

## Ministers and Churches.

KNOX CHURCH, Cornwall, is about to get an organ.

THE Rev. Dr. MacNish, of Cornwall, has returned from a trip to England.

THE Rev. A. D. McDonald, Deseronto, has after a period of recreation resumed his pastoral duties.

THE Rev. J. Wilkie, missionary, recently gave an interesting address in St. Andrew's Church, Pakenham.

THE Rev. A. A. Scott and family, of Carleton place, arrived home Friday morning week, after a few weeks' rest.

THE Rev. Dr. Bennett, of Almonte, has not improved in health during the past week. His condition is very precarious.

THE Presbyterians of Hensall have extended an invitation to the Rev. Mr. Henderson, of London Township, to become their pastor.

THE Waterloo Presbyterian Church is now under roof. It is expected to be finished about the middle of October. The church presents a very fine appearance.

THE second annual picnic of the Keene Presbyterian Church choir was held at Jubilee Point, on Wednesday week, and was a grand success in every way.

THE Rev. Robert Hume again filled his pulpit in the West Adelaide Presbyterian Church on Sunday last, after spending his vacation with friends in the east.

MR. H. T. KALEM, student in the Montreal Presbyterian College, and a native of Armenia, is preaching in St. Andrew's Church, Almonte and Appleton, for a few Sabbaths.

MR. MATHER, of New Lowell, a delegate to the Presbyterian Council, has brought a present from the Duke of Argyle to Mr. William Switzer, Warden of the County of Simcoe.

LARGE meetings were addressed in Toronto last Sabbath by Rev. J. Hudson Taylor, of the China Inland Mission, Mr. Reginald Radcliffe and Mr. G. Sudd, the eminent English evangelists.

THE call to Rev. E. Wallace Waits, of Chatham, N. B., from Knox Church, Owen Sound, was handsomely sustained at the meeting of Presbytery, and the further steps to be taken in the settlement ordered.

THE Rev. Mr. Robinson, of Chesterfield, and Rev. Mr. Hardie, of Stanley Street Church, Ayr, exchanged pulpits on Sabbath week, and Rev. J. McMechan, of Port Perry, occupied the pulpit of Knox Church.

THE Rev. J. A. K. Dickson occupied the pulpit of the Central Church, Galt, on Sabbath last and preached two vigorous discourses. The reverend gentleman has been greatly benefited by his trip across the ocean.

THE Presbyterian lawn social at the Burlington manse on Tuesday evening week was a decided success. The grounds were lighted by Chinese lanterns artistically arranged. An excellent programme was rendered.

THE board of managers of the Presbyterian Church, Deseronto, have had the pews in the gallery neatly cushioned and matted placed on the floors. It is proposed to have changes made in the method of lighting.

ADVICES from San Francisco state that Rev. C. B. Pridmore intends to resign the position he at present holds. It is thought he will not unlikely go to Moncton, N.B., Mr. Hogg's late congregation being desirous of having him.

THE Rev. J. W. Rae on Tuesday week completed his first year as pastor of Knox Church. The *Acton Free Press* says his pastorate during this year has been fully acceptable, and he has won the nearest respect of the entire community.

A GLASGOW paper says: The Rev. Mr. Milligan, of Toronto, a remarkably plain-speaking divine, preached in Mr. Kirkwood's pulpit at Troon on Sunday week; and Dr. Taylor, of New York, is expected to officiate in the same place during the present month.

THE Rev. Dr. Wardrope occupied his own pulpit in the evening of Sabbath week, after an absence from it for some weeks. In Knox Church in the evening there was a large congregation to hear Rev. Dr. Beattie, late of Brantford, who was highly appreciated.

THE Rev. John Gilis, occupied the pulpit of the Presbyterian Church, Glenora, Sabbath week, morning and evening. He preached an eloquent sermon in English in the morning, taking his text from Romans viii. 28. He also preached a fine Gaelic sermon.

