

Rev. A. B. Winchester has declined the call to Berlin Presbyterian Church.

Rev. W. K. Shearer has been appointed Treasurer of the Presbytery of Paris.

Rev. Alex. Grant, of St. Mary's, has been chosen Moderator of the Stratford Presbytery.

Rev. Dr. J. A. Morison preached a vigorous sermon on the labor question at Chalmers' Presbyterian Church, Toronto, last evening.

Paris Presbytery has sustained the call given by St. Andrew's Church, Brantford, to Rev. Mr. Scott, of Hespeler. The salary offered is \$1,200.

As a result of disension in St. Andrew's Church, Blenheim, Rev. Mr. Leslie will likely have his resignation accepted by the Paris Presbytery.

The call from the First Presbyterian Church, Brockville, to Rev. R. Laird, of Campbellford, has been sustained by the Brockville Presbytery.

Mr. Abrey, a recent graduate of Queen's University, has been called to the Presbyterian churches of Humphrey and Logan, in the Stratford Presbytery.

Rev. W. R. Ross, M.A., of Glencoe, has been called to Knox Church, Guelph, as successor to Rev. W. A. J. Martin, recently settled in Zion Church, Brantford.

Rev. D. Strachan, of Guelph, preached in the First Church, Brockville, on the 16th inst., by invitation from the session. Mr. Strachan will also occupy the pulpit next Sunday.

The Rev. Dr. Sutherland, of Fingal, has resigned the clerkship of the Presbytery of London. Rev. D. C. Johnson was appointed in his place.

Dr. Lyle, pastor of Central Church, Hamilton, has left for his summer home in Muskoka. In his absence the services in Association Hall will be taken by Rev. John Morton, who will assume all pastoral duties during July and the first week in August. Rev. J. Cumming Smith, of Indianapolis, who is well known to the members of Central Church, will occupy the pulpit from that date until the return of Dr. Lyle. The opening services in the church, which is undergoing thorough renovation, will likely be held on the second Sabbath in September.

NORTHERN ONTARIO.

The Rev. Mr. Johnson, of North Bay, conducted the services, morning and evening, in the Presbyterian Church, Sundridge, last Sunday.

The Rev. K. J. Macdonald, B.D., of Knox Church, Beaverton, exchanged pulpits with the Rev. J. R. Fraser, B.D., of Uxbridge, on a recent Sabbath.

The Rev. Dr. Grant, of Orillia, is still suffering from a sore knee, and delivered his Sunday sermons from a chair. He was assisted in the services by the Rev. Dr. Gray.

Rabbie Mooshie Daniel will preach in Knox Church, Owen Sound, next Sabbath at 11 a.m., and in the evening will give an address on "What the Gospel has done in Persia through Presbyterian Missionaries."

Rev. W. T. Ellison was elected Moderator of the Presbytery of Bruce for the ensuing six months. Rev. A. Tolmie gave notice of motion to the effect that he will move at the next meeting of the Presbytery for some changes to be made in the order of appointing representatives to the General Assembly.

At the last meeting of the Presbytery of Barrie leave was given to Mr. Leishman to moderate in call at Airhe, July 11th. Also to Dr. McCrae, at Banks, July 17th. Meeting of Presbytery, appointed at Collingwood on the 20th inst., to dispose of these two calls and their emergent business. Congregations were called on to preserve the Lord's Day intact. The Presbytery respectfully requested Grand Trunk officials at Allandale to reduce, as far as possible, railway labor on Lord's Day.

The Ladies' Aid of the Presbyterian Church, Powassan, held a very successful garden party and sale of work on Mr. Porter's lawn on Monday of last week. A platform was erected on the ground and an excellent programme was given, consisting of choruses, solos, drills and instrumental music, the chairman being Rev. J. K. Clark. Refreshments were sold at the stand during the evening. The grounds were well filled and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. The proceeds amounted to something over \$36.

At the meeting of Bruce Presbytery the Rev. A. H. Drumm tendered his resignation of the pastoral charge of Port Elgin, and a numerous signed petition was presented praying the Presbytery not to accept it. The resignation was laid on the table and the congregation ordered to be called at the next meeting of Presbytery.

A motion of sympathy was passed at the meeting of Bruce Presbytery with Rev. H. McQuarrie, of Queen Hill, who recently fell and broke one of his legs, and the hope was expressed that he might soon be restored to the active work of the ministry. Mr. A. S. McLean, a student in Theology, and who has been transferred to the Presbytery of Bruce from that of Montreal, was examined in the several subjects prescribed for license, and the examination having been sustained, he was, according to the rules of the Church, duly licensed to preach the Gospel.

LOWER PROVINCES.

Rev. Mr. Cameron preached in New St. Andrew's, New Glasgow, last Sabbath.

Rev. Dr. Sedgwick preached last Sabbath at New Glasgow and Brookfield.

Rev. Prof. Falconer is canvassing the congregation of the P.E.I. in the interests of the College Building Fund.

The "Willing Workers" of Campbellton, N.B., held a garden party last Monday on the grounds of Mr. Bradshaw McKenzie.

A successful open air tea was held at Caledonia, P.E.I. The proceeds, about \$300, will be devoted to the building fund of the new church at the Cross Roads.

Miss Louise Patterson, daughter of the late Rev. Dr. Patterson, of New Glasgow, was married in Plymouth Church, Brooklyn, on July 8th, to Mr. Samuel Livesley, of London, England.

