

Ministers and Churches.

Our Toronto Letter.

Next Sunday it is expected our ministers who have been wandering far and near in search of a large and fresh stock of health, and picking up new ideas, or evolving them out of their own heads, for use until next holiday time comes, are expected to be all, or nearly all back in their places and to have made a start at least, into their work. We trust that they may all meet with much success and encouragement in their work, for it powerfully affects many and important interests in life public and private, both in the city and the country at large.

Just let us try to fancy for a moment all the work done in the city directly by the clergy and indirectly, brought to a stop and wholly suspended for a month, for six months. We need not enter into any consideration of the results which would follow; it is enough just to suggest what they might be. The first movements have taken place in meetings of members of Chalmers' and Central churches in connection with the leaving as a missionary to Honan, China, of Rev. J. H. Bruce. Both services partook of the nature of a farewell. In the first case, the Young People's Society met at Mr. Bruce's home and presented him with an address and seven handsome volumes of "Mission Studies." In the latter, a public service was held of the congregation, presided over by Mr. Robert Kilgour, and addresses were made by Rev. R. P. McKay, D.D., and Rev. M. McCaul, and a presentation made of \$100 in gold, and on behalf of the Boy's Brigade of a travelling bag.

Rev. Dr. Warden has heard from the two Home Mission Superintendents appointed at last General Assembly, who have now got fairly to work. Over and above all known available men, 21 ordained missionaries and 40 students are needed to supply western mission fields during the fall and winter. There is a great and growing influx of settlers into the west, and more attractive fields of labor for all willing to work, especially young men, are not to be found anywhere. Who are willing to say, "Here am I, send me?"

The programme of Knox College Conference to begin on December 8th, has been published. As usual, many important and useful subjects, philosophical, theological and practical, are set down for discussion by men well known in the Church both clerical and lay. These Conferences ought to prove a great means of mental quickening, not only while being held, but throughout the year to all who are interested in them.

Bonar church, not a very strong one in some respects, but in a growing neighbourhood, reports a Sunday School of 400 gathered together and held by the simple method, they say, if not always easy one, "of taking pains."

The pulpit of Toronto Junction, which some months ago became vacant, is still unfilled. Much good work has been done there, and there is still a good opportunity to do more.

On Tuesday the 9th the regular monthly meetings of Toronto Presbytery will be resumed after omitting the August meeting.

Women's work in this city in Presbyterian circles and in various others, will suffer by the lamented death of Mrs. J. K. Macdonald, which took place on the 16th ult. The funeral which took place on the 28th, was very largely attended; the services were conducted by Rev. Dr. Parsons, assisted by Rev. Principal Caven and Rev. Professor Cody of Wycliff Episcopal College. Among Canadians who have made their mark, and whose death has just been reported, is that of Dr. William A. Stratton, whose father is a resident of Toronto. The deceased was 38 years of age, graduated from the University of Toronto in 1887, was made a fellow of John Hopkins University in Sanscrit, Greek and English in 1893; was appointed in 1895 lecturer in Sanscrit in Chicago University, and left there in 1899 for India to take the chair of Sanscrit in the Oriental College at Lahore in the University of the Panjab, of which he was registrar at the time of his death.

The pulpit of the Bloor street Baptist church which became vacant through the resignation of Rev. Charles Eaton, D.D., to go to Cleveland, Ohio, is about to be filled by Rev. J. D. Freeman, a graduate of McMaster University. Mr. Freeman is a young man and has the reputation of being a thoughtful and eloquent speaker. His predecessors have been such men as Rev. Dr. Harris, President Trotter of Acadia University, Rev. Chancellor Wallace of McMaster and Rev. Chas. Eaton, D.D. It is to be hoped that Mr.

Freeman will keep up and be worthy of such a succession of good men.

Toronto is having quite a run of more or less distinguished visitors who are also enjoying her hospitality. Lord Dundonald is here with a company of friends, has opened the Industrial Exhibition, been welcomed by a combined deputation of Scottish societies, and been banquetted. Sir Edmund Barton, first Premier of the Australian Commonwealth, is here, and he too has been feasted, and trade possibilities with our fellow subjects and brothers at the Antipodes discussed. Rev. William Patterson, the man much beloved, and whom everybody knows, has also been here and addressing one of the Societies of his late charge, Bethany church, Philadelphia, of which he is now pastor, has a membership of 2,031, an attendance of over 5,000 at its Sunday Schools, had an income last year, apart from special gifts, of \$40,000. Its branch of the Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip has 500 members, with club-house, containing reading-room, auditorium, museum, and a roof-garden which will accommodate 600 people. As a thank-offering for a narrow escape lately of his great store from fire, Mr. Wanamaker is erecting for the church a new mission building to cost \$60,000. It may be hoped that a thankoffering like this will not tempt anyone to incendiarism. All the features of Christian work carried on by Bethany church would be too numerous to mention. Other visitors who have been here are Rev. Walford Green of London, England, and Principal Crawford of Dublin, delegates to the Methodist Conference in Winnipeg, who were also luncheoned before they left the city by the Methodist Social Union. Rev. Dr. Cameron, pastor of the Fourth Baptist church in Providence, Rhode Island, a graduate of Toronto University, and now editor of Watchword and Truth of Boston, has also been here. Bishop Newnham of Moosomin, has also been making the city a visit on his way to the meeting of the General Synod of the Episcopal church to be held in Montreal.

