

Ministers and Churches.

THE Rev. J. H. George and wife, of Belleville, will sail for Canada on September 12th.

THE Presbyterian congregation of Sturgeon Bay desire the services of Mr. Turnbull, Waukegan.

THE Rev. Mr. Henderson, of Elma, has returned from his vacation trip and resumed his ministerial duties.

THE Rev. Thomas McKee, of Barrie, occupied the pulpit of the Jubilee Presbyterian Church, Stayner, on Sabbath week.

THE Rev. Mr. Amos, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, Aurora, is spending a week or two in Muskoka for the benefit of his health.

The Rev. Dr. Robertson conducted services in the Presbyterian Church, Killarney, on Sabbath week. There was a good audience.

MR. JOHN F. MCKAY, son of Rev. W. A. McKay, of Woodstock, has gone to Leamington to assume the management of the *Leamington Post*.

THE Rev. Dr. Somerville, of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, New York, on a recent Sunday occupied the pulpit at both morning and evening in the Reformed Presbyterian Church St. John, N.B.

SACRAMENTAL services were held in Knox Church, Acton, Sabbath week. The preparatory sermon was preached by Rev. James Milne, B.A., of Mansewood.

PROF. CLARK BRADEN delivered a course of lectures in the Presbyterian Church, Alberton, P.E.I., last week, on Christianity vs. Infidelity.

THE Rev. Mr. Sutherland, from New Brunswick, is at present conducting the services at McGregor, Manitoba. Mr. Littlehales is in Holland in the meantime.

THE Rev. G. Tweedie, M.D., occupied the pulpit of the Methodist Church, Dresden, on Sabbath evening, Aug. 25th, with much acceptance, in the absence of the pastor, the Rev. John Holmes.

THE united congregations of Chalmers' Church, Kincardine Township, and Knox Church, Berwick, have given a unanimous call to the Rev. Alexander Urquhart, of Dunwich, London Presbytery.

THE Rev. Mr. Forrest, of Walton, occupied the pulpit in St. Andrew's Church, Blyth, on Sunday morning week, and Rev. I. Mordy, of Niagara, in the evening. Good congregations were present on both occasions.

LARGE congregations attended St. Andrews Church (West), Sabbath last morning and evening, when the Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, who has returned from his vacation in the Maritime Provinces a day or two ago, preached at both services.

DR. BRYCE preached at Union Point, Manitoba, to a full church on the 18th ult. After the services the Lord's supper was partaken of by the members. The Doctor's sermon was most appropriate for the occasion, and was listened to with much attention.

THE Rev. A. Gilray, of Toronto, is announced to conduct anniversary services in Knox Church, Beaverton, on Sabbath, September 15, and on Monday evening, 16th, to deliver his popular lecture on a "Tour Among Italian Cities."

A PUBLIC meeting was held in the Presbyterian Church, Blyth, on Monday, which was well attended, to hear a very interesting lecture by Rev. J. Young, of Niagara, on Sabbath desecration along our railways and canals.

THE Rev. Mr. Ames returned and filled his own pulpit in the Presbyterian Church, Flesherton on Sabbath week. The reverend gentleman's father, who had been ill for a long time, passed away at a ripe old age, and his remains were interred in the family burying ground on Friday week.

THE *Sault Express* says: Eloquent and impressive sermons were preached in St. Andrew's Church last Sunday week by visiting clergymen. The preacher in the forenoon was Rev. Dr. Campbell, of Collingwood, and in the evening the Rev. Robt. Wallace, of Toronto. At the evening service the church was densely crowded.

THE *Vancouver Advertiser* says: The Rev. Dr. Duval, Winnipeg, an eloquent Presbyterian divine of that city, who left on the *Premier*, Monday, on a trip down the Sound, is greatly pleased with Vancouver and has decided on having a substantial financial interest in its future welfare.

THE Rev. Professor Blaikie, the widely known secretary of the Presbyterian Alliance, and a voluminous correspondent to the popular Christian literature of the time, paid a flying visit to Toronto on his eastward and homeward journey. Last Sabbath he preached to appreciative audiences in Central and Knox Churches, morning and evening respectively.

