

Western Ontario.

Rev. Mr. Bell, of Port Elgin, has been preaching at Milverton.

The managers of the Bayfield congregation have decided to proceed with necessary repairs to the Church at once.

Rev. Dr. D. L. McCrae, of Westminster, has just returned from Toronto and Montreal, and occupied his own pulpit last Sunday.

At Galt Rev. Dr. Dickson has resumed his work at Central Church after a brief holiday; and Rev. E. A. Wicher, B. D., of Clude, has been preaching in Knox.

Rev. Mr. Henderson, of Hensall, preached at Brucefield, on Sabbath, Mr. Sowers being at Blake, conducting anniversary services in the Presbyterian church there.

The Rev. N. Lindsay, B. A., of Dresden, occupied the pulpit of the First Presbyterian church Chatham, both morning and evening Sunday last. Both sermons were very much appreciated by the large congregations present.

Mr. Bruce Carey, who has been suffering with a throat trouble and left in July for a two month's vacation to the Northwest, has found it necessary to tender his resignation, as choir leader of Erskine Church, Hamilton.

A most enjoyable and successful garden party was that held by Eadie's church congregation, Turnberry, on the grounds of Mrs. Eadie, on Wednesday evening of last week. Over seventy-five dollars was realized. Speeches were delivered by the pastor, Rev. W. J. West, M. A., and others.

A fairly attended meeting of the Stratford Presbytery was held Tuesday at Rev. Dr. Hamilton's Church, Matherwell. The principal business was the designation of Rev. Mr. Russell as missionary to India. So large was the congregation that extra seats had to be put in the church, which was crowded to the doors.

Rev. Mr. Gray, of Toronto, who has supplied the Wroxeter pulpit during the absence of Mr. Anderson, the regular pastor, returned to his home on Monday last. He is a preacher of the old school, remarks the Seatorth Expositor, but his discourses are more profitable than many of the nice little sermons of the so-called up-to-date ministers of to-day.

Dr. Hamilton, moderator of the Stratford Presbytery, has resigned. For the last 40 years Dr. Hamilton has faithfully ministered to the Avonbank and Matherwell congregations, only resigning now because of old age and infirmity. His resignation has been accepted and the congregation was cited to appear at the next Presbytery meeting.

Special anniversary services were held in Boston Church, Manswood, last Sunday, when Rev. Duncan D. McLeod, D. D., of St. Andrew's Church, Barrie, preached morning and evening. On Monday, a tea meeting was held when a lecture by James L. Hughes on "Dickens: His Schools and School-Masters," was greatly enjoyed by all who were present.

At the meeting of the Guelph Ministerial Association on Friday it was agreed that the association express their deep abhorrence of the attempt that has been made upon the life of the President of the United States—their prayer that no fatal results may follow, and their sympathy with the family in the sorrow and anxiety caused by the deplorable event. Special prayer was offered for his recovery, Dr. Wardrope leading.

The Harvest Home Festival, under the auspices of the Ospringe Presbyterian church, which was held on the evening of Thursday the 29th ult., at the residence of Mr. John Sunter, townline, Erin and Ermosa, passed off most pleasantly and acceptably to the very large company which assembled there on the occasion. The chair was filled by Rev. R. Fowle, pastor, and music and speeches made up an interesting programme. The proceeds amounted to between \$750 and \$800, which after paying expenses, left a handsome sum to be appropriated towards the building fund.

Miss M. G. Mitchell, of Toronto, has written to her father, Rev. J. W. Mitchell, of Blackheath, from the Yukon, giving particulars of her providential failure to sail on the Islander on the voyage which proved so disastrous. Although her berth was taken in the ill-fated steamer she was persuaded by Rev. Mr. Pringle to prolong her stay for two weeks. Full of tragic significance, says the Galt Reformer, is the fact that an old lady who Miss Mitchell had undertaken to see to on the voyage to Vancouver, was among those who were drowned.

The Fergus Correspondent of the Guelph Mercury writes: We are having a terrible epidemic of matrimony. Last week Miss Alexander was quietly married to Rev. Mr. McConnell, Presbyterian minister at Creemore. We will miss the bride. She was a bright young lady. We congratulate the groom and extend our best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. McConnell.

The Harvest Home and fifth anniversary services in connection with the ordination and induction, of Rev. H. A. Macpherson, as pastor of Knox Church, Acton, took place last Sunday and Monday. Mr. Macpherson preached special anniversary sermons Sunday; and on Monday evening after tea Rev. R. W. Dickie, B. A., of Orangeville, delivered his lecture on "The Reign of the Common People."

Ottawa.

Next meeting of Ottawa Presbytery will be held on 5th November.

Rev. T. A. Saddler, of Russell, has been elected moderator of Ottawa Presbytery.

Rev. Norman McLeod has returned from a brief holiday trip, and occupied his own pulpit on Sabbath.

Rev. J. S. Lochead, of North Gower preached in Erskine church last Sabbath, Rev. Mr. Mitchell conducting anniversary services in North Gower.

The first meeting since June of the Home Missionary society of St. Andrew's church took place last week. An encouraging letter was read from the church's missionary at Swan River, Mrs. W. G. Perley presided.

Rev. Donald McIntosh, of the United Free church, Rogart, Scotland, occupied the pulpit in Knox Presbyterian church, last Sabbath evening. Rev. D. M. Ramsay preached in the morning on The Fullness of the Spirit.

At the meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary society of the Glebe church, Mrs. George Hay, president of the Ottawa Presbyterian, gave an excellent address on Some Helps in the Missionary Work. Those present thoroughly enjoyed her address. There was a good attendance. Mrs. (Rev.) Milne presided.

