

Ministers and Churches.

Toronto.

Rev. Dr. Talling is visiting friends in London and neighborhood.

Mr. James Bain, Sr., probably the oldest church member in the city, and Mr. Charles Wingate, have been inducted to the eldership in Kew Beech church.

The Rev. W. Frizzell, Mrs. Frizzell and family have gone to Niagara-on-the-Lake, where they, in company with Mr. and Mrs. Fox, will tent during the month of August.

Prof. Munison of Toronto University left yesterday for Winnipeg, where he is to give a series of several lectures at the summer session of Manitoba College on ancient Egypt and Assyria.

The Board and Senate of Knox College have unanimously resolved to offer the Chair of Apologetics to the Rev. D. W. Forrest, D.D., Skelmorlie. Dr. Forrest was for some years minister of the United Presbyterian Church at Moffat, was afterwards colleague in the pastorate of Wellington United Presbyterian Church, Glasgow, and was called to Skelmorlie last year, both as a preacher and as a writer on theological subjects. Dr. Forrest is a man of high attainments, and as the Kerr lecturer in Edinburgh last year he added greatly to his reputation.

Cook's church, in this city, vacant since the resignation of Rev. Wm. Patterson, has a membership of 1,347 and a debt of about \$40,000. The congregation is well knit together; and the right man to take the pastoral oversight will be loyally as well as in his work. The session is strong, and will be given by the following names: Messrs. John Rogers, James Allison, (also treasurer), Thomas Caswell, Thomas Kinnear, S. Wallace (clerk of session), Wm. Eagle, A. C. Kirkpatrick, A. E. Young, John Rennie, J. M. Peole, R. A. McClelland, Alex. Smith, Charles A. Millar, Thomas Humphries and John Wilson. Altogether the congregation has had six pastors in the nearly fifty years of its history. They here were, Robert Irvine, Andrew Marshall, Wm. Gregg, James Gardner, Robt. John Kirkpatrick and Wm. Patterson. Dr. Gregg, John Kirkpatrick and Wm. Patterson are still with us; the others have gone to their reward.

Western Ontario.

Rev. W. Moffatt, London, left last Friday for a trip to England.

Rev. Mr. Smith, Bradford, has been supplying the pulpit of Rev. J. T. Hill, Bondhead.

Rev. W. J. Clark and Mrs. Clark, of London, are spending their holidays in Muskoka.

Kirkwall Presbyterians worship in the school-house during the re-erection of the church.

Rev. L. Perrin, Georgetown, and Rev. H. A. Macpherson, of Acton, exchanged pulpits last Sunday.

The venerable Dr. Paton, of the New Hebrides Mission, while in Hamilton was the guest of Rev. Dr. Fletcher.

The Rev. J. S. Hardie, formerly pastor of Stanley street church, now of Listowel, was calling on friends in Ayr last week.

Rev. M. P. Talling, Toronto, preached very acceptably at the two services last Sunday in St. James Presbyterian Church, London.

Rev. D. Strachan, Guelph, will fill the pulpit of St. Andrew's church, Glencoe, during the vacation of the pastor, Rev. James Wilson.

Rev. Dr. Jackson, of Cleveland, officiated at both services at St. Andrew's church, London, last Sunday. He is an able and eloquent preacher.

The services at the First Presbyterian church, London, on Sunday, were conducted by Rev. Wylie C. Clark, of Brampton. Large congregations were present both morning and evening.

The local press pronounces the sermon preached by Rev. E. W. Panton, of Stratford, in St. Andrew's church, Berlin, as "able and scholarly." Rev. W. A. Bradley is enjoying a brief vacation.

The Galt Reformer makes sympathetic reference to the recent death of Rev. John Murray, Free church minister, at Brora, Sutherlandshire, Scotland, who was a visitor in Galt a few years ago.

Rev. John Currie, of Knox, Belmont, is to preach anniversary services in Kintyre on Sunday next. Rev. Mr. Barrett, of Kintyre, is to preach in Knox, Belmont, and Kilmartin church, Yarmouth, the same day.

