

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

THE ladies of Knox Church, St. Mary's, held a strawberry festival on the 4th inst.

REV. ANDREW HENDERSON, M.A., has declined the call to Bothwell and Sutherland's Corners.

THE Presbyterian congregation of Deseronto held an excursion to Massasaga Point on Dominion day.

THE Sabbath school building connected with the Orillia Presbyterian church is undergoing enlargement.

THE Ancaster Presbyterian congregation held their annual festival in Captain Walker's grove on Dominion day.

THE trustees of St. Andrew's Church, Berlin, have advertised for tenders for the enlargement and improvement of their church building.

THE Rev. W. Blain, of Tara, having for some time found it difficult to perform his pastoral duties, on account of ill health, has left for a six weeks' visit to the sea coast.

PROBATIONERS and others having business to transact with the Presbytery of Brockville will now please correspond with the Rev. G. Burnfield, of Brockville, Ont., who has returned from his eastern tour—not with the Rev. W. J. Day, of Spencerville, Que., who only acted as Convener of the Presbytery's Home Mission Committee during Mr. Burnfield's absence.

ON the evening of Monday, the 26th ult., the Rev. J. Paterson, from Scotland, lectured in Knox Church, Montreal, on some of the incidents, adventures, and providences connected with his travels in Australia, India, Eastern Turkey, Burmah, Russia, Cuba, Mexico, and the North-West provinces of Canada. On the previous Sabbath Mr. Paterson preached in Erskine Church.

THE Orillia "Times" of the 29th ult. says: "Last Sunday the Rev. J. Gray, M.A., occupied the pulpit of the Presbyterian church, morning and evening, and preached two excellent discourses. This was the first time he took the full services since his resignation was tabled. The effort proved more than he should have attempted, as he was confined to his room all day on Monday in consequence."

ON the 15th ult., the teachers of the Central Presbyterian Sabbath school, Galt, presented Miss Hume with an elegant cake basket, accompanied by a very complimentary address. Miss Hume has been a most indefatigable and zealous worker in both the Church and the Sabbath school, and the presentation bore testimony to the fact that her efforts were appreciated by her co-workers in the good cause.

THE communion was dispensed at the Brockton Presbyterian Church on Sabbath last by Rev. Mr. Campbell, of Richmond Hill; nineteen new members joining the Church on the occasion. The church is at present under the care of Mr. Robt. McIntyre, who has been indefatigable as a missionary, the church having prospered, and made more progress while under his charge than it has done since its formation some six or seven years ago. Four of its members have lately been formed into a session, with Rev. A. Gilray as Moderator. The prospect for the future is very encouraging; so much so as to lead its members to hope soon to be able to support a stated minister of their own.—*CON.*

ON the evening of Thursday, the 22nd ult., a social meeting was held in the basement of the First Presbyterian Church, Brockville, under the auspices of the teachers of the Sabbath school connected with the congregation, for the purpose of bidding good-bye to Mr. McGregor, late Principal of the High School, and Mrs. McGregor, in view of their approaching removal from Brockville to Almonte. Mr. McGregor was presented with a beautiful copy of the illustrated "Arctic World," and speeches were made by the Rev. G. Burnfield, B.D., pastor of the congregation, and several other gentlemen, all bearing testimony to Mr. McGregor's high character and qualifications as a citizen and an educator of youth.

ST. JAMES' Presbyterian Church, Stouffville, having undergone a very thorough renovation and refitting, was reopened on the 25th ult., when the Rev. E. Cockburn, M.A., of Uxbridge, preached two excellent discourses to large audiences. On the Tuesday evening following a tea meeting was held, at which addresses were given by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Urquhart,

and several of the neighbouring ministers. The Stouffville correspondent of the Uxbridge "Guardian" says: "There seems to be a new infusion in the Presbyterians of this place for some little time back, which we hope will be continued. They have now a pretty little church, handsomely fitted up, a good minister at the helm, a nice organ to lead the singing, and every prospect of increasing numbers in the Church. The re-opening services on Sunday last were all that could be desired, and the social on Tuesday was one of the best ever given by any body in Stouffville. Go on and prosper."

GOSPEL WORK.

THE GOSPEL AND THE DRINK IN GLASGOW.

Nothing better enables one to realize the misery which the drink is causing in many hearts and homes, than to hear the touching verbal request for prayer at the Circus meetings, for husbands, wives, sons, etc. One request was "For the conversion of a man who is sadly abusing his wife for receiving Christ at one of your meetings." Dozens also rose, and asked prayer for themselves. A large inquiry-meeting followed.

In the closely packed evening meeting on the 26th May the Scripture prayer was repeated by the vast congregation. At Mr. Moody's request, those who had obtained the victory over the drink rose up, and he addressed them in a few kind words, assuring them that he never passed a day without praying that they might be kept by the power of God. Testimonies followed, which we have no space to record fully. To one man who had stood seven years Mr. Moody put the question, "You say your companions never asked you twice after your conversion to enter a public-house; how did you manage that?" The answer was, "I just began to tell them about Jesus, and they slunk away."

