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Rev. E. Cockburn and family, of Paris, have returned from their summer vacation.

The Rev. John McKay, of Milverton, has been preaching at Port Elgin and Mitchell.

The Rev. D. D. McLeod, of Barrie, has resumed work after an enjoyable vacation in Muskoka.

Prof. John Fletcher, M.A., of Queen's College, has been appointed Latin professor at Toronto University.

Rev. J. B. Mullan, of Fergus, who has been on a trip to the old country, arrived home on Tuesday evening.

Rev. Dr. Campbell, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Victoria, B.C., will spend his vacation in Alaska.

Rev. D. M. Buchanan and family last week arrived home after spending several weeks with friends in the West.

Rev. Malcolm Macgillivray, M.A., of Chalmers' Church, Kingston, has resumed work after a four weeks vacation.

A special meeting for the induction of Rev. W. S. McTavish will be held in the Church of the Redeemer, Deseronto, on Thursday, 12th Sept., at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Bailey, of Melancthon, a student of Knox College preached very acceptably in the Presbyterian Church last Sunday. He will preach again Sunday next.

The Rev. D. Strachan, of Hespeler, returned home last week from his sojourn among the hills, rocks and lakes of Muskoka, greatly benefitted by his vacation.

Rev. Thomas Goldsmith, of Toronto, and formerly pastor of St. John's Presbyterian Church, Hamilton, is this week the guest of his brother, Mr. David Goldsmith at Picton.

Mr. Strachan, Presbyterian Missionary at Swan Lake and associated stations, very acceptably supplied the Rev. H. McLennan's place last Sunday at Thornhill, St. Andrew's, etc.

Rev. W. S. McTavish, B.D., of St. George, who is removing to Deseronto, will preach his farewell sermon on Sept. 5th, just ten years from the time of his ordination as pastor of the Church.

We learn with sincere regret of the serious illness of the Rev. Dr. Laidlaw, of Hamilton. He has been incapacitated for work for some time past, and is now at his father-in-law's from near Georgetown.

Rev. Mr. Sutherland, of Fingal, is the guest of his son, Mr. G. Sutherland, of St. Mary's. The reverend gentleman preached in Knox Church on Sunday evening. He is returning home after a holiday in Muskoka.

The *Guelph Mercury*, of the 26th ult., says: Rev. R. P. McKay, secretary of Foreign Missions, occupied the pulpit of Knox Church yesterday morning and evening and preached two able and interesting discourses to large congregations.

On a recent Sunday, the Rev. Dr. Parsons preached morning and evening in the Presbyterian Church, Parry Sound. The large audiences who heard him on both occasions will not soon, if ever, forget the two excellent discourses which he delivered.

Last Sabbath the Waldemar Presbyterian Church held its first communion under its new pastor Rev. Mr. McConnell, when twenty-six new members were added to the communion roll. It is pleasant to note that the cause is advancing so well in this place.

The many friends of Rev. W. T. Herridge, B.D., the popular minister of St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa, will be glad to learn that he is returning home in excellent health. He is booked to sail from Liverpool to-morrow (Thursday) and expects to occupy his own pulpit on the 22nd inst.

The Dresden Presbyterian Church was re-opened on Sabbath, the 15th ult., after having undergone extensive repairs and improvements. The Rev. J. C. Tolmie, B.A., the popular pastor of St. Andrew's Church, Windsor, preached to a large congregation morning and evening. In the afternoon Rev. H. W. McTavish, of the Methodist Church conducted the service.

Twenty-one years ago the corner stone of the Presbyterian Church, Washago, was laid by Lord Dufferin, who was then taking a trip through Canada. Until this summer no action has been taken to improve the Church since it was built. A month or two ago, the members decided to renovate the interior and set to work earnestly to accomplish that object. Eight new pews were built to afford additional accommodation. The walls ka'omined, woodwork, pews and pulpit painted and varnished, the windows frosted, new lamps procured and a large new platform built which has been carpeted. The Church was opened free of debt on August 11th by Rev. Geo. Grant, B.A., I.P.S., who delivered in the morning an eloquent sermon suitable to the occasion. In the evening the service was conducted by the student in charge, Mr. W. D. McPhail, and W. S. Frost, of Orillia.

Rev. Jas. Ballantyne, of Ottawa, and Mrs. Ballantyne returned from Rhode Island last week.

The Rev. Geo. A. Laird, B.A., has received a call from the Presbyterian Church, Campbellford.

Rev. Geo. Cuthbertson, of Petrolia, returned last week from his vacation trip to Chicago and Iowa.

The Presbyterian Church, Novar, is almost completed. It is the intention to have it opened on September 8th.

Rev. Dr. Lving, of Dundas, has recovered sufficiently to take up his work, and conducted the services on Sunday.

Rev. A. K. MacLennan, B.D., of Dalhousie Mills, in the Presbytery of Glengarry, is called to the pastorate of Huron Church, Ripley.

