

WESTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. C. H. Cooke, of Bradford, is moderator of the vacant charge at Bondhead, Ont.

Rev. W. N. Kannawain and family, of Strathroy, are on a holiday to Shelburne and Brookville.

Rev. Wm. Russell, of Central India Mission, has been the guest of Rev. J. Burkholder, of Mandaamin.

Rev. Mr. Wallace was inducted into the charge of Corunna, Mooretown and Courtright, on the 18th ult.

The Rev. Robert Knowles and family of Orillia, have removed to Toronto, where they will take up their residence.

The Rev. D. C. MacGregor, of Orillia, spent several days at Geneva Park during the past week, in camp with six of his old classmates.

Rev. A. L. Howard, of Cayuga, has been preaching at Bishop's Mills and East Oxford, in the absence of the pastor, Rev. N. McLaren.

Rev. Dr. McRobbie, of Nelson, has been preaching in St. Andrew's Church, Hamilton, the pastor, Rev. J. A. Wilson, conducting anniversary services at Nelson.

Rev. S. W. Whaley, B.A., pastor of the Brookdale Church, has gone for his holidays. Rev. J. D. Cunningham, M. A., of Welland, will have charge of his pulpit for the next four Sundays.

The death is announced of Rev. James A. Grant, of Richmond Hill, after a lingering illness, extending over two years. Deceased was greatly esteemed, both in the congregation and throughout the community.

The annual picnic of Knox congregation, Owen Sound, held last week at King's Royal Park, proved an enjoyable event for old and young. A well organized program of games, and fish pool competition for the young folks, provided attractions for everyone.

At the annual garden party of Cooke's Presbyterian Church, Caradoc, there was a large attendance, fully 2,000 people being on the ground. Hon. R. F. Sutherland, Windsor, speaker of the House of Commons, occupied the chair and gave an address.

Rev. J. R. Mann, of Auburn, Ont., writes us to correct an error in our issue of 12th August in which it was stated that Rev. J. S. Mann, Sturgeon Falls, preached at Woodville. Mr. Mann, who was recently of Sturgeon Falls, occupied his own pulpit at Auburn.

In the absence of Rev. Dr. Dickson the pulpit at the Central Church, Galt, was occupied by the Rev. Mr. Wilson of Acton, both morning and evening, on 15th ult. His discourse was edifying and the services were enjoyed by the large congregations present.

Rev. Professor Jordan, D.D., of Queen's University, has been preaching in McNab Street Church, Hamilton, and in the Orillia Presbyterian Church. His many friends in both places were greatly pleased to hear him again and to see him so fully restored to wonted health.

On Sabbath last Rev. James Buchanan, convenor of the Home Mission Committee of the Synod of Toronto and Kingston, preached in Dover Court Road, Toronto, and it is safe to say that no one in the congregation slept. Mr. Buchanan, by a direct and forceful presentation of the truth, compels the attention of his hearers.

The induction of Rev. William Morris of Bond Head, as minister of St. Andrew's Church, Orangeville, took place on 28th ult. The sermon was preached by Rev. Mr. Matheson, of Caledon East, while Rev. Mr. Milne, of Ballinastad, addressed the minister, and Rev. Mr. Davey, of Mono Mills, addressed the people. The new minister is a graduate of Toronto University and Knox College.

At Knox Church, Galt, the pulpit was occupied by the Rev. Dr. Jickie, of Chalmers' Church, Woodstock. In the evening he preached on the subject of talents and after reading the parable of the talents he illustrated their applicability to every day life. The doctor, who is a preacher of exceptional ability, pointed out the need of developing any talents one possessed, for even the duldest had attributes that could be of great value if developed aright.

The Rev. W. J. Dey, of Simcoe, accompanied by his family frequently spends his summer holidays in Sundridge, says The Echo, and although here for a rest is always willing to conduct the services in Knox Church on one or two occasions during his stay, to the great delight and edification of the congregation. For the second time during his present visit he occupied the pulpit on Sunday evening and preached an able and helpful discourse from the text, "My God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus." The discourse was a masterly exposition of the subject well fitted to stimulate comfort and cheer the Christian on his journey through the wilderness to the Heavenly Home.

TORONTO.

Rev. M. T. Talling and Mrs. Talling, 148 Berkeley street, have returned from British Columbia.

Rev. Dr. Manson, of Chicago, has been preaching in the Deer Park Church; while on Sabbath last the pulpit of Cooke's Church was filled by Rev. W. G. Reagle, D.D., of Philadelphia.

The death is announced of Mrs. R. A. Dunton, of Montreal, eldest daughter of the late Rev. R. H. Warden, D.D., at the home of her mother, Mrs. Warden, Roche's Point, Lake Simcoe. The exact nature of her malady is not known, but it is thought to have been heart disease. Mrs. Dunton was a member of Erskine Church, Montreal, where her activities will be greatly missed. She was also prominent in the work of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society. Three children, one boy and two girls, survive her.

