

Church News

[All communications to this column ought to be sent to the Editor immediately after the occurrences to which they refer have taken place.]

In Canada

Rev. L. H. Jordan filled his old pulpit at St. Andrew's, Halifax, last Sabbath.

Mr. Nixon, student of Knox College, who has been officiating at Aylmer, Quebec, left on Monday morning for his home to resume his studies.

By order of the Guelph Presbytery, Rev. Dr. Torrance preached morning and evening in Knox church, Guelph, and declared the pulpit vacant.

A MEETING was held Monday night to moderate in a call to the Rev. T. D. McCullough, of Toronto. Rev. Mr. Currie, of Wallaceburg, presided.

The united congregations of St. Helen and East Ashfield have extended a call to Mr. Sidney M. Whaley, B.A., a recent graduate of Knox College, Toronto.

At the congregational meeting of the Presbyterian church, Napanee, August 22nd, it was unanimously agreed to call Rev. Wallace Pock, M.A., LL.D., of Queen's College.

We regret to learn that Rev. P. K. Macrae, of Earlton, lost his son by diphtheria. He was two years and six months old. He was an exceptionally bright and promising child.

Rev. H. D. Hunter, D.D., of Calumet, formerly of London, occupied Rev. Dr. Cochrane's pulpit in Zion Presbyterian church, Brantford, Sabbath morning and evening.

St. Stephen's church, St. John, N.B., has just been newly painted and presents a very attractive appearance. Rev. Dr. Macrae preached a sermon appropriate to the occasion, on Sabbath, August 18th.

Word has been received at Halifax, N.S., of the death of Rev. W. J. McKenzie, Presbyterian missionary, who went out to Corea a few years ago. No particulars, but it is understood fever was the cause of death.

Rev. D. O. McArthur, of Melrose, is spending his summer vacation with friends at Bath, his former field of work. During his absence the Lonsdale congregation are thoroughly renovating their church, painting and otherwise improving it both inside and out.

At a special meeting of the Paris Presbytery held in Brantford last week at which Mr. J. Telfer, of Deseronto, was present, the call from Deseronto extended to Rev. W. S. McTavish, B.D., of St. George, was dealt with. After considerable discussion the call was acceded to, and Mr. McTavish will leave St. George on September 8th next.

WEDNESDAY, 21st, the members and friends of the Richmond Hill congregation met at the church and spent a social time together. During the evening the teachers of the Sabbath school and the bible-class, presented Mr. A. E. Maclean, their late superintendent, with a handsomely bound set of Thackeray's Works, as well as with a copy of "Beside the Bonny Brier Bush." Rev. Jas. A. Grant made the presentation in a clever speech, and Mr. Maclean thanked his friends in appropriate words.

Rev. K. McKay writes to the Presbyterian Witness from Houlton, Maine, concerning the accident to Rev. Mr. Corbett, of South Richmond, N.B. One of Mr. Corbett's boys loaded a gun which he feared was so heavily charged that it might "kick" and injure the boy. He took the gun and discharged it to save the boy from injury. The gun burst and so badly lacerated his face that the sight of one eye is completely gone. However, under the treatment of Dr. Howard, Mr. Corbett is doing well and no more serious consequences are anticipated.

The annual meeting of the Halifax Presbyterian Society was held in Brooklyn church, Hants Co., August 15th. The business meeting began in the morning at 10.30. The various reports were adopted. Two new auxiliaries were reported, those of Bridgetown and Salmon River, making in all thirty-three auxiliaries with a total membership of 775. The treasurer's receipts amounted to \$1,400. A public meeting was held in the afternoon when very interesting addresses were given and the papers read regarding

missionary work. The Newport ladies received and entertained the delegates present most kindly.

An interesting and much appreciated service was conducted in St. Andrew's church, London, on August 11th, by Rev. J. L. Murray, of Kincardine, moderator of the Synod of Hamilton and London. The service was for the benefit of the many Presbyterians in the city who still love the Gaelic language. It is many years since a Gaelic service was conducted in London, and in spite of heavy rain a good congregation assembled to enjoy the Gospel preached to them in the language of their childhood. Mr. Murray occupied the pulpit of St. Andrew's for two Sabbaths, and his services while in London were much appreciated.

For twenty-two years the Presbyterian congregation of Souris, Bay Fortune and Annandale have had a most zealous, popular and untiring pastor in the person of Rev. J. G. Cameron. He recently tendered his resignation of that pastorate, greatly to the disappointment of the congregation, who strongly urged him to remain. This, however, he decided not to do. He has since accepted an unanimous call to the Murray Harbor congregation. Previous to his leaving Souris, he was presented by that congregation with a handsome gold watch. It was ordered by Hon. John McLean, M.P., when in Montreal on his way home from Ottawa. On the inner case is the inscription: "Presented to Rev. J. G. Cameron by the Souris Presbyterian congregation as a token of esteem." On the outer case is the monogram handsomely inscribed: "J. G. C." An address was presented by A. Currie, Esq., on behalf of the congregation, to which the Rev. J. G. Cameron feelingly replied.

At the meeting of teachers and officers of the Sabbath school, held at Indian Head, Assn. on Tuesday, the 13th inst., the Library Committee reported that they had purchased 260 new books. The books are neatly bound, with the numbers printed on the front cover in good bold figures, and in place of cards to put in the books large stout envelopes are provided for putting the books into. On the front of the envelope the rules of the library are printed, a list of about fifty books for the member to choose from, and also a place for the member's name. Much credit is due the committee for the time and care spent in making the selection. After some discussion 27 papers for the junior members of the Sabbath school, a motion was passed to allow the Library Committee to procure same. The Misses Crawford and Miss McEwen were appointed a committee for the purpose of procuring a banner. The question of the annual picnic was then brought up, and it was agreed to hold the same at Red Fox route on the 20th inst. Messrs Orchard, Campkin, Burgo and Wade being appointed committee of management.