Rev. J. S. Henderson, Hensall, has been elected moderator of Huron Presbytery.

Rev. W. P. Findlay, Claremont, preached last Sunday morning in St. Andrew's church, Guelph. His text was, "Though hand join in hand, the wicked shall not go unpunished." His subject was the self-revealing and self-punishing power of sin, and he handled it very ably.

Preston correspondence Galt Reporter; Rev. J. R. Johnston, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, has gone to London, where he will spend a two weeks' vacation. Rev. B. B. Williams, of Guelph, will occupy the pulpit during that gentleman's absence.

During the absence of the Rev. A. G. Sinclair in Nova Scotia, the pulpit of the First Presbyterian church, Port Hope, will be filled by Rev. B. Canfield Jones, of Erie, Pa., a former highly esteemed pastor of that church, and whose visits are looked forward to with interest by his many friends.

Rev. R. W. Ross, Guelph, left last week to join a party at North Bay. From there he proposes to take an extended canoeing trip to Lake Penniscamie via Mattawa, from thence down the Gatineau river to the Ottawa, and so home. THE DOMINION PRESBYTERIAN hopes to greet Mr. Ross when he reaches the Capital.

Rev. T. Eakin, St. Andrew's, Guelph, has been preaching in the Central church, Galt, and The Reporter pays the young minister a merited compliment. It says: "Although he is through his college course only a few months, he gives evidence of advanced study and possesses qualities which are sure to lead him into the front ranks of Presbyterian pulpits."

A successful lawn social was held on the grounds of Mr. J. Klegborn, Moshoro, under the auspices of Guelph Knox Church young people, in aid of the organ fund. There was a large gathering from the city and members of the church in the vicinity present. Under the genial presidency of Mr. J. A. McCrae, a varied programme was submitted and a pleasant evening spent by all.

At the last meeting of Huron Presbytery the following committees were appointed for the ensuing year, the first named in each list being convener: Home Missions, Revs. James A. Anderson, James Hamilton, Robert Henderson, and elders; Church Life and Work, Revs. Acheson, Sawers, Shaw and elders; Sabbath Schools, Revs. James A. Hamilton, Stewart, J. S. Henderson and elders; Finance, Revs. Shaw, Musgrave, Larkin and elders; Superintendent of Students, Revs. A. Stewart, Fletcher, Musgrave and elders; Christian Endeavor, Revs. Sawers, Carriere, Martin and elders; Augmentation, Revs. McLean, James A. Hamilton, R. Henderson and elders; Foreign Missions, Revs. Musgrave, Sawers, Larkin and elders; Conference Committee, Rev. S. Acheson and convener of all the other committees.

Montreal.

An interesting function took place at Westmount on Saturday afternoon of last week, when the corner stone of the new Melville Presbyterian church was laid by Mr. J. R. Walker, ex-mayor of Westmount, in the presence of Rev. T. W. Winfield, the pastor of the church, and the members of its congregation. The weather was perfect for such an occasion, and much interest was evinced in the proceedings. Amongst these in attendance were several of the ministers of the town, Mayor Lighthall, of Westmount, the Rev. James Patterson, the Rev. W. P. Walker, Messrs. James Elliott, R. V. Sutherland, Alex. Moir, J. H. Raphael, Dr. Elder, T. S. Williamson, and many other citizens. After devotional exercises, the stone was laid by ex-Mayor Walker, who used for the purpose a silver trowel with an ebony handle, which bore the inscription: "Presented to J. R. Walker, Esq., on the occasion of the laying of the corner stone of Melville Church, Aug. 4, 1900."

The new church will be a handsome cruciform Gothic structure, in red brick, with a square tower at the west end. The nave will be 110 feet long and the transepts 80 feet, and it will hold over 600 people. Beneath the nave will be the church parlor, and divided from it by a sliding door, so that the whole can be used as one hall, will be the Sabbath school and library, and a kitchen. The first Sunday in November is the date set apart for the church to be ready for use.

