

## Ministers and Churches.

THE Rev. E. Cockburn returned home from his holidays last week.

THE Rev. B. C. Jones, Port Hope, arrived home last week after a two weeks' outing at Stoney Lake.

THE Rev. D. Lewis, Port Hope, an Alliance delegate, preached recently at Point St. Charles Presbyterian Mission.

THE Rev. Mr. McLennan, of St. Elmo, who has been visiting friends in Scotland, has returned and resumed his duties.

THE Rev. J. A. Macdonald, late of Brigidon and Bear Creek, has taken up his residence in Toronto. His address is 207 Markham Street.

THE Rev. S. Carruthers, Kirkwall, has arrived home again from his holiday trip to New York and other points and is renewed in health.

THE Presbyterians of Dixie and Cooksville, near Streetsville, had a lawn party recently at which 1,000 people attended and \$200 was taken in.

THE contract for the erection of the new Presbyterian church in Forest has been awarded. It will cost \$7,600. Work will be commenced at once.

THE Rev. Mr. McGill occupied the pulpit in St. John's Church, Cornwall, Sunday morning week. The pastor, Rev. Dr. MacNish, was away enjoying his vacation.

THE Rev. J. Allister Murray, pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, London, has returned from his trip to the Pacific coast, and is reported somewhat improved in health.

THE Rev. Isaac Campbell, M.A., the pastor of Knox Church, Listowel, has returned from his deserved vacation and officiated last Sunday week with renewed energy and vigour.

THE Rev. A. A. Scott, Carleton Place, arrived home from his vacation last week, much refreshed and invigorated by his brief vacation, and resumed his pulpit duties in Zion Church on Sunday.

THE Rev. Robert Wallace, late of West Church, Toronto, preached the other Sabbath to his former congregation in Ingersoll by whom he received a most cordial and affectionate welcome.

THE Presbytery of Glengarry has sustained a call from the congregation of Kenyon to Rev. Roderick McLeod, of Strathlone, in the Presbytery of Victoria and Richmond; stipend promised, \$900.

THE "Acts and Proceedings of the Sixteenth General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada" has been issued. The volume is larger, fuller, more complete and accurate than ever before.

THE Presbyterians of Georgetown and Limehouse had an excursion to Burlington Beach recently. The day was fine but the turnout was small. Some unfortunates missed the train and had to remain in Hamilton until the next day.

THE Rev. James Ballantyne, M.A., pastor of Knox Church, South London, returned from a three weeks' sojourn at Nantucket Beach, on Saturday night week, and occupied his pulpit on Sunday. He feels thoroughly recuperated in health by his outing.

THE Rev. Alex. Urquhart, of Brandon, went to Carberry where he takes part in the ceremony of the induction of Rev. Mr. Drummond to the charge of the Presbyterian Church in that town. Rev. T. C. Court, of Montrose, occupies the pulpit of the Presbyterian Church, Brandon.

A BRANDON correspondent states that the Brandon Presbyterial Society of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society has twenty auxiliaries with over two hundred members. With one or two exceptions these auxiliaries have been organized by the president, Mrs. Worthy, and Mrs. McTavish, of Chater.

THE Rev. Dr. F. R. Beattie, Professor in the Theological Seminary, Columbia, S.C., reached Canada from Birmingham, Ala., where he has been spending part of his vacation. He will remain about three weeks and return with his family to Columbia early in September to resume his duties in the Seminary there.

L'ORIGINAL St. Andrew's Church annual Sunday school picnic took place last week in the beautiful grove of Mr. Abbott Johnson. There was a large attendance of all parties. Refreshments were varied and abundant. The proceedings were conducted by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Bennett, who seemed to feel he was again a boy.

THE Rev. Dr. Caven, who has been spending a few days visiting his mother near Motherwell, filled the pulpit of the Presbyterian church in his usual very acceptable style. Motherwell, says the *Stratford Beacon*, can always ensure the reverend Doctor, not only a full congregation, but also a highly attentive and appreciative audience.

