

Ministers and Churches.

THE Rev. Mr. Herridge has left for British Columbia, where he will spend his holidays.

THE Rev. C. J. Cameron has accepted the charge of the Cacouna Presbyterian Church and entered on his duties there.

THE Rev. F. W. Farries, of Knox Church, Ottawa, will shortly leave for St. John, N.B., to spend a well merited holiday.

THE Rev. Dr. Gray, of Orillia, assisted Rev. D. James, Midland, in administering the ordinance of the Lord's Supper last week.

THE Rev. T. C. Thompson of Vancouver, B.C., occupied the pulpit of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Blyth, on a recent Sabbath.

THE Rev. Mr. Carswell, of Oneida, and Hagarville, occupied the pulpit of the Presbyterian Church, Carberry, lately, preaching earnest and eloquent sermons both morning and evening.

THE Rev. W. A. Duncan, B.D., of Churchill, has gone to Victoria, B. C., as a summer trip. The session granted him six weeks' vacation, a well earned holiday after the completion of their new church.

THE Rev. James Barclay, of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Montreal, conducted service in Balmoral castle before the Queen and royal household on a recent Sabbath, and afterwards dined with Her Majesty and Viscount Cross.

By a vote recently taken in Knox Church, Guelph, the following members have been chosen Ruling Elders: Messrs. Robert Beatty, Robert Buchanan, George Dudgeon, William Knowles, James A. McCrea, Alexander McEwen, F. W. McGuire, M.D., and Thomas Shaw.

THE Rev. Mr. Drummond, Newcastle, for many years pastor in the Presbyterian Church, Shakespeare, is visiting friends and renewing old associations. He is accompanied by Mrs. Drummond. His former congregation enjoyed the opportunity of once again listening to his preaching.

THE Rev. Mr. Boyle, of St. Thomas, was presented with a check of \$100 by two members of his congregation the other evening. It was a very fitting accompaniment to the anniversary services. Mr. and Mrs. Boyle will go for a vacation about the middle of July, likely to the sea shore.

THE treasurer of the Stratford Presbyterial Society of the Women's Foreign Mission the other day shipped to Rev. G. A. Laird clothing weighing 1,250 pounds for the use of Indian children in the schools of Cotes and Kesekoo reserves, N.-W. T. This is the fourth year in which this society has been engaged in this good work.

ALL communications for the clerk of the Ottawa Presbytery, Rev. Joseph White, are to be hereafter addressed Ottawa, Ont. Probationers and others having occasion to make application for a hearing in any of the vacancies in the Presbytery of Ottawa will for the next six weeks correspond with the clerk of the Presbytery, Rev. Joseph White.

THE Missionary Council in Central India are erecting a building in Mhow, to be named the Builder Memorial Church, to keep the memory fragrant at the scene of his labours of the late Rev. Joseph Builder. Mrs. Builder has been offered contributions in aid of its erection by several of Mr. Builder's friends, to all of whom the object will cordially commend itself.

THE members of the Liskeine Presbyterian Church, in Rochester ville, had one of the most enjoyable socials ever given in that edifice Friday evening week. There was a fair attendance, and an exceptionally good programme was rendered. The Rev. Joseph White, pastor of the church, occupied the chair. Dainties in the shape of strawberries and cream were provided.

SYNDAY last was observed in a most interesting and worthy manner by the people of Bellaford neighbourhood, Manitoba, lying twelve miles north of town. That day being the second anniversary of the origin and formation of the Presbyterian congregation there, the missionary, once-bearers and people had made excellent arrangements for a proper observance of the same.

THE London Free Press says: The many friends of Rev. John Scott, D.D., Port Elgin, formerly pastor of St. Andrew's Church in this city, will be pleased to hear that he was married at Toronto on Tuesday week to Mrs. E. J. McLellan, widow of the late Dr. McLellan, of Hamilton. Rev. Dr. Fletcher, of Hamilton, performed the ceremony. Dr. Scott was pastor of St. Andrew's Church, here, for over twenty five years, coming to London about 1850. His first wife died seven or eight years ago.

