

W. R. McIntosh, Aliandale; and J. McLean, student, of Wyevale, were present; also Rev. Mr. Card of the Reformatory. A very successful social was held in the evening, presided over by Mayor Beck, when a pleasant time was passed with addresses from the above-named gentleman and others, and excellent music by the local talent. The young minister enters upon his first charge under the most promising auspices.

The Congregation.

REV. DR. ORMISTON on a visiting tour, took the service in the Presbyterian church, Columbus, Ont., a week last Sunday.

THE Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered to the members of Knox church, Camden East, at the close of a special service on Sabbath morning of last week.

THE Knox church Sabbath school, Kincardine, held its annual picnic on Wednesday of last week in Mr. Gentles' lake-side grove. There was a great outing, beneath a sun-shiny sky, and every person experienced enjoyment.

THE "Harvest Gathering" of the Willing Workers at Ballinasfad Presbyterian church was a most pronounced success. It was held in beautiful grounds, the entertainment was excellent, and the refreshments were admirably served. The proceeds amounted to \$50.

THE school-room addition to the Watford church is rapidly approaching completion, and the opening of the same is expected to take place in September. A special communion service was held on the 6th inst. when eleven names were added to the Communion roll.

REV. MR. McNAN, of Toronto, but late of Scotland, preached a very able discourse to a large audience on Sabbath week in St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, Showers' Corners. There was a large turnout in the evening at the song service and the young folks' Christian Endeavour meeting.

REV. MR. CRAIG, of Oakville, formerly pastor of Claude and Mayfield Presbyterian churches, preached on his old circuit Sabbath before last. Claude church was crowded in the morning, when the reverend gentleman preached a forcible sermon on "Upright Living."

AS consequence of the illness of the pastor, Rev. Dr. Smith, the services in the First Presbyterian church, Port Hope, were conducted on Sunday, 13th inst., by Rev. Mr. Dowsley, of Campbellford. Last Sunday there was a union service between the First Presbyterian and Mill street congregations.

REV. DR. SEXTON, at present supplying the pulpit of the Presbyterian church, Ridgeway, is delivering by special request a series of weekly lectures on "Evolution." The Doctor is, as most of our readers are aware, a most determined opponent of Darwinism from a scientific standpoint. He is now arranging his winter's course of lectures. Address St. Catharines.

REV. ROBT. THORNTON, of London, Eng., lectured on South Africa in the Presbyterian church, Simcoe street, Oshawa, on Tuesday night of last week. A small but select audience listened with great pleasure to his graphic language. Mr. Thornton is chiefly interesting to Oshawa citizens from his being a son of the late Rev. Dr. Thornton, who officiated as pastor of the Presbyterian church here with much acceptance for over thirty years. The rev. gentleman is the guest of Captain Dillon, who gave a garden party in his honour on Friday evening last.

THE anniversary services of the Presbyterian church, Colborne, were held on Sabbath, the 30th of July. Two sermons were delivered by the Rev. J. H. MacVicar in both of which he described our mission work in Honan. As revealing the realities of missionary life in China, nothing could be finer than these addresses. Large audiences listened with the closest attention at both services, and it is believed that all were awakened to a deep sense of the arduous work of our Church in Honan. Were these addresses given throughout the Church, a mighty impetus would, by the blessing of

God, be given to our missionary enthusiasm. The Colborne church was beautifully ornamented with flowers arranged by the choir and others for the occasion.

A UNITED meeting of the congregation of Doon and Preston, was held on Monday evening, July 31st, in the Presbyterian church, Preston, when Dr. Dickson, of Galt, preached from Eph., iv., 11—“And he gave pastors and teachers,” and afterwards moderated in a call which came out unanimously in favor of Mr. H. F. Thomas, B.A., a graduate of Knox College, Toronto—salary \$400.

THE report that the First Presbyterian Church, of Chatham, has presented their pastor with a free ticket to the World's Fair proves to have been incorrect. The gift was of more value, amounting to \$125. The presentation of the purse was made the occasion of a happy gathering of a number of members of the congregation, and the gift, which was spontaneously subscribed to, was intended as a means by which the popular pastor could have a pleasant holiday at the hands of the people.

THE first communion in the Dalhousie congregation under the care of the Rev. J. A. McConnell, since beginning his work here, was observed on Sabbath, the 3th of July, and it was a very encouraging one, both for minister and people. Services were held on the 29th, at St. James' church in the morning, and at Brightside church in the afternoon, preparatory to the service of the next day. On Saturday and Sabbath elders Baird and Penman, from Middletown, were present. At these services there were added to the communion, on profession of their faith, nineteen persons.—CON.

THE Ottawa Citizen says, Rev. Mr. Aston, of Musselburgh, Scotland, preached again in St. Paul's Presbyterian Church yesterday (6th inst.) It was the 6th successive Sunday he had officiated there for Dr. Armstrong who is away on his holidays. Mr. Aston has created a very favorable impression in the Capital, and as he intends to remain in Canada, no doubt those who have heard him will soon be afforded a gratification of their expressed wish to listen to the reverend gentlemen again. He will be the guest of Rev. Mr. Glong, of Morewood, for a couple of weeks."

