

Ministers and Churches.

THE Rev. G. M. Milligan leaves for a two months' trip to Europe.

THERE was a very enjoyable strawberry festival at Knox Church, Goderich, last week.

THE Rev. Thomas Nixon has received a unanimous call to Union Church, Smith's Falls. Stipend, \$1,000 and a manse.

THE Rev. A. T. Wolff, D.D. of, Alton, Ill., is occupying the pulpit of Central Presbyterian Church, in the absence of the pastor.

THE Rev. A. Henderson, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, Hyde Park, left last week for an extended trip to Scotland.

THE usual Dominion Day prayer meeting of the Evangelical Alliance was held in the new Y. M. C. A. building. There was a good attendance.

THE College Street Presbyterian Church Sabbath School pupils and their friends enjoyed a pleasant outing in the neighbourhood of Davenport on Saturday.

REV. ALEX. YOUNG, of Napanee, Ont., preached in Calvin Presbyterian Church, Montreal, on Sabbath evening. Mr. Young was the first installed pastor of that congregation.

THE Rev. W. S. McTavish and Messrs. Wood and Bappte gave addresses, and Mr. J. H. Fleming read the *Week's* prize poem at the jubilee service in the Presbyterian Church, St. George.

THE regular sacramental services were held in the Presbyterian Church, Hillsburg, Sunday week. Rev. D. Strachan, of Rockwood, preached the preparatory sermon the Friday previous.

BURGARS robbed the residence of Rev. Dr. Middlemiss, of Elora, Ontario, Sunday week while the family were at church. They got \$30 and an heirloom in the shape of a silver handled dirk.

REV. JAMES BARCLAY, of St. Paul's, Montreal, besides preaching before her Majesty in Crathie Church on Sunday morning, had the honour of dining in the evening with the Queen and Royal Family.

DURING the absence of the Rev. Marc Ami, of the French Presbyterian Church, Ottawa, on a visit to Europe, his pulpit was acceptably supplied for six Sabbaths by the Rev. Theodore A. Bouchard.

THE sacrament was dispensed in Burns Church, of which Rev. Robert Scott is pastor, on Sunday week. The Rev. J. A. Turnbull, of St. Marys, preached on Thursday, and James Boyd, of Crosshill, on Monday.

THE Sunday school anniversary service of Knox Church, Owen Sound, held on Sabbath week, was conducted by Rev. D. Morrison, M.A., and the Rev. A. H. Scott, M.A., conducted a jubilee service in the evening.

The Rev. James McCaul, formerly of Stanley Street Church, Montreal, has connected himself with the Free Church and purposes settling in Scotland. He is this summer supplying the West Free Church, Helensburgh, in the absence of its pastor.

THE Rev. Dr. Ormiston, of New York, contemplates taking his annual vacation in Canada. He does not intend to spend his time idly. He has undertaken to supply the pulpit of the Central Presbyterian Church, Hamilton, on Sundays during the month of August.

THE missionary meetings held in Ethel, Cranbrook and Walton were much appreciated, and cannot fail to do much good. The meetings were addressed by Messrs. Goforth and McKenzie, students of Knox College, who presented the subject in a very lucid and forcible manner.

At a meeting of the members of Knox Church, held in Brussels on Monday of last week, it was decided to allow Rev. S. Jones \$300 as a retiring allowance from the congregation. It is their intention to call another minister, and the church will be open to call a new minister after July.

The Rev. Alexander Young, of Napanee, has been in the city for the past fortnight collecting funds in aid of certain needed repairs on his church. He officiated on the evening of Sabbath week in Calvin Church, of which he was at one time pastor, and last Sabbath in St. Andrew's Church, Lachine.

A NEAT little programme of subjects to be taken up for consideration at the young men's prayer meetings, in connection with Knox Church, Winnipeg, has just been issued. The programme covers the rest of the year. The subjects selected are important and practical; careful preparation and study of the topics by the members cannot fail to be interesting and profitable.

THE young people of St. Andrew's Church, Sherbrooke, held a very successful ice cream and strawberry entertainment in the drill shed last week. The pastor, Rev. A. Lee, has returned from Winnipeg, and is loud in praise of the North-West and of the kindness of the people of Winnipeg to the Assembly delegates.

THE sacrament of the Lord's supper was dispensed at Guthrie Church, Oro, on the 26th ult., the Rev. B. D. Cameron, formerly of Acton, officiating. The Rev. D. D. McLeod, of Barrie, conducted the preparatory services on the previous Friday, preaching a very instructive sermon on the call of Matthew to the apostleship.

MR. J. F. SMITH, the missionary-elect for China, from the Alumni of Queen's College, Kingston, gave an interesting address to the Presbyterian congregation of Collingwood on Monday evening. At the close of the lecture a collection, which amounted to \$31.18, was taken up, which is to be applied toward securing a medical outfit.

THE sacrament of the Lord's supper was dispensed in Bactouche on the 12th ult., and at Scotch Settlement on

the 19th, when eighty-seven new members were added to the Presbyterian congregation, of which Rev. J. D. Murray is pastor. Six received the rite of baptism. This large accession is the result of the recent revivals conducted by Messrs. Vans and McKay, evangelists, who assisted the pastor.