A VALUABLE gold headed cane was presented to Mr. Wm. Robson on Thursday evening week by the choir of the Presbyterian Church of which he was the leader. Mr. Robson is about to remove to London. On the next evening a number of the members of the church collected at his residence on George Street and presented him with a large purse of money.

THE *Almonte Gazette* says: The Rev. Mr. Wilkie, missionary from Indore, India, preached in St. Andrew's Church, Arnprior, a fortnight ago last Sabbath. In the evening he gave an account of his work in India, and his efforts to found a college there for the Christian education of the natives. On Monday in a few hours he collected \$260 for his scheme. Mr. Claude McLachlan contributed \$50.

THE Rev. M. H. Scott, formerly principal of the Ladies' College, Ottawa, received a call to the pastorate of West Winchester Church, which was recently resigned by Rev. Dr. Moffat, now in Toronto. Mr. Scott has also received a call to Bristol Church. It is more than probable, it is said, that he will accept West Winchester, as the latter place is a growing village, and the congregation is very prosperous.

THE *Huron Examiner* says: Those present at the morning services in Avonbank, on Sabbath, 18th ult., enjoyed a rare treat. Rev. Dr. King, of Knox College, Winnipeg, was present and delivered an excellent lecture, taking for his text, "God, whose I am and whom I serve." The doctor, who was an old fellow student of the pastor, delivered several lectures at Avonbank some thirty years ago, and it must have been a pleasant surprise to those who heard him then to again listen to his words of instruction.

MR. JOHN DOUGLASS, who has had charge of the singing in what is now St. James' Square Presbyterian congregation for something like thirty years, and who enjoys the esteem and respect of all who know him, has withdrawn from the duties of that position. The membership are under deep obligation to Mr. Douglass, particularly for services rendered to the congregation during its earlier and struggling years. Mr. Douglass has been succeeded by Signor d'Auria, one of the professors in the Toronto Conservatory of Music. Signor d'Auria entered on his duties as organist and choir master last Sabbath.

IN St. Gabriel Presbyterian Church, Montreal, last week, before a goodly sized audience, Mr. G. W. Leitch delivered an address on the life, habits and religion of the Hindus of India and Ceylon. Mr. Leitch handled his subject in a manner which enlisted the sympathy of his audience. His store of information was obtained from personal intercourse with the natives. In addition his remarks were illustrated with excellent photographs taken in the country. The lecture was a most enjoyable one throughout. A collection was taken upon behalf of missions.

ON Tuesday evening week a few of the members of Knox Presbyterian Church, Montreal, assembled at the residence of Mrs.

James Brown, Crescent Street, to meet the Rev. John McDougall, who is soon to leave for his distant field of labour in Central China. The hours were spent very pleasantly, and during the evening Mr. Walter Paul, on behalf of the congregation, presented Mr. McDougall with a sum of money to aid him in his missionary outfit, and also to give some expression to the deep regard and esteem in which he is held by his friends in this city. Mr. McDougall made a feeling reply, and afterwards bade farewell to those present, this being the last opportunity of meeting him before his final departure.

A SERMON of remarkable originality and power was preached by one of the visiting members of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, in St. James' Square Presbyterian Church, last Sabbath morning. The preacher was Prof. G. F. Wright, D.D., of Oberlin, Ohio. There was a good attendance and his sermon, though long and made up wholly of close scientific reasoning, was so interesting and clear, from a popular point of view, that it was listened to with the closest attention throughout. The preacher's object was to set forth the truth of Christianity, viewed from a purely scientific standpoint. In the evening Professor Wright gave a most interesting and graphic account of missionary effort and its gratifying results in Alaska.

THE Rev. John Burton, B.D. writes: Permit the correction of a typographical error in the kind notice in your last issue of my sermon at Niagara. The sentence credited to Mr. Huxley should read "The great need (not theory) of Evolution is a doctrine of variation." A most suggestive admission that the proof of Evolution as an established truth breaks down at its vital point. The gap between species has not been bridged; the gulf between inorganic and organic existence remains impassable as ever. Like the unknown quantity in algebraical equation the theory may be a good working factor with its proper sign, but it has not solved in the slightest the mystery of becoming. It still stands inseparable from a note of interrogation.

