

## Ministers and Churches.

THE Rev. W. D. Armstrong, of Ottawa, was one of the speakers at the Millbrook Orange demonstration.

THE Rev. G. M. Milligan, accompanied by Mrs. Milligan, sailed from Quebec last Saturday on a trip to Europe.

THE Rev. J. Cleland preached a sermon to Orangemen in Mill Street Presbyterian Church, Port Hope, on Sabbath week.

THE Rev. D. D. McLeod, of Barrie, was presented recently with a cheque for \$100 by his congregation, to be used in taking a vacation.

THE Rev. D. Cameron, of Lucknow, Presbyterian minister, has accepted a call to the Manitoulin Islands, and will start for the new field shortly.

THE Rev. J. Campbell, of Listowel, delivered a stirring address at Sunderland in connection with the Scott Act contest in Ontario county last week.

THE call to the Rev. Alex. Grant, M.A., of Dufferin, from Knox Church Congregation, St. Mary's, was accepted by the Presbytery of Stratford at its meeting on Tuesday, 14th inst., and was forwarded to Mr. Grant.

A NUMBER of members of Rev. A. Henderson's congregation waited on him at the Manse, Hyde Park, lately, and presented Mr., Mrs. and Miss Henderson with very seasonable presents. The gifts were suitably acknowledged.

A GARDEN party held lately on the grounds of the First Presbyterian Church, St. Mary's, was very successful. The evening was fair but rather cool, and the refreshments and music excellent. The town band discoursed very sweet music.

THE Rev. A. McGillivray, Gaelic minister, Goderich, has returned from sacrament services in Huron and Ashfield townships. Preaching was done in the bush day after day, and the services were most delightful. There were large audiences at the various services.

THE new Presbyterian Church at Dorchester, N.B., was dedicated recently. The Rev. Mr. Hogg, of Moncton, and Dr. Macrae, of St. John, took part in the services. The new edifice is a neat structure, with seating accommodation for about 280. It cost nearly \$2,000.

ON Sunday week Rev. Dr. Ure, of Goderich, administered the rite of communion at the Presbyterian Church, Leeburn. He was accompanied by Elder McMath, of Goderich, who assisted the elders in the service. Several young persons joined in the impressive service for the first time.

CHALMERS CHURCH, Dovercourt Road, was re-opened after being enlarged and improved, by Rev. Dr. Cochrane, Brantford, who preached appropriate and impressive sermons morning and evening on Sabbath last. In the afternoon the services were conducted by Rev. Hugh Johnston, of Carlton Street Methodist Church.

AN interesting meeting of the Presbyterian Women's Home Missionary Society was held lately in the First Presbyterian Church, Carleton, N.B. Miss Grace Murphy was elected President of the Society to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mrs. McArthur. Notice was also given of some proposed alterations in the by-laws.

ON the evening of the 10th inst., a lawn social was held at the Presbyterian Manse, Thamesford, which proved a success both numerically and financially. The social was for the benefit of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. The sum of over \$31 was collected on the occasion. This auxiliary is doing well so far. It has nearly sixty members, and collected over \$130 since its beginning nine months ago.

A LAWN strawberry social under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society of St. Andrew's Church, Berlin, held recently at "Woodside," the residence of Mr. John McDougall, was in every respect a success. Those who were present enjoyed a pleasant afternoon and evening. The Band of the B.M.S. and the Concordia Männerchor contributed largely to the evening's enjoyment by their excellent music.

THE ordinance of the Lord's Supper was lately observed in the congregations of Kippen and Hill's Green, when twenty-five members were added to the communion roll. Five were also received into full communion in February last, making an addition of thirty since the induction of their present pastor last November. The Sabbath schools—three in number—are prosperous, and the large and increasing attendance on public worship is very encouraging.

THE congregation of Knox Church, Owen Sound, removed last Sabbath to the town hall for worship. This change takes place on account of the church being in the hands of the builders. The accommodation in the church proving insufficient for the wants of a growing congregation, steps have been taken towards enlargement. The plan adopted provides accommodation for one thousand worshippers. The work is to be completed in October. Until the new building is finished the congregation will occupy the town hall for their regular services.

