

Ministers and Churches.

THE Rev. A. C. McKenzie, of Oswego, N.Y., has been visiting Ingersoll and neighbourhood.

THE Rev. John Neill, of the Charles Street Church, Toronto, preached in Orillia last Sabbath.

THE Rev. Dr. Campbell, of St. Gabriel Presbyterian Church, Montreal, has returned from his vacation.

THE Bristol Presbyterian congregation have given the Rev. M. H. Scott, of Ottawa, a call to his old charge.

MR. M. P. TALLIN, has returned from his trip abroad and is now in charge of Knox Church, St. Thomas, Ont.

PRINCIPAL GRANT preached to a crowded congregation in St. Andrew's Church, Winnipeg, on Sabbath last.

THE Rev. Alexander Bell was in the St. Andrew's pulpit on Sunday, having returned from his summer vacation in Muskoka.

THE Rev. W. H. Geddes was inducted into the pastoral charge of White Church and Calvin Church, East Wawanosh, July 25.

THE Rev. R. N. Grant, of Orillia, preached forcible and pithy discourses in Charles Street Church, Toronto, Sabbath last.

MR. ALLAN FRANCIS, of Renfrew, has presented Rev. John Wilkie with \$50, to be applied towards his high school at Indore, India.

THE Rev. Mr. Amos, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, Aurora, is spending a week or two in Muskoka for the benefit of his health.

AT Longford, Mr. Leith and Mr. McArthur were last Sunday ordained as elders of the Presbyterian Church by the Rev. Dr. Gray, of Orillia.

THE Rev. Dr. Robertson, superintendent of missions, delivered a very interesting address on missions in the church at Oak Lake, Manitoba, on the 14th inst.

THE Rev. A. C. Mackenzie of Oswego, N.Y., preached again in St. Andrew's east, Toronto, last Sabbath. His services have been very highly appreciated.

THE Rev. J. A. Macdonald, editor of *Knox College Monthly*, again occupied the pulpit of St. Andrew's west, Toronto. His discourses were characterized by vigour and freshness.

THE Rev. F. F. Torrance, of St. Paul's Church, Peterborough, has returned from his vacation trip and occupied the pulpit both morning and evening on Sunday week.

THE *Port Elgin Times* says: The Rev. Dr. Scott and Mrs. Scott returned on Thursday week to Port Elgin, after a lengthened trip to Portland, Maine, and other points.

At a meeting of Pembina Presbytery at St. Thomas, Dak., on the 15th, the call from the Grand Forks Church to Rev. W. Hamilton Spence, of Kildonan, Manitoba, was approved.

THE Rev. J. A. Jaffray, Presbyterian minister at North Arm, B.C., preached his introductory sermon to a large congregation, who were favourably impressed with their new pastor.

A PARLOUR social in aid of the Rochesterville Presbyterian Church was held at the residence of Mr. Wm. White, at Hintonburg, last week. A musical programme was carried out, the V.M.C.A. quartette, amongst others, contributing.

THE First Presbyterian Church, Framosa, was reopened lately, sermons being preached by Rev. G. A. Freeman, of Deer Park, to large congregations. The improvements comprise furnaces, new pulpit and choir gallery, and repainting.

THE Rev. Dr. McKay who has been with his congregation in Puslinch for many years was made the recipient on Thursday evening week of a valuable gold watch, and Mrs. McKay was presented with some fine glass and silver ware.

THE Presbyterian Church building at Alexander, Manitoba, is now under process of erection. The material is all upon the ground and the work is proceeding with rapidity. The building when completed will be a credit to the town, the contract price being in the neighbourhood of \$1,000.

THE Rev. T. F. Fotheringham calls attention to an omission in the programme for Children's Service which appeared in our columns recently. Those who intend using the exercise are requested to insert between the Apostles' Creed and Hymn No. 14, Prayer closing with the Lord's Prayer in concert.

PRINCIPAL GRANT and Mrs. Grant are in Winnipeg, and are the guests of the Rev. Joseph Hogg. The Principal was announced to preach in St. Andrew's Church on Sunday, and during his stay in the city he will probably lecture on Imperial Federation, of which he is one of the most eloquent and enthusiastic advocates.

