

for him to be absent from the city for almost the whole of the coming year. The Presbytery expressed its high appreciation of the services rendered in the past by Dr. Bryce and its need of him now, in view of his wide knowledge of the Presbytery's area of operations, but decided to defer to the next meeting the consideration of the best method of providing for the oversight of home mission work during Dr. Bryce's absence.

Church Union.

Rev. Dr. Baird, Rev. Dr. Carmichael and Rev. Dr. Bryce reported their attendance as commissioners to the meeting of the General Assembly lately held in Halifax, and in connection with the discussion of church union arising out of this report, Rev. Dr. Wilson gave notice that he would move at the next meeting that the question of church union on the proposed basis be remitted to the congregations of the Presbytery for their opinion by the end of December, and that a committee of the Presbytery be appointed to tabulate the answers.

Rev. Dr. Sinclair gave notice that he would move at the next meeting that the Presbytery pay one-half the railway fare of commissioners to the General Assembly and that all commissioners be appointed by rotation.

WESTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. Dr. J. F. McLaren, of Rocklyn, is off on a month's holidays, being spent at Almont, Que.

The Ladies' Aid of Chalmers' Church, Flesherton, held a successful garden party on the twentieth instant.

The choir of Durham Presbyterian Church pie-nicked at Wilder's Lake, and had an enjoyable outing.

Rev. A. C. Justice resigned his charge in Brantford, to accept a Home Mission appointment in Atlin, B.C.

Rev. J. A. Matheson and family, of Priceville, have gone on a month's holidays to their cottage-home in Muskoka.

Rev. L. W. Thom, of Hawkesville, is on a holiday, and supplying St. Columba pulpit, Priceville, for two Sabbaths.

Rev. James Buchanan, of Dundalk, was one of the speakers at a large Orange celebration at Durham, on the 12th.

Rev. George Milne, of Banks, was recently assisted in helpful special services by Evangelist Geo. McLeish, of Toronto.

The ladies of the Paris congregation entertained the Presbytery to a sumptuous dinner, in the dining rooms of the Church. The next meeting will be in Zion Church, Brantford, in September.

The Presbytery of Paris met in Paris on July 12th, the moderator, Rev. R. G. MacBeth, in the chair. Commissioners to Assembly reported and Church Union will be discussed at the December meeting.

Mr. Nicholson, student, supplying the Maxwell field, is meeting with success in his work. The interim moderator, Rev. W. C. Mercer, of Binghamton, dispensed communion on Sabbath, the seventeenth instant.

At a meeting of St. Andrew's Church, Brantford, a unanimous call was given to Rev. Andrew Allen, who, at present, is in the city supplying Zion Church pulpit, during the absence of the pastor, Rev. W. A. J. Martin.

Mr. George M. Crawford, of Paris, and Mr. Dewar, of Brantford, two young men, intend to study for the ministry, and the Presbytery, after examination, recommended them for work in the Home Mission field this winter.

At a recent meeting of Owen Sound Presbytery the interim moderator of vacant charges at Markdale and Latona reported difficult in securing supply of candidates for the ministry. The stipend in both charges is likely to be increased to \$900, which will doubtless prove helpful to the fields.

Rev. Thomas Davidson, who was pastor at Conn some twenty years ago, filled the pulpit on Sunday, and was greeted by a large congregation, among whom were a number of old friends.

Rev. D. J. Findlay, pastor of St. George's Cross Tabernacle, one of Glasgow's most energetic city mission workers, occupied the pulpit of Knox Church, Guelph, at both services, and preached two very able sermons.

Rev. Wm. Cooper, of Westminster Church, Mount Faut, has gone to Jackson's Point, on Lake Simcoe, to spend four weeks' holidays. The pulpit will be filled by the Rev. C. M. Wright, B.A., a recent graduate of Knox College, who was ordained for special Home Mission work at Fort George, where he will go in September.

Rev. D. Marsh, Springville, Ont., moderator of session, would be glad to hear from ministers eligible for a call, to the vacant charge of Pontypool, Ballyduff and Janetville. The field is conveniently situated on the Canadian Pacific Railway, with a stipend of \$900 and manse. This is a good opportunity for a man to do good work.

On Monday evening the Presbyterians of Collingwood laid the corner-stone of a new missionary church. Rev. J. A. Cranston, M.A., successfully performed the ceremony. Instead of the customary silver trowel, Mr. Cranston was presented with a beautiful silver fish knife and fork as a souvenir, as it was considered a more useful gift. Mr. Cranston, who has been here for nine years, preached his farewell sermon on Sunday evening. He is leaving in a few weeks to take the pulpit in St. Andrew's Church, Fort William. The new building here will cost about \$2,000.