The Young Ladies' Mission Band, of Knox Church, Pictou, held a fancy sale and garden party on the 18th inst., on the grounds of Mr. Jos. A. Gordon.

Rev. L. G. McNeil, of St. John, has returned much improved in general health, and has gone on a short visit to his old congregation at Maitland N.S. He hopes to be able to resume work in August.

The congregation of Middle Musquodoboit has been presented with a fine bell by Mr. Robert Reid, in memory of the late Mrs. Reid. It was rung for the first time on the Saturday before communion, last Sabbath.

The congregation of New Mills, R. Charlo, and Jacquet River, recently presented their secretary-treasurer, Mr. D. G. Murchie, with an elegant roller-top oak desk and revolving chair, as a token of esteem and appreciation.

The ladies of Prince William, N.B., helped their Orange friends to show that they were the "bulwark of Protestantism" in a practical fashion, by providing them with a strawberry festival in the interests of the Presbyterian Church of that place.

The baseballists of Hopewell, N.S., are in "a state of mind" at present. They advertised that there would be dancing at their picnic and it proved a powerful attraction, not to the giddy young folks, but to the strictures of "grave and reverend seniors," who could not see that "the end justified the means." The result was that the means ruined the end.

The Maritime School of Science will be held at Campbellton, N.B., July 25th to August 9th. It is conducted under the auspices of the N.B. Natural History Society, an organization which has done much good educational and field work.

Rev. F. J. Coffin, formerly of the Trinidad Mission, now professor of Hindi in Chicago University, is visiting London for the purpose of studying in the British Museum.

Every Housekeeper Should Know

That salt should be kept in a dry place.
That melted butter will not make good cake.
That veal should be white, dry and close-grained.

That the cockler eggs are the quicker they will froth.

That nutmegs should be grated at the blossom end first.

That the best poultry has firm flesh, yellow skin and legs.

That lemons will keep for years if covered with cold water.

That to make good pastry the ingredients must be very cold.

That pork should be fine, close-grained and the rind smooth and thin.

That the best beef is moderately fat and the flesh of a bright red color.

Presbytery of Chatham.

Chatham Presbytery met in Erskine Church, Blenheim on July 11th. Mr. T. Nattress, B.A., Moderator, in the chair. It was agreed that henceforth standing committees of Presbytery be elected by ballot. Mr. Bartlett presented the report of the committee appointed to prepare a resolution re Bro. J. Becket, lately of Thamesville.

Moved by Mr. Bartlett, seconded by Mr. Tolmie, and agreed, that: Whereas at a previous meeting of this Presbytery the Rev. John Becket tendered his resignation of the pastoral charge of Thamesville and Turin; and whereas Mr. Becket at the time of his resignation was the oldest member of this Presbytery in the active duties of the ministry;

And whereas his long and faithful services in the duties of the ministry, and especially his wise counsel and ripe experience in the conduct of our business as a Court of Christ's Church;

Therefore, resolved, that we record in our minutes our sincere regret at the loss of Mr. Becket as a member of this Presbytery, and assure him that he carries with him our fervent wish and earnest prayer that he may be abundantly successful in carrying forward the Lord's work in his new field of labor, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Mr. Becket by the Clerk.

And it was received and adopted. The committee appointed to visit the Pine field reported, and the report was received and the matter of the future supply was left in the hands of Presbytery's H. M. Committee. The clerk was appointed to prescribe students' exercises. At the request of the Convener of the Committee on Century Fund, it was agreed to allow the Moderator to fix the time and place of the regular meeting in September. It was resolved to hold an adjourned meeting in Harrow on August 2nd at 2 p.m., the main business being the ordination of Mr. T. C. Hood, B.A., who is under appointment as a Foreign Missionary in China.

Messrs. Munro and Tolmie were instructed to visit Blythwood, etc., in the interests of the 'agumentation Fund.

A call from Dresden, signed by 106 members and 83 adherents, to Rev. P. W. Anderson, of Meaford, was sustained as a regular Gospel call, and it was ordered that it be forwarded in the usual form to Paris Presbytery.

Mr. Radford obtained authority to moderate in a call at Comber.

The meeting was closed with the benediction. W. M. FLEMING, Clerk.

Essex, July 13, 1899.

Assembly Minutes.

The minutes of the Assembly meeting last month, together with the annual reports of committees, are now ready, and a copy is being mailed this week to every minister of the Church.

No pelting rain can make us stay
When we have tickets for the play;
But let one drop the pavement amirch,
And it's too wet to go to church.

For the Sting of a Bee.

A writer in our exchange says: "There is no better remedy for the sting of a bee or wasp than common mud. The writer, not long since, watched a pet kitten which treated a bee with undue familiarity and was stung on the nose, promptly rub the injured member in the mud and earth. A little earth and water will almost instantly relieve the suffering of a child from this cause if it is promptly applied."

"The year's at the spring
And day's at the morn;
Morning's at seven;
The hillsides dew-pearled;
The lark's on the wing;
The snail's on the thorn;
God's in His heaven—
All's right with the world!"
—Browning.

God is the Christian's refuge and strength. His loving kindness sustains our weakness, and through the richness of His divine liberality our wants are supplied. We can not faint to falling while leaning on His almighty arm. His holy Word is our pillar of cloud by day and of fire by night; and through His divine strength and guidance we shall reach the end of all our weariness with joy, and "come over the river and rest under the shade of the trees."