THE Rev. G. N. McDonald, of Washington, D. C., has been the guest of Mr. A. McD. Allan, Goderich, during the past week, and has enjoyed a pleasant time seeing his old friends. Sunday morning week he preached in the Gaelic Church to an appreciative audience.

THE pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Port Stanley, Rev. Mr. McConachy, has, owing to declining health, placed his resignation in the hands of the Clerk of the London Presbytery. Mr. McConachy and family purpose making an extended tour through the North-West.

THE Port Elgin *Times* says: It is pretty generally understood that the Rev. James Little, of Princeton, will accept the call addressed to him by the Presbyterian congregation of Underwood. We congratulate the people on securing the services of a man so eminent for ability and piety as Mr. Little.

THE Rev. T. T. Johnston delivered an illustrated lecture titled, "A Winter Among the Choctaw Indians," in the East Toronto Presbyterian Church last Friday evening. At the close of the lecture Mrs. Revell and some friends from the city gave an excellent concert, which was greatly appreciated by the audience.

THE large congregation at Knox Church, Woodstock, Sabbath week, morning and evening, was treated to two very able sermons by the Rev. A. C. McKenzie, of Oswego, N. Y. Mr. McKenzie is an old Oxford boy, being a son of the late Rev. Alexander McKenzie, of Embro, and at one time carried on business in Ingersoll.

THE Berlin *Telegraph* says: The Rev. D. Tait, the worthy pastor of St. Andrew's Church of this town, returned home from his visit to Britain on Tuesday last. His trip, we understand, was a most enjoyable one, and has resulted in his complete restoration to health, which will be good news for his attached congregation and friends generally.

THE Rev. A. Currie, of Sonoma, was favoured with a visit from the Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, of Toronto, who conducted the services in St. Andrew's Church, both morning and evening, Sunday week. The talented speaker was listened to with marked attention by a large and appreciative audience, the church being crowded on both occasions.

CHALMERS CHURCH, Woodstock, is being thoroughly renovated both inside and out. A few years ago it was enlarged and improved at an expense of \$7,000. The present improvements will cost about \$1,000. There are two organs in the church, and the ladies have just purchased a first-class piano. The pastor, Rev. Mr. McKay, has returned from his vacation.

THE Rev. Dr. Ormiston preached to crowded audiences in St. James Square Church last Sabbath. In the morning he discoursed eloquently on the supremacy of the spiritual over the material, and in the evening on the answer given to Daniel's question, "What shall be the end of these things?" It is announced that Dr. Ormiston will occupy the same pulpit next Sabbath.

A LARGE number attended the Welcome Garden Party to Rev. J. Somerville, held in the grounds of the Division Street Presbyterian Church, Owen Sound, on Tuesday evening week. Although the evening was rather dark and threatening, a pleasant time was spent by all present, making the party a success both socially and financially. The Citizens' Own band was present, and furnished excellent music.

In a paragraph in last week's issue referring to the appointment of Rev. M. H. Scott as Principal of the Ottawa Ladies' College it was stated that that institution is now under the control of the Board of French Evangelization. It does not pass into the hands of the Board before next July. Meanwhile the college is to continue as heretofore under its present directors, by whom Mr. Scott has been appointed for one year.

THE Rev. James Murray, B.A., B.D., pastor of Wentworth Presbyterian Church, corner of Barton Street and Smith Avenue, Hamilton, occupied the pulpit of the Church both morning and evening last week, and preached to large congregations. Mr. Murray has just returned from his holidays, looking and feeling both refreshed and strengthened. The Sunday school children of this Church held their annual picnic at Brant House last week.

AT its last regular meeting the Presbytery of Barrie granted Rev. R. J. M. Glassford, of Waubesa, six months' leave of absence from his charge, it being his purpose to pursue post graduate studies during the winter. The leave was cordially given, and was accompanied with expressions of high regard for Mr. Glassford and his work since he went to Waubesa, and with best wishes for success in his studies. Mr. Glassford leaves to take up his proposed studies about October 1.

