

Ministers and Churches.

Ottawa.

Services in Stewarton church last Sabbath were conducted by Rev. E. J. Shaw. He will preach next Sabbath as well.

Rev. Dr. Guthrie, of Baltimore, Md., preached in St. Andrew's church on Sunday, with great acceptance. He will occupy the same pulpit next Sunday.

Professor Dyde, of Queen's University, Kingston, who has been spending a short time in the capital, occupied the pulpit of Bank street church at both services last Sabbath.

The Ottawa Ladies' College, of which the capital is justly proud, will enter upon its thirty-first year with a very bright and hopeful outlook. The opening of the fall term will take place on Sept. 6th, and already a large number, perhaps one of the largest in the history of the College, has been enrolled. The efficiency and thoroughness of work done by the institution along academic lines, domestic science, art and music, has been a source of gratification to its many patrons, and to the Presbyterian Church, to which it belongs and annually reports. Pupils have been enrolled from Dawson City, Sherbrooke, Que., Pincher Creek, Alta., North Bay, Three Rivers, Montreal, Sault Ste. Marie, Brockville, and other Canadian centres. "Mrs. Needham, our new lady principal," said Rev. Dr. Armstrong, of St. Paul's church, "is a lady of unique energy and one, under whose care, the College will maintain its present prestige. This institution directs the greatest care to the development of cultured, refined and useful womanhood." Mrs. Needham is now in residence at O.L.C.

Toronto.

Rev. Donald Tait, of Quebec, occupied the pulpit of St. Giles church at both services. Rev. John McNichol, B.D. preached in Central church; Rev. J. S. Corming, of Baltimore, filled the pulpit of Cook's church.

Mr. John D. Douglas, 86 Broadalbane street, Toronto, surveyor of customs, has been granted three months' leave of absence; and then will be superannuated by the Government. This year Mr. Douglas will complete fifty years in the civil service. Mr. Douglas has been prominently identified with St. James Square church, since its organization. He was president 33 years, Chairman of the Board of Management in 1866, and many years Treasurer. In an address by the managers, accompanying a presentation when he resigned the leadership of the choir in 1889, they said: "Whenever in after days the past thirty years of the history of this church shall be recorded, there are no names in the congregation entitled to be more warmly cherished among those whose services have been of special value to the church than those of yourself and your esteemed family." Few men in the civil service have so amply earned an honorable retirement; no man in Toronto is more respected, and many friends will wish Mr. and Mrs. Douglas many more peaceful and happy years.

Western Ontario.

Rev. Thos. Eakin, of St. Andrew's church, Guelph, has returned home from his holidays.

The pulpit of Knox church, Stratford, was occupied by Rev. W. J. Jamieson, Ph.D., of Oil City, Ont.

The Rev. A. Leslie Howard, M.A., of Cayuga, preached in the McNab street church, Hamilton, last Sabbath.

It is said that Rev. A. J. MacGillivray, of New St. James' church, London, is to receive a call from Knox church, Stratford.

The Rev. J. D. Cunningham, M.A., of McNab street church, Hamilton, preached last Sunday morning and evening in Cayuga.

Rev. E. C. Currie, M.A., of Sarnia, conducted the services in Knox church, Jarvis, on Sunday in the absence of Mr. Buchanan, who is taking a vacation of two weeks.

The Rev. W. N. Chambers, M.A., of the Central Turkey Mission, about to return to his field of labor near Tarsus, preached in Knox church, Woodstock, on Sunday morning.

The induction of Professor Ross, D.D., of the Presbyterian College, Montreal, into the pastoral charge of St. Andrew's church, London, will take place on Friday, Sept. 2.

THE DOMINION PRESBYTERIAN

At Sherman Avenue church, Hamilton, Rev. Mr. Little, B.A., preached a very interesting sermon on "Temptation." The pastor, Rev. Roy Van Wyck, preached at Central church.

Rev. R. W. McIntosh, of Knox church, Elora, returned home last week. Rev. S. C. Greab, of Fern Avenue church, Toronto, occupied the pulpit of Chalmers' church, Elora, on Sunday.

Rev. J. W. H. Milne, B.A., of Ottawa, preached in St. Andrew's church, Hamilton, on Sunday at both services. Rev. Dr. Talling, of Toronto, occupied the pulpit of Knox church.

Rev. E. C. Gallop, of Mohawk, occupied the pulpit of Central church, Galt, on the 14th instant. And Rev. J. B. Mullin, of Fergus, last Sunday. Rev. Prof. Beattie, of Louisville, preached in Knox church.

Mr. D. McKay, of Stratford, conducted the service in Brookside church in the absence of the Rev. J. D. Fergusson for the last two Sundays. Being an old Brookside resident, his many friends were glad to meet him again.

There is not a single Presbyterian in the Presbyterian Church in Canada but has the incubus of debt resting upon it. Toronto Presbytery leads in this respect, having \$356,700 debt on churches. Evidently the recent effort through the Century Fund has not removed all the burden.

Rev. John Currie, of Belmont, preached in Duff's church Sabbath morning, and in Knox church, Crieft, in the afternoon, on the 14th instant. Last Sabbath morning a memorial sermon was preached in Duff's, for the late Dr. McKay by Mr. Robertson, who also conducted an evening service in the church.

