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THE congregation of Glencoe presented their pastor, Mr. Dugald Currie, with a purse of \$170 and an address before his departure to Britain, where he will spend a couple of months.

THE Rev. D. MacRae, of St. Pauls Church, Victoria, B.C., has been appointed by the General Assembly the first Moderator of the new Synod of British Columbia, which will embrace the Presbyteries of Columbia and Calgary.

THE Rev. Professor A.B. Baird, of Manitoba College, Winnipeg, has been visiting his relatives in St. Marys and vicinity. Mr. Baird occupied the pulpit in the First Presbyterian Church on Sunday evening week, and preached an excellent sermon.

THE Rev. Dr. Smythe, pastor of Calvin Church, Montreal, has gone to Scotland for his vacation. His pulpit will be supplied by Rev. Joseph McCracken, B.A., of Scotland, and by Rev. James McCaul, formerly of Stanley Street Church.

THE annual Lawn Festival of Knox Church, Millbank, was held on the manse grounds under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society on the evening of June 28. The attendance was large, although the weather was threatening. The proceeds amounted to \$75.

THE garden party in aid of the Ladies' Aid Society of the New Edinburgh Presbyterian Church was held last week in the beautiful grounds of Captain McNaughton and was a grand success. The Quintette Club furnished the music, which was very much appreciated by everyone.

THE garden party given by the ladies of Knox Church, St. Marys, on the beautiful lawn of Mr. H. F. Thomson on Dominion Day evening proved very satisfactory. There was a large attendance. The berries, cream and cake were delicious, and every person enjoyed themselves.

THE excursion under the auspices of Knox Church, Morrisburg, on Tuesday evening week, was well attended and was a great success. The *Alaska* left at seven o'clock, and on arriving at Iroquois a short stop was made, after which the return trip was made through the rapids.

THE picnic in connection with the Presbyterian Sabbath school, Bluevale, which was held on Tuesday week, was a decided success, there being quite a number present, and every one enjoyed themselves. At night there was a concert in the Foresters' Hall, when a very large audience assembled.

THE Presbyterians of Oshawa were recently favoured with a visit by Rev. Professor McLaren, of Knox College, who preached two excellent sermons, which were heartily enjoyed by large and appreciative congregations. The offering—special, in lieu of the old-time annual soiree—amounted to about \$110, with "more to follow."

THE sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed on July 10 in St. Andrews Church, Peterboro'. The pastor, the Rev. A. MacWilliams, preached from St. Luke xiv. 17. Thirty new members were added to the Church. The new Sabbath school-room is in course of erection, and will be completed in the latter part of September.

ST. ANDREWS Church Sunday school, Victoria, B.C., had its annual picnic at Langford Plains, a beautiful place a few miles out of the city, on the 25th of June. On Dominion Day the Sunday schools of the First Presbyterian Church and of St. Pauls united with that of the Pandora Street Methodist Church in a fine picnic to the same place.

THE Rev. M. P. Talling and wife have returned to London from their honeymoon trip in the East. On the evening of their return they were given a reception by Mr. Talling's congregation in the lecture hall of St. James Presbyterian Church and presented with four handsome pieces of parlour furniture. An address was read by Mrs. Shillington, extending to the young couple a hearty welcome home. The reverend gentlemen replied feelingly.

THE Sabbath school picnic and excursion to Goderich, held under the auspices of Carmel Presbyterian Church, on Thursday week, was a grand success, the long train of cars being crowded to their utmost capacity, so much so that a couple of cars had to be taken on at Clinton to afford accommodation. The day being fine, a most enjoyable time was spent by all on the shores of Lake Huron, and not a single mishap occurred to mar the pleasure of the occasion.

AT the close of the week night service in Knox Church, St. Thomas, recently, the Rev. J. A. Macdonald was presented with a pulpit gown, cassock and bands. The presentation address was made by Mr. Colin Macdougall, Q.C., and the gift was happily acknowledged and the address responded to by Mr. Macdonald. The young men in the congregation were the prime movers in this graceful recognition of Mr. Macdonald's valuable services in the pastorate.

ON a recent Sabbath morning Rev. J. A. Logan, Acadia Mines, N. S., explained to his congregation the motives which had influenced him to accept the call extended him from Chilliwack, B. C. He had not been prompted by a desire for a better position or for more congenial surroundings, for had he done so he would have remained, but he felt that it was the Divine Hand that had guided him to a decision; the Macedonian call for help he could not resist. Mr. Logan has been a faithful and successful pastor, a most useful citizen, a kind neighbour and a good man in every sense of the word. It is extremely doubtful if Acadia Mines ever finds another man who will in every respect fill his place. His removal causes universal regret.