THE Fergus correspondent of the *Guelph Mercury* writes: Mr. Strachan ably filled Melville Church pulpit, Dr. Smellie referring in a very feeling manner to the deaths which had taken place in the congregation. We are pleased to hear good reports of the pastor, Mr. Craig. He is now able to sit up and hopes to be out again soon.

A MEMORIAL service was held in St. Andrew's Church, Guelph, last week by the pastor, Rev. J. C. Smith, B.D., having reference to the death of Mrs. David Kennedy, one of the oldest and most faithful members of the church. The pastor's theme was suited to the occasion, and his references to the deceased lady were also most appropriate.

THE Rev. Mr. Shore, the new pastor of the Carleton Presbyterian Church, St. John, N.B., preached Sunday morning and evening to large congregations. He is an eloquent, forcible speaker, and will do good work in his new charge. Before leaving St. Stephen, where he had spent five years, Rev. Mr. Shore was presented with a purse containing \$120.

THE Rev. John Wilkie, who has been addressing meetings in Manitoba and the North-West Territories, writes from Regina: Rev. Norman Russell, 133 Baldwin Street, Toronto, has very kindly agreed to look after the interests of the Indore College during the time he remains in Canada and shall receive and take out with him all books intended for the college library.

THE Rev. James Hamilton, B.A., who has been Presbyterian minister at Sunnyside, took his departure recently for Ontario, where he has accepted an invitation to become pastor of the congregation of Cadey, in the neighbourhood of Owen Sound. Mr. Hamilton will be married shortly at St. Mary's, Ontario, to Miss Oliver, formerly a teacher at Springfield and more recently principal of the Carberry public school.

AT a congregational meeting held in the church, Columbus, it was decided that the congregation of Columbus and Brooklyn were in a position to extend a call to a minister. Rev. Mr. Eastman, Oshawa, will therefore moderate in a call on Monday, September 1, at the hour of half-past nine a.m., in the church at Columbus. It is expected that the call will be unanimous, though the name for the present is withheld from the public.

WE understand, says the *Lindsay Post*, that Rev. Mr. Johnston does not wish to accept the call to Stratford and that steps will be taken to persuade our Stratford friends not to press it. While the Stratford call is a very pressing and unanimous one, the Lindsay situation is to be considered; and Mr. Johnston is doing such good work here and is so highly esteemed by all, that it is very gratifying to be able to state that he is not likely to be removed.

THE Rev. Mr. Patterson, of Toronto, preached in the Presbyterian church, Brooklin, on Sunday, the 17th inst., in place of Rev. P. J. McLaren. The reverend gentleman's services, afternoon and even-

ing, were distinguished for simple, clear and strong exposition of doctrinal and practical truth as well as beauty of style, and for the power with which he defended Gospel truth, and the exactness of his presentation of the different features of this subject.

PROFESSOR PANTON, of the Guelph Agricultural College, has left for the Yellowstone Park, where he purposes studying the marvellous phenomena of the boiling springs in that region, and the innumerable places of great geological interest found in a park which contains over 3,600 square miles. The information gathered will be arranged for a lecture, and it is likely our citizens will have an opportunity to hear something about this wonderful place by one who during the past year has taken a prominent place as a descriptive lecturer.

THE *Port Hope Times* says: The interchange of services which have been going on between the two Presbyterian churches in the town for the past three Sundays have given general satisfaction to members of both congregations. Last Sunday morning Rev. Mr. McWilliam preached in the First Church and in the evening preached to a crowded congregation in the Mill Street Church. Next Sunday and the Sunday following, the two congregations will revert to their accustomed practice of two services per day, after which Mr. McWilliam will seek a well-deserved vacation, and Mr. Jones will officiate at one service per Sabbath in each church.

MR. ALEX. STEELE, farmer, Southwold, died last week in the eighty-eighth year of his age. Born in Scotland, the deceased, who was a minister of the Presbyterian Church, came to Canada in 1843 and settled in Halifax, where he remained a year, removing to Bowmanville. He remained there for four years, at the end of which time he gave up his pastoral work and took to farming, settling on the Lake road, Southwold, where he has since resided. Mr. Steele was a respected member of Fingal Session. His wife survives him, as do three sons, Alexander, head master of Orangeville High School; John, a farmer in Southwold, and James, a coal merchant, Sioux City, Iowa.