THE annual picnic of the Nazareth Street Presbyterian Mission Sabbath School, Montreal, was held on a recent Saturday at Beauharnois. The steamer *Princess* left the canal shortly after eight o'clock in the morning, and, after a pleasant sail, reached Beauharnois shortly before noon. The party consisted of about 460, scholars, parents and friends. All returned safely to the city in the evening, after having spent a very enjoyable day.

A SUCCESSFUL strawberry festival took place last week in the Rochesterville Presbyterian Church. Addresses were delivered by Revs. Dr. Moore and F. W. Farries, and a good vocal and instrumental programme was executed during the evening. Several excellent quartettes were sung by Mr. and Miss Parish, Miss Jamieson and Mr. Mills. The musical circle contributed a number of selections. Strawberries and ice cream were afterwards served with bountiful hand.

A GARDEN party and strawberry festival, under the auspices of the Willing Hands Band in connection with Knox Church, Woods Lake, was held in the grounds of Mr. John D. Hood last week. The lawn was brilliantly lighted with Chinese lanterns, and presented a beautiful sight. The ladies of the congregation were busily engaged the whole evening in attending to the numerous wants in the way of strawberries, ice cream, etc., of the large number present. The proceeds of the affair amounted to between \$40 and \$50. The band and popular vocalists furnished excellent music during the evening.

THE ladies of Knox Church, Goderich, recently held a "Martha Washington" entertainment and "Olde Folkes' Concert" in the Palace roller rink of that place. One end of the rink was curtained off and used as a supper room, and the tables were waited upon by young ladies and gentlemen attired after the fashion of a century ago. After supper a procession, consisting of Mistress Martha Washington and her maids of honour, was formed, and, marched round the room and then to the platform, where an excellent programme of vocal and instrumental music was carried out. The ladies realized about \$160 after paying all expenses.

THE corner-stone of the new Presbyterian Church, Oakville, was laid with imposing ceremonies on Dominion Day. The opening devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. W. Meikle, pastor of the congregation and others. The stone was laid by Mr. Henry W. Darling, who delivered an admirable and most appropriate address. After the stone was laid, addresses were delivered by Rev. H. M. Parsons, J. Wainie, M.P., Rev. M. Kettlewell, Mr. W. McCraney, Rev. W. Anderson and Canon Worrell. The choir added to the interest of the gathering by rendering several pieces of excellent and appropriate music. A fine concert was held in the Agricultural Hall in the evening. The collection amounted to \$230; the result of the ladies' efforts and the proceeds of the concert would no doubt raise the sum realized to handsome proportions.

THE annual congregational meeting of Carmel Presbyterian Church was held last week, and there was a very fair attendance. The different reports as submitted showed the congregation to be in a very satisfactory and prosperous condition, and that in the face of very large expenditures incurred in building a large brick manse and church, the latter alone costing, inclusive of labour, the handsome sum of \$10,000. We make mention of this amount, as it is the exact cost of the church, sheds, etc. Until very recently the cost was not known, and has been merely guessed at. The building committee's report was very satisfactory, and they received a very hearty vote of thanks for the very able and painstaking manner in which they had attended to their work throughout, and for the large amount of time and labour they had so freely and willingly expended.

THE Young Woman's Christian Guild has been organized for the purpose of helping one another in life. Those who have undertaken the work hope to reach all young women engaged in business or otherwise. Their aim is to benefit young girls employed in business houses. They also have a parlour open in Shaftesbury Hall, from ten in the morning until five or six in the evening. All who require work, lodging or help in any way are invited to call. There are classes in phonography, improvement and educational classes and a Bible class. It is intended to hold open meetings, as well as lectures, for the members. The parlour will always be well supplied with good literature for all young women who care to avail themselves of its use. There are visiting, reception and programme committees in good working order. All who pay their fee are entitled to all the classes and the use of the parlour.

A CORRESPONDENT of the *Barrie Gazette*, states that there died at his residence in the township of Essa, on the 21st ult., Mr. John McKinley, aged seventy-eight years, a native of the county of Armagh, Ireland. Mr. McKinley was one of the early pioneers of Essa, and by industry and economy secured a comfortable home, where he raised a large intelligent family of three sons and seven daughters, all of whom survive him, and who with their mother, his aged partner, are left to mourn the loss of an affectionate and faithful husband and a tender-hearted, loving father. He was for many years up to the time of his death an elder in the Presbyterian Church and a devoted and earnest Christian. His death was peace. A good neighbour, he was highly respected by a large circle of acquaintances, and was followed to his last resting place on Wilson Hill cemetery, by a very large and respectable concourse of people.