THE fourth annual convention of the Township of Charlottetown Sabbath School Association was held in the Lynedoch Presbyterian church. Mr. W. A. Charlton, M.P.P., president, occupied the chair. An interesting programme was submitted and the sessions continued throughout the day. The secretary's report of the past year was not so gratifying as the friends of the Association would have liked it to be, for it was noted that there was a decrease in the number of scholars within the bounds; an unwelcome fact, which may be possibly accounted for by the intimation that some schools had sent in no report whatever, a negligence which will not be repeated, we trust, in the ensuing year. As a token of the interest evinced in these conventions the good attendance at the morning session was remarked. In this respect the afternoon improved upon the morning and in the evening there was a crowded house.

REV. A. MACWILLIAMS, of St. Andrew's church, Peterborough, re-opened the Presbyterian church at Garden Hill. This is a very handsome brick edifice with a seating capacity of between 300 and 400. It has also a beautiful, bright basement with various compartments, where the Sunday school, prayer meetings, and all society meetings are held. This church was erected twelve years ago and would be an ornament to even a pretentious town. It speaks volumes for the taste and liberality of the congregation for it is long since free from debt. For many years the Rev. Dr. Jamieson ministered to this people, but it being deemed wise to unite this congregation with Milbrook, Dr. Jamieson resigned that this union might be effected. About two years ago this united congregation called the Rev. Mr. Bloodsworth, who is doing excellent work, is much respected, and under whom the congregations are rapidly increasing. The people of Garden Hill, having renovated their handsome building from basement to

ceiling, calomining, carpeting, papering, varnishing, adding additional furniture, etc., deemed it fitting to have a re-opening, and so requested the Rev. Mr. MacWilliams to preach, which he did to large congregations, morning and evening, in his usual impressive manner. The Methodists dismissed their evening congregation and in large numbers attended the Presbyterian church, which shows an excellent spirit existing between these two great bodies.

THE Presbyterians of Murray Harbor South, Little Sands and Murray River, P.E.I., held their tea meeting in a beautiful field at Murray River. The weather being fine, there was a large gathering, about two thousand people being present. There was a large tent erected and inside were fifteen tables most elegantly prepared with all the luxuries and delicacies that the good ladies of those places could so well furnish. There was also a beautiful saloon, where temperance refreshments were amply supplied. There were swings set up for such as preferred bodily exercise. Numbers of beautiful cakes were sold by auction, which realized a handsome amount. The large gathering represented various denominations; i. e., Presbyterians, Methodists, Baptists, Roman Catholics, &c. Notwithstanding the large variety of denominations, they all conducted themselves throughout in an agreeable and orderly manner. Surely this is a good sign that Christians of various denominations can enjoy themselves together socially, and help one another financially. The total receipts were \$770. Great credit is due to those who carried out the arrangement, and they are to be congratulated on account of the success which crowned their efforts.—CON.

THE Presbyterian congregation of Alberton, P.E.I., has commenced a new and happy era in its history. A large and handsome hall has been completed, as an annex to the church, greatly increasing the facilities for congregational work. While the audience room itself has been thoroughly renovated. On the 30th ult. the event was marked by special services appropriate to the occasion, conducted by Rev. W. S. D. Moss and Rev. D. T. Fraser, two recent graduates of our Montreal College, both of whom we are glad to learn are likely to settle in our Maritime Synod. On the following evening the new hall was crowded by an enthusiastic congregation when refreshments were served, and pithy addresses delivered eulogizing the importance of cultivating the social side of our congregational life. On Tuesday evening there was a gathering of an intellectual nature when Mr. Moss gave sketches of life in British Columbia and the Northwest, drawn from his own experiences. On Wednesday evening was held the usual prayer meeting, which closed a series of opening services appropriate to the end which the new hall is designed to serve. There are probably few, if any, places in the Maritime Provinces where Presbyterianism has made such rapid growth within the past few years as in the western portion of P. E. Island, of which Alberton is the centre. Where there was but one congregation less than thirty years ago, there are now four—all flourishing churches. The consolidation and organization of these congregations was the work of Rev. A. F. Carr, now of Campbellton, the value of whose service to our Church may be measured by the strong cause which we now boast of in this part of the Island—a monument to the work accomplished by him during a pastorate of eighteen years. The men, too, who sowed the seed, the magnificent harvest of which the church is now reaping, are not forgotten. Such names as M. Gregor, Dunbar, Sinclair, and Allan Fraser are still fragrant in the memories of the people, and are honoured by their children. At the morning service on re-opening Sunday the labours of their devoted pioneers were feelingly alluded to by the speaker who took as his text the appropriate words, "Herein is the saying true: One soweth, another reapeth." May this historic congregation be true to her traditions and continue to enjoy in the future the same success which has attended her in the past.—Presbyterian Witness.