

## Ministers and Churches.

### Ottawa.

Rev. Dr. McMeekin has returned from Buckingham, where he supplied the pulpit of Rev. Mr. Patterson for two Sundays. Mr. Patterson, who was away for his holidays, is expected home this week.

### Toronto.

Arrangements were completed for publishing a new missionary text-book. This will be a book of 200 pages, and will deal largely with the various fields where the Presbyterian Church is carrying on missionary operations.

H. M. Parsons, D.D., pastor emeritus of Knox Church, accompanied by Mrs. Parsons, has left for Winnipeg, where for four Sabbaths he will occupy the pulpit of C. B. Pilbado, D.D., Westminster Presbyterian Church, of that city.

In Knox Church, Toronto, on Thursday of last week, the Presbyterian General Assembly's Committee on Young People's Societies met, under the convenship of Rev. Dr. MacTavish, Deseronto. There was a good attendance, and a large amount of business was transacted.

The Executive Board of the Ontario Lord's Day Alliance referred to a special committee reports regarding the running of steamboats on Sunday from Toronto, in Muskoka, Georgian Bay, and Bay of Quinte; the growing frequency in this city of Sunday parades; the opening of postoffices, and the running of excursions.

The Rev. Dr. Milligan, Moderator of the General Assembly, returned from his trip to Britain last week and his congregation at Old St. Andrew's on Sunday next will find him in the best of health and as full of vigor as ever. He reports his trip as being in every way pleasant and profitable. He went as far north as Tain, where he preached twice. He was in Scotland at the time of the announcement of the House of Lord's judgment in the Church case, and describes the effect of that judgment as an ecclesiastical earthquake. One good result of the judgment, he says, will be the more thorough cementing of the two original parties which formed the union and created the United Free Church. In that respect the judgment will do good. He altogether disapproves of what seems to him to be an act of utter spoliation.

Messrs. Drummond and Reede of St. Thomas, will supervise the work of organizing new societies and Presbyterian unions. An effort will be made, under the direction of Rev. G. C. Pidgeon, of Toronto Junction, to keep in sympathetic touch with the many young people who are constantly moving from the smaller centres to the cities of the Dominion. Several changes were made in the statistic forms sent to societies, the aim being to ascertain methods and principles rather than figures. Courses of study in general literature and missions were outlined. Representatives were appointed to visit the theological colleges to bring before the students the advisability of forming societies in mission fields.

### Western Ontario.

Rev. Dr. Talling, of Toronto, preached in Knox church, Hamilton.

Rev. Dr. MacKay of Woodstock, preached in Knox church, Embro, on Sunday.

Rev. F. Ballantyne conducted the services in First church, London, on Sunday.

Rev. R. Martin, Hamilton, has returned from his vacation and preached in Erskine church on Sunday.

Rev. A. J. Mann, of Speedside, and Rev. A. Hamilton, of Fergus, exchanged pulpits last Sabbath.

Rev. and Mrs. Roxborough of Smithville, who have been away enjoying their holidays, have returned home.

The pulpit of Knox church, Stratford, was occupied on the 28th, by Rev. J. W. H. Milne, B. A., of Ottawa.

Rev. C. H. Daly, pastor of the Church at Lyn, narrowly escaped being killed while horseback riding near his home.

The morning service at MacNab Church, Hamilton, was conducted by the Rev. Dr. Fletcher. The Rev. J. D. Cunningham preached in the evening. In Central Church, Rev. J. D. Cunningham, M.A., preached in the morning and Rev. James Little, B.A., in the evening.

## THE DOMINION PRESBYTERIAN

Rev. Dr. W. A. MacKay preached to large congregations morning and evening in the Embro church on Sunday.

Rev. A. McWilliams, B.A., who has returned from vacation, occupied the pulpit of the First church, St. Mary's, on Sunday.

Rev. Dr. McLeod of Atwood, who has accepted a call to Truro, N. S., preached his farewell sermon on Sunday, August 28th.

Rev. Dr. McTavish, Deseronto, has spent the past two weeks at his old home in Nassagaweya. He occupied Knox church, Acton, on both Sundays.

Rev. A. R. Gregory of Toronto, occupied the Norwich pulpit on Sunday, and Rev. John Kay, M.A., the pastor, is expected home this week to resume his duties.

Rev. E. C. Gallop of Mohawk, occupied the pulpit of Knox church, Galt, on Sunday. Rev. R. E. Knowles, B.A., has sailed from Liverpool and will be home some time this week.

The resignation of Rev. J. L. Simpson, who has been pastor at Thornbury for some time, has been accepted with much regret by his congregation. His resignation is due to ill health.

The Rev. James Kay, formerly of Woodstock, and now pastor of the Presbyterian church in Mason City, U. S., preached in Knox church, Woodstock, on Sunday morning.

Rev. R. S. Laidlaw, B.A., last year assistant pastor of Knox church, Woodstock, preached there previous to taking up his work as pastor of St. Andrew's church, Belleville. He was welcomed by a large congregation.

At the farewell meeting held on the Friday evening before, Mr. James Dickson, Donegal, presented the retiring pastor with a purse of \$100 in behalf of the congregation and expressed the warm appreciation of the people of the value of his work and character. The best tribute that could be paid to the success of a minister's work was the great regret felt by all that he was leaving them. Mrs. McLeod was also presented with a handsome bible.