MR. ALEX. HOGG, of Barrington, N. S., father of the Rev. Jos. Hogg, the esteemed pastor of St. Andrew's Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba, died lately from an attack of paralysis at the age of seventy-eight. Mr. Hogg, who had long been a widower, leaves three sons and two daughters, viz. Rev. Joseph Hogg, of Winnipeg; Alexander Hogg, of Calcutta, India; Mr. Robert R. Hogg, Barrington (at whose residence he died); Mrs. Thomas Sutherland, of Duluth, Minn., and Mrs. Frank White, of Souris, P.E.I.

DR. MCINTYRE, late principal of Brantford Ladies' College, announces in our advertising columns the opening of the Toronto Ladies' College in the commodious and conveniently situated building formerly occupied as the Richard Institute. Dr. McIntyre's experience as a popular and successful educator entitles him to the fullest confidence. There is no doubt, that under his able management, along with the efforts of competent and experienced instructors, the Toronto Ladies' College will fill a long felt want, and accomplish an excellent work.

SABBATH, the 23rd of June, was a red-letter day in the history of the Presbyterians of Chater, Manitoba. The congregation met in their new church for the first time for worship. The building is an ornament to the village, and a credit to the congregation. Through the energy and kindness of the ladies a fine bell organ was placed in the church on Saturday, and used in the first service on Sabbath. This is not the first token of the ladies' interest in home work, they having given \$120 to the building committee to aid in the erection of the church. The sacrament of the Lord's supper was also dispensed. A large congregation was present.

ON the evening of June the 26th, a large number of friends assembled at Beaver Creek, Manitoba, to say good bye to Rev. J. Linton, their highly esteemed pastor, who has spent two years of successful labour at McGregor Mission. As a token of the esteem in which Mr. Linton is held, and the value of his services rendered them during the above mentioned term, they presented him with an address expressing high appreciation of his services, together with a purse of \$24. The following clergymen were present, and spoke in very high terms of Mr. Linton as their fellow-labourer and servant of the Lord: Revs. F. McKee, H. Littlehales and A. R. Aldridge.

THE commission sent from the Sarnia Presbytery to adjust the difficulty between certain members of the Arkona Presbyterian Church and Rev. Mr. Hume, the pastor, has decided to recommend the resignation of the elders, or in the event of a refusal, to remove them at once from the duties of their office in the congregation. One elder and two managers immediately resigned, and the commission removed from office the other two. As only one elder remained, the commission appointed the elders of the West Adelaide Church to act as assessors, and constitute a session at Arkona till such time as new elders might be regularly elected.

MISS CAMPBELL, one of the staff of the China Inland Mission, spoke in Chalmers Church last night, under the auspices of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies of Guelph. She gave an inter-

esting account of the work being done in China. A good part of her address was devoted to urging some of her hearers to become missionaries themselves. She said the time had come when Christian men and Christian women should ask themselves the question, not "Am I called upon to become a missionary?" but "Am I called upon to remain at home?" Amongst her listeners was Dr. King, Principal of the Manitoba Presbyterian College. Miss Campbell expects to leave shortly for London, England, to set forth there the claims of the work in China.

THE Acton Free Press says: The ballots recently cast by the members of Knox Church for four elders to enlarge the Session were counted at the regular meeting of the Session on Tuesday evening week, and resulted in the election of the following gentlemen: George Hynds, Robert Kinnaird, John J. Lawson and Christopher Moffat. Messrs. Archibald Campbell, Alexander Kennedy, D. Henderson, Lachlan McMillan, Dr. Lowry, John Cameron, Peter Mann and Alexander Waldie, with the above, compose the Session. At the same meeting Dr. Lowry was elected representative to the Presbytery of Guelph and Synod of Toronto and Kingston for the year.

THE First Presbyterian Church, Sealorh, held its semi-annual meeting of the congregation on Tuesday evening, the 5th inst. At the close of the meeting Mr. Ed. McFaul and Mr. Samuel Dickson, in the name of the congregation, read an address to the pastor, Rev. A. D. McDonald, and presented him with a purse containing \$175. In the address reference was made to his successful labours among them during the past ten years, during which the membership had nearly doubled, debts on church and manse were all paid, and attendance on all services on the increase: congratulating him on the large addition of thirty-five members made at last communion, and expressed the hope that he would return from his holidays refreshed in body and mind, and be long spared to labour among them.