The Industrial Exhibition, which, like all other preceding ones, "is the biggest that has been," is in full swing, and has much in it to see that the "oldest fair visitor will find new." The number of exhibits of living things from show horses down to hens and roosters is 7,516, not to speak of a hundred and one other things for use or ornament, or fun, to attract and please people of every taste. Labor Day, the first Monday in September, is one of the great days of the year in the city, and is both a labor day and a holiday. It too, with its immense procession, and display of every form of labor which can be shown in a procession has come and gone. This completes the round of public holidays for the season, until they again enter upon another with Christmas and New Year.

Harvesters to the number of 8,000 have already gone up to Manitoba and the North West, but an urgent call has come for yet another equal number. Our post office which in its day was thought to be something quite large and grand, is now quite inadequate both in capacity and in sanitary equipment for the amount of work to be done in it, and the workers to be accommodated, and there is an agitation begun for something to be done in this respect worthy of the city.

Rev. J. R. Dobson, B. D., of St. Giles' church, Montreal, has been preaching in Victoria church, west Toronto junction.

The Deer Park congregation hope to retain Rev. D. C. Hassock, who was recently called to Franklin, Penn.

Rev. W. W. MacCuaig, recently assistant minister of St. Paul's church, Montreal, who was just recently the recipient of a kind message from his Majesty the King for a new national anthem composed and forwarded by him on the eve of coronation has been preaching very acceptably for Rev. Mr. Black in St. Andrews church, King Street, Toronto.

Ottawa.

Dr. Herridge will be in his own pulpit next Sunday.

Rev. Dr. McMeekin has returned to the city from Eastman's Springs, where he officiated three Sundays at the Union church. Last Sunday he was assisted by Rev. Mr. McKenzie of Douglas. There is no regular service except by the Methodists at this church.

Rev. Thurlow Fraser preached in Bank Street church in the morning and Rev. T. A. Cosgrove, of St. Mary's Ont., in the evening.

Rev. Prof. Jordan of Queen's University has filled St. Andrews pulpit the last two Sabbaths, preaching as always with great acceptance.

Rev. Dr. McCulure of Honan is spending a short time in the city, and preached last Sunday morning in New Edinburgh, in the afternoon at the Glebe, and in the evening at St. Paul's church. Dr. McCulure is one of our solid men, being a well equipped physician as well as a thoroughly consecrated missionary.

Rev. Dr. Moore, pastor of Bank st. church, sent in his resignation to the Presbytery, which met Tuesday in the vestry of Bank street church. The resignation was received pending the voice of the congregation, which will be heard next meeting in November. This is in accordance with the laws of the church and must be conformed to. Rev. Wm. Patterson of St. Andrew's church, Buckingham, was appointed moderator for the year.

Presbytery of Ottawa.

The Presbytery met in the parlors of Bank street church, Ottawa, on Tuesday the second instant.

Rev. Wm. Patterson of Buckingham, Moderator, presided. There was a goodly attendance of ministers and elders. The resignation of Rev. Dr. Moore, minister of Bank street church, was tendered. The clerk was instructed to cite the congregation to appear at next meeting of Presbytery for its interests.

A report from the Aylmer congregation showed that Mr. D. J. Craig's work for the past six months has been very encouraging. The Presbytery agreed to continue Mr. Craig's services to that field for another six months.

Reports of French Evangelization, Home Missions, and Augmentation were presented by the several Conveners and the recommendations contained therein adopted.

The Committee's report on Metcalfe and Marvelville was presented and the recommendations therein adopted.

Several Church Session's records were presented, submitted to Committees and passed as correctly and neatly kept.

The Presbytery adjourned.

The Missionary Record of the United Free Church of Scotland in reporting one of the meetings of the Assembly in Glasgow says: "There was, happily, time before the hour of adjournment to hear an address from the Rev. Louis H. Jordan, B.D., Toronto, deputy from the Presbyterian Church of Canada, who required to leave Glasgow before the evening approach for the receiving of the Colonial deputies. In a pleasing address, which won the favour and sympathy of the House, Mr. Jordan reminded it of the union of the four Presbyterian Churches in their present Church, and said that it had extended so that their Moderator now exercised jurisdiction from the Atlantic to the Pacific." He thanked the United Free Church for their help given in planting their outpost stations, which quickly developed into churches. The exceeding rapidity of the recent advances of population, through immigration chiefly from the northern lands of Europe, compelled their appeal for aid. The three great railway lines were carrying a hundred thousand immigrants annually to the far west, and this year probably half as many more. When Mr. Jordan referred in closing to the great loss they had sustained by the death of their North-west superintendent, Dr. James Robertson, he touched a chord which vibrated through many hearts in the Assembly."

Northern Ontario.

Rev. G. C. Little, of Corbetton, has been preaching at Orangeville.

Rev. Jas. Cormack and family, Maxville, have returned from a holiday trip.

Rev. J. Steele, B.D., occupied the Little Current pulpit last Sabbath.

Rev. M. N. Bethune of Toronto preached in the Woodville church on Sabbath last.

Rev. Mr. Simpson, of Thornbury, has been visiting Rev. Mr. Thom, of Flesherton.

The Gore Bay Presbyterians contemplate building a new church at an early date, and on a more central site.