A LARGE congregation was present at Cooke's Church, Kingston, on Sunday week to hear Mr. Theodore Malcheff, of Macedonia, speak about the good work being done in that far away land. The service was opened in the usual manner by Rev. Mr. Houston, pastor, who introduced Mr. Malcheff to the congregation. He is a young man with coal black hair and moustache. He spoke of the political and physical condition of his countrymen, and how they have suffered at the hands of the Turks.

THE Enniskillen correspondent of the *Bowmanville Statesman* writes: The Presbyterian Church on Sunday morning last was well filled, and all listened very attentively to an able and very practical Gospel sermon by the Rev. Mr. Kennedy, of Newcastle. Although Mr. Kennedy is one of the oldest ministers in the Presbyterian Church, he is still very active, and delivers his sermon more impressively and with greater vigour than many of the young men. The people here will be delighted to listen to him again.

A CORRESPONDENT of the *Sentinel Review* writes: The Rev. Mr. Thomson, of Knox Church, Ayr, is at present lying ill at the residence of Rev. Mr. Robertson, of Chesterfield. Mr. Thomson went to Chesterfield a week ago last Friday to attend the funeral of Mr. William Hardy, when he was taken suddenly ill and compelled to take to his bed, and since that time he has been seriously ill. His recovery is very slow, but we trust that he will soon be able to be removed home, and to greet his many anxious friends, who are eagerly awaiting news of his recovery.

THE Galt *Reporter* says: Rev. J. A. R. Dickson, B.D., on his return home from the old country, was a passenger on the fast express west from New York on the Erie Railway, and when a short distance from a station called Shohola the train ran into a wrecked freight, and all the coaches with the exception of two (in one of which Mr. Dickson was riding) were precipitated over the embankment about eighty feet high. A large number of passengers and others were injured, and three or four lives lost outright. Mr. Dickson lost all his luggage excepting his valise.

A VERY excellent sermon was preached in the Presbyterian Church, Port Elgin, says the *Times* of that town, on Sunday evening to a large congregation by the Rev. William Burns, of Toronto, agent of the Knox College Endowment Fund. Mr. Burns is a most practical and eloquent preacher and in his capacity as canvasser for Knox College he has no equal. His good humour, and his vast fund of anecdote and personal reminiscences make him a pleasant companion, and his business tact enables him to bring financial matters to a successful issue. The authorities of Knox College are to be congratulated on having so fine an agent as Mr. Burns.

AT the close of the prayer meeting in Erskine Church, Hamilton, last week, Mr. John Smillie, who is about to take his departure for the old land, was presented by the congregation with a purse of money as a token of their appreciation of his faithful services in Erskine Church and the high esteem in which he is held by the congregation. Mr.

James Smith, on behalf of the congregation, expressed their profound regret that Mr. Smillie was about to leave them, wishing him a safe and prosperous journey and hoped that he would be spared to return again in good health. Mr. Smillie was taken by surprise, and very feelingly expressed his thanks for their kindness and good feelings toward him.

THE *Huron Explicator* states that a short time ago the old and faithful horse, so well known to most of the people in this vicinity and of Bruce's, and which belonged to the late Rev. Mr. Ross, met with an accident which resulted in its death. The animal had been tethered in the orchard to feed upon the grass, and in some way got entangled in the rope by which it was tied, and its struggles for freedom broke its leg and had to be killed. It had been a faithful servant of the family for about twenty years. With their characteristic generosity the members of the congregation purchased and presented Mrs. Ross with another suitable horse to replace the faithful animal that had come to so unfortunate a death.

THE Princeton correspondent of the *Sentinel Review* writes: The Rev. Mr. Little, ministered from the pulpit on Sabbath last that he had received a call from the good people of Underwood, in the county of Bruce, and that he would accept the same. This has been expected for some time past, owing to little differences between the reverend gentlemen and the congregation here, which is not an uncommon occurrence when a minister labours in one place for over half a score of years; yet it is acknowledged by all denominations that the subject of these remarks is the cleverest theologian ever stationed here, a true friend and good neighbour, and his friends here console themselves in the fact that our loss will be the friends at Underwood's gain.

