

Ministers and Churches.

OUR TORONTO LETTER.

Rev. Norman T. C. McKay is supplying for Dr Carmichael during the absence of the latter from his pulpit. Dr. Carmichael is spending some weeks with an old co-Presbyter, who is down by the sea.

The new ministers are soon called upon to do service in a large Presbytery. Rev Angus McGillivray was appointed to preach at the induction of Mr. McNair at Oakville on the 18th inst. Mr. McGillivray was himself inducted at Newmarket on the 27th of June. Mr. McNair will in turn be called upon to do duty at the induction of the new minister of St. Andrew's on the 7th of September.

The Endeavors are prolonging the enthusiasm of the great Convention at Detroit, and with the true Endeavor spirit, are passing on the good things received there. Perhaps the most notably of these meetings was that held in Cooke's Church on Sabbath evening last. There were no more than usual in the church, because no more could get in, but more than usual tried to get in. The address was by Mr. Patterson, and was brimful of enthusiasm. The Convention is everywhere voted a great success.

The Sabbath schools at or near watering places ought to be well filled at this season. These in the city are notably thin, and opposite the name of both teacher and pupil stands very frequently, "Absent in the country." It is to be hoped that both will bring back, among their happiest memories, those of Sabbath days spent while absent. The first Sabbath might be profitably spent, after their return, in recounting Sabbath experiences. Would the teacher discreetly draw a veil over any part of them?

The question of selling ice-cream soda on Sunday will come up for decision in the Toronto Police Court shortly. Certain druggists have been summoned to answer the charge of a breach of the Lord's Day, but were not prepared to proceed, and the case was adjourned. The druggists are preparing to fight the matter, and have already, it is understood, initiated a so-called defence fund. The cause of Sabbath preservation is being destroyed, largely because those pledged to promote it, ministers as well as people, are utterly indifferent to it. Some churches deliberately dismiss the matter with a shrug, saying, "It is not a denominational thing, we cannot support it." The Lord said us from such mediaeval denominationalism. The Roman Catholic Church is broader.

July and August are off months for Presbyterians. The majority of the members are absent, and only work that is absolutely necessary is transacted. Special meetings are frequent to attend to work that will not wait. Toronto Presbytery has three appointed for the interval. There is to be a meeting on the 24th inst., in Knox Church, the usual meeting place, to consider an application from Parkdale Presbyterian Church to add \$6,000 to their mortgage indebtedness. As the congregation has been steadily reducing their former mortgage for some years, and as the cause for the present increase is the building of a fine new schoolroom there will be no opposition to the application. The Presbytery will also meet on the 18th inst., at Oakville for the induction of the Rev. John McNair as minister of that congregation. Mr. McNair will receive a hearty welcome to the Presbytery, in which he is already well and most favorably known. Still another meeting has been arranged by the Moderator and Clerk for the 7th day of September, instant, when the Rev. Armstrong Black, M.A., will be inducted as minister of St. Andrew's Church, in Toronto. Mr. Black sails for Canada on the 24th August, and is expected in Toronto early in September.

The household effects of the Rev. Armstrong Black reached St. Andrew's manse ten days ago. Their removal to Canada was effected in, to us on this side the Atlantic, a novel manner. Everything was securely placed on drays or moving wagons; these were carefully covered and conveyed on board the steamship; transferred to a freight car at Montreal; and from the car, on its arrival in Toronto, conveyed to the manse. A man was sent from Bickenshead who saw the furniture and effects placed in the various rooms as indicated on a plan furnished to Mr. Black, and by him marked for this purpose. It is understood, that with one or two trifling exceptions, the removal was safely effected, and probably at less cost than if the goods had been eased and crated in the ordinary way. Mr. Black sails for Canada on the 24th August, and his induction will take place early in September.

Rev. Dr. Robertson has left on a visit of inspection to the Presbyterian missions of the west. He will be absent about two months.

