

Rev. J. D. Morrow, the newly inducted pastor of the Hespeler church, preached to large congregations morning and evening on Sunday.

At a recent meeting of the Toronto Presbytery, the call of Rev. E. F. McL. Smith of Knox church, Milton, to Carmel church, Hensall, was sustained. Mr. Smith preached his farewell sermon on the 10th instant, and the pulpit was declared vacant last Sunday, by Rev. W. M. McKay, of Norval, who will act as interim moderator.

Rev. John McEwen, who for the past seven years conducted the hospital work of the Toronto Presbytery, gave his report for the last six months, in which he stated that 800 Presbyterians had been in the hospitals during that time. The fund supplied him to furnish needy persons being discharged from the hospitals had been expended and contributions were asked.

Rev. Dr. W. A. Mackenzie of New York, preached in the new St. James and King street churches, London, on Sunday, the 10th instant. Last Sunday he occupied the pulpit of St. Andrew's church in that city.

Rev. A. J. McGillivray preached at Old St. Andrew's church, Toronto, last Sunday, and will on the 20th inst. present the call to St. Andrew's church, London, to Rev. Dr. Ross to the Montreal Presbytery, after which he will take some holidays in the Maritime Province.

During the absence of Rev. Dr. Dickson, of Galt, the following clergymen will occupy the pulpit of Central church, one each Sunday: Rev. R. P. McKay, Toronto; Rev. Mr. Nichol, of the Bible Training School, Toronto; Rev. Hugh McPherson, of Toronto; Rev. Murdoch Mackenzie and Rev. Albert T. Moore.

The following pulpit supply has been arranged for Knox church, Guelph, during Mr. Knowles' absence in Europe; on the 17th, Rev. R. J. M. Glassford, preached, Chalmers church, Guelph; July 24th, Rev. W. A. Bradley, St. Andrew's church, Berlin; July 31st, Rev. E. C. Gallop, Mount Pleasant; Aug. 7th and 14th, Rev. J. E. Munroe, B.A., Gladstone, Man; Aug. 21st and 28th, Rev. Prof. F. R. Beattie, D.D., Louisville, Kentucky; Sept. 4th, Rev. E. C. Gallop, Mount Pleasant.

The most important matter discussed at the last meeting of the Chatham Presbytery was the feasibility of re-arranging the charges of Rev. Dr. Jamieson, Rev. Mr. Hare and Rev. Mr. McInnes.

A committee consisting of Rev. Dr. Munroe, Rev. Mr. Lindsay, Rev. Dr. Battisby and Rev. A. H. McGillivray with elders M. Mullen and Denholme, visited these charges. This committee recommended to the Presbytery the uniting of Bridge End and McKay's corners, thus leaving Botany and Kent Bridge to stand alone and giving the opportunity to unite Morpeth with Bethel and Ridge.

After a long discussion the matter was laid over until the fall meeting of the Presbytery.

Word has been received of the death in St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis, on Thursday, of Rev. J. Cumming Smith, D.D., son of Rev. J. K. Smith, of Galt. Dr. Smith was operated upon a week ago for appendicitis. He entered the ministry in 1888 with a pastorate in San Francisco. In 1887 he was called to Tabernacle Church, Indianapolis. The largest Presbyterian church in Indiana. Dr. Smith was regarded as one of the brightest and the most stimulating of the Canadian preachers who have risen to distinction in the American church. He was a man of handsome physique, charming personality and cultured thought, and was an easy and forceful speaker. He was the author of two books, "Centrality of Christ" and an Indian legend, a short poem.

#### Northern Ontario.

Rev. Dr. Finlay, occupied the Dunchurch pulpit on Sunday last.

Rev. D. Munroe has been inducted as minister to the congregations at Whitney and Madawaska.

Mr. Geo. D. Grant, M.P., and Rev. A. C. Wishart, delivered addresses at the garden party given under the auspices of the Gamebridge W. F. M. S., at the home of Mr. John Turnbull, Mara.

Rev. W. T. Allison, pastor of the Stayner church has returned from his month's vacation, which he spent in Toronto and London.

The Rev. J. G. Potter, B.A., Peterborough, gave an address in Knox church, Beaverton, on Friday evening, in the interest of The Lord's Day Alliance.

Mr. J. R. Eaton of Orillia, has been awarded the contract for a new church at Kirkfield. The church is being erected by Mr. Wm. Mackenzie, the well known Toronto millionaire. The present church adjoins his Kirkfield home, and he wants to add the site on which it stands to his property. He is therefore providing the congregation with a new and much more pretentious edifice at a cost of between \$6,000 and \$7,000.

#### Presbytery of Bruce.

The Presbytery met at Hanover, July 5th. Rev. Thos. Wilson was appointed moderator for the ensuing six months.

The reports of the different committees were received and passed.

The following are the convenors of the standing committees for the year: Foreign Missions, Mr. Thynne; Finance, Mr. Mahaffy; Home Missions, Mr. McLean; Sabbath School, Mr. Eckford; Augmentation, Mr. Johnston; Church Life and Work, Dr. McLennan; Statistics, Mr. Cockburn; Superintendence of Students, Mr. McQuarrie; Young People's Societies, Mr. Mahaffy; Widows' and Orphans' Fund, Mr. Hall; Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, Mr. Johnston. A call from Pinkerton and West Brant in favor of Rev. John McKinnon, was sustained. The call was very unanimous, and guaranteed a stipend of \$750 per annum with a manse and two weeks holidays. Mr. G. B. McLennan, a recent graduate of Queen's College was licensed to preach the gospel, having been transferred from the Presbytery of Kingston.

