

Rev. Mr. Thom, of Fiesherston, has a well kept flower and vegetable garden, and its high state of cultivation is the subject of warm words of commendation in a local paper.

Rev. Angus McKay, of Lucknow, has been visiting at various points on the Georgian Bay, preaching with much acceptance at Manitowaning and other places.

Rev. Dr. McRobbie, of Kemble, has been presented with a Past High Chief Ranger's badge and jewel, in accordance with a resolution of last session of Canadian Order of Foresters.

Rev. A. C. Wishart, Beaverton, has returned from his holidays and occupied his own pulpit on Sabbath last. Rev. M. McKenzie of Homan preached in Knox, Beaverton, on the 24th and in St. Andrew's church on the 31st instant.

Rev. G. L. Johnson, of the North Bay church, officiated at the communion services at Sturgeon Falls on Sabbath 24th, the Rev. Mr. Anderson of Sturgeon Falls occupying Mr. Johnson's pulpit in North Bay.

Collingwood is growing, and the Presbyterian Church shares in the prosperity of the town. Rev. J. A. Cranston, who preached his first anniversary sermon on the 10th instant, has a fine field for his best efforts, and well is he meeting the expectations of his people. Sixty-eight names were added to the membership during the first year of his ministry, and the communion roll now numbers about 400. Mr. Copeland, a respected elder, and Manager of the local branch of the Bank of Toronto, has for several years taken charge of a Mission Sunday School; and this will doubtless, in time, develop into a second congregation.

The Presbyterian Sunday School picnic, held at Manitowaning on the 15th inst, was quite a successful as well as a very pleasant affair. The day was fine and there was a good attendance of parents and children from the Presbyterian and sister churches. A number of games—many of them quite amusing in their character—furnished no end of fun for the young people as well as being mirth provoking to their seniors. The esteemed pastor of the congregation—Rev. John Rennie—took a lively interest in the proceedings, and his people were glad to see him looking so well after his recent severe illness.

Western Ontario.

Rev. J. A. Matheson, of Pricevale, has been preaching at Fiesherston.

The Woodbridge Presbyterians are building a new and commodious manse for their minister.

The congregations of Hanover and Hampden have extended a call to Rev. A. T. Budge, of Mandarum.

Rev. Mr. Dickie of Orangeville, who was called to Knox church, Hamilton, has withdrawn his name.

The annual meeting of the Bruce Presbyterial W.F.M.S., will be held in Port Elgin on Thursday, September 25th.

The Rev. D. V. Ross, having returned from his holidays at Beaverton, Lake Simcoe, occupied his own pulpit last Sabbath.

Rev. J. I. Manthorne B. A., has taken Mr. Leitch's duties at Knox church, Stratford for the last two weeks.

Rev. A. Wilson, of Rosemont, has been exchanging with Rev. Mr. Burnett, of Alliston. Work has been commenced in the new church at Rosemont.

In the absence of Rev. Mr. Dickie, of Orangeville, the Rev. Mr. Brown, of Tilsonburg, has been appointed occupying the pulpit.

Rev. T. R. Shearer, of Routhwaite, Manitoba, will be inducted into the charge of Melbourne and Riverside by the London Presbytery on Sept. 4th.

Workmen are busily engaged on the alcove of St. Andrew's church, Campbellford. It is expected that it will be completed by Oct. 15, and will cost \$1,200.

Rev. R. J. McAlpine, M.A., of Knox church, Owen Sound, is at present taking his holidays. His pulpit for the past three Sabbaths has been very acceptably filled by Rev. D. L. Campbell, B.D., of Dromore.

Rev. A. E. Camp, of Lambton Mills, Ont., has accepted the call extended to him by the congregation of Havelock. The ordination and induction service will take place at Havelock on Tuesday, Sept. 9 at 7.30 o'clock in the evening.

Rev. J. Lovell Murray, M.A., late of St. Catharines, and soon leaving for India, preached

in Knox church, Kincardine, on a recent Sunday, in the course of which he made a strong statement in behalf of foreign missions. A large congregation was interested in the address.

Rev. M. C. McLennan will lecture on Monday evening in St. Andrew's church, Kippen, on his trip to the West. As Mr. McLennan has been in Manitoba, North West Territories and British Columbia, the lecture should be of great interest. Proceeds go to the W.F.M.S. Auxilliary.

Special evangelistic services are being held each evening this week, in Woodstock, in connection with the jubilee year of the church's history, and the semi-jubilee of the present ministry. A liberal thankoffering was subscribed, to be applied towards reducing the indebtedness on the church.

Rev. W. J. Clark, of the First Presbyterian church, London, has been unanimously called to St. Andrew's church, Vancouver, vacant by the recent appointment of Rev. E. D. McLaren, D.D., as one of the Superintendents of Western Missions. Mr. Clark has just returned to London after a pleasant holiday season amid the Muskoka lakes; but he declines discussing the call until it comes before his Presbytery.

The Presbytery of Barrie met at the Bond Head on the 12th August, and ordained and inducted the Rev. Wm. M. Morris into the pastoral charge of Bond Head, Cookstown and Monkman's. Notwithstanding the pressure of harvesting operations, a large congregation was present. The interim moderator, Rev. J. E. Smith, B. A., of First Essa, presided. Rev. G. I. Crow, of Thornton, preached; Dr. James F. Smith, Bradford, addressed the minister, and Rev. Peter Nicol, Tottenham: the people.