Rev. Dr. McTavish, of Central Presbyterian Church, and Rev. Mr. Murray, of Erskine Church, have left for Muskoka.

At the morning service at Dunn Avenue Church, last Sunday, Rev. Alex. MacGillivray occupied the pulpit and preached the church vacant. The edict of the Presbytery was read, announcing the acceptance of the resignation of Rev. D. C. Hosack. In the evening Rev. C. H. Cooke, of Smith's Falls, preached a scholarly sermon to a large congregation. The subject was "Misconceptions of Salvation."

OTTAWA AND VICINITY.

Rev. Dr. Moore, of Bank Street Presbyterian Church, Ottawa, accompanied by Miss Moore, has gone to spend the summer at Lake Temiskamingue.

Rev. D. M. Ramsay, of Knox Church, has left on a month's holiday trip, which he will spend in Algoma district.

Rev. J. Macfarlane preached in Bank Street Church last Sunday evening.

St. Paul's Church, Hawkesbury, which has been closed for the past three weeks while undergoing a thorough renovation, was reopened Sunday last. Rev. D. M. Ramsay, B.A., B.D., of Knox Church, Ottawa, preached both morning and evening. Rev. Mr. Bennet occupied the pulpit of Knox Church, Ottawa, on that date.

MONTREAL.

Rev. Dr. McKay, of Woodstock, preached in Crescent street church last Sunday. Dr. McKay will conduct services the next two Sundays during the absence of the pastor.

Rev. Dr. Smith, of Thamesford, will occupy the pulpit of St. Gabriel's Church, Montreal, during Rev. Dr. Campbell's absence. Rev. Alex. Urquhart, of Indianapolis, Ind., will take charge of St. Andrew's church, Thamesford.

EASTERN ONTARIO

Rev. A. A. Scott preached in St. Andrew's Church, Appleton, on Sunday afternoon.

Rev. C. H. Cooke, of St. Andrew's Church, Smith's Falls, has gone to Manitoba for a month's holidays.

Rev. John Abraham, of Whitby, preached in the Presbyterian Church, Brooklin, last Sunday afternoon.

Rev. J. R. Conn, who has been assisting Rev. M. W. McLean in St. Andrew's, Belleville, will preach next Sunday morning in Appleton.

Rev. J. MacLeod, of Vankleek Hill, delivered an address upon "Books and Reading" at a musical and literary entertainment in Dalhousie Mills last week. The entertainment was to raise funds for a new library for St. Andrew's Church.

The Rev. Mr. Young preached at both services of the Presbyterian Church, Kemptonville, last Sunday. The lawn social given last week was a great success. A good amount of money was reaped as a result of the efforts of the willing workers.

In response to an invitation from St. Andrew's Church W.F.M.S., Almonte, Mrs. (Rev.) J. Wilkie, of Indore, India, addressed a meeting of the ladies of the two Presbyterian congregations in St. Andrew's Church, Thursday, last week, and was afterwards entertained at a reception held at St. Andrew's manse.

A very successful lawn social under the auspices of the Presbyterian Church, Suttville, was held last Friday week. Rev. John McLean, of Carp, presided as chairman, and after delivering a short address, proceeded with a very lengthy programme, consisting of readings, recitations, songs, club swinging, etc. Rev. Mr. Woodside, of Carleton Place, was present, and delivered a very able address and favored those present with a fine recitation. Recitations were also given by Messrs. Taggart, Kidd and Swallow, which were much enjoyed by all. A few suitable selections of music, rendered by the Presbyterian and Methodist Church choirs, were well received. Refreshments were served during the evening by the ladies of the church. A booth, under the management of Messrs. McGuire and Alexander did a large business. The proceeds, which amounted to about forty dollars, will go towards the general fund of the church.

WESTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. Wm. Farquharson, of Claude, is at his old home, at Fletcher, Kent, where he will spend a holiday.

The Rev. J. G. Shearer, of Erskine Church, Hamilton, has left for a vacation trip to the upper lakes.

