

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

THE Rev. E. D. McLaren, of Brampton, is on a trip to Muskoka for the benefit of his health.

THE Rev. W. A. Mackay, of Woodstock, preached in Knox Church, Winnipeg, on the 2nd inst.

PLANS for the enlargement and improvement of Zion Church, Brantford, are under consideration.

THE Rev. John Pringle, B.A., of Georgetown, Ont., has received a unanimous call to Kildonan, Manitoba.

THE congregation of North Mara and Longford have addressed a call to the Rev. H. Sinclair, of Oro.

A CALL from St. Paul's Church, Walkerton, to the Rev. John Morley, has been sustained by the Presbytery of Bruce.

A STRAWBERRY festival held in the school room of the Central Church, Galt, on the evening of the 3rd inst., was largely attended.

AT a meeting of the Presbytery of Bruce, on the 4th inst., the Rev. John Scott tendered his resignation of the charge of North Bruce.

ON the afternoon of the 3rd inst. the Sabbath school of St. Andrew's Church, Berlin, enjoyed a very pleasant picnic at Spring Valley, the residence of Mr. James Gibson.

A NEW Presbyterian Church was opened at New Mills, Restigouche, on the 18th ult. The services were conducted by the Rev. W. Aitken, of Newcastle, N.B., and Rev. T. Nicholson, pastor of the congregation.

ON the evening of the 3rd inst. a strawberry festival was held in connection with the Presbyterian Sabbath school at Ailsa Craig. Among the speakers was the Rev. Jeffrey Hill, of Seaford, who delivered an entertaining lecture on "The Soul of Sense in Things Absurd."

A PICNIC was held in connection with the Presbyterian Sabbath school at Kilsyth on the 28th ult. Ball-playing, croquette, swinging, dialogues, recitations and music, with addresses by Rev. Mr. McKenzie, Mr. J. H. Casey, and Rev. Jas. Duncan, filled up a pleasing programme.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, London, is undergoing renovation, and will be re-opened about the 1st of August. In the meantime the congregation meets in the Victoria Hall. The pastor, Rev. J. A. Murray, is spending his vacation at the seaside, and in his absence the services are conducted by the Rev. Dr. Kemp.

REV. MR. MCCRAE was inducted into the pastoral charge of the Cobourg congregation on the 5th inst. Rev. E. F. Torrance, M.A., presided, Rev. James Cleland addressed the minister, and Rev. W. Bennett the people. The preacher was the Rev. Mr. Ross, of Harwood. In the evening a social reunion was held in the church for the purpose of welcoming the new pastor.

THE Huron "Expositor" of June 30th says: "Rev. Daniel Allen, the former esteemed pastor of the North Easthope Presbyterian congregation, assisted his successor, Rev. Mr. Stewart, in the services connected with the communion on the last Sabbath in May, and on the evening of the following Tuesday a large deputation of the congregation met at the manse and presented the reverend and venerable gentleman with a kindly-worded, friendly and affectionate address, accompanied by a well-filled purse. This venerable minister was the first pastor of the North Easthope congregation, coming when the township was new, some forty-four years ago, and continuing to minister to their spiritual wants for thirty-seven years.

ON the 2nd inst., the Rev. D. A. McCrae, of St. Matthew's, Osnaburck, who has accepted a call to Cobourg, preached his farewell sermon to an overflowing congregation. On the Friday evening previous, an address was presented to Mr. McCrae on behalf of the session, congregation, Sabbath school, and Young People's Association, expressing their deep regret at parting with him and Mrs. McCrae, and their earnest and united prayer that God would bless them as abundantly in their new field as He had done here. Both were also made the recipients of several costly gifts. During Mr. McCrae's pastorate of only three years, over 300 new names have been added to the communion roll, and very remarkable progress has been made in all other departments of Church work.—*Com.*