A LARGE representation of the Rev. Mr. Leitch's congregation, Valleyfield, assembled at the residence of Mr. A. McCormick on the 14th inst., to welcome the rev. gentleman and his bride on their arrival from Glengarry. A pleasant evening was passed in speech-making, singing, music, etc. The playing of Mr. McCormick on the bagpipes was highly appreciated by the descendants of Old Scotia present. Before taking leave, Elder Wattie, in the name of the congregation, presented Mr. Leitch with a handsome purse containing \$100.

THE annual picnic in connection with St. Andrew's Church, Pickering, was held on Dominion Day, at Sardou's Grove, and was a grand success numerically, socially and financially. The beautiful grove was thronged with people from various parts, who seemed intent on making the best

of our national holiday. Various kinds of amusement occupied the day. One of the chief attractions was the boating on the stream which flows by, which gave it a very lively appearance, and was a source of intense delight to the juveniles. The tables fairly groaned beneath the delicacies and luxuries of the season and reflect great credit on the ladies of the congregation.

THE Brantford *Telegram* says: Brantford Ladies' College again takes the leading place in the Toronto University examinations for women, as reported in to-day's *Globe*. Seven students from the Ladies' College wrote at these examinations, all of whom have successfully passed the ordeal, six of them taking honors as follows: English—Misses M. Sommerville, D. J. Hart, K. Clute, S. A. Adams, M. R. Wilson; History and Geography—Misses M. Sommerville, M. Lackner, M. R. Wilson, D. J. Hart; French—Misses D. J. Hart, S. A. Adams, M. R. Wilson, M. Lackner, M. Sommerville. At these local examinations there were seventy-two candidates, of whom forty-six passed. Brantford Ladies' College sent seven, all of whom succeeded. In English six gained honors, of whom five were from our college. In history and geography seven took honors, four being allotted to Brantford. In French ten gained honors, Brantford securing five. These facts speak volumes for the skill of the teachers and the diligence of the fair lady students.

THE Keene correspondent of the *Peterborough Review* says. The sudden and most unexpected death of Mrs. Andrews, wife of the Presbyterian pastor, on Friday, 10th inst., has thrown a gloom over the whole community. She was a deservedly popular Christian lady, modest and retiring in manner, kind and charitable in disposition, a true friend, a hater of scandals, a most affectionate mother, a faithful wife and, in the expressive words of her bereaved husband, "a precious woman." Her remains were taken to the church on Sunday last, where a beautiful and impressive discourse was delivered by Rev. Mr. Torrance, of Peterborough, on the appropriate and suggestive text "Jesus wept." The church was filled—gallery also and at the close of the service, when the coffin lid was removed for a few moments, suppressed sobs and grief pervaded the house. A large concourse followed the remains to the cemetery, and witnessed the last sad rites. Mr. Andrews has the heartfelt sympathy of all who know him in this trying affliction.

IN a recent discourse upon "Rome and the Protestant Churches," the Rev. Mr. Roger, of London, Ont., referred to the recent display of grandeur and general superiority connected with the opening of the new cathedral in that city as the occasion of his directing attention to the real character of the system in question. The need of this was apparent from the fact that a number of Protestants and even some Presbyterians were conspicuous among the participants of the parade. As a sample of Romish pretensions contrasted with Romish defects he mentioned the latest which had come under his observation. The distinguished prelates who had preached at the opening had boldly appropriated and paraded as their own exclusively the Church's great commission to preach the Gospel; and across the face of the altar in the new cathedral they had written appropriately upon a scroll of brass one of the grandest Gospel texts of the Bible, but it was not meant for the people, so the Latin language is used: "*Qui vult accipere aquam vite gratis, et qui sitit veniat.*" "*Ego sum A et O.*" ("Whoever will let him take the water of life freely, and he that thirsts let him come." "I am the Alpha and the Omega.") How far it affected the priesthood may be judged from what followed: Anxious to know their explanation, Mr. Roger, a few days ago, took an opportunity to ask a young priest said to be one of the Bishop's chaplains. After puzzling over it for some time, he said: "These are the words of a very old writer. You will find them in Augustine, I think. 'He that understandeth . . . let him receive the water of life.' They are not the words of the Holy Scriptures, but refer to the water in the blessed Sacrament of the Eucharist!" As to the rest of the inscription concerning the "*A et O*," he was utterly at a loss, and to avoid further questioning beat a hasty retreat. They claim the right of judging in what manner and measure Scripture shall be dealt out to the people, and how this self-assumed trust is discharged from a quotation made in a little book published by the late Bishop Bourget, of Montreal, in which he puts one of the most precious and vital utterances of Jesus Christ into the lips of the Virgin Mary, and deliberately represents her as saying: "I am the door, and by me if any man enter in he shall be saved." For the poor, deluded Romanist we need have nought but charity and kindness, but to the abominable errors of this apostate Church no man, loyal to Christ and His truth, can for a moment give countenance.