The ordination and induction of Rev. B. S. Black, B.A., as pastor of Kew Beach Church, took place under favorable auspices. The induction sermon was preached by Rev. Alexander McMillan, of Mimico, from I. Cor. iii: "Paul planteth, Apollos watereth, but God giveth the increase." Rev. Dr. Parsons delivered the address to the minister, and took occasion to refer to the consideration and respect of the people for their late minister, Rev. J. W. Bell, in appointing him pastor emeritus. Rev. Alexander McGillivray, of Bonar Church, addressed the people. The formal induction by the Moderator, Rev. Dr. Gilray, of College Street Church, and the laying on of hands, in which there also took part Rev. Dr. Somerville, Rev. D. W. Christy, Rev. W. J. West and Rev. R. C. Tibb, clerk of the Presbytery, was a most impressive ceremony. Dr. Gilray and the rest afterwards extended the right hand of fellowship to Mr. Black.

Before leaving Strathroy to take up residence in London, Mr. Thompson Smith, after being manager of the Trader's Bank for over 35 years, was waited on by a deputation of old friends and members of the Board of Management of St. Andrew's Church, who presented him with a handsome walking cane, as a small token of the esteem entertained for him in Strathroy.

The Rev. William Frizzell, Ph.B., the late pastor of Queen Street East Church, who is now a resident of Redlands, Cal., is visiting friends in Toronto, where he will remain for a month. Mr. Frizzell is very much improved in health since he left in October last.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

General Booth left London last week for South Africa. The veteran, who looked cheerful and well, had a hearty send-off.

The death took place suddenly at the Manse, Orpith, Orkney, of the Rev. David Gillies, minister of the congregation there. Deceased was a native of Bannockburn.

Lord Roberts and Lady Aileen Roberts arrived in England on their return from the tercentenary celebrations at Quebec. His Lordship, in answer to inquiries, stated that he was quite strong again.

The actual number of Bishops who took part in the recent Lambeth Conference was 241, and the attendance throughout at the various sessions was very large.

Dr. Francis E. Clark sails for England early in the fall where he fills numerous engagements in the British Isles. He is gradually recovering his strength after a long illness and devotes a brief period each day to his office duties.

An examination of the list of Moderators of Synod in the "Official Handbook," of the English Presbyterian Church, shows that of the thirty-three ministers who have "passed the chair" since 1876, only thirteen are now living, the oldest five of these being the Rev. Dr. MacEwan (1886), Rev. Principal Dykes (1888), Rev. Dr. Monro Gibson (1891), Rev. Dr. George Johnstone (1892), and the Rev. Dr. Walter Morrison (1893).

The British Museum has acquired, the report issued last week states, a lexicon containing the collection of Latin shorthand symbols, the invention of which is attributed to M. Tullius Tiro, the freedman of Cicero. Other acquisitions include a wooden book and a ruled tablet dating from the third century A.D., for teaching schoolboys in Egypt Greek grammar.

The death is announced of Rev. Donald Sage Mackay, pastor of the collegiate church of St. Nicholas, New York City. He was a well known clergyman, and had been in ill-health for a long time. President Roosevelt when in New York attended services in Dr. Mackay's church, and Miss Helen Gould and Mrs. Russell Sage are members of it.

The Jewish Chronicle announces the death in Jerusalem, at the age of seventy-two, of Mr. Moses Zangwill, father of Mr. Israel Zangwill, the novelist. The deceased, who was a pious student of Hebrew literature, removed to the Holy Land from this country many years ago. He was noted in Jerusalem for his charity.

The death occurred last week in Edinburgh of Rev. Edward Rankine, who, for a period of thirty-five years, was the esteemed pastor of the congregation at Shiels, Belhelvie. Mr. Rankine was ordained minister of Shiels, which was a United Presbyterian Church, on June 10, 1875, and the whole of his active ministerial life was spent among the people there. His health broke down seriously in 1892, and he then retired from his ministerial duties to Edinburgh, where he has since resided.

The Rev. Dr. Armstrong Black has been called to the pastorate of Silverhill Presbyterian Church congregation, St. Leonards, and has intimated his willingness to accept the call. Dr. Armstrong Black is the son of the late Rev. Mr. Black, of Newcastle-on-Tyne and his first charge was at Waterbeck, Dumfriesshire. He afterwards was minister at Palmerston-place, Edinburgh. From there he passed to Killeggan, and subsequently to Egremont, Birkenhead, as colleague and successor to the late Rev. Dr. James Muir. Then he crossed the Atlantic, and after a pastorate in Toronto, returned to Britain a few years ago. Since then he has been occupying pulpits in London, Liverpool, and elsewhere.