THE acceptance of a call by the Rev. Donald Tait, B.A., minister of St. Andrew's Church, Berlin, to Chalmers Church, Quebec, was made the occasion last week of a number of farewell presentations in the church in the presence of a large audience. A complimentary address from the congregation of St. Andrew's to Mr. Tait was read by the chairman, Mr. John King, who at the same time presented to him over a hundred dollars' worth of valuable books and a beautiful marble clock, the gifts of the congregation. A handsome arm chair was presented to Mrs. Tait, the retiring president of the local branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, by the ladies of that Society, also a very pretty album by the scholars of Mrs. Tait's Sunday school class. A very kindly address accompanied each of these presentations, and general regret is felt at the departure of Mr. and Mrs. Tait.

A BRANCH of the Christian Endeavour society has been formed in connection with Aylmer Presbyterian Church, Que. The following officers have been appointed:—Mrs. D. Millar, President; Mrs. J. Pushman, Vice-President; Mrs. E. S. Prentiss, Sec.-Treas.; Mrs. Theodore Parker, Fanny Parker, and May Gordon, Lookout Committee; Mrs. Prentiss, Miss Prentiss, and Messrs. J. Smith and J. Pushman, Prayer Meeting Committee; the Rev. D. Millar and officers, Executive Committee; Mrs. Pushman, Mrs. Millar, Miss Prentiss and Mr. Pushman, Sunday School Committee. It is most befitting that a branch should be in Aylmer, since here the Rev. Dr. Clarke, founder of the Christian Endeavour Society, first saw the light and spent his boyhood. Some of his playmates are now members of the society. Dr. Clarke is doing a grand work and Aylmer is proud of him.

THE *Montreal Free Press* says: The pulpits of Knox and St. Andrew's Churches were occupied Sunday week by Rev. Dr. Blaikie, of Edinburgh, Scotland, and Rev. Principal Grant, of Queen's University, Kingston, Ont., the former preaching in St. Andrew's in the morning and Knox in the evening, and the latter at the other hours of service in the two places. The congregations were large, and much interest was taken in the able discourses given. Rev. Dr. Grant preached in Knox Church yesterday from Matthew xxv. 4: "Inasmuch as ye have done it to one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." A large congregation assembled in St. Andrew's Hall yesterday morning to hear Rev. Dr. Blaikie preach. The eminent preacher took for his text the 25th and 26th verses of the eleventh chapter of John: "Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in Me though he were dead, yet shall he live; and he that liveth and believeth in Me shall never die." Dr. Blaikie preached at Knox Church last Sunday night from the last verse of the first chapter of Genesis.

THE *Seaford Sun* says:—The Rev. Joseph McCoy, M.A., who has been minister of the Egmondville C. P. Church for nearly eleven years, has left for the town of Chatham, N. B., where he receives \$1,200 and a free manse. Mr. McCoy preached Sunday week morning and evening to overflowing congregations. He preached excellent sermons on both occasions, sermons that would sound well in any of our city pulpits. His text in the morning was from the words, "Rejoice ever more"; in the evening, "I will not leave you comfortless. I will come to you again." There is deep regret amongst the members and adherents of the church at losing the Rev. Mr. McCoy, and the purse of \$80 which was presented to him, is a small token of the esteem in which he is held. Mr. McCoy undoubtedly is a rising man, and will be heard from in the near future. The feeling among all and sundry is that, "take him all in all, we will not soon see his like again."

THE Rev. D. Tait, B.A., late pastor of St. Andrew's Church, Berlin, who has accepted a call to Chalmers Church, Quebec, preached his farewell sermon on Sabbath evening week. As an indication of the high esteem in which Mr. Tait is held, both by his people and the community at large, the church was crowded to the doors. Many were compelled to stand during the service. Among the congregation were leading members of all the Protestant Churches, as Mr. Tait is justly esteemed by all in the community for his high Christian character. His discourse was able, practical and impressive, and his flock are deeply affected by the removal of their pastor. The congregation of Chalmers Church, Quebec, is to be congratulated on having secured as their pastor so distinguished a minister as Mr. Tait, who is deservedly esteemed by all who know him.