On Tuesday, Aug. 9th, the Presbytery of Hamilton met at St. Ann's to induct Rev. D. M. Robertson into the pastoral charge of St. Ann's and Wellandport. Rev. Dr. MacIntyre, of Beamsville, who was moderator of session during the vacancy, presided. Rev. J. Muir of Grimsby preached an appropriate sermon from Mark 7: 27. Dr. MacIntyre inducted the minister, and, owing to the absence of Rev. F. D. Roxburgh, also addressed the people. Rev. P. Reith, of Pelham, addressed the minister. At the close of the service an opportunity was given the congregation of meeting their newly inducted pastor and his wife.

Owing to extensive improvements being made in the interior of the First church, London, it is unlikely that the edifice will be occupied by the congregation again before the middle of October. There is still much to be done by the decorators. The reorganization of the choir by the new leader and organist, Mr. Phelps, is now under way. The quartet is completed, and the male members of the choir will organize on Friday next, and the ladies will do likewise in about ten days. Rev. W. J. Clark is expected home soon and will occupy the pulpit the first Sunday in September. Rev. Frank Ballantyne, of London, is in charge of Mr. Clark's work in the meantime.

Eastern Ontario.

The church at St. Elmo was struck by lightning in a recent storm.

Work has commenced on the manse in Russell and is progressing favorably.

Rev. D. V. Coburn, of Lunenburg, preached in the First church, Brockville, on Sunday.

Rev. John Matheson, B.A., of Summerstown, preached in St. Andrew's church, Martintown, on Sunday.

Five catechists are, this summer, employed in the Presbytery of Inverness. All of them are natives of Cape Breton.

There was no service in St. Andrew's church, Martintown, on Sabbath, as Rev. P. F. Langill is still at Hamilton's Island.

Rev. Robert Johnston, the lately called minister of St. Andrew's church, Halifax, was married on the 16th August, in Ireland, and will leave Moville on the S. S. Tunisian Sept. 9.

The induction of Rev. A. M. Gordon, of Banff, son of Principal Gordon, of Queen's, into Knox church, Lethbridge, as successor to Rev. Charles McKillop, has been postponed until August 31.

Rev. Prof. and Mrs. Jordan, of Kingston, have returned from the old land. Dr. Jordan is very much improved in health; but is resting and taking things very quietly at their summer cottage on Wolfe Island.

Rev. Norman MacLeod, B.D., pastor of the First church, Brockville, conducted special

services at the re-opening of the Presbyterian church at Woodlands on Sunday. Woodlands was Rev. Mr. MacLeod's first charge on entering the ministry.

When Rev. D. MacVicar, of Finch, and family returned home from their holidays last week, they found that the manse had been entered, everything ransacked and a number of articles stolen. The loss will exceed a hundred dollars.

Rev. J. Holt Murray occupied the pulpit in the Harper church on Sunday. At the close of the service, the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered. The sermon on "Enoch walked with God" was very much appreciated by the large congregation present.

The lawn social given on Monday evening at Kirkhill by the members of the Literary Society, on the spacious grounds of W. D. McLeod, M.P.P., was successful in every respect. Addresses were given by Mr. W. D. McLeod, Rev. T. G. Thompson, Rev. A. Morrison and others.

The congregations of Knox and St. John's churches, Cornwall, will continue to worship unitedly during the absence of Rev. N. H. McGillivray. The morning service will be held in Knox and the evening service in St. John's. Rev. Dr. Harkness will preach at both services. The prayer meetings will continue to be united, being held in Knox church each Wednesday evening until Rev. Mr. McGillivray returns.

Registrar Chown anticipates a large increase in the attendance at Queen's University this coming session. He has received a larger number of applications than usual from intending matriculants, and also letters from students as far west as British Columbia, stating that they are coming to enter Queen's. It would not be surprising if the registration next session should reach 950.

Rev. A. Graham, Mrs. Graham and family left for their new home at Parkhill, Ont., last week. On Sunday Mr. Graham delivered his farewell sermon as pastor of Knox church, Lancaster. The church was crowded, many friends from other churches being present. On Monday evening a farewell social was tendered the family by the congregation. The attendance was large and included many friends from the other denominations. Rev. J. U. Tanner, pastor of St. Andrew's, presided, and in a very happy speech, presented to Mr. Graham, on behalf of Knox congregation, a purse of \$125, as a token of their esteem, while the ladies of the W.F.M.S. made a similar presentation to Mrs. Graham. To this the retiring pastor replied, alluding to the harmonious relations existing between the congregation and himself. Rev. A. Govan, of St. Andrew's church, Williamstown, also spoke a few kindly words.

Northern Ontario.

Rev. Dr. McLeod, of Barrie, moderated in a call in Angus and New Lowell to Rev. C. R. Ashdown, who has labored in the field for some months with much acceptance.

The Bradford church in the Scotch Settlement is at present going through a renovating process, and after it leaves the hands of the masons and painters will have a new and attractive appearance. Last Sabbath service was held in the Scotch Line church.

The Methodist and Presbyterian congregations in Clifford worshipped together last Sabbath, Rev. S. Young officiating. Morning services in the Presbyterian church; evening services in the Methodist church. This amicable "church union" has been going on in Clifford for several years. The pastor remaining, takes the spiritual oversight of both congregations, during the absence of the other on holidays.

The strength of life is measured by the strength of your will. But the strength of your will is just the strength of the wish that lies behind it. And the strength of your wish depends on the sincerity and earnestness and tenacity with which you fix your attention upon things which are really great and worthy to be loved. This is what the apostle means when he says, at the close of his description of a life which is strong, and inwardly renewed, and growing in glory even in the midst of affliction— "While we look not at the things which are seen but at the things which are unseen." It is while we look that we learn to love. It is by loving that we learn to seek. And it is by seeking that we find and are blessed.—Henry Van Dyke, D.D.