ANOTHER and most successful lawn social under the auspices of the Ladies' Association of the Presbyterian Church, Watertown, was given on the manse ground on Thursday evening week. The manse has been thoroughly repaired, rooms enlarged and painted and papered throughout, with a large addition at a cost of \$600. The congregation feel assured their pastor has now a comfortable house. Rev. Mr. Thompson was expected to give a talk on Vancouver that evening, but the amusements were so varied, also music by the band, that it was thought well to postpone it. One feature was a balloon ascension. A large balloon was found in excellent preservation in one of Mr. Peter Creen's fields, thought to have come from Toronto; it was inflated, sent up, and soon disappeared from sight. Any person finding same please communicate with brass band. Proceeds for evening about \$70.

ON Sunday week St. Andrew's Church, Blyth, was re-opened after being closed for some time past; the interior of the edifice has been very beautifully and artistically decorated since they last met in it for worship. The congregation was very large at both services. The Rev. W. T. McMullen, D.D., of Woodstock, occupied the pulpit at both services and preached able and eloquent discourses, which were attentively listened to by the large congregations present. The well-equipped and efficient choir under the leadership of Professor Oaks rendered some fine music. The collection at each service was handsome. A pleasing circumstance is mentioned in connection with the re-opening. The service on Sunday evening in Trinity Church was dispensed with to give the congregation an opportunity of being present at one of the opening services in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church.

THE Rev. W. S. Bannerman, M.A., a recent graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary, was married to Miss Grace Mitchell at the residence of the bride's father, Maple Grove Farm, Grey County, Ont., on Monday the 18th inst. The ceremony was performed by Rev. John MacAlpine. Miss Octavia McGill was bridesmaid and Rev. J. B. McCuish, M.A., a class-mate of Mr. Bannerman's, was "best man." Mr. and Mrs. Bannerman left that same evening via Toronto to Montreal to sail on the *Sarnia* to Liverpool on their way to their mission station in Western Africa. Mr. Bannerman is appointed by the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church of the United States to the Gaboon country between the Congo and the Niger. We wish them a pleasant trip and a happy and useful life in their chosen work. They may be assured that they will be followed by the prayers of their many friends in this country as they are engaged in their work for the Master "bringing in the sheaves" in benighted Africa.

THERE was a small attendance in St. Andrew's Church, Guelph, last week of those interested in the National Missionary Conference, which will be held in Indianapolis, Ind., on September 3 to 9. The chair was occupied by Rev. J. C. Smith, B.D., who introduced Mr. Matthew Francis, the secretary appointed to travel through Canada, and present the purpose of the Conference to the different churches. Mr. Francis addressed the meeting, showing the sacredness and permanence of Christ's last commission, the spirit which should be manifested by His people in regard thereto. He said that the Church in all sections was only now waking up to the true object of its existence, the proclaiming of the Gospel, and defined the ground on which the hope and expectation rested that before the end of the nineteenth century the standard of the Gospel would be raised in every quarter of the globe. The Church had the means and men to accomplish this; all that was wanting was a due sense of responsibility and individual fidelity. He urged the appointment by different churches of delegates to this conference for whom special privileges in the way of travel and entertainment had been arranged. The meeting resolved to leave the appointment of delegates in the hands of each congregation.

THE *Almonte Gazette* says: On Wednesday Rev. Mr. Knowles and family removed to Pembroke, where they will reside in future, the reverend gentleman having accepted a call from the Presbyterian congregation in Alice township. Needless to say they carry with them to their new home the very best wishes of a host of warm friends in this part. Rev. Mr. Knowles has been an earnest, faithful and successful worker in the service of his Master. After preaching in Allistown and Osprey for nine years he came to Ramsay in 1875, and in the period that has elapsed since that time the congregations under his charge at Clayton and Blakeney have made marked progress. When he arrived there was no church at Blakeney, and the one at Clayton was heavily in debt. During his incumbency a comfortable church and manse were erected at Blakeney, a gallery was put in the Clayton church, sheds capable of accommodating over fifty teams were put up in connection with the two stations, new organs were purchased, and other improvements were made, and there is now but \$110 debt on all, with \$80 in the treasury, leaving a net debt on both congregations of about \$30—an exceedingly satisfactory state of affairs. During Mr. Knowles' fifteen years labour 281 members were added to the churches. We trust he may meet with equal success in his new sphere of labour.