THE following is from the Brockville "Recorder" of June 30th: "The First Presbyterian Church was well filled last night with citizens, to listen to the lecture on a journey from Jerusalem to the Dead Sea by the Rev. Mr. Burnfield. Col. Wylie occupied the chair. Mr. Burnfield commenced his lecture by a history of the Holy City and its various sieges. He gave a most interesting description of all points of interest, and pictured in vivid language the sufferings of the Jews in defending their liberties from the attacks of their enemies. He then, in a most interesting manner, led his hearers along from Jerusalem to the Dead Sea, noticing as he went along all the important villages on the route mentioned in the Holy Scriptures, the appearance and manners of the inhabitants, the hatred of Mahomedans to Jews and Christians, and many other circumstances occurring to the lecturer, evincing that he must have been a close observer of everything going on around him on his interesting journey. The lecture was listened to with breathless attention, and at its close Judge McDonald, seconded by Sheriff Patrick, moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Burnfield for, as was expressed, the most interesting lecture they ever had listened to. Mr. Burnfield had a number of articles brought from the Holy Land displayed on a table, which were most eagerly examined before the audience departed. Among the articles were a plough and harrow, which Mr. Burnfield bought from an Eastern farmer while in use in the field; stones from Solomon's Temple; a mosaic specimen; water from the Jordan and the Dead Sea; the rose of Sharon, and several old coins, one of them a coin of Alexander the Great. The present lecture is the first of a series, and we hope, when the course is concluded, Mr. Burnfield may be induced to publish the whole in book form."

THE following notice of the late Mrs. Campbell, of Harriston, is from the Harriston "Tribune" of 29th ult.: "It is with feelings of deep sorrow that we this week chronicle the death of Jeanie Langton, beloved wife of Rev. J. Campbell, pastor of Knox Church. The circumstances attending this melancholy case tend to render it unusually sad. Mrs. Campbell for the past year had been contemplating visiting her parents in Pembina, Dakota, and with this object in view she left here on Thursday, June 8th, with two children, per T. G. & B. R. Mr. Campbell accompanied her to Owen Sound, where she took the boat in company with her aunt on the following Monday morning. The passage proved a long and tiresome one, owing to storms and fog, the boat only reaching Duluth on Saturday. Here the travellers remained until the following Monday morning, when they started by train for Minneapolis, where Mrs. Campbell had a sister residing. During the trip Mrs. Campbell appeared in her usual health, but felt very weak, and troubled with pains in the lungs. Upon reaching her sister's she at once took to her bed, and a doctor was called in, who discovered no alarming symptoms, but on calling again the following morning pronounced the case a very dangerous one, and advised sending for her friends. Messages were at once sent to Mr. Campbell here, and to deceased's mother and father in Pembina, but before any of them arrived her spirit had fled to a better land. Mr. Campbell left here on Wednesday, and arrived at the bedside of his departed wife about noon on Friday. Preparations were at once made for returning here. The friends here were notified, and on Monday evening Mr. Campbell, accompanied by a number of Mrs. Campbell's relatives, arrived per G. W. R. The meeting was a sad one. Some four or five hundred citizens had assembled at the station; and if pure, heartfelt sympathy, expressed in silent action, could have lifted the load of grief from the heart of the reverend gentleman, it would have been accomplished upon this occasion. The body was conveyed at once to the parsonage, followed by an immense concourse of friends. The funeral took place at three p. m. on Tuesday, and was attended by over one thousand sympathizing and sorrowing friends. The procession was formed at the manse, with twelve ministers at the head, followed by the Church elders and managers, bearers, friends of deceased, six divisions public school children numbering over three hundred, the general public on foot, followed by a number of carriages. The procession continued to the church, where a short but very impressive service was held, the church being crowded, and many not being able to gain admission, after which the procession reformed and proceeded to the cemetery, where the body

was laid in its last resting place. The sad event has cast a gloom over this town that will require time to efface."

PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.—The quarterly meeting of this Presbytery was held at Belleville on the 3rd and 4th days of July. The chief items of business transacted were as follows: Dr. Smith was appointed Moderator for the ensuing six months. Sand Bay was erected into a station in connection with Lansdowne and Fairfax, and Mr. Gracey was empowered to moderate in a call in this charge. Arrangements were made for the formation of a Session at Mill Haven and Ernestown. The Presbytery's Home Mission and Examining Committees were re-appointed, with the addition of Mr. Gracey to the latter. Dr. Smith is Convener of the former, and Mr. Maclean of the latter. As none of the parties concerned were favourable to the change contemplated by Mr. Chambers in his resignation of the Glenburnie section of his charge, he asked and obtained leave to withdraw it. Rev. Godfrey Shore was received into the ministry of the Presbyterian Church, authority to that effect having been granted by the General Assembly. A Committee was appointed to frame a circular based on the resolutions adopted at the Sabbath school conference, with instructions to distribute printed copies of it among the Sabbath schools of the bounds. The following resolution of condolence with Dr. Smith was adopted: "That this Presbytery expresses the deep sympathy of its members with the Rev. Dr. Smith in the sore bereavement he has recently met with in the death of Mrs. Smith, and commend both him and his family to Him who afflicteth not willingly, and further instruct the clerk to convey this expression of sympathy to Dr. Smith."—THOS. S. CHAMBERS, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF PARIS.—The regular meeting of this Presbytery was held on Tuesday, the 4th inst., in Dumfries St. Church, Paris. The Rev. John McEwan, of Ingersoll, was chosen as Moderator for the ensuing year. The Rev. John Gray, of Orillia, and Rev. Professor Bryce, of Winnipeg, being present, were invited to sit with the court as corresponding members. The Presbytery entered on consideration of the call from Orillia to the Rev. R. N. Grant, of Knox Church, Ingersoll. Parties being called, there appeared on behalf of the Presbytery of Barrie Rev. John Gray, and for the Orillia congregation, Mr. Allan, elder; and for Knox Church, Ingersoll, Messrs. Birse, Hewit, Merchant, and Boles. Parties having been heard, and the call having been placed in Mr. Grant's hands, with the request that he intimate his mind in reference thereto, he signified his acceptance of the call. It was thereafter moved by Dr. Cochrane, seconded by Rev. Mr. Robertson, and agreed, That the translation sought be granted, and the pulpit of Knox Church, Ingersoll, be declared vacant on and after the 23rd inst. Further, the Presbytery, in parting with their brother, Mr. Grant, do so with great regret; they bear testimony to his diligence and active labours as a member of this court, his willingness to serve the brethren on all occasions in the pulpit and on the platform, and the very valuable services he has rendered to the various religious enterprises in the Church at large. They desire to record, with gratitude to Almighty God, the marked success that has attended Mr. Grant's labours as pastor of Knox Church, Ingersoll, during the past ten years, and they sympathize very deeply with that congregation in the loss of a minister so highly esteemed, and pray that the Great King and Head of the Church may very speedily send another under shepherd to go in and out among them and break to them the bread of life. The Presbytery finally assure Mr. Grant of their best wishes for his abundant success, and they follow him and his beloved family with their earnest prayers to his new sphere of labour. The Rev. J. Little, of Princeton, was appointed to declare the pulpit vacant on the 23rd inst., and Mr. McMullen was appointed Moderator of session during the vacancy. The Presbytery then proceeded to hear Mr. McKinley's trial discourses and to examine him for ordination, and said discourses and examinations having been unanimously sustained, his ordination and induction were appointed to take place on Tuesday, the 11th inst., at Inverkip, at three o'clock p. m., Rev. W. A. McKay to preside, Rev. R. Scrimgeour to preach, Rev. J. Ballantyne to address the minister, and Mr. McMullen the congregation. The Presbytery then adjourned to meet in Knox Church, Ingersoll, on Tuesday, 19th September, at twelve o'clock noon.—W. T. McMULLEN, *Pres. Clerk*.