Rev. G. C. Patterson of Embro, occupied the pulpit in Chalmers church, Woodstock, last Sabbath, and was heard at both services by large congregations. In the evening Mr. Patterson found his text in the 26th chapter of Matthew, in the account of the last passover and the institution of the Lord's Supper and his sermon was thoughtful and inspiring. He found occasion for a brief reference to the movement for church union in Canada. He expressed the fear that in seeking mechanical arrangement to secure uniformity, we might lose sight of the fact that the church of God has always from earliest times been one. Unity in the midst of diversity is more to be sought after than uniformity at the expense of life.

### Eastern Ontario.

The lawn social held on the manse grounds at Finch last week, was a decided success.

Rev. A. H. Macfarlane of Franktown, preached in St. Andrew's church, Appleton, on Sunday.

Rev. Mr. Johnston, of Fitzroy Harbor, preached in St. John's church, Antrim, last Sunday morning.

Rev. Mr. Burnett of Summerstown, preached in St. Andrew's Church, Cornwall, on Sabbath morning.

The manse at Finch was broken into a few nights ago and a fur jacket, an overcoat and other goods to the value of \$150 carried off.

Rev. Donald Tait, late pastor of Chalmers church, Quebec, preached in Knox church, Lancaster, last Sunday, and will occupy the same pulpit next Sabbath.

Rev. Mr. Scott of Perth, preached in Knox church, Cornwall, on Sunday morning and in St. John's church in the evening. Rev. Dr. Harkness filling his pulpit at Perth.

At a congregational meeting held on Wednesday, the members of the Reformed church, Almonte, decided to show their appreciation of their pastor, Rev. Mr. Boyd, by raising his stipend \$150.

Rev. D. L. Gordon, who has occupied the pulpit at St. Andrew's church, Picton, the past four Sundays, returned this week to Fernie. His sermons were very much enjoyed by the congregation.

Rev. Mr. McKellar, of Martintown, preached his farewell sermon in Barn's Church on Sunday, On Monday a lawn social was held at Philip McGregor's, King's Road, where a purse of over

two hundred dollars was given to Mr. McKellar. Mr. McKellar and family will be very much missed throughout the community.

Two special services were held in St. Andrew's church, Ashton, on Sunday. In the morning Rev. G. T. Bayne of Appleton, preached specially to the children and in the evening to the young people. Both services were well attended, and the church was tastefully decorated with plants and flowers.

Sunday was a great day among the Cobourg Presbyterians. For several months the congregation have been worshipping in the Sunday school hall and the Opera House, while the church building was undergoing extensive alterations. On Sunday the church was reopened and dedicated by the pastor, Rev. William Beattie, who preached at both services. The pastor asked the congregation for an offering of \$2,300, and to the delight of all it totalled \$2,685.

### Northern Ontario.

The Rev. Dr. Grant of Orillia, occupied his own pulpit again last Sunday.

Corbetton and Riverview congregations each recently held a very successful garden party. At the latter \$175 were realized.

The Ladies Aid of the Church at Depot Harbor are holding very successful picnics and teas at Mowat Island on Wednesday afternoons.

Union evangelistic meetings are to commence Presbyterian, Methodist and Baptist churches, Flesherton, on Sabbath, September 11th, at which the pastors are to be assisted by Evangelist A. H. Ranton.

Rev. Mr. Dobson, of Fordwich, occupied the pulpit of Knox church, Clifford, last Sabbath, morning and evening, and conducted the superintendence of the Sabbath school in the afternoon. Mr. Dobson is an able preacher and delivered two excellent practical sermons.

The Cedarville and associate congregations are doing exceedingly well under the ministrations of Mr. W. D. Lee, of Knox College. At a joint meeting of the congregations recently held it was unanimously agreed upon that Mr. Lee be asked to continue as missionary in charge, subject, of course, to the consent of the Senate of Knox College.

Rev. James and Mrs. Buchanan of Dundalk, have returned from their holiday trip to Scotland and Ireland. In a letter to the local press Mr. Buchanan has among other things said: "Canada lacks very much that Britain has, but she possesses a purer and sweeter moral atmosphere and no doubt her religious life is higher." Mr. Buchanan spent a day at a Regatta in the north of Ireland and says "the air was simply saturated and laden with the fumes of liquor." Temperance reform is a subject for Ireland.

Mrs. Glendinning, of Swan river, Man., has the sincere sympathy of many friends at Flesherton, Markdale and Dundalk, in her season of deep sorrow through the death of her husband, Mr. H. E. Glendinning, editor of the Swan River Star, who, after a painful and lengthy illness with cancer of the stomach, entered into rest on the 16th inst. Mr. Glendinning was a member of the Session at Swan River, and had also served the church in the same capacity in Ontario, before going West. He was an active Christian worker and shed an influence for good in whatever community he lived, therefore "he being dead yet speaketh."

Rev. John Hunter of Markdale, who is in Scotland on a visit, has received a call from a charge there in consequence of which he has tendered his resignation of the Markdale and Berkeley charge in which he has laboured the past ten years.

Referring to his resignation the Markdale Standard says:—"In the departure of Mr. Hunter from the pastorate of Cooke's church, Markdale, loses one of its best preachers and indefatigable workers. He has proven himself a man of starting worth, superior financier and industrious pastor, while his estimable wife and talented daughters are worthy examples to follow."

### Peterborough.

Rev. Dr. Torrance and family are holidaying at Fort Hope.

Miss Helen Davies, soprano soloist at St. Paul's church, is holidaying up Stony Lake.

The exodus from the lakes is already beginning, and full churches are looked for next Sabbath. The ministers are in good heart, and plans for the fall work are being formulated.