THE Rev. Mr. Pyke is filling the pulpit of Wentworth Presbyterian Church during the absence on his holidays of the pastor, Rev. James Murray. Mr. Pyke was formerly a minister of the Methodist Church, his last charge being at Port Colborne. He will shortly be inducted into the Presbyterian Church, in the Presbytery of Stratford.

LAST week the First Reformed Presbyterian Church, Carlton Street, held its first picnic since the settlement of its present pastor, Rev. Stuart Acheson, M.A. The steamer Merritt took about one hundred to Lorne Park, where the ladies provided attractive tables, and the children paid full attention to them. An enjoyable time was spent.

THE *Acton Free Press* says: Rev. Dr. Laidlaw, of Hamilton, who is spending his vacation in this vicinity, visited Knox Church on Sunday morning, and at the earnest solicitation of Rev. Mr. Rae occupied the pulpit. His sermon was eloquent and full of interest: his illustrations were apt and original and his visit was thoroughly enjoyed by both pastor and people.

THE Rev. W. T. Herridge, Moderator of the Presbyterian Synod, Ottawa, is visiting Vancouver, B.C. Mr. Herridge, says the *Vancouver Advertiser*, is a very eloquent preacher and has recently been made conspicuous from the fact that he refused to join in the anti-Jesuit agitation, and, in fact, delivered a sermon in favour of the allowance of the Jesuits' Estates Act.

THE Rev. R. H. Craig, who has been rendering efficient service in the West, has received an appointment from the Home Mission Committee of St. John, N.B., where he goes on 1st September. Mr. Craig has done excellent work in the Western section of the Church, and now he will labour with equal diligence, acceptance and success in the eastern section.

THE many friends of Rev. John McEwen, says the *Lakefield Chronicle*, will be gratified to learn that he has been appointed President of the Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle in Canada, a position for which he is well adapted and highly competent to fill, and his friends need no better acknowledgement of his superior ability than the distinction which has been awarded him at Chautauqua.

PRINCIPAL KING, in company with a friend and former pupil from Edinburgh, Sheriff Mackay, has been travelling in New York State and some of the New England States. He has visited Cornell University, Hobart College, Geneva; Harvard and Yale. Dr. King is now visiting some of the towns of Western Ontario in the interest of Manitoba College. He expects to return to Winnipeg early in September.

MR. J. M. WHITEHEAD, B.A., son of Mrs. Whitelaw, of Almonte, and a graduate in arts and theology of Morrin College, Quebec, was last month admitted to the status of an ordained minister of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. The ordination service took place in

Morrin College Hall, at a meeting of the Quebec Presbytery. Rev. Mr. Whitelaw has been appointed to labour as missionary at Valcartier for a term of two years.

THE Rev. J. Robbins, of Truro, returned home from Britain by the S.S. *Peruvian*, August 17. Mr. Robbins was one of the speakers at the United Kingdom Temperance Alliance Demonstration at the Crystal Palace, London, July 10, presided over by the Lord Bishop of London. Mr. Robbins also preached to large congregations at the Free Church, Bridge of Allan, Scotland, July 28 and August 4, and was accorded a very warm reception.

THE Rev. Dr. Duval, of Knox College, Winnipeg, is in Victoria, B.C. He will spend a few days on the Pacific coast. The pulpit of Knox Church was occupied by the Rev. Dr. Waters, of Newark, New Jersey, formerly of St. Mary's, Ontario, and by the Rev. Dr. W. G. Blaikie, of Edinburgh. Rev. Dr. Cochrane has left for the vicinity of St. Paul, Minn., where he will perform the marriage ceremony at the wedding of an old Brantford resident, Mr. Waterous.

THE new Presbyterian Church at Birch Hill, Powall, P. E. I., was formally opened for divine service on a recent Sunday. The services were conducted by Rev. Messrs. J. Goodwill, Geo. Steele and A. McLean Sinclair. Collections in aid of the building fund amounted to nearly \$100. The church, though small, presents a very neat appearance. It is 42 x 26 feet with tower and spire. The inside finish, gallery, front pews and pulpit, are of ash trimmed with walnut.