THE Presbytery of Brandon held a *pro re nata* meeting recently in Knox Church, Portage La Prairie. Mr. Wright was appointed Moderator *pro tem*, and the court was constituted, the Moderator leading in prayer. The clerk, Mr. Rowand, read the letter of the Moderator instructing him to call the meeting. On motion, duly seconded and agreed to, the action of the Moderator was sustained. The call from High Bluff and Prospect was then laid on the table and Mr. Wright intimated the steps he had taken in moderating in the call and that it had come out in favour of Mr. Rumball. The call was a very unanimous one, and was accompanied with a guarantee of a yearly stipend of \$900 and a manse. On motion of Mr. Rowand, seconded by Mr. A. D. McLeod, it was agreed to sustain the call as a regular gospel call, and to place it in the hands of Mr. Rumball. This being done Mr. Rumball signified his acceptance of it. It was agreed to defer the arrangements for induction until the regular meeting of the Presbytery in September. The Presbytery then adjourned, the Moderator pronouncing the benediction.

THE *Orillia Times* says: Mr. Alex. McNabb, a young student, who has charge of the Presbyterian congregation, Uptergrove, this summer, and who, by the way, is an earnest, devoted and hardworking young man—one who is doing good work in the township, and to whom the congregation are much attached—exchanged pulpits last Lord's day with the Rev. A. B. Dobson, Fenton and Willis Churches, Oro. The rev. gentleman preached two sermons here on that occa-

sion (the Rev. R. J. Beattie, of Guelph, supplying at the Memorial Church, Longford Mills). Mr. Dobson had a very large audience at both diets, the church being literally packed in the forenoon. He delivered two of the most eloquent, earnest and impressive discourses, (according to the general verdict) ever preached in that church since the decease of their much-loved and deeply lamented pastor, Mr. McGregor—of course, excepting Dr. McTavish, when he was out on a visit from Scotland. Mr. Dobson entered the pulpit punctually at eleven o'clock a.m.; read and expounded in a brief, terse and practical manner, the 11th and 12th chapter of the second Epistle of Paul to the Corinthians, taking his text from the 12th chap. "My grace is sufficient for thee." No description given by us would be adequate to do justice to, or give any idea of, the intense earnestness that characterized that sermon. Mr. Dobson must be heard in order to be appreciated.

ON Friday evening last St. John's Presbyterian Church, situated at the corner of Bolton Avenue and Gerrard St., in St. Matthew's Ward, Toronto, was filled with members and adherents assembled to extend a welcome home to Rev. J. McP. Scott, M.A., under whose charge services have been successfully conducted for the past two years. Mr. Scott, owing to ill health, was compelled to retire from the work for a time, and he paid a visit to Scotland, where he has been for the past two months. Mr. Laidlaw occupied the chair, and opened the proceedings with an appropriate address, after which Mr. J. E. Armstrong and Mr. S. Greer, on behalf of the congregation, presented Mr. Scott with an address of welcome, accompanied by a purse containing \$100. Mr. Scott, in replying, gave an interesting account of his travels in Scotland, England and Ireland. Addresses were then given by Mr. John Cameron, Mr. Anderson, Mr. Thomson, Mr. Jas. Traill, Mr. Leslie and Mr. Stratton, after which the ladies of the congregation dispensed ice cream, cakes and other refreshments. Excellent music was furnished by the church choir, which is now second to none east of the Don. St. John's congregation, which was organized about two years ago under the supervision of St. James' Square Session, has now a membership of sixty, and a Sabbath School of 249 children, with an efficient staff of teachers, and is accomplishing great work in the interest of Presbyterianism east of the Don.

THE Rodney Presbyterian Church was reopened for divine service on Sabbath, Sept. 18th. The Rev. John Gray, of Windsor, preached able and appropriate sermons morning and evening, which were highly appreciated by large and attentive congregations. A mass meeting was held at three p.m. in the interest of the Sabbath School, at which excellent addresses were delivered by the Rev. Messrs. John Gray and John Currie, of Kintyre. On Monday evening the Ladies' Aid gave a grand supper on the lawn, after which an interesting programme was conducted, consisting of addresses by Rev. Messrs. J. Gray, J. Currie, E. S. Wilson, and C. W. Bristol. Excellent music was discoursed by the church choir and Rodney brass band. The pastor, the Rev. Geo. C. France, occupied the chair. The entire proceeds netted about \$100. This church has been thoroughly renovated, having received three coats of the best white paint on the outside. In front of the church has been built a platform extending to the street, and across the lot a distance of eight rods has been erected a fine picket fence which is painted with three coats of white paint. The inside has received two coats of hard oil finish on all wood work. The windows have all been frosted. The walls and ceiling have been papered with gilt paper of beautiful design. A new platform has been erected for the choir which is furnished with chairs. The platform pulpit, and aisles have all been newly carpeted. The Rodney church now presents a very cheerful and beautiful appearance; the entire cost about \$450. This field has yet one church to repair which will give it a splendid outfit in buildings, having already erected a fine manse at a cost of \$2,200 including land, etc.