At a meeting of the congregation of Knox Church, Goderich, it was decided by a unanimous vote to call Rev. P. F. Sinclair, of Toronto. Rev. Mr. Sinclair is a graduate of Toronto University, having received the degrees of M.A. and LL.B. therefrom. He attended Knox College for one year, and later graduated from Princeton Theological Seminary, of New Jersey. He has been minister at Sonya, in the Lindsay Presbytery, and later, he was assistant pastor in St. Andrew's Church, Winnipeg. He is at present pastor of Chester Church, Toronto.

The resignation of Rev. J. M. Whitelaw, of the Fairbank Presbyterian Church, was considered by the Presbytery of Toronto, at a special meeting, but it was laid on the table until the regular meeting in September, to await the report from the commission appointed at last meeting to look into the circumstances of the case. Mr. Whitelaw asked to be released from his charge in order that he might accept an invitation to the pastorate of a union church in Saskatchewan.

Formal ratification was given by Presbytery to the change of name of Rev. J. D. Morrow's congregation from St. Mark's to Dale Presbyterian Church.

At the meeting of Orangeville Presbytery, the Rev. Frank Davey, of Mono Mills, accepted the call to Cedarville and Esplin. The stipend received will be \$850, and a free manse. The Rev. John Little and Mr. John Wilkie supported the call. The induction will take place as soon as Saugeen Presbytery can make arrangements, probably on August 4th. There are now seven vacant charges in Orangeville Presbytery, the Rev. Henry Walker, of Tarnbert and Keldson, having also resigned, on Tuesday. The scarcity of ministers is being severely felt in several Presbyteries, but in Saugeen Presbytery there are now no vacancies.

GOLDEN JUBILEE.

Friends of the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Arthur T. Pierson, both of whom are famous for their work in the interest of Presbyterian missions, gathered to help them celebrate a unique double golden anniversary. The day marked the fiftieth wedding anniversary of the couple, and also the fiftieth

anniversary of Dr. Pierson's ordination as a preacher.

Dr. Pierson, whose home is in Brooklyn, was for two years pastor of Spurgeon's Tabernacle, in London, and has occupied Presbyterian pulpits in Binghamton, Philadelphia and other cities. For more than a quarter of a century he has been one of the preachers at the Northfield conferences, founded by the late Dwight L. Moody.

In connection with the double jubilee, a movement has been started by William R. Moody, son of the great evangelist, to raise a large sum of money to enable Dr. Pierson to make a world tour of missions, as a stimulant to the work in every quarter of the globe.

On Tuesday evening, the young people of Collingwood met to say farewell to their pastor, Rev. J. A. Cranston, M.A., who is leaving soon for Fort William. The large number present went far to show the strong feeling of esteem in which Mr. Cranston is held by the younger members of his congregation. A good programme had been arranged, and addresses were given by Messrs. Dr. McFaul, R. J. Hewson, D. T. N. Mitchell, W. Willson, of the Y.M.C.A., and Dr. Clemes, who all spoke of the regret of Mr. Cranston's departure, yet congratulating him on being so honored by being chosen as the new pastor in the great twin cities of the West.

The young people took occasion to present Mr. Cranston with a very fine leather library chair.

Mr. Cranston replied in his own kind way, thanking the young people for their remembrance of him, and speaking of the many pleasant times he had spent during the last nine years with them.

Rev. J. A. Cranston, who has been pastor of the Collingwood church for the past nine years, has accepted a call from the Fort William congregation. He preached his farewell sermon on the 10th instant. Rev. R. C. McDermid, Stayner, has been appointed moderator for the Collingwood congregation, and preached on Sunday to declare the charge vacant.

THE SMOOTHERS OF THE WAY.

"She always made things easier," was the tribute given a little while ago to a quiet woman, not much known outside the four walls of her household and in a charity or two, but who left an aching void behind her when she passed on into large life. No one who knew her could help recognizing the simple completeness of the statement. From her husband to her house maid, every one in the family felt his or her daily way smoothed and straightened by her tact and system and gentleness. She was a living example of George Eliot's saying: "What do we live for if it is not to make life less difficult for one another?"

To some girls and women perhaps this seems a small end to live for. Yet that it is so often approached makes the hope and the happiness of home. Life is increasingly difficult, increasingly complex in many communities to-day. The husband, the children, the friends of the woman who "makes things easier" more and more rise up and call her blessed. Her work is worth living for, because it continually makes every life within its influence seem better worth living. And when she is gone—how rugged the way, how heavy the burden without her gentle ministry! We hear a great deal nowadays about the "superfluous" woman. Some branches of woman's work may be over crowded; but never, never, surely, the high vocation of the smoother of the way.

Principal Gandier, of Knox College, has already secured \$13,000, or more than half of the \$25,000 asked from Hamilton Presbyterians towards the new building for that institution. The work will be completed after the holidays.

Rev. Dr. Bayne, formerly of Pembroke, has been preaching for several Sundays in Knox Church, Portage la Prairie, Man.