THE Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbytery of Peterborough held their semi-annual meeting at Grafton on Wednesday, July 6. Many delegates were present from the different auxiliaries. The special attraction for the afternoon meeting was Mrs. McQueston, of Hamilton, who gave a good, practical address, which was highly appreciated. After a bountiful tea in the school-room, furnished by the ladies of Grafton congregation, and some pleasant conversation, the evening meeting was opened. It was addressed by Rev. H. V. Mounteer, Methodist minister, and Mr. Frost, returned missionary from China, gave a most thrilling address. The music was good and the solos sweet and appropriate. It fact, it was a delightful day, and those who were privileged to attend will not soon forget the Grafton meeting.

THE death is announced of the Rev. John Cruikshank, D.D., the first minister of the Presbyterian Church settled at Bytown in its early existence. The *Free Press* says: Dr. Cruikshank remained at Bytown for many years, and afterwards became minister at Niagara, and Moderator of the Synod. He married a sister of Mrs. George Bryon Lyon Fellowes. Upon leaving Canada he was presented by the Earl of Fife to the parish of Turiff, in Aberdeenshire, where he laboured for an extended period. Recently he removed to London, taking up his residence at 43 Powis Square, where he died on June 12, in his ninetieth year. Dr. Cruikshank took a warm interest in the material and moral welfare of the old town, and was always very popular with the inhabitants. To scholastic attainments of the highest order he united graces of person and character, which gave him a welcome place in the highest circles of the colony.

LAST week a very successful garden party was given at Mr. I. T. Middleton's suburban villa in East Hamilton. Among the trees festoons of Chinese lanterns were tastefully arranged, and the lawn presented an animated scene. The west-endah was improvised as a concert platform, and a choice programme of music and readings was rendered very acceptably by the following talent: Mrs. McArthur, Mrs. Vallance, Mrs. Sydney Trant, Miss Woodruff, of Auburn, N.Y.; Miss Louie Clark, Miss Addison, Mr. Sydney Grant, Mr. William Young. Miss Laidlaw was the accompanist. The refreshment tent was well patronized during the intermission. At the close of the musical programme short addresses were given by Dr. Laidlaw, Robert Balfour, Winnipeg; Nicholas Awrey, M.P.P., the Canadian commissioner to the Columbian Exposition, and J. T. Middleton. The young ladies of the Mission Home Circle did noble service. The funds of the Ladies' Association of St. Pauls Church were increased by \$62. The evening was a delightful one. About 400 were present.

ST. ANDREWS Church, Napier, picnic on Dominion Day was a great success, and heads the list of successful picnics held under its auspices for a number of years. In the absence of Rev. Mr. Graham, of Watford, the Rev. J. R. Johnston, of East Toronto, former pastor, occupied the chair, and opened the meeting with a spirited address. Addresses were also delivered by the Rev. Messrs. McMillan, of Alvinston, and Gundy, of Napier, and Mr. Brown, of Metcalfe. The speeches were marked by a spirit of patriotism that has seldom been equalled in Napier, and were well received and loudly applauded. The singing of Mr. Carruthers was very good, and sustained his well-known reputation in this district. A solo by Miss Martin, of Strathroy, was well received and loudly applauded by all. The Strathroy band gave a number of beautiful selections that fairly captured the crowd. The ladies' booth was a centre of attraction all day, and the nimble fingers were kept busy dishing out refreshments to the crowd during the whole of the afternoon. The receipts amounted to about \$69, which, together with the gate receipts, comes up to about \$120.

AT Victoria Presbyterian Church, Point St. Charles, Montreal, on Sunday week, more than a hundred members partook of communion. This fact is remarkable, because only four months have elapsed since the organization of the Church. It used to be Victoria Mission. Over forty names have been added to the roll since the first of April, the majority having been admitted on profession of faith. The Christian Endeavour Society now numbers seventy members, nearly all being active, with some others to be received at the next meeting. A flourishing junior society has also been organized with an attendance of about twenty. The attendance at the weekly prayer-meeting varies between sixty and one hundred. The Sunday school numbers over two hundred. The attendance at the Sunday services is also good, in the morning averaging about one hundred and forty, and in the evening about two hundred and seventy. Fifty new chairs were lately purchased to augment the seating capacity of the building, yet, with this addition, the place is uncomfortably crowded in the evenings. Financially, the Church is also progressing, the collections for May and June averaging about \$20 per Sabbath. A feature that speaks well for the spiritual life of the congregation is the harmony that exists between the various denominations. Denominational lines seem to be lost sight of in the earnest desire to save souls. The Church is, doubtless, designed to do a great work in this place, there being no other church within a radius of a mile. In the past the vicinity has been considerably neglected. One hundred and seventy-five families have been visited during the last two months, the majority of these, previous to the establishment of the Church there, going nowhere.