SUNDAY and Monday were red letter days with the Presbyterians of Dresden, Ontario. Last winter, it will be remembered, was very severe, and consequently the ice on the river was unusually thick. The good people of the Presbyterian church here, thought it an opportune time to move the frame building in which the congregation had worshipped for the past twenty-two years, across the river to a more central lot that the congregation purchased some time ago at a cost of \$500.00. This was done in February, and as soon as spring appeared the work of remodelling and rebuilding was commenced. The old building has been enlarged by the addition of an alcove, choir gallery and a new entrance built in front, beautiful stained glass windows have been placed in both ends which give the church an attractive appearance. The whole building is veneered with red brick and will be heated with a furnace. The Rev. J. C. Tolmie, pastor of St. Andrew's church, Windsor, conducted the opening services in the morning and evening, and the Rev. Mr. McTavish, of the Methodist church, in the afternoon. The Methodist choir conducted the musical part of the afternoon service. On Monday evening a public meeting was held in the church of a congratulatory character in which the resident ministers of the town took part along with Mr. Tolmie and the Rev. D. Currie, of Wallaceburg, moderator of session. Special music was furnished by the choir and orchestra. The building committee consisted of Messrs. James McVean, T. E. Land, Wm.

McVean, Chas. Tassie, Alex. Cuthbert, Dr. Wiley, James McConnell and L. B. Anderson.

The pastor of Knox church, Winnipeg, Rev. Dr. DuVal, who is away on holidays, will be absent from his pulpit for three Sabbaths. The pulpit of Knox church last Sabbath was occupied by Rev. Fraser Campbell in the morning, and by the Rev. Dr. Bryce in the evening. Next Sabbath Rev. Dr. Cochrane, of Brantford, one of the most eloquent divines in the Presbyterian Church, will preach both morning and evening, and on the following Sabbath, Rev. Principal Grant, of Queen's College, may take a service. Dr. Cochrane has left Brantford to visit the mission stations near Sault Ste. Marie and in Manitoba. He is convener of the Home Mission Committee, and has been a frequent visitor to the North-west during the last twenty-three years. The revenue for Home Missions last year from the Canadian Presbyterian Church was \$150,000. Rev. Principal Grant is very desirous this year of spending a few weeks in visiting the province to study the needs of the country for mission workers, and to be present at the closing exercises of Manitoba College, one week from Thursday. Each year Queen's College sends out a little band of home missionaries, and the number is ever on the increase.

TWENTY years ago Lord Dufferin, then Governor-General of Canada, laid the corner stone of Washago Presbyterian church, and on Sabbath, Aug. 11th, the old building was re-opened after three weeks having been spent in its renovation and interior decoration. Rev. Geo. Grant, B.A., and Mr. H. Cooke drove out from Orillia and conducted the morning service, Rev. Mr. Grant reading Solomon's dedicatory prayer as the lesson, and taking for his text Psalm cxxv. 2, "As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the Lord is round about His people from henceforth and forever." The church was filled to the doors with a thoughtful congregation who evinced a deep interest in Mr. Grant's eloquent discourse, and many expressed the wish that he might visit them again at no distant date. In the afternoon Mr. H. Cooke took a lively interest in the work of the Sabbath school, and gave both children and teachers some sound, practical, common-sense talk. The evening service was conducted by Mr. W. S. Frost, of Orillia, assisted by the missionary in charge, Mr. W. D. McPhail, and Mr. T. G. King. Mr. Frost took his text from Acts ix. 6, "Lord what wilt Thou have me to do?" and in an earnest address sought to impress on the minds and hearts of his hearers some sterling Gospel truths.

Presbytery of Prince Edward Island.

The Presbytery of Prince Edward Island met Tuesday, Aug. 6th, in St. James' Hall, and was duly constituted by the moderator, Mr. A. Sterling, with whom were present Messrs. John Sutherland, W. P. Archibald, John Gillis, Adam Gunn, A. S. Steward, W. A. Mason, Ewen Gillis, Malcolm Campbell, D. B. McLeod, Roderick McLean, J. W. McKenzie, T. F. Fullerton, D. Sutherland, J. M. McLeod, Malcolm McKenzie, W. T. D. Moss, J. F. McCurdy, L. R. McKay, J. G. McIvor, ministers; and Messrs. Angus McPhoe, T. C. James and Alfred Beers, elders. Minutes of meetings held on 5th, 21st, and 23rd days of May; 4th, and 26th days of June and 16th and 18th days of July were approved. Elders' commissions were received from sessions in behalf of the following whose names were added to the roll: Hon. James Nicholson, Messrs. Duncan McLean, James Simpson, Wm. Hunter, D. C. Morison, Angus McPhoe, John McLeod, Roderick McLeod, Roderick McDonald, Kimball Coffin, T. C. James, Wm. Walker, Henry McLeod, Alfred Beers. The Rev. Professor Gordon, D.D., and J. G. Cameron were invited to sit as corresponding members. Mr. A. McLean Sinclair was elected moderator, and Rev. T. F. Fullerton, was re-elected clerk for the ensuing term. Messrs. Mason, Archibald and James were appointed a committee to examine session records. Arrears due for supply were referred for collection to the moderators of the charges indicated. The petition from a section of the Valleyfield congregation, anent the erection of a new meeting house was considered, and the commissioners present, Messrs. Angus McLeod and Wm. McPherson, not having been appointed as directed by the Presbytery,