

Ministers and Churches.

THE Rev. G. Macarthur, B.A., of Cardinal and Mainsville, was made the recipient of a well filled purse, previous to his departure to the Thousand Island Park for holidays.

THE Rev. Walter Roger, M.A., of London East, delivered lately a very interesting and thoughtful lecture on "The Labour Question" in St. Paul's Church, Peterborough.

THE Rev. R. H. Warden, Montreal, acknowledges receipt of \$5 from A. Friend, Lachine, and \$5 from Mrs. Bisset, Lachine, for the erection of the new church at Van couver, B. C., and \$20 from Mr. T. A. Dawes, Lachine, to aid in restoring Rev. T. G. Thomson's library, destroyed by the recent fire.

PARTIES sending clothing, etc., for gratuitous distribution among the Indians of Manitoba and the North-West will please notify Mr. George Olds, General Traffic Manager of the C. P. R., who will instruct the agent at the station from which the goods are sent to have them forwarded at half rates. Heavy goods, such as furniture, stoves, etc., will not be sent on these terms.

THE two congregations of Richmond and Lower Windsor, Que., and Melbourne and Windsor Mills have been re-arranged. Richmond and Melbourne, which are contiguous, have been united. Windsor Mills and Lower Windsor, three or four miles apart, form another congregation. Both charges are vacant. Rev. J. R. McLeod, Kingsbury, is Moderator of the two.

THE Rev. James Carmichael, of Norwood, Ont., preached in St. Andrew's Church, Perth, on Sabbath last, morning and evening, giving two admirable discourses to full congregations. The reverend gentleman was many years ago a resident of Perth, and when a young man learned the printing business and worked in the *Courier* office for a time. Afterward he studied for the ministry of the Presbyterian Church, and for some years has been an ordained minister of that denomination.

THE United Church in Petrolia is progressing very harmoniously under the care of the present popular pastor, Rev. A. Beamer. The services on Sabbath at both diets of worship are all but crowded. The Sabbath school is well organized and effectually conducted. The prayer meeting is generally well sustained. A staff of new elders has been recently elected, and the result agreeable to the congregation. The greatest difficulty just now is more church accommodation. A new church is already talked about.

THE congregation of English River and Howick has for many years manifested a deep interest in the Rev. C. Chiniquy and his work. Recently they were favoured with a visit from the good father, who spent a Sabbath with them and addressed large and appreciative audiences morning and evening. Before leaving, the representatives of the congregation waited upon Mr. Chiniquy, and handed him the sum of \$80 for his mission in Illinois. A fortnight before Mr. Chiniquy's visit, the Howick section of this congregation had the privilege of hearing the Rev. J. Sieveright lecture on "Mission Work in the North-West." Mr. Sieveright was listened to with deep interest, and a collection of \$17 was taken up for his building fund in Muskoka.

A POPULAR clergyman, the Rev. Robert Thornton, of Camden Road Presbyterian Church, London, England, who has been on a visit to his friends in this city, conducted the services in St. James Square Church, on Sabbath, 15th inst., morning and evening. The morning sermon was founded on Matthew xi. 25-30. The preacher, in an able discourse expounded the doctrine of God's sovereignty. At the outset, he showed that sovereignty extended everywhere, in the family, in the factory, in the school, colleges and congregations, and proceeded to discuss the subject under the following heads: (1) in Creation, (2) in Providence, (3) in Grace. The discourse was exhaustive, dealing with the various ways in which God exercises His power, being sustained by sound argument and telling passages of Scripture, in his exposition of the doctrine. As is well known, Mr. Thornton is a son of the late Rev. Dr. Thornton, of Oshawa, and is a graduate of Knox College, Toronto; but for some years had an influential congregation in Scotland, and is at present located in the British Metropolis. His services in Toronto were instructive in the highest degree.

FOR six years the Presbyterians around the "9th Line" of Dalhousie have held no picnic or summer festival of any kind, though no finer places for gatherings of this kind exist in the country than where the hardwood foliage of Dalhousie waves on hill, dale or along her beautiful lakes or rivers. However, a break was made this year, and on Wednesday of last week a large crowd assembled in Gardner's Grove, at McDonald's Corners, full of the right spirit for having a good time. Mr. James Donald acted as chairman; and the speakers were the pastor, Rev. Mr. McAuley; Mr. W. C. Caldwell, M.P.P.; Mr. Wm. Lees, M.P.P.; Mr. David Ward, Lanark; and Mr. Wm. Brownlee, superintendent of the Sabbath School, under whose auspices the picnic was held. The Lanark brass band also furnished amusement by playing at intervals choice field music. The church choir also entertained the gathering with vocal music. The refreshments were both choice and plentiful, and a credit to the ladies who provided them. The proceeds amounted to \$51, and the net sum will be devoted to purchasing a library for the McDonald's Corners Sunday School.