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.—This Presbytery met in Knox church, Millbank, on the 12th inst., Rev. P. Scott, Moderator. Rev. R. Hamilton was appointed Moderator for the next six months. The commissioners to Assembly reported their attendance and diligence. Arrangements were made for

the ordination services of Mr. W. H. Grant, who goes as missionary to Honan, China. It was agreed to hold an adjourned meeting in Knox Church, St. Marys, at two p.m., on the 26th inst., for this purpose. The Presbytery, authorized by General Assembly to do so, received Rev. S. C. Graeb as a minister of this Church, and his name was added to the roll of Presbytery as a minister without charge. A resolution congratulating the pastor, Mr. McKibbin, and the congregation of Knox Church, Millbank, upon the beautiful church building just erected was passed. Standing Committees for the current year were appointed as follows: Statistics—Rev. A. Grant, St. Marys; Foreign Missions—A. Henderson, Atwood; Home Missions—R. Hamilton, Motherwell; French Evangelization—E. W. Panton, Stratford; Sabbath Schools—W. M. McKibbin, Millbank; Sabbath Observance—Rev. J. W. Cameron, Burns; Temperance—Rev. A. F. Tully, Mitchell; Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund—Rev. A. Stewart Shakespeare; Widows and Orphans' Fund—Rev. Mr. Dickson, Donegal; Colleges—Rev. L. A. Cosgrove, St. Marys; State of Religion—M. L. Leitch, Stratford. Presbytery then adjourned to meet in St. Marys as above, and again in Knox Church, Stratford, at half-past ten a.m., on September 13 next.—A. F. TULLY, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF SARNIA.—This Presbytery met on Wednesday, 6th inst., in St. Andrews Church, Sarnia, and was constituted; Rev. Mr. Cuthbertson, Moderator, in the chair. The following Standing Committees for the year were appointed, viz.: Home Missions—Hector Currie, J. S. Lochhead and James Pritchard, ministers, and their representative elders. Colleges—Dr. Thompson, J. McMillan, J. Graham, R. V. McGibbon, W. Lochhead, ministers, and George Leys, William Symington and G. B. Robson, elders. Temperance—R. M. Urquhart, J. C. Tibb, J. McKee and George McLennan, ministers, with their elders. Finance—Rev. George Cuthbertson; Messrs. George Leys and D. M. Robertson. Statistics—Messrs. Jordan and J. S. Lochhead, ministers, and their elders. State of Religion—Revs. John H. Graham, W. G. Jordan and J. S. Lochhead. Sabbath Schools—Revs. George McLennan and Robert N. Leitch and elders. Sabbath Observance—Revs. Robert N. Leitch, James Pritchard and George McLennan and elders. Examination of Students—Revs. Dr. Thompson, John McKinnon, James McMillan, J. C. McKee, W. G. Jordan and Messrs. McLachlan and Morrison, elders. Business—The Clerk, Rev. Mr. Tibb, and Mr. George Leys. Rev. Mr. Beamer laid on the table his resignation of the charge of Petrolia congregation, with some indications of reasons therefor. It was agreed to order the resignation to lie on the table, and instruct the Clerk to cite parties to appear for their interests at a meeting to be held at East Williams on the 26th inst., at eleven a.m. The Presbytery proceeded to take Mr. Strachan, student, on trial for license. Mr. Strachan read a homily, 1 John iv. 9; Greek critical, 1 Thess. iv. 8-11; popular sermon, John vi. 29; lecture, Matt. vii. 21-27. Mr. Strachan was further heard by the Court, when, being satisfied with the examination *in cumulo*, it was agreed to proceed to license. The questions usual in such cases were put by the Moderator and answered by Mr. Strachan, when, after prayer, the Moderator, in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by authority of the Presbytery, licensed Mr. Strachan to preach the Gospel. In token of which he gave him the right hand of fellowship, as did the other members of the Court present. The Moderator addressed Mr. Strachan in suitable terms. The Presbytery proceeded to consider a call from East Williams to Rev. J. J. Elliott, B.A., which had been on the table since April last, promising \$900 and a manse. It was agreed to approve of the Moderator's conduct, sustain the call as a regular Gospel call, and that the Moderator put it into Mr. Elliott's hands for his consideration. Mr. Elliott having inti-

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