#### Lindsay Presbytery Notes.

A new manse is soon to be built at Glenarm for Mr. Ferguson, who deservedly has gained the high regard of his people.

The presbytery was represented by Revs. Fraser, Kannawin, and the clerk and elders Willis and Badwin, at the General Assembly in St. John.

The docket of business was a large one, but the moderator, Mr. P. Y. Sinclair, was equal to the occasion and kept the members working at high pressure until the very last item was reached.

A fine new manse with every comfort and convenience has been completed at Sunderland. May Mr. Peckover and his good wife long live in it with the blessings of health and prosperity winning by devoted service the esteem of the good people of Sunderland.

In consequence of severe illness from which he is but slowly recovering the Rev. J. M. Cameron, M.A., handed in his resignation of the pastoral charge of Wick and Greenbush. The resignation was received and the congregations will be cited to appear at the September meeting when the matter will be considered. It is earnestly hoped that in the meantime Mr. Cameron will so regain strength that it may not be necessary for him to leave us. The members of Presbytery were delighted that he was able to attend the meeting and elected him to the moderator's chair for the ensuing term. All who have had the privilege of knowing Mr. Cameron will understand the high respect and warm regard the brethren entertain for him and also their hope that such a minister may long be spared to the church.

The regular June meeting of Presbytery was held at Oakwood on the 28th. The attendance was not large, nearly one third of the ministers and almost all of the elders being absent. As a rule our ministers are quite diligent in their attendance at Presbytery but as much can not be said for the elders. The good intention of those sessions and they compose the great majority which change their representative elder each year is laudable, but the results are far from satisfactory. The elder who is a member of presbytery for only one year out of every five or ten years, rarely becomes familiar with the procedure within so short a period, nor does he have time to develop a keen interest in the business of the court the consequence is that few elders attend and a still smaller number venture to take any part in the proceedings. Indeed it may be said that the elder who attends regularly and enters fully into the conduct of the business is found to be one who continuously or at least frequently is elected to represent his session. The plan of interesting all the elders in presbyterial affairs by making them representatives in rotation is from the nature of the case doomed to failure, whereas if a suitable elder

were chosen and continued as representative from year to year, each session would then have at least one elder thoroughly conversant with and interested in the affairs of presbytery, while presbytery would be benefited by the practical sense, business ability and point of view of her laymen.

#### Presbytery of Owen Sound.

The Presbytery of Owen Sound met in Knox church, Owen Sound, Tuesday, July 5th, and was constituted by Mr. McAlpine, moderator. There was a full attendance of members, and in addition at the afternoon session, representatives from nearly all the Boards of Managers for conference regarding the proposed increase of salary for ordained missionaries and ministers in augmented charges. Commissioners to the General Assembly gave interesting reports of attendance at the meeting. Leave was granted to the trustees of Big Bay church for some years unoccupied, to sell the church, the land to be deeded to the Big Bay cemetery trustees, and the proceeds to be applied to the church in Kemble, with which former members of Big Bay church are now identified.

Dr. Bryce of Manitoba College, was present and addressed the Presbytery on work in the west.

The afternoon was spent in considering the proposed increase of the minimum stipend of ministers recommended by the General Assembly and the Presbytery agreed to endorse the proposal as recommended by the General Assembly, and appeal to the liberality of the church. On the report of Dr. Somerville for the committee appointed to visit Allenford, etc., in connection with the resignation of Mr. Mowat, the Presbytery resolved that the resignation should in the meantime lie on the table, that Allenford and Elsinore be canvassed with the view of their being able to be self-sustaining, and in the event of that being done, Dr. Somerville, Revs. McAlpine and Acheson were appointed to explore the region of the Sauble, with the view of finding a satisfactory connecting place for Skipness, and to report at the September meeting of Presbytery.

Mr. Simpson, on the ground of ill-health, resigned the congregation of Thornbury, etc., and Mr. Smith resigned Daywood, etc. Presbytery received the resignations and resolved to cite the congregations to appear for their interests at the September meeting. Mr. Eastman was appointed to cite Thornbury, etc., and Mr. Harper, Daywood, etc. Mr. Eastman presented the report on Systematic Beneficence, which was adopted and the committee instructed to prepare it for distribution among all the families of the Presbytery.

The supervisors of Sabbath schools were instructed to give special attention also to the work and organizations of the young people in the congregation: they visit, and Presbytery recommended cordially that the young people of the Presbytery undertake the support of a missionary to the extent of \$250 per annum.

Mr. Smith was asked to take the oversight of Caven church and report regarding the disposal of it at the September meeting.

#### A Distinguished Party.

On Thursday evening, June 23rd, the special Pullman private car "Pilgrim," carrying Capt. A. C. Bell, A. D. C., of Rideau Hall, Ottawa, and party, left by the Grand Trunk Railway System en route to the World's Fair, St. Louis. The party propose spending a day in Chicago on the way, and will return direct via the same line on the homeward journey.

#### Liquor and Tobacco Habits.

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