THE semi-annual meeting of the Woman's Foreign Mission Society of the Presbytery of Peterborough, was held June 26th, at Cobourg. A large number of delegates and other visitors were present from various parts of the Presbytery, and were hospitably entertained by the Cobourg ladies. The reports showed that the Society was making good progress in the work for which it had been organized, and that the sympathy of pastors and people was being enlisted more and more in this woman's work. Mrs. Rolfe, of Toronto, and Miss Campbell, of the China Inland Mission, gave helpful and encouraging addresses. Mrs. Ewart, of Toronto, was also present with a word of encouragement and instruction. Miss Fina Sutherland recited a very appropriate selection, and the choir rendered some musical pieces in a very effective manner. This very successful meeting closed, leaving behind the impression that it had become a new starting point for fresh endeavours.

THE Rev. J. A. Turnbull, LL.B., of First Presbyterian Church, St. Mary's, preached the anniversary sermons of Granton Presbyterian Church, on Sabbath, June 30th. The church was filled morning and evening with attentive congregations who greatly enjoyed the excellent sermons so full of life and thought. On Monday following the annual picnic was held in Mr. Grant's grove, and although a heavy thunder storm kept some away, and somewhat interfered with the programme, yet a very pleasant time was spent. There were about 800 persons on the grounds. The collection on Sabbath and the proceeds of the picnic, after paying all expenses, amounted to \$140. This congregation, during the last two years has suffered from the removal of families to the North West and to other parts of Ontario, and great credit is due to those who remain for their united and successful efforts to maintain their standing as a self supporting congregation.

At Wentworth Church, Hamilton, the Rev. Mr. Milne, pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Boston, Halton county, preached to large audiences on Sabbath week. In the morning he took for his text Luke vii. to hearing upon the conversion of the centurion. He lucidly and graphically traced the course of the great change in this Roman soldier, showing that it was a case of gradual conversion or renewing of the heart. In the evening he preached from Luke xix. 1-9. This treated of the conversion of Zaccheus, the publican. He showed that unlike that of the centurion, Zaccheus' conversion was instantaneous. In his case he also clearly depicted the dealings of Jesus with him, pointing out how Christ touched his heart and renewed it, and the evidences given thereof. Mr. Milne is a pleasant yet earnest speaker. He interests by the simplicity of his presentation of the truth, and impresses and convinces by his logical arguments.

THE Rev. James Wad-el-Ward spoke last week in the basement of Knox Church. The spacious basement was filled, the audience being principally composed of ladies. Rev. R. J. Beattie introduced Mr. Wad-el-Ward and his wife to the audience, after which the former gave a very interesting description of the Jewish life and customs. He gave a graphic description of the houses in the east, the marriage and funeral customs, the social life, dress, etc., of his people. He made special reference to the fertility of the soil in Palestine, remarking that he had often seen a bunch of grapes weighing forty pounds. Other fruits were on a par with this. Being a pleasant and agreeable speaker his remarks were listened to with considerable interest. A pleasing feature was the singing by himself and wife in Italian, German, French, Greek, and Turkish, "Jesus, lover of my soul," to an Arabic tune, the 111th Psalm to the same music probably as set by Asaph in King David's time. The singing throughout was highly appreciated.

THE Rev. Mr. Gilray's lecture on his visit to Italy and other continental countries, delivered in the Presbyterian Churches of North Luther and Woodland on Monday and Tuesday evenings, 5th and 6th inst., was highly appreciated by all who heard it. The lecturer for over two hours each night held his hearers spell-bound as they accompanied him through Paris, the Tunnel of Mt. Cenis, Turin, Piza, Genoa, Florence, Milan, and particularly Rome. His description of the eternal city was simply magnificent. The lecturer touched every heart when he referred to the Waldensian valleys and the terrible persecutions to which that brave people had been subjected. He referred also to his visit to Geneva, and what the civilized world owed to the teachings of Geneva's great reformer, John Calvin, also to Switzerland the land of Tell and liberty-loving men. Mr. Gilray's visit and lecture here will ensure him a most hearty welcome should he favour us with another visit. The Rev. Mr. Morrison, of Cedarville, moved a hearty vote of thanks to the lecturer, which was seconded and supported by the Rev. Messrs. Smith (Methodist), Straith, M. A. (Holstein), Mr. McArthur (elder), and Mr. McMullen, M. P. The motion was unanimously and enthusiastically carried to which Mr. Gilray made a suitable reply.

