

Ministers and Churches.

THE Rev. R. P. McKay, of Parkdale, and Rev. W. Frizzell, of Leslieville, left last week for a two months' trip to the Old Country.

THE Bowmanville *Statesman* says: The social at Mr. John McClellan's on Monday was one of the most successful and pleasant that we ever attended. Every one present was delighted. The proceeds exceeded \$80 for the organ fund of St. Paul's Church.

ST. JOHN Street Church, Belleville, Rev. Dr. George, pastor, was re-opened on Sunday, July 8th, after the fire which almost destroyed it. It is now a beautiful house of worship. Dr. George and the congregation are working together for the high interests of their church.

THE Presbytery of Lindsay has granted the translation of Rev. D. McDonald, and agreeably to previous provisional arrangement, his induction to his new charge will take place in St. Andrew's Church, Scarborough, on Tuesday, the 24th inst., services commencing at two p.m.

ON Sunday, 1st July, Rev. M. W. McLean, pastor St. Andrew's Church, Belleville, received into the communion twenty-nine members, of whom two were by certificate. The congregation at a meeting on Tuesday following added \$300 per annum to the pastor's salary. The congregation is in a healthy and flourishing condition.

THE Rev. Dr. McTavish, of St. Andrew's Church, Lindsay, at the *pro re nata* meeting of the Presbytery at Sunderland, intimated his acceptance of the call from Central Church, Toronto. Influential delegations from both Presbyteries and congregations urged their respective claims, and strong pleas were made, those of Toronto prevailing.

AT a *pro re nata* meeting of Lindsay Presbytery held at Sunderland on the 9th July, the Rev. D. B. McDonald, of Scott and Uxbridge, accepted a call addressed to him from St. Andrew's Church, Scarborough; and the Rev. Dr. McTavish, Lindsay, accepted a call addressed to him from the Central Church, Toronto, and were translated to Toronto Presbytery.

THE garden party and strawberry festival held at the manse, Clover Hill, on Tuesday week was very successful, between 400 and 500 being in attendance. An excellent programme was provided, and the singing was first class. The 36th Batt. band furnished excellent music for the occasion. It was the most successful garden party ever held in the section.

ATTENTION is directed to the advertisement in another column announcing that Mr. Campbell Black, formerly leader of Psalmody in St. Bernard's Church, Glasgow, is prepared to give instruction in congregational singing. His testimonials and recommendations are of the highest character, testifying to his thorough competency for the work he undertakes.

A LITERARY entertainment was given in the Sumach Presbyterian Church, on Friday evening week, under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society. The chair was occupied by the pastor, the Rev. George Burnfield, B.D. A most excellent programme was provided, consisting of vocal music, readings, recitations and addresses. Refreshments were served during the evening. There was a large attendance present, and a most enjoyable and profitable evening was spent.

AT the regular quarterly meeting of the Paris Presbytery, held at Ingersoll on the 10th of July, the Rev. Dr. Beattie, of Brantford, tendered the resignation of his charge, that he might be free to accept the important position of Professor of Apologetics in the Theological Seminary at Columbia, S. C. A special meeting of Presbytery is appointed for July 24 at Brantford to take action in the matter, and the Rev. W. T. McMullen is to cite the congregation of First Church to appear for its interests at that meeting.

ST. ANDREW'S Church, Markham, was recently the recipient of a beautiful and costly communion set, the gift of Mrs. W. Morgan, a much esteemed member of the congregation. The presentation was made at the close of the Fast Day service on Friday, 6th July, by the pastor, the Rev. R. Thynne, in the name of Mrs. Morgan. Mr. John Miller, elder, on behalf of the congregation, thanked Mrs. Morgan for this very liberal and tangible token of her interest in an attachment to St. Andrew's Church. The Rev. J. McKay, of Knox Church, Scarborough, also made a few appropriate and feeling remarks on the occasion.