Rev. A. Y. Hartly, McLennan, Algoma, died after a few hours illness on August 22nd, in the 64th year of his age. The deceased gentleman was for some years in charge of congregations at Maitland, Exeter, Hensall and Chiselhurst, and later at Bluevale. He was an earnest worker and a most affable and companionable man, who did much for the cause of religion, not only in the pulpit but outside of it. He was a favorite with the young people, having the happy faculty of presenting Christianity in no sombre colors. In the church courts he was widely known as a keen debater and good reasoner, and an abhorrer of hair-splitting and heresy-hunting. He was of a most charitable disposition, and many who have benefited by his large-heartedness will lament his death.

Rev. J. Lovell Murray, M.A., whose marriage at Hamilton was announced a few days ago, has gone with his bride to the Adirondacks for their honeymoon. On October 4, Mr. and Mrs. Murray will sail for Europe, and after spending some time on the continent will go to Bangalore, the capital of Mysore Province, India. Mr. Murray, who is a son of Rev. Dr. Murray, of Kincardine, has received an appointment as Foreign Secretary of the International Committee of the Y.M.C.A. and his work will be among the college men at the University of Bangalore.

The Leeburn correspondent of the Huron Signal, writes: The Rev. D. MacGillivray, B.A., so popularly known here, is now engaged, in his work as a missionary to the Chinese in translating the English into Chinese for a dictionary for his fellow mission workers out there. One edition of 800 copies sold with good success, and he is now engaged on a second. He resides at Shanghai in China. He is married and has one child. At the Presbyterian church here as a student he preached his first sermon in October 1880. In 1888 from the same pulpit he announced that he had accepted the appointment as a missionary to H-nan, China. Mr. MacGillivray often preached and assisted the Rev. Dr. Ure in Goderich and the Leeburn and Union churches in his student days.

Eastern Ontario.

Rev. Dr. Robb's, of Kanoh, is holidaying at Barrie and Lake Simcoe.

The Rev. R. P. McKay, D.D., of Toronto, preached in Napanee last Sabbath.

Rev. Don. McVicar, Finch, preached in Burn's church, Martintown, last Sabbath.

Rev. H. Cameron, B. A., of Morrisburg filled the Avonmore pulpit on the 24th.

Rev. Mr. Fairlie and Rev. Prof. Ross, of Kingston, have been preaching at Harrowsmith.

Rev. David Findlay, Bell's Corners and Stittsville, preached in his own pulpit last Sabbath after spending two weeks holidays in Maine.

Rev. C. B. Ross, Lachine, occupied the pulpit of the East Lancaster church for the two last Sabbaths in August.

Rev. Mr. Bryant of Maxville, occupied the pulpit of the Moose Creek church here on Sunday, in the absence of Rev. L. Beaton.

Rev. C. A. Tanner who has been filling his son's place in St. Andrew's church, East Lancaster, has returned to his home in Windsor Mills, Que.

During the absence of Rev. A. G. Sinclair, M.A., the pulpit of the First church, Port Hope, has been filled with great acceptance by Rev. A. C. Stuart.

Rev. W. MacMillan, LL.D., Toronto, occupied the First church pulpit, Port Hope, on Sunday morning, the 24th, and in the evening preaching at Mill street, where the people were glad to welcome back their former and much loved pastor. His sermons were earnest and thoughtful.

In the First church, Brockville, to the congregations of First and St. John's churches worshipping together there, the Rev. R. Laird made a fitting reference to the late Rev. J. W. Muirhead, who died in Kingston recently. He spoke of Mr. Muirhead's boyhood spent in this town and his intimate relations with the two churches here. At the close of his college career he became minister of the church at Whitewood, Assa., and for nearly nine years devoted himself unsparingly to the arduous work of the church in the west. His attention was not confined to his own congregation, but he rendered willing and splendid service to many of the struggling missions in that territory. In no one of the younger men of the west had the church greater confidence and from none did he receive a more loyal consecration of gift and energy. The esteem in which he was held by his brethren was shown in the fact that a few weeks before his death he was appointed convener of the home mission committee of his Presbytery. A little more than a year ago he preached in both churches in Brockville and was heard with great interest in his vivid setting forth of the needs and claims of the west.

Montreal.

Rev. Dr. Mowatt, of Erskine church, will sail from Liverpool on Sept. 9.

Rev. Robt. Campbell, D.D., of St. Gabriel, has returned from his holiday and conducted services on Sabbath last. The doctor is looking well and spoke with his old-time energy.

Rev. Louis H. Jordan, B.D., preached in Erskine church last Sunday and was heartily welcomed by his old congregation. Dr. Jordan is to supply two more Sundays, and will enjoy the renewal of old friendships.

Quebec.

The Presbytery of Montreal meets on Sept. 15th at 8 p. m., to ordain Mr. John Mackay, minister of Crescent Street church. The regular meeting is on Sept. 16th, at 9:30 a. m.

Re-opening at Bracebridge.

Knox church, Bracebridge, was re-opened on Sunday, August 24th, under most favorable circumstances. Large congregations greatly enjoyed the services which were conducted by the Rev. Dr. Grant, of Orillia.

The building has been put through a most complete renovation. The old gallery, which was neither ornamental nor useful, has been taken out, the walls and ceilings repaired, and the entire church re-seated, as well as a commodious alcove constructed for the organ and choir.

The most important change, however, is the addition of a new school-room. This building is carried to the height of two stories, and contains, besides the usual class-rooms, a vestry and room for the choir. The church and school-room are lighted throughout with electricity.

In connection with the re-opening, a very successful tea-meeting was held on Monday evening. Addresses were delivered by Dr. Grant, Mr. Dow of Gravenhurst, Sheriff Bettes, Mayor Shier and resident ministers.

The town of Bracebridge is growing rapidly and the Presbyterians have shown their good judgment by thus putting their church in good condition at this particular time. The congregations united and in good heart and the outlook for the future is promising.