THE induction services at the Presbyterian Church, North Arm, on the 6th inst. were of a very interesting and highly instructive character. Mr. Toms, who has had the charge of the mission here, during the past six months, and has zealously laboured to promote its interests was the architect who designed the fine manse that now adorns the eastern end of Sea Island, which is alike a credit to the generous people and their zealous and skillful pastor.

THE Rev. William Campbell, English Presbyterian Missionary in Formosa, passed through Toronto on his way to Vancouver, en route for his field of labour. Mr. Campbell, who has been visiting Scotland, his native land, has not spent his well-earned furlough in idleness. In addition to public services he was engaged in translating a profoundly interesting account of the Dutch Mission in Formosa, 250 years ago, and has completed a translation of the New Testament for the use of the blind.

THE Rev. James Todd, for three years pastor of the Presbyterian Church, Minnedosa, has received an invitation from a congregation in a town near La Crosse, Wis. It is generally believed says the *Manitoba Free Press*, that Mr. Todd will accept, as the new field is much more promising for one of his abilities and energy. Mr. Todd has worked hard during his pastorate here and has been most successful in building up the congregation here and in Clan William. He will be greatly missed—both in the town and in the Presbytery—and his place will be difficult to fill.

DURING Dr. Kellogg's absence in Europe, the pulpit of St. James Square Church, Toronto, has been ably filled by Rev. James G. Paterson, D.D., of Erie, Pa. The discourses he has delivered have been concise, thoughtful and impressive, and have been listened to with great and growing appreciation. Erie is doubtless an important frontier post, but it does strike one as singular that a man of such fine culture, ability and earnestness, one who possesses so many qualifications as Dr. Patterson, should not long before this have occupied a centre of larger influence, for which he is so eminently fitted.

THE *Christian Leader* says: The Rev. Alexander Jackson, of Knox Church, Galt, Ont., sailed on the 1st inst. from New York by the steamer *State of Pennsylvania* and hopes to arrive in Glasgow on Sabbath or Monday next. He is sure of a warm welcome from old friends in that city, especially the members of Calton United Presbyterian Church, in which he was for many years an indefatigable Sabbath School teacher. Mr. Jackson has only two weeks of holiday on this side of the Atlantic, and as he intends visiting London and Paris it will be a flying visit.

ON Sabbath week, afternoon and evening, special services were held in connection with the re-opening of the Hull Presbyterian Church. The Rev. Dr. Moore conducted the service in the morning. The children's service at 3 p.m. was conducted by Rev. Mr. H. Scott. Rev. John Wood preached in the evening. All the services were well attended, and the offerings at each betokened a liberal support. The church with its new pews, frescoed walls and ceiling, and appropriate floral decorations presented an attractive appearance. The vestry has also been tastefully decorated by the ladies.

THE *Regina Leader* says: The teachers and officers of the Presbyterian Sunday School had their annual picnic on Friday, the day being pleasantly spent with new games, etc. The missionary meeting was held as announced in the Presbyterian Church on Tuesday week last, when a very interesting evening was passed. Rev. J. M. Harrison and Mr. N. H. Russell gave addresses on missions and the choir sang an anthem. The church was tastefully decorated with flowering plants, the work of the Floral Ten of the King's Daughters.

THE Rev. Alex. Urquhart preached a vigorous sermon in the Presbyterian Church, Brandon, on Sunday week touching upon topics that are receiving considerable attention these days from sea shore to seashore. He referred to the immense responsibility resting on those who controlled the educational machinery in its work of moulding the opinions of young Canada. He urged the cause of a united Dominion; advised the banishment of such terms as "I am a German," "I am an Englishman," "I am an Irishman," stating that we should be Canadians first, last and always, in the best sense of the word.

THE *Whitby Chronicle* says: The Rev. Dr. McLelland, of Ashburn, preached the funeral sermon of the late T. A. Fisher in Burns' Church to a large congregation. The Reverend Doctor took for his text, "Man giveth up the ghost and where is he?" and based upon it a powerful discourse, full of stern lessons to the unwary, and of sweet consolation to the bereaved widow and family. Mr. Fisher held so many important offices, and associated himself so closely with all the workings of the Church, that his loss is sorely felt by the whole congregation. Much sympathy was shown for the bereaved on the above occasion.

