

## WESTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. Peter Nichol, of Tilbury, has been preaching at Wyoming.

Rev. A. H. Klippen, of Harrington, was the preacher at Doon, Ontario, last Sunday.

Rev. Mr. Whitelaw, of Fairbank, was the preacher in the Bradford church last Sabbath.

Rev. J. Abrey, of Granton, has been preaching with great acceptance in First Church, St. Marys.

Rev. Dr. Smith, St. Catharines, is interim moderator of session for Drummond Hill congregation, Niagara Falls.

Rev. R. J. Beattie, a former minister of our church, but for several years resident in North Carolina, is at present visiting old friends at Guelph, Port Hope and Cobourg.

Rev. Dr. Gustavus Munro, now of Birt, Ontario, has been preaching to his former charge in Guthrie church, Harriston, thus affording much pleasure to many old friends.

Rev. and Mrs. D. L. Ellison and children left last week for Dutton and points west on their annual vacation. Mr. J. A. Teur, of Mitchell, a Knox College student, will supply Stanley street pulpit during Mr. Ellison's absence.

Next regular meeting of the Presbytery of Owen Sound will be held at Owen Sound Tuesday, September 7th. A resignation of an important charge is already on the docket for this meeting. There will also doubtless be business arising out of the Conference on Evangelism held on 24th August.

A pleasant social reception was given Rev. J. Roy Van Wyck and his wife by the members of Westminster church, Hamilton, on their return from Muskoka last week. A cordial address of welcome was presented the pastor, who was assured of hearty co-operation by his people in all congregational work.

Rev. H. A. McPherson, of Chalmers Church, Toronto, who is holidaying at the lake, delivered a very helpful address at the Young People's Society in the Hespeler church on Tuesday evening of last week, his subject being "Living Christianity." Rev. John A. Stewart, the pastor, has returned to his work in greatly improved health.

The induction of Rev. J. E. Munro as pastor of the Oakville church, in succession to Rev. Dr. John McNair, who recently removed to Petrolia, took place on the 9th inst., when Rev. Dr. Parsons presided; Rev. George P. Duncan, of Port Credit, preached the sermon; Rev. Alex. McMillan, of Mimico, addressed the minister; and Rev. W. D. Turner, of Norval, the people.

The Orillia Times says:—"Rev. C. H. Cooke, who recently resigned his charge as pastor of the Presbyterian church, Bradford, will for a time at least act as inspector and agent for the Crown Life Insurance Co. in the hope that the change of occupation will benefit his throat, which has been giving him some trouble for the past year or so. Mr. Cooke has not given up the ministry permanently, and will take pulpit work from time to time. He will make his headquarters in Orillia, though he has not moved his family here yet. At present he is residing with his mother on Lacie street.

The St. Marys Journal has this to say of a worthy minister, well known to many of our readers:—Rev. Charles H. Vessot, pastor of St. Mark's French Presbyterian Church of Ottawa, is in town. Five years ago, while lecturing on French evangelization in Canada, his attention was called to the necessity of having a machine for pulling flax, by his nephew, Lewis Vessot King, now of Christ's College, Cambridge, England, who was then spending his holidays with his son, Mr. Vessot. Mr. Vessot, with the aid of Mr. Walter Miller, of Stratford, succeeded in inventing a machine which, with later improvements, is giving satisfaction.

## DEDICATION AT MONKLANDS.

The dedication services of the new Presbyterian Church at Monklands, Ont., were held on Sunday, 15th inst. The Rev. N. H. McGillivray, of St. John's, Church, Cornwall, who is Moderator of the field, conducted both services, assisted by the pastor, Mr. Andrew Drysdale.

There was a very large turnout at the inauguration every part available being occupied.

The moderator, who chose for his text the words "I go a Fishing," (John 21-3), gave a very eloquent rendering of the subject, bringing clearly before his hearers the necessity of each and all being interested workers and faithful followers of the cause of Christ in every sphere. He congratulated the Monklands people on their newly-erected place of worship—which had it not been for the energetic and enterprising spirit of their pastor, would certainly not yet have been erected. For not only had he raised all the money necessary, but he had also superintended the whole building proceedings, and it was justly to his credit that so fine a building, suitable to the needs of the community's spiritual well-being had been opened entirely free from debt.

In the evening the Rev. Mr. McGillivray chose his text from Exodus 4th chapter, 3rd verse: "What is that in thine hand?" and was listened to with marked attention by another large and very appreciative congregation.