FATHER CHINIQUEY is at present at Worcester, Mass., where he is holding a series of interesting and successful meetings. The *Times* of that city says: Father Chiniquey is spending to-day in a very quiet way, his eighty-first birthday, as if it were no uncommon occurrence for a man to reach fourscore years and one in full possession of his physical and intellectual faculties. Father Chiniquey's form is as erect, his step as firm, his eye as bright and his brain as clear as if it were the fifty-first birthday, instead of the eighty-first, that he is celebrating. Gladstone, Neal Dow, Chiniquey—a trio of octogenarians not to be matched in Christendom. A *Times* reporter found Father Chiniquey at the French Protestant mission on Park street

where he holds a private meeting every day from half-past ten to half-past twelve. There he receives his friends who wish to converse with him on religious or other topics. The venerable ex-priest was much pleased this morning over the great success of the meeting last evening. About 500 French-Canadians were present in spite of the protests of the Roman priesthood. This fact placed beside similar results reached elsewhere gives to the French Protestant great encouragement that the morning light is breaking. The power of the priest is on the wane. Father Chiniquey expects that a few more years will see the French population largely Protestant.

As will be seen from our advertising columns, the Brantford Ladies' College re-opens on Wednesday next. The directors, with praiseworthy enterprise, have reinforced the teaching staff in both the English branches, and the several art departments so that the college stands in the front rank of the educational institutions of Canada and well deserves a large patronage from the office-bearers and members of the Presbyterian Church, which it has served so well for the past sixteen years. The Musical Department is under the direction of Mr. G. H. Fairclough, who has been organist in All Saints' Church, Toronto, for the past two years, and also connected with Trinity and the Toronto College of Music. Miss Waltz, of Toronto, one of the most accomplished sopranos in concert and oratorio and well known in all the leading cities of Canada and the United States, has been engaged for the special department of vocal music and voice culture, and Miss Isabella Rolfs, lately of the Conservatory of Music, Leipsic, has been added to the staff as head governess in instrumental music. Other accomplished professors in violin and guitar are also engaged. We understand that the applications for rooms in the college, up to the present date, is exceedingly gratifying and that the bursaries instituted for the benefit especially of our ministers' daughters are attracting a large number to the college. It is the aim of Dr. Cochrane to make the college more and more an institution where the daughters of our clergymen will not only receive a first-class education at the lowest possible expense, but also be surrounded with such religious influences as Presbyterians so highly value. The pupils already enrolled come from Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba and British Columbia with a goodly representation from New York, Ohio, Illinois and other States of the Union.

THE Rev. Godfrey Shore, the new pastor of the West End Presbyterian Church, St. John, N.B., occupied that pulpit at both services on Sabbath week. In the evening he took for his text 1st Kings xviii. 21: "And Elijah came unto all the people and said, How long halt ye between two opinions? If the Lord be God, follow Him; but if Baal, then follow him." The reverend gentlemen said that these words were spoken about 2,800 years ago when idolatry threw its shadow over Israel. The challenge was accepted, and the victory was decisive for the true God. The lesson contained food for thought; first, in the vacillation between the ideas of religion presented to them. Their king had married an idolatrous wife and become wedded to her belief. He had even sent out missionaries to preach of Baal. Hence the people, partly attached to the religion of their forefathers, halted between that worship and the worship of Baal. So it was with those people of to-day who tended to leave the religion of their forefathers and who yet felt at times that there might be something in that old religion, and they dared not altogether leave it. How long would these people halt between two opinions? They must decide for themselves. It was not mere reflection that was required through that most precede decision. If a man would be decided he must not only think, but he must also free himself from all that troubled him. His higher self must be aroused and he must cut off all that is contrary to the conscience which had been given to him by God. He must decide either to follow God or Baal. If religion was a deception, then the man is not moral who countenanced it. If Baal had given man his conscience and the circumstances of his life then man owed him his service, but, on the other hand, if Baal was the deception, man should examine, and, finding it so, he should embrace the right. Decision was not dismayed with difficulties but grappled with them. He who was undecided was in every sense a beggar. He who, on the other hand, determined to reach the end or die in the attempt, rose higher and higher in his glorious resolve.