THE correspondent of the *Montreal Witness* who writes "Sunday Morning Notes," in describing Chalmers Church, says: In 1861 a few Christian workers organized a small mission Sabbath school, at first only numbering about a dozen scholars. Then afterwards small meetings were held on weekly evenings and on Sabbaths, and for some time it was "a day of small things" with them; but by much prayer and persistent effort the work has continued to grow and prosper, and now there is a large Sabbath school numbering between 300 and 400 scholars, with an average attendance of 245 with thirty-nine teachers. Like a large and stately tree growing by the "streams of water" from a tiny seed, this church and congregation have grown from the seed of a little Sabbath school. The church has had four pastors, the Rev. J. Jones, the Rev. W. Mitchell, the Rev. P. Wright, and the Rev. G. Colborne Heine, B.A. The latter gentleman, being the present minister, occupied the pulpit in the morning. He is of medium height, dark complexion, with dark hair and moustache, and is, I should think, somewhat over thirty-five years of age. He is natural, serious and earnest in manner, and at certain points of his discourse was very animated and impressive. He occasionally pauses with good effect, and speaks with much deliberation and force, so that it is next to impossible to sit under him without listening and being interested. He has a clear, ringing voice, and can be heard with ease and comfort in every part of the building. His sermons, I should think, are well cal-

culated to do good to both saint and sinner. His prayers, all extemporaneous and four in number, were characterized by seriousness, sincerity and fervour, and anyone who could be unmoved and unaffected by them must have been either careless or callous. The congregation was large, nearly filling the church, and they appeared to be serious, intelligent worshippers. I am informed that they are a united brotherhood and sisterhood, working well together to build up the church and congregation, and to help their pastor in his various schemes of usefulness, hence their success. In raising needful funds they have adopted the "weekly offering" plan which seems to work well wherever it is wisely tried. Mr. Heine is said to be an excellent and devoted pastor, looking well to the households of his flock, and thereby endeavouring to promote their spiritual welfare and usefulness. The membership of the church is a little over 200. There is a small organ and a tolerably good and unpretentious choir, which simply leads the singing. I have not heard better congregational singing for a long time, and the whole service was pleasant and helpful. Mr. Heine is little known here as yet, but he is a rising man and as a preacher will make his mark anywhere. I do not much wonder to hear that the congregation is increasing, and the church is growing in spirituality and usefulness.