A CORRESPONDENT of the *Montreal Witness* says: The Rev. Dr. Thompson, Sarnia, Ont., gave expression to the restrained feelings of many on the Jesuits' Estates question in a masterly lecture at Kinnear's Mills recently. It is not too much to say that it brought relief to all loyal souls. Megantic wants an honest man to represent her interests at Quebec and Ottawa, one not over-solicitous for office, one who will observe the Sabbath day, while canvassing anyway. If we are to have one Protestant representative let him be a man who deserves to be put in, who is a public benefactor, or whose personal merits proclaim him worthy of a great trust.

THE *Huron Signal* says: It was a pleasant surprise to the congregation of the Presbyterian Church here last Sabbath to see the Rev. J. A. Turnbull, B.A., LL.B., St. Mary's, in the pulpit conducting the service and preaching an impressive sermon from Gen. xvii. 18. For a period of nearly four years he was pastor here, resigning his charge in 1884 to go to St. Mary's as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church there. Quite a number of the congregation shook hands after the service with him and Mrs. Turnbull, who was with him, with many friendly words of enquiry after the welfare of one and other since last he met them. We hope Mr. Turnbull will be long spared to labour in the Master's vineyard and his teachings gather many ripe sheaves for the garner.

THE *Seaford Sun* says:—We learn that the friends and admir-

ers of the Rev. Joseph McCoy, M.A., pastor of the Egmondville C. P. Church, have collected and will present a purse to the rev. gentleman as a small token of the esteem in which he is held by the congregation. Mr. McCoy leaves in a few days for Chatham, N.B. His removal is very much regretted by the members and adherents of the congregation, amongst whom he has preached the Gospel for nearly eleven years. He has been very assiduous in his attention to the sick and afflicted. He will long be held in grateful remembrance by the people of Tuckersmith and Egmondville, whose well wishes will follow him to his new home by the sea.

THE Rev. Thomas R. White, of Baillieboro', Ireland, occupied the pulpit of Cooke's Church, Toronto, last Sabbath evening, and preached to a large congregation. In an eloquent sermon Rev. Mr. White compared Solomon's chariot, which is described in Song of Solomon iii. 9, 10, to the Gospel. In ancient times the chariot was used for the purpose of carrying the bride to the house of the bride groom. The Gospel was the chariot which carried the sinner to God. Rev. Mr. White is here for the purpose of creating an interest in Church work in Ireland. He will lecture on "Romish Aggression in Ireland and Canada" in Cooke's Church, to-morrow, Thursday evening.

THE Rev. R. Laing has made a short visit to Newfoundland mainly in the interest of the Halifax Ladies' College. He was most cordially welcomed, and his visit was very satisfactory. He rendered valuable service to the Presbytery of Newfoundland in connection with Harbour Grace. A Harbour Grace correspondent writes to a contemporary: Rev. Robert Laing, of St. Matthew's, Halifax, ordained in the Presbyterian Church there twice recently, taking as his text in the morning Psalm cxvi. 18. He preached a lucid and most impressive discourse. In the evening there was a large congregation, when the discourse was even more an index to ability of highest order, proving that Mr. Laing ranks among first-class preachers.

THE Rev. R. McIntyre preached his farewell sermon Sabbath week in St. Paul's Church, Nelson, and Dundas Street. The churches were crowded to their utmost capacity, and many could not find standing room, which showed the respect and esteem in which he was held. On the following Monday evening the members and adherents of the Dundas Street congregation, to the number of eighty, assembled and presented their beloved pastor and his wife with a purse containing \$50 and a beautiful address framed. Mr. McIntyre replied in a neat and well-ordered speech, after which all sat down to the rich tables laden with the bounty of God's providence. After singing and addresses the happy company bade farewell to the minister and family Mr. McIntyre, and family have left for their new home at Delaware, in the London Presbytery.

THE *Dumfries Reformer* gives Knox Church, Galt, notes; among them are the following: Rev. Principal Scovel again occupied the pulpit on Sabbath last and preached to very large congregations. The evening discourse was more particularly addressed to the young, the text being from 2 Tim. iii. "Continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them, and that from a child thou hast known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus." The reverend gentleman left for his home at Wooster, Ohio, on Monday morning, and should he revisit Galt, he can rest assured of receiving a hearty welcome. Rev. Dr. Dixon, of Trenton, N. J., son of Elder Dixon, of Knox Church, will occupy the pulpit next Sabbath. The display of flowers, ferns, palms, etc., on the pulpit last Sabbath was magnificent.