Mr. Sidney M. Whaley, B.A., a recent graduate of Knox College, Toronto, is called to the pastorate of the United Presbyterian congregations of St. Helens and East Ashfield.

From a recent issue of the *Brandon Times* we learn that Rev. E. A. Henry and his wife were warmly welcomed by a large number of the members and adherents of his church on arriving at Brandon.

Mr. Charles Wheeler, organist of the St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, London, has just returned from Leipzig, Germany, where he spent a year studying under some of the best musicians in the empire.

The *Woodstock Sentinel-Review* says: Rev. J. M. Aull, of Palmerston on Sabbath evening preached to a large congregation in Chalmers' Church. His many friends in and around Woodstock are always glad to hear Mr. Aull.

Owing to the absence of Rev. Mr. Perrin, Georgetown, Rev. D. A. Moir preached in the Presbyterian Church Sunday, Aug. 4th, and in the Methodist Church, in the evening to the united congregations. On Sunday, 11th and 18th, Rev. Mr. McCulloch, of Emsvale, will preach for Mr. Perrin.

The *Orillia Times* says: "There has been rustication for some time at Hawkestone the Rev. George Burnfield, B.D., who is now minister of an important charge in Philadelphia, United States. Mr. Burnfield, while in Brockville, visited Palestine and other eastern lands and published an account of his travels in a work of some excellence which has had a large circulation in Canada. He is an able Oriental scholar and is spending part of his holidays in translating some newly discovered Assyrian texts, for the University of Pennsylvania.

A most successful concert of Scotch music and songs in aid of the repair fund of Kew Beach Presbyterian Church was given by the Westminster Church choir, assisted by Miss Nora Gibson, of Berlin, in a tent opposite the Church on Tuesday evening, August 27th. A large number of residents of the Beach and visitors from the city were present. The programme was well-chosen and the various selections were, as always, admirably rendered by the choir; while the readings of Miss Gibson were deservedly applauded. This young congregation has had a most encouraging start; and the indications are that it will soon grow into a self-sustaining charge.

At a Boston Echo rally of the Christian Endeavor Societies of Ottawa, held last week in the Dominion Methodist Church, the following resolution was passed amid hearty plaudits: "Having heard the resolution passed at the Canadian rally at Boston, recommending that a Dominion convention be held in Ottawa in 1896, we the Ottawa Christian Endeavor Union, assembled in our Boston Echo meeting, wish to express our sympathy with the terms of the resolution and extend a cordial invitation to the Dominion Union, in the event of its formation, to meet in Ottawa, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the secretary of the provincial committee."

The anniversary services in connection with Melville Church, were very successful. Rev. Dr. Parsons, of Toronto, was greeted with a full church both morning and evening, and his sermons were highly appreciated. The occasion marked the 6th anniversary of Mr. Craig's settlement in Fergus, and was taken advantage of to free the congregation from debt. Collectors had been sent through the congregation soliciting subscriptions to pay off the debt. These different subscriptions were to be put on the collection plate. The result of this special effort was a subscription of \$550, and if we mistake not this amount will pay off all debt. The congregation is to be congratulated.

In consequence of the resignation of Rev. R. Haddow, B.A., as pastor of Knox Church, Milton, a farewell social was held in the church on Friday evening, 9th inst., a large number of the friends, including representatives from sister denominations, were present to pay their last mark of respect to one whom they had all learned to esteem very highly for his noble qualities of head and heart, and whose departure they all keenly regret. W. H. Lindsay, Esq., occupied the chair. Addresses were made by ministers in the town, of other bodies, and by representative laymen, all expressing regret at Mr. Haddow's departure. Presentations, accompanied with flattering addresses, were made to Mr. Haddow, one of a gold watch by Dr. Robertson on behalf of the congregation, and the other of a purse containing \$25 by Mayor-McCollom on behalf of Camp Campbell, Sons of Scotland, of which order in Milton Mr. Haddow is the worthy Chaplain, and to which he made feeling and suitable replies.

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LINDSAY: This Presbytery met at Leaskdale on Aug. 20th. Messrs. Ross, Hanna and McKay were appointed a Committee to co-operate with the General Assembly's Committee on Young People's Societies. A circular was read from the Augmentation Committee allocating \$400 to this Presbytery as its share of the amount required to be raised for this purpose. This amount was levied pro rata on the congregations within the bounds. Arrangements were made for the induction of Rev. J. W. McMillan, B.A., late of Vancouver, into the pastoral charge of St. Andrew's, Lindsay, Sept. 10th, Rev. D. Y. Ross, Moderator, to preside. Vacant congregations were reported by their respective Moderators—Kirkfield and Balsover by Mr. D. D. McDonald; Cambray and Oakwood by Mr. M. McKinnon. Six new elders have been ordained in the last mentioned charge, and the people are preparing to extend a call to a minister. Notice of motion to change the meetings of Presbytery from bi-monthly to quarterly was laid over for further consideration at next regular meeting. Home Mission claims for the current half year were passed.—P. A. McLEOD, Pres. Clerk.

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