THE new Presbyterian Church in Brunell, Muskoka, which was almost completed, and expected to be fully completed during this summer, was burnt to the ground on May 25. The fire caught from a neighbouring fallow, and when discovered, nothing could be done to save the church. The people who are few in numbers, have had a hard struggle to build their church, and consequently are now very much discouraged over their loss. It is impossible for them to rebuild unless they are aided. Any assistance, for the purpose of rebuilding, sent to N. Shaw, who is the student missionary on the field for the summer, will be thankfully received and acknowledged through the columns of THE CANADA PRESBYTERIAN. Address Port Sydney, Muskoka, Ontario.

THE "Young People's Association" in connection with Knox Church, Ingersoll, held a strawberry festival on Wednesday evening, the 4th inst., in the grounds surrounding the church, which were tastefully decorated with Chinese lanterns. Tables were laid on the green, and presided over by the young ladies, who did all in their power to entertain their crowd of guests. Ice cream and flowers were disposed of during the evening. The music was provided by the I. O. O. F. band. The proceeds were such as more than satisfied the most sanguine of the youthful workers. The pastor and congregation of Knox Church are to be congratulated on the advancement made during the last few months, a handsome new organ having been put in with the necessary improvements—and very active prepara-

tions are now in progress for the building of new sheds. The numerous guests on Wednesday last testified to the interest taken in all branches of their church work.

MR. D. MACKAY, B.A., who has filled the position of Principal of the Elora High School, for the past three years, with great energy and success, recently resigned his position, much to the regret of the trustees and all interested in the welfare of the school. To show the appreciation of Mr. Mackay's worth and work, the pupils and ex-pupils of the school and the citizens generally of Elora and vicinity, tendered him a magnificent farewell in the spacious drill-shed of the town, on the evening of Friday 29th June. Among the many pleasant features of the evening were the presentation to Mr. Mackay, by his pupils and ex-pupils, of an elegant gold watch valued at \$100, and of a beautiful Bagster Bible by the members of his Bible class in connection with Chalmers Church, of which Dr. Middlemiss is the honoured pastor. Leading citizens testified to the influence for good, in many ways, Mr. Mackay has exerted during his stay in Elora, and all joined in wishing him a long and successful career of usefulness.

AN interesting meeting was held at the Bayfield Road Presbyterian Church on Sabbath, July 5th, closing with the communion service on July 8th. On the 5th, at meeting of the Session, on the report of the pastor who had examined the candidates for communion, seventeen members were received into full communion. On this day, after divine service, Messrs. William Clark and James Wells were ordained and inducted elders over this congregation. On Sabbath two additional members were received making in all nineteen at this communion. Mr. McConnell expressed his delight at seeing so many come forward at this time, the first communion since his induction as pastor over the Bayfield Road and Birne congregation. A very interesting weekly prayer meeting is kept up in both congregations. These hopeful signs, and the result of our meeting at Bayfield Road, closing with the service of the 8th inst., are but the droppings, let it be hoped, of the full and copious shower yet to descend on both pastor and people in the new and happy relation entered into between them on the 21st day of last May.

A NEW church was opened at Fesserton, one of the stations of Rev. J. M. Glassford's charge, on Sunday, July 8. Very able and instructive sermons were preached by the Rev. R. N. Grant, of Orillia, morning and evening, and by Rev. J. Morgan (Methodist), of Hillsdale, in the afternoon. At each of the services the church, seated for 250, was unable to accommodate the large congregations. On the following evening a very successful ice cream festival was held, after which addresses were given by Rev. Messrs. Knox, Bedford (Methodist), Grant, Glassford and Mr. Scott, Knox College student. Excellent music was rendered by the Orillia choir. Solos by Mrs. Hunter and Misses Armstrong and Doane, all of Orillia, were much appreciated. Total proceeds of dedicatory services and Monday evening festival, \$177. The church is beautifully furnished, and when faced with brick will not be excelled by any church in the district. Very great credit is due the young pastor, to whose untiring efforts this building will long stand as a monument. The thanks of the building committee are now publicly tendered those friends whose assistance practically leaves the church free of debt.

