

workers are thus utilized. Pastors testify to the benefit to their churches in the fall to find that their workers are all ready and enthusiastic over religious services, and are ready to exert their efforts and energy to the activities of the Church. Already this summer at least five hundred have expressed their determination to lead a Christian life. A very large number who have lapsed from Church life and activity have through these services been reclaimed. Men and women feel perfectly free to come in their every-day clothes and bring their children.

District Notes.

Pictou.

Rev. D. G. Cook, of Truro, licensed and ordained by that Presbytery, is now working in the Bonanza district in the Klondike. His field is already self-supporting.

The annual meeting of the Truro Presbyterial Association of the W.F.M.S. was held in Middle Musquodoboit on the 30th August. Mrs. D. S. Fraser presided. An increase of 219 in membership was reported for the year. Mrs. R. G. Strathie of Truro, was elected president for the present year. Miss Blackadar and Rev. Dr. Morton, both of Trinidad, were present.

Halifax.

A Provincial Lord's Day Alliance has been organized in N.S. and the following officers have been appointed for this year: President George Mitchell, M.P. P., Halifax. Vice-Presidents Bishop Courtney, Halifax; Rev. R. McArthur, Nappan; Hon. T. R. Black, Amherst; Hon. J. N. Armstrong, North Sydney; Rev. J. F. Forbes, Sydney; Rev. E. D. Miller, B.A., Yarmouth. Secretary Rev. Alfred Gandier, B.D., Halifax. Assistant Secretary—Arthur Barnstead, L.L.B., Halifax. Treasurer A. C. Johnstone, Mayor of Dartmouth.

Quebec.

The following significant item is clipped from a local paper. The reference is to Valleyfield:—"Sunday was a record breaker in the shape of drunken brawls and furious driving through the streets." There is need for some missionary work by the Lord's Day Alliance down there.

Rev. T. Bennett, of Montreal, gave an address in St. Andrew's church, Sherbrooke, on Sunday evening last, on "The Bible, Britain and the Nineteenth Century." Mr. Bennett spoke in the interests of the Bible Society.

Lanark and Renfrew.

Rev. Thos. Nixon, Smith's Falls, had a unique reception on his return from his holidays. A local paper thus describes it: "When Rev. Mr. Nixon, of Smith's Falls, returned home last week from his holidays, Mrs. Nixon surprised him by having arranged a party for that day in honor of his 44th birthday, and only the grandmothers of the congregation and a few others were invited. There were about 25 present. They had a five o'clock tea, after which Mrs. J. A. Clarke, a well-known

singer, entertained the old ladies to some excellent vocal selections. The oldest guest present was Mrs. Adam Foster, who passed her 91th birthday several months ago, but that fact did not prevent her from entering into the enjoyment of the occasion with as much zest as any of her juniors.

Brockville.

Rev. W. A. Mackenzie, of New York, a former pastor of the First Presbyterian church, Brockville, spent some days in Brockville recently, visiting his sister, Mrs. R. L. Wright.

In the death of Mrs. Janet McCracken, Brockville lost one of its oldest residents and the First Presbyterian church a member of forty years standing. Mrs. McCracken had reached the good old age of eighty-four years, and for some time has been in infirm health.

Kingston.

Tuesday evening, 4th inst., the Presbyterians of Shannonville gave a very successful lawn social at Mr. Matthew Shetlar's. The weather was perfect, and the illuminated grounds presented a handsome appearance. After refreshments had been plentifully served spirited and pleasing speeches were delivered by the resident ministers. After a rousing God Save the Queen, one of the most social gatherings of the season was brought to a close. Proceeds amounted to \$25, to be applied to church repairs at a later period.

Rev. Dr. W. S. McTavish, of Deseronto, was in Toronto last week attending a meeting of the General Assembly's committee on Young People's Societies. He is secretary of this committee and was appointed to confer with the students in Queen's College with reference to the work of Young People's societies.

The Kingston Presbyterial Union will hold its annual meeting on Thursday, Sept. 20th, in St. Andrew's church, Kingston. There will be three seditments, and the President, Rev. Dr. W. S. McTavish, will preside. Addresses will be delivered by several of the members of Presbytery. The regular meeting of Presbytery will be held on the day previous.

Whitby.

Rev. J. F. McLaren and Mrs. McLaren have returned to Columbus, after a most enjoyable and profitable vacation. Mr. McLaren occupied his own pulpit on Sunday last.

It is satisfactory to learn that Rev. Norman H. MacGillivray, who has been seriously ill for some time, is rapidly recovering. He is at his old home at Whithy.

Orangeville.

Rev. R. M. and Mrs. Dickie have been summering at Bayfield on Lake Huron. They returned to town on Saturday last, and Mr. Dickie preached at both services on Sunday.

Rev. G. McKay, of Charleston and Alton has returned from his holidays much benefited and looking well for the winter's work. He preached at both services on the 26th August.

Rev. P. G. Sinclair, preached at both services at St. Andrew's, Orangeville, on the 21st inst. He was inducted at Sonya on the Tuesday following.

A special meeting of the Presbytery was held on Monday last, when Rev. Dr. Campbell, Agent of the Twentieth Century Fund, addressed the court in relation to the work of the canvass. \$800,000 of the million dollars required have already been subscribed.

On Sabbath next the Adjala church will be re-opened. Rev. T. G. Forster, of Toronto, who, by the way, is minister of a Congregational church there, will conduct the re-opening services.

Hamilton.

By the death of Mr. Alex. McLagan the Presbyterian Church loses a staunch supporter, and St. Paul's church one of her most prominent members. Mr. McLagan was a Scotchman, born in Perth seventy-seven years ago. He is described as a man of clear vision, of great energy, and was always interested in religious and philanthropic work. There was scarcely a charitable organization in the city with which he was not closely identified. He leaves a widow, but no family.

There is work for the Lord's Day Alliance in Hamilton, Ont. Complaint is made that Sabbath desecration has reached alarming proportions this summer. The radial and street railways are blamed for drawing crowds of pleasure seekers to the popular resorts, where amusements are indulged in, and shops of various kinds are kept open for selling goods. Clearly things have reached a dangerous pass, if even half of what is charged be true, and steps should be taken to counteract the evils complained of.

Maitland.

Fnox church, Ripley, and Knox church, Bervie, have resolved to call a minister, and a call was moderated in at Ripley, on Monday, Sept. 3rd. Presbytery considered it on the 5th inst.

Maitland Presbytery will meet in Knox church, Teeswater, on Thursday, Sept. 6th instead of Sept. 18th as announced, at the request of the Century Fund Committee. Dr. Campbell will be present.

Paris.

Rev. Dr. Mackay of Chalmers, has addressed a circular letter to a number of the business and professional men of the town, containing the following queries: 1. What are the forms of temptation which beset a young man in Woodstock? 2. What are the qualifications for business success in a young man? 3. Why do so many young men absent themselves from Bible class and Sabbath services? 4. What forms of amusement would you recommend to a young man? The replies to these and other questions, Dr. Mackay will consider in a series of addresses to young men. He began on Sabbath evening last.

At the union meeting of Blenheim and East Oxford congregations on Tuesday it was decided to ask the Presbytery to grant the privilege of having a settled pastor. A business meeting was held in the church on Monday at which Revs. Patter-