Another man was led to give up drinking and selling drink—as he had done for fifteen years—by a person referring to the public house as "hell." He came to see that it was a high road to perdition, and although he never used to go to bed sober, he had found Christ as his Saviour, and now never entered a public-house unless it was to fetch some one out of it. Another testified that the godly life of his mother had much to do with his conversion from a reckless life; he told how, when companions tried to draw him back, he spoke to them of what the Lord had done for him, and they moved off; then in touching language he referred to the triumphant death of his godly mother; contrasted that death with the end of one who died without hope; referred to the calm peace he had when called to pray at his mother's bedside; and closed a stirring appeal by urging all to come to Christ without delay.

It is impossible in a few lines to represent the power that attended these and similar testimonies. Mr. Moody asked, "Now, what are you going to do with all these testimonies?" It is," he continued, "a crisis with many of you. Are you going to change company to-night? The first thing is to 'turn right-about-face.' The Son of God is passing by. I shall ask Mr. Sankey to sing the hymn that God has owned to the conversion of so many, and we will pray that God may bless the words—'Jesus of Nazareth passeth by.'"

The after-meeting was simply amazing. We were personally called to speak with a stranger from Ireland, who was sitting in the highest part of the Circus, where a full view could be had of all that was going on, and for more than an hour, from that point, we noticed groups of earnest seekers in every part. Judging from conversation with many workers, we think there was more fruit gathered than on any previous occasion. The last man to whom we said "Good-night," had come up from the country two days before on business. The holiday that was observed in the city prevented him from carrying out his plans. He fell into bad company, got drunk, was ashamed of himself, and was on the point of enlisting as a soldier when a Christian worker found him, brought him to the meeting, and he enlisted in the service of Jesus Christ, returning the next day to his home, where he carries on a respectable business.

REMARKABLE REPORTS.

Mr. Moody's meetings in Rutherglen-road, "Buchanan Memorial Church," have been attended with marked success. Rev. A. Fullarton says that even on the Queen's birthday, when it was expected few would

be present, 150 remained in an anxious state of mind, and 100 children professed earnest desire to be spoken with; while he was daily receiving requests from large numbers to visit and converse with them in their own homes.

Mr. G. G. McFarlane tells of a woman in the Circus to whom he had spoken, and who had evidently fallen very low. Her husband brought her to be spoken to. She confessed she was given to drink. She was very much agitated, and the tears were falling. Having no handkerchief, she was using the corner of her shawl. A lady who was passing opened a bag she had in her hand, and, taking out a clean white handkerchief, handed it to the woman, saying, "Sister, take this, and do not use your shawl." The woman was afraid to use more than a corner of it, but her heart was touched on finding that it was a gift. He had seen similar instances of delicate kindness, and believed that such conduct opened the way for a readier reception of the truth.

At the same meeting this worker had found sceptics loitering about it in the passages leading to the Circus. He asked one why he was waiting there? The answer was, "My wife was brought to Christ eight years ago. She is a good woman, but she has had a sad time of it with me." The man's heart was touched. On being asked if he was willing to go down into the ring and pray with his wife, he said he was willing to do that and far more; and there they knelt and wept together. After a time the man's face brightened up, and the two left the Circus together.

Mr. Jack reports that the work of grace continues among the people who came in from Busby to attend the Circus meetings, and he asks anyone who is in doubt as to the reality of the work to go down to the railway station any evening at five minutes to eleven. Five minutes with the people returning home would convince anyone that great good was being done.

Rev. Mr. McDougall, referring to the Saturday evening meeting in the Circus, said a testimony was then given by a gentleman who had been engaged in the liquor traffic. He had not sold it by the gill or bottle, but by the pipe and barrel; but on seeing the ruin it was causing he had resolved to wash his hands of the cursed thing for ever. There was much need of continued effort, for Mr. McDougall said, "On Saturday nights—what I call the devil's nights—I have counted people going into one public-house at the rate of 600 per hour. The question is asked, Is it possible to save a drunken woman?" He mentioned two cases of thorough conversion. Nine weeks ago a woman was brought to the free breakfast from the river, where she had been attempting to commit suicide. She gave her heart to Christ, and is now doing well. Another woman was going quietly down to ruin through drink, but was aroused, and had become a Christian and an abstainer.

Among the testimonies given on Monday, May 29th, were the following: "I was going to the meeting of the Temperance League on May 1st, to hear Canon Wilberforce. I was looking after the man, but Christ was that night looking for me, and got me. I could not get into the City Hall, so I went to the Circus. I knew I was not a Christian, and so when the Christians were asked to rise I sat still, and prayed that I might see my true condition before God. A Christian lady at my side enabled me to take hold of Christ. I prayed that my dear wife might also catch Christ, and I thank God she caught Him on May 24th."—*The Christian.*

A PRE-VIEW OF THE THIRD QUARTER'S LESSONS.

In order to have an inspiring review of a course of lessons, there must be an intelligent arrangement of the main facts and their subordinate details. A helpful exercise toward a grasping of the main facts and scope of the course is a pre-view of the whole.

The following is given as an illustrative specimen of such an exercise, having been taught in the Sabbath School Teachers' Normal Class, Ingersoll.

Keep in view the marked divisions of Christ's ministry into three well-defined periods: (1) The year of comparative obscurity, mostly spent in Judea. (2) The year of public and hopeful favour, spent in Galilee. (3) The year of deepening opposition, commenced in Galilee and largely carried on in Judea. Six months of this period are embraced in this quarter's lessons.

Every Sabbath school teacher and earnest Bible student should aim at taking in the broad and rounded