THE Rev. Mr. Todd, of Minnedosa, lectured in the Presbyterian Church, on a recent evening. His subject was "My Rambles through Scotland." Owing to the attraction of a tea and refreshment entertainment provided by the English Church the same evening, the attendance was not as large as it would otherwise have been. Miss McRae, the Winnipeg vocalist, who has been visiting with Mr. Todd at Minnedosa for some weeks past, accompanied the lecturer and charmed the audience with vocal selections during the evening. Her first song "Jessie's Dream," won the hearts of the listeners and insured her a warm welcome at each appearance on the platform. Mr. Todd in his lecture, carried his hearers in imagination through the most famous cities and romantic scenery in "Auld Scotia." The reverend gentleman is an entertaining lecturer, and introduces humorous anecdotes into the mass of substantial facts and descriptive passages. At appropriate intervals Miss McRae sang songs which are directly connected with the places described in the lecture. Mr. H. Travis accompanied Miss McRae on the organ. The first annual services in connection with Presbyterian Church were held yesterday. In the morning the Rev. Mr. Todd, of Minnedosa, preached, and in the evening the Rev. Mr. Betts, of Moosomin, a former pastor of the Methodist Church, Birtle, occupied the pulpit. Both gentlemen preached eloquent sermons and were listened to by large congregations. The singing of Miss McRae added a great deal to the success of the services. The Presbyterian choir is well trained, and led by Mr. Travis on the pipe organ furnished excellent singing. This organ, valued at \$1,000, has been placed in the church during the past year and is the only one west of Winnipeg at present. The collections were large and will materially assist in reducing the small debt on the building.

PRESBYTERY OF PARIS.—The quarterly meeting of this Presbytery was held in St. Andrew's Church, Ingersoll, July 10th. Rev. W. A. McKay presiding in the absence of Rev. M. McGregor, appointed for the ensuing year. Rev. Dr. Beattie tendered the resignation of his pastoral charge of First Church, Brantford, with the view of accepting the professorship of apologetics in Columbia Presbyterian Seminary. The usual citation was issued, and a special meeting for final action was appointed for 24th inst., in First Church. Rev. J. S. Hardie was appointed Moderator of Dumfries Street Session in Dr. Cochrane's absence. A resolution of congratulation on Mr. McMullen's appointment as Moderator of the General Assembly, was unanimously adopted. Next ordinary meeting is to be held in the new Knox Church, Ayr, on the second Tuesday of October.—W. T. McMULLEN, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF CHATHAM.—This Presbytery met in St. Andrew's Church, Chatham, on 10th July. There was a good attendance of ministers and elders. There was not