THE Rev. Dr. Fletcher preached on the morning of Sabbath week in the Presbyterian Church, Hamilton, from Psalms lv. 22—"Cast thy burden upon the Lord and He shall sustain thee." At the close of his discourse, in which the reverend gentleman dwelt at length on the character of God, the varied burdens which fall to the lot of men, the encouragement which they have to roll their burdens on the Divine helper, he alluded as follows to the recent death of Mrs. Ballentine: There are great burdens of sorrow which come suddenly and unexpectedly like a whirlwind, overwhelming us with unspeakable anguish. Sometimes they come like a thunderbolt from a clear, serene sky, crushing us to the earth and almost extinguishing the light of life within us. Such a burden of sorrow has fallen on one of the families of this congregation. In the face of such an afflictive dispensation as has overtaken this family, one feels like the psalmist when he said, "I was dumb with silence, I held my peace." Mrs. Ballentine, who has been taken from us so suddenly and unexpectedly, has been for a long time connected with this congregation. Eighteen years ago I admitted her into full communion with the Church of God. She rendered valuable service for many years as a member of the choir in the service of praise. She was a general favourite, highly esteemed, especially by those who knew her best. She was a very estimable Christian, loving her Saviour and delighting in the prosperity of His cause. She was a faithful, affectionate and industrious wife, the very joy and charm of her home. She was a godly mother, taking pains to instruct her children in the truth of God, and to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and like her divine Master she was ever ready to help the poor and needy. That her life so gentle, so useful, so full of good works and apparently so very needful to her five little children, should be so unexpectedly taken away is an inscrutable providence. But where we fail to see and understand, we bow in humble submission and trust. I am sure the whole congregation deeply sympathize with the afflicted husband and his family in this great burden of sorrow which has fallen on them. It is our earnest prayer that God in His great mercy may sustain, comfort and sanctify them in their sore affliction.

THE Peterborough *Examiner* states that the Young Men's Christian Association of that town have resolved to form a permanent organization to carry on Christian work during the summer months at Stoney Lake, combining Bible study with recreation and it is to be known as the Young Men's Christian Association Camp at Stoney Lake. The following were elected officers for the ensuing year: Mr. T. S. Cole, Toronto, President; Rev. W. M. Roger, London, Vice-President; Mr. G. M. Roger, Peterborough, Treasurer; R. J. Colville, Peterborough, Secretary; and an executive committee consisting of Messrs. J. W. Benne, Peterborough, George E. Williams, Kingston, and F. B. Utley, Lindsay, and officers who have the power to arrange all details. Bible readings were given during the time of camp, by Rev. W. M. Roger, T. S. Cole, George E. Williams, and R. J. Colville; also conferences were held on Association work. On Sabbath, August 10th, Rev. W. M. Roger preached an earnest Gospel sermon from St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans, xiii. 1-2, which was much enjoyed by all present. In the afternoon Mr. T. S. Cole held a Gospel sermon at the cottage of Mr. Thomas Bridburn, Boshink. Owing to the stormy weather the attendance was small. Rain was falling when the time for the evening Camp-fire arrived so it had to be postponed. On Saturday evening, August 9th, Mr. G. M. Roger, at the Camp-fire gave a very instructive talk on the geology of Stoney Lake. All present feel much indebted to Mr. Roger for the important information given. On Tuesday evening, August 12th, a musical evening was spent. An excellent programme of vocal music was given by