Rev. James Taylor, of Aylwin, Que., paid a flying visit early in the week to friends in Buckingham.

Ottawa and Vicinity.

Rev. James Taylor, B.A., Aylwin, was elected moderator of Ottawa Presbytery for ensuing six months.

Rev. Mr. Penman officiated in the Aylmer church on Sunday in the absence of Rev. Mr. McNicol, who is away on his vacation.

Rev. Wood, pastor of St. Andrew's church, has commenced a weekly prayer meeting to be held every Thursday at 7.30 p.m., Richmond.

Rev. Orr Bennett, of Hawkesbury, and Rev. Geo. Crombie, of Coulange, tendered their resignations at Presbytery, which were tabled; and the congregations to be cited to appear in their own interests at next meeting.

The serious illness of Rev. Norman H. McGillivray, of Carp, from an attack of appendicitis, was announced at Ottawa Presbytery by Rev. Dr. Moore, who, by request, led in prayer for the speedy recovery of the sick brother.

Mrs. (Dr.) Thoburn and Miss McLeod are the only delegates from Ottawa to the Women's National Convention at Victoria, B.C. The meetings have proved a great success, both as to attendance and interest taken in the proceedings.

Monday's Citizen contained the following interesting paragraph: Mr. A. H. Taylor, Rideau street, has received a curio from his son, Mr. Andrew Taylor, who is in the Yukon. It is the tooth of a hairy elephant or elephas primigenius. It weighs over three pounds and is about five inches in width at the widest part. The tooth is in a good state of preservation. It was found by Mr. Taylor at Dominion Creek, when he was digging some 50 feet under the surface.

The Belfast Witness says: Rev. Dr. M. Meekin, of Ottawa, Canada, who some twenty-six years ago was minister of Maghera Hamlet Presbyterian Church, has for the past few weeks been on a visit to Belfast and neighborhood, and has occupied several of the local pulpits with much acceptance. The reverend gentleman will be remembered by many of the older generation of Belfast Presbyterians. He was a student of the old Queen's University, and a contemporary there of the Rev. James McGill and other esteemed ministers. Dr. M. Meekin leaves Belfast for a visit to London and Paris, and he will sail for Montreal early in August.

On a recent Sabbath Rev. N. A. McLeod, New Edinburgh, expressed the opinion that there should be a larger attendance of the children at the Sunday school. What, he said, could be done to remedy this was for parents to see that their children who were pupils learned the lessons and attended regularly. The office-bearers in the church should take a deeper interest in Sunday school work and the congregations should contribute more liberally. Cardinal Newman's famous remark that if he had the children of the empire to train while they were between the ages of three and ten years he would not care who had them afterwards, was quoted by Mr. McLeod to show the importance of early training. The hope of the Presbyterian Church, from a human standpoint, rested, he said, in the children, and the future of Christian activity also largely depends upon them.

The principal matter before last meeting of Ottawa Presbytery was the selection of a new site for Erskine Church. Representatives of this congregation claimed they should be permitted to take over the property on Concession street owned and occupied as a mission Sabbath school by the session of Bank Street Church, no other site being available. This Bank street declines agreeing to, chiefly because the placing of Erskine church on Concession street would take away 50 families, destroy a useful work that they had successfully carried on for nearly eight years—a work that they alleged Erskine church was not in a position to properly overlook; and, besides, another suitable site could easily be obtained. Commissioners from Erskine church took issue on all these points, and a prolonged discussion followed. Finally, at a late hour, the matter was referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. Sadler and Ross, and Messrs. John R. Reid, of the Glebe, Wm. Hamilton, St. Andrew's, and John McNicol, Billing's Bridge, to report at next meeting. The personnel of the committee justifies the expectation of a satisfactory solution of this difficult case, which has already taken up a good deal of time and attention.

Sir Claude Macdonald reports the British Legation at Peking safe on August 3rd.