THE *Waterloo Chronicle* says:—A fair sized and once assembled in the Presbyterian Church, Waterloo, Thursday evening week, to listen to the Rev. Mr. Tait's farewell sermon. The reverend gentleman chose Luke ii. 49 for the basis of his remarks, from which he preached a very practical and earnest discourse on the necessity of shaping our religious conduct by sound business principles. At the conclusion of the sermon the choir sang in a very feeling manner, "God be with you till we meet again." Mr. Tait in closing said that the memory of the kindness received from the people of Waterloo would always be cherished by him, and assured them that though far away, he would always read everything among the church notes, as well as in the secular papers, to learn of the welfare and progress of the Church at Waterloo. On Sunday evening Mr. Tait preached his farewell sermon to his own congregation at Berlin. The church was crowded by a very attentive audience. The sermon, founded on the shortness of time and certainty of death, was a most pathetic and eloquent address to those present. He referred to personal, kindly and social relations which had existed between them for many years. He hoped that his successor would have such an influence upon those who were still without God and without hope in the world as to lead them to Christ. The friendly relations that had existed between himself and those of other churches were also referred to, and he stated that he left Berlin with the warmest friendship for people of all classes and creeds. Mr. Tait will be inducted into Chalmers Church, Quebec, on the fifth of September. He carries with him the best wishes from the people of Berlin and Waterloo for success in his new field of labour.

ON Tuesday week the Rev. William M. Cruickshank, of Melville, was inducted into the pastorate of the congregations of Smithville and St. Ann's Presbyterian Churches. The Smithville Church, where the services were held, was beautifully decorated with flowers for the occasion. The congregation was large, being composed of people from both St. Ann's and Smithville. The Rev. Dr. McIntyre, of Beamsville, presided. The Rev. William Knight, B.A., of Deseronto, preached an able and appropriate sermon. The Rev. W. P. Walker, B.A., gave a very fine address to the minister, dividing his remarks into two parts. Take heed to thyself. Take heed to the doctrine. Under the first part he called attention to his improving his mind by reading good books, especially the Bible; and to his preaching, preparing himself by prayer, preaching in love, having an eye single to the glory of God and the upbuilding of the congregation committed to his charge, and of his making a confidant not of man, but of God. As to doctrine, to make the people feel that you are God's messenger indeed. Taken as a whole the address to the pastor was full of good counsel and advice. The Rev. J. W. Penman, of Blackheath, was then called upon to address the people, which he did in his usual happy manner, asking the people to help the pastor to make the Church a success, by their presence in the church at all times, by their prayers, by showing him that they have an interest in his welfare. The newly-inducted pastor was then conducted to the outer door, where all who wished could shake him by the hand and welcome him to the church. The services were then brought to a close by the benediction. In the evening a reception was given Mr. Cruickshank in the Agricultural Hall, when addresses were delivered by the Rev. W. P. Walker and Rev. J. W. Penman. A number of solos and recitations were given, besides a splendid tea, such as the ladies of the place are noted for.

THE *Stratford Herald* says: The Rev. Dr. Burrows, Boston, occupied the Knox Church pulpit, Stratford, on Sunday. He preached in the morning to a large and attentive congregation from the familiar text, John iii. 16, from which he delivered an earnest and impressive manner a discourse of great simplicity and yet full of thought and pathos. His theme was "God's Love in the Redemption of the World." He showed that the love of God was the original source of human redemption, and the gift of Christ, His Son, was that matchless and priceless one to the entire race, and the objects of his divine love were not the material world, abounding in