Following the dedication services on Monday a supper and entertainment was held celebrating the opening of the new church. During the afternoon Mr. D. McLean, of Montreal, and Mr. A. McRae, of Maxville, rendered bagpipe selections, which enlivened the proceedings considerably. In the evening a concert was given. There was a splendid programme, preceding which an interesting account was given by Mr. Drysdale as to why the church had been built and how they had been enabled to complete it free from debt. He kept the large audience in humour by referring to how all the requirements of the new church had been purchased at the lowest price—that price being, in the majority of cases, nothing or next to it.

The programme was contributed to by Miss Nesbitt, Miss MacIntyre, Miss May Shaver and Mr. Nesbitt, of Avonmore; Mr. F. J. McRae and Miss McRae, of Maxville; and Mr. John A. Drysdale, lately from Scotland, who rendered selections on the violin.

Speeches were given by Mr. Duncan Campbell, and Mr. Isaac Robinson, who paid a great tribute to the untiring and persevering qualifications of their minister, and just as Mr. Drysdale was on the point of closing what had proved a very enjoyable evening, Mr. J. Munro, accompanied by Mrs. Wm. Hill, ascended the platform and, to the applause of the audience, remarked that the programme was not yet finished. There was still something else to be performed and on behalf of the congregation they asked Mr. Drysdale to accept an address and well-filled purse as a token of their gratitude. The church had been named St. Andrews, in honor of their pastor, and it would always be a reminder to the people of Monklands of one who had endeavored to elevate the people and help forward the good cause.

Mr. Drysdale replied in a brief address. It had always been his aim and object in life to spread the Cause of Christ and His Kingdom. For this he had striven, and he sincerely hoped that in the new church many would find the comfort and spiritual blessing he earnestly prayed for.

The National Anthem being sung and Benediction pronounced, a very pleasant evening was brought to a close.

The next meeting of Quebec Presbytery will be held in Quebec at 4 p.m. on 7th September.

## BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

It is proposed to raise a memorial to the late Sir W. H. Curzon Wyllie.

An unsigned donation of \$125,000 was received for the Queen Alexandra Sanitarium at Davos (High Alps) for British consumptives.

Nine suffragettes were released from Holloway jail by order of the Home Secretary as a result of their adopting a "hunger strike."

Mr. Claude Hay is to introduce a bill into the House of Commons to make further provision for the expulsion of aliens convicted of certain offences.

The Rev. Dr. Wallace Williamson, St. Cuthbert's, has, it is understood, accepted an invitation to become minister of St. Giles' Cathedral, Edinburgh in succession to the Rev. Dr. Cameron Lees resigned.

Miss Janet Zeigler, of Edinburgh, who left estate valued at £17,750, bequeathed £3,000 to the New North United Free Church, Edinburgh, and £1,000 to the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh.

Allon's Parish Kirk bell is now rung by electricity. The innovation has been necessitated as the vibration caused by hand ringing was endangering the beautiful tower.

Edinburgh public library committee unanimously agreed to decline a proposal that the central library and branch library reading-rooms should be opened on Sundays.

Burns' original M.S. of "Aye Wankin' O" was sold for £110 and a portion of the original draft of the chorus from Swinburne's "Atalanta in Calydon" realized £19 at Christie's, London.

The curators of Edinburgh University unanimously appointed Professor Robinson of Birmingham to the chair of Anatomy, vacant through the death of Professor Cunningham.

The Rev. W. A. Gilles, B.D., Tiree, was recently inducted to the charge of Duncansburgh, Fort-William, in succession to the Rev. G. M. MacLean, recently transferred to Dundee.

Sir Hugh Shaw Stewart, Bart., of Ardgowan, has intimated his intention of giving ground, extending to eleven acres on Bridgend Farm, as a public park for the East End of Greenock.

At the baptism of the twin children of Mr. and Mrs. A. Gillingham, at Kirkham, near Preston, the father's twin sisters acted as godmothers and the mother's twin brothers were godfathers.

Britain and France have concluded an agreement, Mr. Gladstone announces, by which a British workman in France will get compensation for accidents there and similarly a French worker in Britain.

Following the action of the French Courts in prohibiting the organization of unions among the State employees, eighty men discharged in the recent strike were reinstated as an act of mercy.

China, in a circular letter to the Powers, asked them to curb Japan, accusing the Mikado of pushing the Antung-Mukden Railroad for strategic, not economic, reasons; of violating a treaty and of seeking to increase his troops in Manchuria.

A severe earthquake occurred in central Japan. The shock was particularly hard around Kyoto, Osaka, Lake Biwa and Nagoya. All railroad communication with those districts was interrupted, 30 people were killed, and 82 injured. Three hundred and sixty-two buildings are reported destroyed.

Hawthorne's "House of the Seven Gables" at Salem, has been purchased by Mrs. George Emmerton and is to be used in settlement work. The building is very old dating from 1662. It was remodelled about forty years ago when some of the Gables were removed.

None think the great unhappy but the great.