much business before the court. Rev. J. B. Scott memorialized the Presbytery in reference to the report of the deputation which visited Leamington some time ago. After hearing Mr. Scott, the Presbytery set aside his memorial, and expressed its confidence in the deputation and their report. Messrs. Gray and MacLennan were appointed to visit Strangfield, Windfall and Goldsmith. The name of Mr. Lafontaine was dropped from the roll of Presbytery, because of the ecclesiastical changes which have taken place in Kankakee. In connection with a report from a committee, the Presbytery discussed the subject of evangelistic services. The committee was re-appointed. The next regular meeting was appointed to be held in First Church, Chatham, on first Tuesday in September, at ten a.m.—WILLIAM WALKER, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF MAITLAND.—This Presbytery met at Lucknow, July 10. There were present sixteen ministers and eight elders. The Rev. D. G. Cameron was appointed Moderator. Commissioners to the General Assembly reported their diligence. A communication from Rev. Dr. Reid was read stating that the General Assembly granted leave to Rev. G. Brown, of Wroxeter, to retire from the active duties of the ministry. The following Session records will be called for at next meeting: Pine River, South Kinloss, Huron, Langside, Walton, Bluevale and Eadies. Standing Committees were appointed as follows: Finance—Messrs. Stevenson, McRae, Muir, with their Presbytery elders and MacNabb; Home Missions—Messrs. Ross, MacLennan, Howie, Murray, MacQuarrie, with their Presbytery elders; State of Religion—Messrs. MacDonald, Sutherland, Davidson, MacFarlane, with their Presbytery elders and Brown; Sabbath Schools—Messrs. Harrison (Convener), MacKay, Ballantyne, Leask and MacQueen, and their Presbytery elders; Temperance—Messrs. D. G. Cameron, Hartly, Law, with their Presbytery elders and Jones; Superintendence of Students—Messrs. Murray, Ross, MacDonald, MacQuarrie, with their Presbytery elders; Sabbath Observance—Messrs. Ross, Leask, Murray, MacQuarrie, with their Presbytery elders. Mr. Stewart gave notice that he will move at next meeting that all regular meetings of Presbytery be held at Wingham. The next regular meeting will be held at Wingham, on Tuesday, September 11, at half-past twelve p.m.—J. MACNABB, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF SARNIA.—This Presbytery met at Sarnia at ten a.m., on Tuesday, 10th July. The Rev. George MacLennan was appointed Moderator, and Rev. T. MacAdam, Clerk, *pro tem*. Mr. Cuthbertson reported that he had been found impossible to effect a re-arrangement of the field in East Williams. A call was laid on the table from Morrisburg, Presbytery of Brockville, to the Rev. Hugh Cameron, of Watford, and it was agreed to cite the latter congregation to appear for its interests at a meeting to be held at Watford on the 24th inst., for the purpose of disposing of the call. A call from Oil City and Oil Springs in favour of Rev. H. McKellar, was not sustained owing to insufficiency of signatures. The following Standing Committees were appointed with the Conveners named: Home Mission, Mr. H. Currie, Thedford; Colleges, Dr. Thompson; Temperance, Mr. Johnston; Finance, Mr. Cuthbertson; Sarcisics, Mr. Anderson; State of Religion, Mr. MacLennan; Sabbath Schools, Mr. Beam; Business, Clerk; Schemes of the Church, Mr. McDonald; Examination of Students, Dr. Thompson. Mr. Tibb gave notice of a motion at next regular meeting to change the mode of electing Assembly commissioners, and re-arrange the Presbytery roll. At the afternoon sederunt, Mr. Dickie, of Detroit, appeared on behalf of the Presbytery of Detroit, to invite this Presbytery to consider the advisability of working Marine City in conjunction with Sombra Village. The matter was remitted to the Presbytery's Home Mission Committee with the addition of Mr. Tibb. The rest of the sitting was spent with delegates from the various Sabbath schools in conference on Sabbath school work, and the Presbytery adjourned to meet in Strathroy, on the third Tuesday of September.

MONTREAL NOTES.

The ordination and induction of John C. Martin, B.A., took place at Duval on the 26th June. Mr. Martin was one of this year's graduating class of the Presbyterian College here. He distinguished himself at college and passed his examinations for ordination in a highly satisfactory manner. The Rev. Dr. Watson presided and ordained Mr. Martin. Rev. Mr. Langdon, another of this year's graduates and now minister of Rockburn and Gore, preached the ordination sermon. The Rev. J. B. Muir, of Huntingdon, addressed the congregation and the Rev. Hugh McLean, of Laguerre, addressed the minister. It was a very harmonious settlement and augurs well for both minister and congregation.

A grand prohibition convention has just been held in Montreal; which has excited a wide and deep interest. The speakers from Montreal as well as from a distance were men of mark, many of them veterans in the field. Public opinion, which has been ripening fast on the temperance question of late years received a decided impulse in connection with this convention. The advocates for a third party in connection with prohibition were, however, disappointed in carrying their point. The majority against it was a very decided one.

A very sad event occurred on July 5 in the Presbyterian College. A. C. Clark, aged twenty-four, an arts student, having the ministry in view, was found dead in the bathroom of the college. The young man was subject to fainting turns, but the previous evening and that morning appeared well as usual. At the funeral on Saturday the college was represented by Professor Coussirat and others, the Presbytery by Mr. Patterson the Clerk, and Dr. William J. Smyth, pastor of deceased, conducted an impressive funeral service. A touching sight was the Sabbath school class of little boys taught by Mr. Clark in connection with the Calvin Church. It was narrated that their teacher had espec-