PRESBYTERY OF PARIS.—The regular meeting of this Presbytery was held in Knox Church, Ingersoll, on the 14th inst. A call from St. George in favour of Mr. W. S. McTavish, licentiate, was submitted by Rev. R. Pettigrew. The call was very largely signed, and was accompanied with a promise of \$500 stipend with manse. Commissioners having been heard, the call was sustained, placed in Mr. McTavish's hands and accepted. The Presbytery agreed to hold a regular meeting at St. George on Sept. 8th, at ten o'clock a.m., the ordination and induction to take place at half-past one o'clock, p.m.; Rev. James Little to preside; Rev. R. Myers to preach, Dr. Cochrane to give the charge to the pastor, and Rev. R. Pettigrew to address the congregation. At said meeting action is to be taken in the calls from River Street, Paris, Mount Pleasant and Burford. A letter was read from the Presbytery of Hamilton, anent Onondaga and East Ancaster. The clerk was instructed to reply that Onondaga is prepared to raise \$350 towards the support of a pastor for Onondaga and East Ancaster, and that in the judgment of this Presbytery these stations should be united. The Presbytery adjourned to meet at St. George on Sept. 8th, at ten o'clock a.m.—W. T. McMULLEN, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF PETERBOROUGH.—This Presbytery met in Cobourg on the 7th inst. There were only a few members in attendance. Mr. Mitchell, of Port Hope, occupied the chair. There was not much business of public interest. The clerk reported that the Assembly had granted leave to Mr. Smith, of Grafton, to retire from the active duties of the ministry. Mr. Duncan was appointed to declare the pulpit vacant on the first Sabbath of August. Mr. Smith was appointed Moderator of Session during the vacancy and authorized to moderate in a call so soon as the people shall be prepared for action. The Rev. Mr. Alexander, late of Mount Pleasant, was invited to sit with the Presbytery. Provision was made for licensing Mr. McKnight at next meeting of Presbytery. Mr. Cleland was appointed to examine Mr. McKnight on systematic theology and Mr. Mitchell on church history. The next meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held in Port Hope, Mill Street Church, on the fourth Tuesday in September, at ten o'clock, a.m. Mr. Cleland and Mr. Chisholm, Port Hope, were appointed to look after the church property at Oak Hill. Mr. Woods, president of the Ottawa Ladies' College, addressed the meeting in the interests of the college. The following were the delegates appointed to visit the mission fields under the charge of the Presbytery: Haliburton, etc., Mr. Craigie; Minden, etc., Mr. Bennett; Harvey, etc., Mr. Bell; Havlock, etc., Mr. Carmichael; Chandos, etc., Mr. Thompson; Cardiff, etc., Mr. Hay. Permission was granted to the congregation of Mill Street, Port Hope, to mortgage their church property to the extent of not more than \$600. The following standing committees were appointed: Home Mission and Augmentation.—Messrs. Cleland, McCrae, Cameron, Bell, Torrance, Bennett, ministers, and Mr. Tisdale, elder. Temperance.—Messrs. Bell, Cameron, Thompson, ministers; and Messrs. Johnson, Roxborough and Byers, elders. Sabbath Schools.—Messrs. Carmichael, Torrance, Hay, ministers; Messrs. Henderson, Williamson, J. R. McCullough, elders. State of Religion.—Messrs. Mitchell, McCrae, Ross, ministers; Messrs. Russell, Clarke, Johnston, elders. Statistics.—Messrs. Bennett and Cameron. The following were appointed to take charge of the collections on behalf of the several Schemes of the Church: Colleges, Mr. Torrance; Foreign Missions, Mr. Ross; Home Missions, Mr. Cleland; French Evangelization, Mr. McCrae; Widows' and Orphans' Fund, Mr. Smith; Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, Mr. Mitchell; Assembly Fund, Mr. Bennett. Reports were received from the commissioners, who were present, regarding their faithfulness in their attendance upon the several sittings of the General Assembly. Notice of motion was given for reconsideration of the resolution adopted at the meeting of the Presbytery at Hastings, anent the retiring allowance from Grafton and Vernonville to Rev. J. W. Smith.—WILLIAM BENNETT, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF GLENGARRY.—This Presbytery met at Lancaster on 7th July. Rev. Mr. Matheson, of Martintown, was elected Moderator for the ensuing twelve months. A vote of thanks was tendered to Rev. J. Ferguson, the retiring Moderator, for his able services in the chair during the past year. Rev. Professor Ferguson, of Kingston, and Rev. Mr. Leitch, of Valleyfield, being present, were asked to sit and correspond with the Court. The reports from sessions on the Scheme to support an additional foreign missionary being very few in number, no decision in the matter was arrived at. Sessions that have made no report are asked to send returns within six weeks to Rev. J. Matheson, Martintown. In the absence of Mr. D. A. McLean, nothing was done in regard to his reception. Mr. Burnett gave a very