KNOX CHURCH, Elora, says the *Express*, never looks so well as on the occasion of the flower services, and Sabbath last was one of the best. The church was well filled. The centre was reserved for the children, who behaved splendidly. The platform was beautifully decorated with the flowers, which were most tastefully done up in bouquets,

each with its little message of love gathered up in a verse from Scripture. Mr. Rose preached from Isa. liii. 2, "He shall grow up before Him as a root out of a dry ground," in his usual happy, pointed way. He read with great power and pathos "Poor Little Joe," by Peleg Arkwright, and brought the tears to many eyes. The service was a very remarkable one, and will be long remembered by all who were present. After the sermon a collection was taken up for the French Evangelization and Pointe aux Trembles Schools, amounting to close on \$100. Monday the flowers were sent to the General Hospital, Guelph.

THE Hamilton papers announce that at the annual Convocation of the University of Galesville, Wisconsin, on the 22nd ult., the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws was conferred on Rev. R. J. Laidlaw, of that city, in recognition of his ability as a pastor and a preacher, his attainments as a scholar and his success in the field of authorship. The value of this honour is enhanced by the fact that the proposal to confer it originated with official representatives of the University, one of whom, the Rev. Dr. Thomas, of La Crosse, is a fellow student of the pastor of St. Paul's, and a gentleman of high literary attainments, enjoying as he does the distinction of being a Fellow of Princeton College, New Jersey, and of having received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy from one of the leading universities of Europe. The congregation of St. Paul's are congratulated upon the honour bestowed on their respected pastor. Continued prosperity in his work to Rev. Dr. Laidlaw.

WE announce this week the death of a man who will be missed and deeply regretted in very various circles. Few men had warmer or more devoted friends among those—and they were many—who knew him well, than the Rev. John W. Smith. Educated at the Royal College, Belfast, a scholarly man of kindly and winning nature, he, for more than a third of a century, ministered to the spiritual wants of a people in whose eyes his virtues and his merits were constant, prominent and long-sustained. At his home in Grafton, on the morning of the 21st ult., the veteran clergyman, in the fulness of years, passed peacefully away, and if it be a blessing or sign of divine favour to die young, surely it is a still greater blessing to live a long, happy, useful, irrepensible life, and sink calmly into the grave, regretted and esteemed by all. Chief among those who will miss him most is she who has been his constant companion, and who will regard all for the best, by virtue of that Christian fortitude that has enabled her so lightly to bear the weight of increasing years.

THE following resolution was passed by the members of the Assembly who went to the Pacific Coast by the Canadian Pacific Railway: The members of the Presbyterian General Assembly excursion party to Vancouver, before separating, desire to convey to you their complete satisfaction with the arrangements made for their conveyance and comfort, with the uniform attentiveness and courtesy of all the train officials, and the convenience of the arrangements for meals; they would recognize especially your thoughtfulness in enabling them to convert a day's delay into a pleasant visit to the National Park at Banff; they would also like an opportunity of expressing their feelings of admiration at the excellent condition of the road and at the engineering skill with which it has been carried through a most difficult region. The Canadian Pacific Railway is a work of which the country may well be proud, and it will doubtless do much to bind the different portions of the Dominion together in bonds of national unity. You are at liberty to make any use of this which you may see fit.

AT the morning service in St. Andrew's Church, St. John, N. B., Sunday week, Rev. L. G. Macneill preached an anniversary sermon to parents and children, taking his text from Ephesians vi. 4, "Bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." The pastor did not believe in the old fashion of giving first to the parents and then to the children. It should be just the opposite in most things. He made two word pictures, one of a little girl—Queen Victoria in her earlier years—and a little boy—Jesus Christ—and graphically described the many excellencies of their early training, drawing therefrom many worthy lessons. After the singing of the hymn, "There is a Happy Land," by the congregation, the pastor addressed the parents. Children were not the property of the parents. It used to be thought they were, but God owns the children, therefore they should bring them up in His nurture. Children should be taught to be self-reliant—better teach a boy to say no, than to say no to him. Teach them what duty is. Teach them an example. But be careful what you give them to imitate. Teach them early. A crooked tree gets its twist when it is a sapling. Children ought to be trained up straight from the first. Teach them by prayer. Training without prayer makes clever worldlings, but not Christian men and women. Pray before your children. Make your own prayers. If not, use McDuff's, or better, the Episcopal prayer book. But be sure you leave on your children's hearts the memory of a good prayerful home.

TUESDAY, the Queen's Jubilee, will long be remembered by the Presbyterians of Midland as one of the most important days in the history of their Church in that place. The day was selected as the one most fitting for the laying of the corner-stone of their new edifice. That devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. David James, pastor of the congregation, and Rev. D. D. Currie, of Penetanguishene, and an address was delivered by Rev. Mr. Taylor, of the Methodist Church. The glass jar deposited in the stone contained copies of the leading dailies, the local papers, THE CANADA PRESBYTERIAN, *Record*, etc., the financial statement of the Presbyterian Church in Canada for the past year, a document giving a short history of the Church in Midland, and the list of officers and members. Mr. John White, on behalf of the congregation, presented Mrs. Dollar with a handsome silver trowel bearing a suitable inscription. After placing the stone in position she said, "This stone I declare well and truly laid, in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost." The different speakers made suitable reference to the Jubilee of her Majesty Queen Victoria, and the outdoor