ON Monday, July 8th, a special meeting of the Montreal Presbytery was held in Valleyfield, for the purpose of ordaining Rev. J. A. Macfarlane, M.A., and of inducting him into the pastoral charge of that congregation. As Mr. Macfarlane accepted the call on the 27th of April, and began his labours in Valleyfield on May 19th, he had already thoroughly made the acquaintance of his flock; and a large gathering of members and adherents, as also many outside friends, assembled in the church to witness the solemn ceremony. An able and earnest discourse was delivered by the Rev. John Nichols, of St. Mark's Church, Montreal, on 1 Cor. i. 18, "For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God." A most earnest dedicatory prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Turnbull, of St. Louis, during which by the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery, the minister was set apart for the duties of his high calling. Rev. Mr. Waddell addressed the minister, and Rev. Mr. Boyd the people. The thoughtful addresses of both were listened to with interest. The meeting having been closed, the people, after warmly welcoming their pastor, repaired to an adjoining tent, where the ladies of the congregation

had prepared a most liberal feast of strawberries and ice cream. Here Presbytery, congregation and friends were soon enjoying themselves together. A notable feature of the gathering was the pleasing harmony and mutual love which exist between the young pastor and his people. It is the earnest prayer of all, that God's richest blessing may be poured out on the congregation, and that the Spirit may use both minister and people for the glory of Christ and the spread of His kingdom in Valleyfield.

THE ordination and induction of the Rev. Robert Johnston, B.A., to the pastorate of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Lindsay, took place on Thursday last, 11th inst. The Rev. A. G. McLachlin, B.A., conducted the opening service. The sermon was based on Galatians, xiv. 5, "God forbid that I should glory save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ." The preacher showed the universal human tendency to glory in or boast of qualities or possessions. The savage gloried in his beads and trinkets; in a more civilized state people boasted of their ancestry. Paul had many things, his ancestry, his citizenship, his possessions, his education or many other things of which he might boast; but he rose above them all and gloried in the cross and in it alone. The preacher condemned the general tendency to look lightly upon sin and its consequence. What did that terrible agony on the cross mean? The sacrificial character of the death on the cross was eloquently dwelt upon. By it man was made joint heir to all the glories of heaven. The tendency of the Christian world to fall into ritualism and formalism was referred to and a striking lesson drawn from the experience of the Galatians. Addressing the congregation the preacher said they had been greatly blessed during the vacancy. They had been greatly blessed in their former pastor and he hoped and prayed they would with their new pastor receive even richer blessings from above. But he urged them to be careful and cautious and to look to the cross and to glory in it alone. Rev. A. Ross made a brief and appropriate address to the minister. He gave kindly and affectionate advice as to the duties of a pastor. These were many and important. Some might think the student days over, but the work of study had really only begun. He was to study the Scriptures and preach the Word, and especially Jesus Christ and Him crucified. Rev. J. H. McLaren, of Cannington, delivered an eloquent and practical address to the congregation, pointing out their share of the work and the duties incumbent on them. The benediction and doxology closed the afternoon service. In the evening a reception was held and addresses delivered by resident ministers and others welcoming the new pastor. The Canadian Post, speaking of Mr. Johnston, says: He is a fine speaker, with a close, severe, simple and logical style or method, easily understood and convincing the hearer or commanding his respect and attention. Rev. Mr. Johnston enters upon his pastoral duties under exceptionally favourable and encouraging circumstances. He is the hearty and undivided choice of the congregation; and he will no doubt receive cordial support in his work. The congregation is to be congratulated, and the community in general will extend a warm welcome to the new pastor. Rev. J. H. MacVicar, son of Principal MacVicar, a young minister who has shown great zeal and ability in mission work in Montreal, and who goes out shortly to China as missionary, was invited to attend the ceremonies and to deliver an address at the reception, but was unfortunately prevented by previous engagements. In a letter expressing his regret at his unavoidable absence, Mr. MacVicar says: "You are getting a pastor who exhibits no pulpity which he will not carry with him into private life. The warmest wish I can offer you and the people associated with you is that you may all be drawn through the ministrations and fellowship of my friend as near to the Saviour as I myself have been."