At the meeting of the Halifax Presbytery a communication was read from Rev. Mr. McKenzie, missionary to Labrador, painting a woful picture of the condition of the starving people there, and beseeching aid to transport them from the rock-bound coasts of Labrador to the prairies of the Northwest. Rev. Dr. Burns and Mr. G. Henry, brought up the Jesuits' Estates question, and moved a resolution, which was unanimously adopted, expressing the Presbytery's deep regret and disappointment at the tone and tenor of the Governor-General's reply to the petition for disallowance and those who presented it, and expressing the willingness of the Presbytery to unite with the many throughout the Dominion opposed to the Jesuits' Estates Act as well as the Act incorporating the Jesuits, in such concerted action as in the premises may be deemed advisable. The Presbytery nominated Rev. N. McKay, of Chatham, N. B., for Moderator for the Maritime Synod.

MR. ANDREW MELVILLE of Collingwood, died suddenly last week. He went to bed in his usual health, and about midnight a noise in his room aroused the household. Mrs. Melville entered the room only to find her husband breathing his last. The news has greatly shocked the community. Mr. Melville having been a resident of this section since about 1850, when he came to Collingwood. During his life deceased was largely interested in milling and commercial industries both in Collingwood and Nottawa, and at the time of his death was connected with the lumber and grain trade in Collingwood, at Owen Sound and other points. Mr. Melville was a native of Scotland and had nearly attained his seventieth year. He was a firm and liberal member of the Presbyterian Church, a large employer of labour and a man of excellent character. He is survived by his widow, two sons and five daughters.

THE *Morrisburgh Courier* says:—As announced, the re-opening services of Knox Church, of this place, were held Sunday. At both morning and evening services the church was filled by large audiences who listened attentively and appreciatively to the sermons, which were of a high order, and the equal of which it is not our good fortune to often hear. The preacher was the Rev. Mr. Ross, of Perth. In the morning his text was Isaiah xvi. 13; in the evening, Galatians ii. 20. The Y. P. A. in connection with the church raised the money to build the spire, but on the completion thereof it was found that the treasure on hand did not quite suffice to pay for the same. Therefore collections were taken up on Sunday, and on Monday evening an entertainment was held in the basement, which was as much a success financially as it was interesting and pleasing. Hence the debt has dwindled down to a rather fine point. At the Monday evening entertainment several of the clergy were present, including the Rev. Mr. Bayne, of Pembroke. After the rendering of a good programme consisting of speeches, recitations, readings and songs, all present partook of a goodly supply of refreshments. Then was brought to a close one of the best entertainments ever given in connection with Knox Church.

THE *Port Elgin Times* says: On Friday evening the Rev. Dr. Moffat, of Toronto, organized a branch of the old Upper Canada Religious Tract and Book Society in Port Elgin. The following are the officers for the year. President, the Rev. D. McNeill; vice-presidents, all the local clergymen; a committee representing all the various churches, Messrs. H. Bigden, M. McBride, D. McFarlane, P. Cress, S. J. Kinsey, J. Howe, N. Bowman, J. C. Kennedy, P. Wagner, with Mr. Alex. Moffat as the secretary-treasurer. The committee appointed the following ladies to act as collectors, and to call upon the citizens in October:—Miss Thomas and Miss Kinsey; Mrs. A. Smith and Miss E. McClure, Miss Burgess and Miss J. McBride, Miss Wallace and Miss Robinson. This grand old society has been carrying on its work for fifty-six years. It is entirely non-denominational. It is a great Bible, Religious Book and Tract Society. Its special aim is to reach all classes beyond and outside churches in Ontario, Muskoka, Algoma, Manitoba and British Columbia. At present it has three excellent colporteurs in Ontario, two in Manitoba and Mr. Bone among the sailors on the Welland canal. It is doing a great work among lumber men, sailors, new settlers, mission fields, Young Men's Christian Associations and by Women's Christian Temperance Unions, in the Central Prison, etc. The Rev. Dr. Moffat, formerly of Walkerton, the new secretary of the society, has just finished a year of very successful work.