Sunderland and Vroomanton. The next regular meeting to be held at Woodville on the last Tuesday of August, at eleven o'clock a. m.—J. R. SCOTT, Pres. Clerk.

KNOX COLLEGE ENDOWMENT.

We insert in this issue a statement of the amounts subscribed in the different Presbyteries for the Endowment Fund of Knox College—up till the close of the General Assembly—with amounts paid in up to the same date. With two Presbyteries not yet canvassed and other two where the canvass has only been commenced, and several congregations in another Presbytery yet to be canvassed, there should be no serious difficulty in securing at last \$70,000, still needed to complete the work and make provision for possible shrinkage in the lists. What is now needed is a vigorous effort on the part of the Presbyteries to secure the completion of the canvass before winter. There is much to be said in connection with the evident loss sustained by Knox in the Common Fund, and we hope that as endowment is after all the best solution of the difficulty, the alumni will brace themselves for a final effort to close up this worthy scheme.

PRESBYTERIES.	AM'TS SUBSC'D.	AM'T PAID.
Ottawa,	\$53,457 00	\$10,675 37
Lanark and Renfrew,	3,296 50	1,972 01
Brockville,	85 00	85 00
Kingston,	1,235 00	296 00
Peterborough,	2,910 75	949 96
Whitby,	4,416 00	1,227 90
Toronto,	41,783 15	18,020 83
Barrie,	100 00	100 00
Saugeen,	55 00	6 00
Guelph,	12,307 30	5,223 56
Hamilton,	10,404 30	5,563 46
Paris,	6,293 13	445 13
London,	5,945 48	1,567 38
Chatham,	1,450 00	474 47
Stratford,	1,896 00	974 50
Huron,	3,119 00	1,251 57
Maitland,	3,354 25	542 82
Bruce,	781 50	266 38
Sarnia,	6,474 50	1,135 02
Sundry donations,	270 75	270 75
Totals,	\$159,634 00	\$50,848 11