THE closing exercises of the Young Ladies' College, Brantford, were held recently in Zion church, before a large and interested audience. On the platform, which was tastefully arranged with flowers, there were seated the Rev. Dr. Cochrane, Rev. Dr. Laing, and Rev. Messrs J. A. R. Dickson, of Galt, W. S. McTavish, of St. George, E. Cockburn, of Paris, Dr. Bryce, of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Rev. Mr. Rose, of Brant Avenue church, Dr. Macintyre, Mr. Hamilton MacCarthy, the celebrated sculptor, Mayor Heyd, Mr. Alexander Robertson and Dr. Wm. Nichol. The four graduates also had places on the platform to the left of the chairman. After the devotional exercises, and singing by the choral class of the College under the direction of Professor Garratt, an essay and valedictory were read by Miss Ethel Hossack, on the part of the graduating class. Before proceeding to the distribution of the medals and prizes, Dr. Cochrane made the following statement on behalf of the Directors, regarding the future management of the College. In assuming closer relations he said, with the College, than I have had for some years past, it may be expected of me to say something regarding the changes contemplated for the continued and increased efficiency of the College. I need hardly say to those who know anything of my many engagements and general church work, that the invitation given by the board of Directors to take the oversight of the Institution again, has come to me entirely unexpected and unsought. Were I to consult my personal interests I should at once have declined the office, but when pressed upon me on public grounds, I could not well decline. It seemed to the Board of Directors and other friends that I ought to put aside all other considerations and give them assistance in carrying on the work of educating our Christian young women, whether connected with the Presbyterian church or others who may avail themselves of its advantages. My hope is that I may not be long required to discharge the many duties which must of necessity devolve upon me for a time, and that when I lay down my office, the College and its work will be found at least in as good condition as I take it up. The aim of the Directors is to make the College equal, if not abreast of similar institutions in our country, and to that end they are now bending their energies. Dr. and Mrs. Macintyre having resigned, the position of Lady Principal has been filled by the appointment of Miss Mary Francis Lee, a distinguished graduate of Houghton Seminary, New York. Miss Lee has proved herself a most successful educationist in the United States and Canada; and possessed of the highest executive ability for the discharge of the responsible duties to which she has been called. In the departments of English literature and the modern languages, Misses Hutchison and Brandt remain with us, as also Miss Hilton Higgins and Miss Reville in Music. Professors Garratt and Martin continue at the head of their respective departments, to the great gratification, I am sure, of the friends and pupils of the College. With a special view to direct the studies of young ladies for matriculation, Miss Alice Chambers, a graduate of Queen's University has been engaged. For the department of elocution and calisthenics Miss Gertrude Hart, a graduate of the Boston Conservatory of Oratory, has been secured. In Mental and Moral Philosophy, Biblical and Church History, the Evidence of Christianity, Natural Theology, and scientific subjects we will have courses of lectures by the Rev. Mr. Cockburn, of Paris, Rev. Mr. McTavish, of St. George, Dr. Philip, of Brantford, and others. I should also add that Miss Bella O. Watt, a graduate of our own College, will assist Professor Martin in the department of painting. Taking the faculty of instruction as thus constituted, I have no hesitation in saying that it is not only exceptionally strong, but admirably arranged to prepare young women, alike for the ordinary duties of life, and the higher studies of the University. This College does not compare with institutions that seek patronage on other grounds than the furnishing of solid education, saturated in every department with the religious element. It seeks the education of both mind and soul, and prefers solid work to artificial and showy accomplishments. The teachers and governesses are men and women of the highest scholarship and ability in their respective departments. This implies that their remuneration must be in proportion to their worth and necessarily involves a large expenditure. In view, therefore, of the additions made to the faculty and others contemplated, I trust that the members of the Church at large and the citizens of Brantford, will sustain and encourage the