Rev. D. Y. Ross and family, of St. George, are summering at their cottage, Beaverton, Lake Simcoe.

A large number of the congregation attended the reception given their pastor, Rev. J. A. Cranston, and his bride, on Thursday evening, in the Rockwood Presbyterian Church.

Rev. James Abrey, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, Moncton, exchanged pulpits last Sunday with Rev. Mr. Haig, of Millbank. The new cement foundation for the manse is now complete.

At a meeting of Knox Church session, in Galt, Rev. R. E. Knowles, B.A., announced to his elders that he had written to the Wilmington North Carolina, Presbyterian Church, discouraging the idea that he would accept a call.

At the last meeting of Presbytery Rev. S. Lawrence, of Vanneck, gave an excellent report on the statistics and finances of the congregations within the bounds of the Presbytery of London. The report was well received.

Kenble and Sarawak Presbyterian congregations have extended a unanimous call to Rev. Dr. MacRobbie, of Shelburne. Salary offered, \$1,000, free manse and four weeks' holidays. They have great hopes of Dr. MacRobbie accepting.

The Ladies' Aid of Knox Church, Acton, held a lawn social on the grounds of Mr. Hugh Mann last Monday evening. A good programme was provided. The church Sunday school held their annual picnic at Guelph, where a good time was had in Howitt's Park.

The call from the congregation of Alma Street Church, H. W. Rees, in favor of the Rev. H. W. Rees, of Teeswater, has been sustained and arrangements made for Mr. Rees' induction at a time suitable to the Moderator and congregation.

Dr. Dickson, of Galt, sett on Wednesday for Ocean Grove, where he will spend his vacation with the Rev. Dr. Fraser, of Hamilton. The Rev. James Malcolm, Teeswater, will occupy his pulpit two Sundays, and the Rev. Dr. Smith, Toronto, formerly of Knox Church, Galt, on the third.

Rev. Dr. Smith, of Thamesford, read a stirring paper on "French Evangelization" at the last meeting of the London Presbytery, in which he made a strong appeal for its liberal support.

Permission was given St. James' and St. Andrew's Churches, of London, to borrow \$17,000 and \$20,000 respectively, on mortgage of the church properties.

At a special meeting of the W. F. M. Society of St. Andrew's, Strathroy, held on Thursday afternoon, July 13th, an address was read to Dr. and Mrs. Jordan on behalf of the ladies of the congregation, and at the same time a handsome tea and coffee service, old English style, was presented as a token of appreciation, and in memory of pleasant, profitable, spiritual and social relationships.

The Waterloo congregation met in the church Monday evening to bid farewell to the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. McNair, prior to their departure for Oakville, where Mr. McNair has accepted a charge. Mr. Geo. Davidson, on behalf of the congregation, read an address expressive of the deep attachment and high appreciation of the congregation for Mr. and Mrs. McNair, which was accompanied by a well-filled purse of gold.

At the Presbytery of Sarnia, which met in St. Andrew's Church, Sarnia, July 12th, the Presbytery, acting under the instructions of the General Assembly, released the Rev. Dr. Jordan, of Strathroy, from his charge in order that he may take up the work of the professorship at Queen's College. Messrs. T. Banks and G. Thompson represented the session, Mr. J. Noble the managers, and Mr. J. Pool the congregation. All these spoke in kindest terms of their pastor's faithful services and their regret at losing him. A resolution expressing in strong words the appreciation of the Presbytery was moved by the Rev. Dr. Thompson and seconded by Mr. J. R. Geddes. The Rev. R. Aylward, B.A., Moderator of Presbytery, will preach at Strathroy and declare the pulpit vacant on July 23rd. Immediately thereafter the congregation will vacate the church for the purpose of having extensive repairs and improvements made. They hope to be back and in a position to resume regular services early in October. The Rev. R. Haddon, E.D., was appointed interim Moderator during the holiday season, the Rev. J. Hastie and Rev. B. B. Williams will preach.