MISS ROSS, returned missionary from Indore, India, addressed a ladies meeting in Chalmers Church, under the auspices of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society lately, there being over 100 ladies present. Miss Ross began with a description of India, its streets and business arrangements, and when describing the dress of the natives exhibited a number of articles, both of jewelry and dress, and also some idols. She then gave a description of the marriage ceremony, which lasts for three weeks. She threw a good deal of light on the degraded state of the women in India, making an earnest appeal to all engaged in this good work to remember her in their prayers and also by their means. The address of Miss Ross was full of information and calculated to be of great use to the friends of Indian Missions.

THE Rev. James W. H. Milne was ordained and inducted to the pastoral care of Boston Church, Esquesing, on Thursday last. There was a large congregation present. The Rev. J. M. Cameron, Moderator, *pro tem* of the Toronto Presbytery presided. The Rev. J. A. Johnstone, Hornby, preached an excellent sermon from Daniel ii. 35. The Clerk of Presbytery Rev. R. Monteith narrated the steps taken in connection with the call, after which Mr. Milne was ordained to the office of the ministry. The young pastor was then addressed in suitable and impressive terms by the Rev. Joseph Alexander, of Norval. The Rev. J. M. Cameron then delivered an appropriate and pointed address to the people. The Rev. James Murray, of Hamilton, and Rev. William Robertson, of Waverdown, were present. In the evening a successful social was held. Mr. Milne begins his ministerial work under most favourable auspices.

A MOST successful lawn social and concert was held on Monday evening week at Onver's Ferry, in behalf of the building fund of the Presbyterian Church there. The grounds were tastefully arranged for the occasion. Trees were planted all along the grounds and on each tree hung a Chinese lantern. There were upward of 300 people present. The ladies of the congregation and others interested prepared tea and cake for the occasion. Throughout the evening the audience was entertained by the Misses Greig and their brother, from Almonte, with excellent music and singing. Before the meeting broke up, the Rev. Mr. Campbell, the minister of Elmley congregation, thanked the Misses Greig and their brother for the excellent music rendered throughout the evening. Over \$60 were realized, besides some liberal donations promised by friends interested in the welfare of the congregation.

THE new church at Acron, seven miles north of Neepawa, was dedicated on the 12th August, the Superintendent of Missions preaching morning and afternoon, and the Rev. Mr. Murray, of Neepawa, in the evening. The services were largely attended, waggon seats having been arranged outside the door to accommodate part of the audience. The church is a neat frame structure, seated to accommodate, on ordinary occasions, about 180 people. The cost was about \$1,000. With the \$150 given by the Church and Manse Board, the expense of erection will be met. The collections, etc., connected with the opening services amounted to \$115. The congregation is quite new, and yet they are desirous of securing a pastor. Seven hundred dollars will be raised towards his support the first year, and in three years the congregation will be self-sustaining. A manse is to be erected next year. With one or two more favourable years, rapid strides will be made in church work.

THE regular monthly meeting of the Guelph Auxiliary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was held lately in St. Andrew's Church schoolroom, and was an occasion of special interest on account of the presence of Miss Wight, a missionary from the North-West. Mrs. Thomas Goldie, president, occupied the chair and conducted the exercises. Miss Wight is a pleasant speaking young lady of about twenty-two years, and she explained that though she had answered questions about her work, this was her maiden speech. Her address throughout was very interesting. She has been a teacher sent out by the Presbyterian Woman's Foreign Missionary Society to the Sioux at Portage la Prairie and her graphic description of her work among the Indian children showed the lights and shades which missionaries have to contend with. She spoke feelingly of the support and sympathy extended by the friends at home, and referred to the hearty reception given to the parcels, books, clothing, etc., sent out by the Sunday schools and