Rev. Dr. Herridge officiated in St. Andrew's last Sunday after a two month's visit to Great Britain. He referred to the attempt on the life of President McKinley; offered prayer for his recovery; and made mention of the loss sustained by the congregation in the recent death of Mr. Wm. Hamilton, so long an elder of the church.

At the meeting of Ottawa Presbytery touching references were made respecting the numerous deaths of members of the presbytery and resolutions of condolence were passed to the families of deceased Ellers, Hardie, of Bank street church; Hamilton of St. Andrew's, and Jas. McFarlane, of Campbell's Bay, and to that of Rev. Jas. Bennett, of L'Original.

The pulpit of St. Andrew's Church, L'Original, of which the late Rev. J. Bennett was pastor, has been declared vacant, with Rev. Mr. Patterson, of Buckingham, Que., as interim moderator. Judge O'Brien and Mr. W. S. Hall, representing the congregation, asked Presbytery for supply until they were ready to call. Rev. George Crombie will supply for November and December.

The various W. F. M. S. are again in active working order after the holiday season. The Stewart Auxiliary had a meeting last week with Miss Stewart presiding in the absence of the President, Miss MacLean. Mrs. Ardley assisted in the devotional exercises. Arrangements were made to send a bale to one of the Northwest missions about the end of the month. Plans for the fall and winter work were discussed.

Last Tuesday evening a conference of Sabbath school workers was held by Ottawa Presbytery in the Bank street Sunday School hall, presided over by the moderator, Rev. Mr. Saddler. Mr. James Gibson delivered an interesting address on "The work of the superintendent." Mr. Ramsay, Mr. Patterson and others took part in the discussion. "How can the Sunday school be made productive of the best spiritual results," was the subject of Rev. Wm. Patterson's spirited address. Rev. John McNichol spoke on "The model Sunday school." The relation of the pastor to the Sunday school, was the subject of Mr. J. B. Halkett's paper. The addresses were all replete with valuable advice and information, and the speakers received the hearty appreciation of their audience. The attendance was not particularly good.

In the belief that Aylmer Church is not strong enough to support a minister, Rev. J. McNichol has tendered his resignation, preferring that the congregation be united with Hull making one strong charge. The presbytery requested Mr. McNichol to permit his resignation to be laid on the table pending the consideration of the whole matter by the augmentation committee. This was agreed to by Mr. McNichol.

At the Ottawa Presbytery Rev. Dr. Armstrong submitted the report on Home missions, and the claims of the various missions for the half year were passed. Rev. W. Patterson presented a report on French Evangelization, in which he stated that he, in company with the general superintendent of missions, Rev. S. J. Taylor, of Montreal, had visited the various mission centres and had found the work to be in a progressive condition and satisfactory in every way.

Quebec.

Rev. E. A. MacKenzie, of St. Matthew's church, Montreal, while considerably improved in health, is not yet quite strong enough to undertake his usual work, so he has been granted another month's leave of absence.

It is announced that Rev. J. L. Campbell, M. A., late of Chicoutimi, has accepted an appointment in Smith's College, Northampton, Mass., at a salary of \$1,500 per annum. Mr. Campbell will be missed by the Canadian Church; but he is sure to do good work wherever his lot is cast.

A correspondent of the Quebec Chronicle says: Rev. George Cuthbertson, who for the past six weeks has taken the place of Rev. J. L. Campbell, has left on the R. O. steamer for his home in Toronto. During his stay at Chicoutimi he has, by his able ministrations and kindly disposition, endeared himself to every member of the congregation, which was shown by the large numbers who were present on every occasion when he was to be heard. Mr. Cuthbertson's manner of preaching was of such a nature that everyone had to listen attentively from the first word until the termination, and every word he uttered was understood alike by young and old. The expressions of regret at his departure were sincere and in abundance, as each individual connected with the mission feels that a true friend has gone away.

Winnipeg and West.

Rev. Principal Salmund, D. D., preached to large congregations in Knox and St. Andrew's Church, last Sabbath.

The missing wife of Rev. Mr. McPhail has been found by a search party near Yorkton, having been lost a day and two nights.

Rev. J. W. Stephens, of Knox College, who has accepted the position of Assistant Pastor of St. Andrew's Church, has been warmly welcomed by the congregation.

In the absence of Rev. Dr. Wilson of Augustine church, Fort Rouge, on his vacation, Rev. J. K. Clark, of Cowan avenue church, Toronto, will conduct the services.

Miss Margaret King, who is en route to her missionary field in China, has been for a few days the guest of the Rev. C. W. Gordon. Miss King is the niece of the late Principal King, of Manitoba College. On Thursday evening last she gave a very interesting address in St. Stephen's Church, on her experiences as a missionary in China.

The anniversary harvest home services in the Plum Creek church last Sunday were attended by large sized congregations, who enjoyed the discourses delivered by Rev. Mr. Ross, of Rutherford. Despite the threatening weather in some quarters in the afternoon there was a good turnout on Monday evening. A pleasing musical and literary programme, well carried out, contributed to an enjoyable evening.

A recent distinguished arrival in Winnipeg, was Rev. S. D. F. Salmund, D. D., principal of the United Free church college, Aberdeen, Scotland, who is a guest of Rev. Dr. Patrick. He is accompanied by Mrs. Salmund and will be in Winnipeg for some days, during which he will deliver several addresses in Manitoba college. Dr. Salmund arrived in Boston by the Dominion liner Commonwealth, and after a few days spent in the White Mountains, came on to Quebec and Montreal. This is his second visit to Canada, but his first to the west; and before returning this trip he will visit Vancouver and Victoria.