WORD comes to us from Algoma of a deed of heroic daring by one of our students there which is worthy the notice of the Royal Humane Society. On the 29th July a company of picnickers, composed of the Presbyterian and Methodist Sabbath schools, Little Current, crossed over to the north shore at LaCloche to enjoy the day. A company of about a dozen of these set out for the mountain—some distance

inland—to enjoy the view from its summit. Their way thither led them to cross a small lake or pond of deep water covered with logs and timber. This they all safely accomplished, but on their return, the wind having meanwhile shifted, the position of the logs to recross was no easy task. Among the last to cross was a young lady of Little Current, Miss Annie Dawson, who accidentally slipped between the logs and went down. Mr. A. E. Mitchell, our student missionary at this point, who was but a few steps in advance, was early on the spot and with a slippery sambo for his vantage ground was soon struggling to rescue the young lady from what would otherwise have been a watery grave. Himself in the water, supported by one arm thrown over a small log, with the other he endeavoured to drag her upon the log. Four times she slipped from his grasp and was as often raised again, till at last by superhuman effort, inspired by the gravity of the situation, Mr. Mitchell succeeded in getting her safely out of the water, but not until he was badly bruised in arms and chest and both were utterly exhausted. A cool head, with a fair share of nerve and muscle, has made Mr. Mitchell a hero in the estimation of the islanders.

REFERRING to the retirement of Rev. Mr. Anderson from the pastorate of the church at Point Levis, the *Quebec Chronicle* says: Thirty-two years ago the Rev. Duncan Anderson, M.A., accepted a call from six Presbyterian families of Levis, and during the whole of that long time he has filled the pulpit of his church with great acceptance and zeal, endearing himself to the hearts of his growing congregation in a thousand ways, and living very near his people always, from first to last. Before crossing the ocean to come to Canada, Mr. Anderson had earned a high name as a student and scholar in the Old Country. Born at Aberdeen, Scotland,—that city of *bon accord*, which has turned out so many able and distinguished men,—he, at an early age, entered King's College and University, where he pursued his studies, ranking fifteenth in a class of one hundred and fifty students as competitors for bursaries. He was graduated as M.A. in the same class as Dr. George Weir, of Morrin College and won the second Hebrew prize in the Divinity Hall. He was a successor, as parish schoolmaster of Moneywash, to a man of almost world-wide fame, Dean Skinner, author of "Tullochgorum" and other well-known Scottish songs. Mr. Anderson was licensed by the Presbytery of Garioch in 1853, and in the following year, as we have said, he went to Levis, where he has remained ever since. For many years he was chaplain to the Imperial troops, and for two decades he occupied the position of Presbytery Clerk, fulfilling the duties of the office in a most unexceptionable manner. Mr. Anderson is also known far and wide as an ornithologist of fine attainments. His work has always been done in the field, and the labour of his hands has found its way to Kensington Palace, and the Castle of Inverary. But our readers are too familiar with Mr. Anderson's career in the study of natural history to need further remarks from us. As a preacher he occupies a high place among the divines of his Church, his sermons are enriched always by classical allusion, and their literary finish and poetic beauty entitles them to a good place among the pulpit utterances of the day. Mr. Anderson's poetic gifts are also well known, his "Welcome to the Prince of Wales" in 1860, published in our columns twenty-six years ago, being among the more musical and spirited of his performances in this direction. Our readers, we feel sure, will heartily join us in hoping that the reverend gentleman and his amiable wife will enjoy many more years of life together, and that his well-earned leisure will add strength to his health and physical energies.

FOR the last two seasons the Presbyterians of Shafisbury, locally known as Little Current, Manitoulin, Algoma, have engaged in, to them, a large undertaking—the erection of a place of worship. In spite of difficulties and disappointments, yet encouraged by the kindness of many sincere friends, they have struggled through, and have now the satisfaction of being in possession of a most comfortable and commodious place of worship. The building is a frame, 30x40, with eighteen foot ceiling of wood finished with oil and varnish. It is seated by Gilpin & Backer, of Warton, who supply a very comfortable seat at a very reasonable rate. Situated on a slight eminence behind the business part of the village, our church forms an object of attraction to all who approach the village either by land or water, and requires only the tower, for which a bell has been promised, to make the building complete. The opening services were held on Sabbath, the 8th inst., and in this we were highly favoured. First we had with us the Moderator of Assembly, whose name is a household word and whose praise is in all the Churches. Then our Superintendent of Missions, who takes a deep interest in the welfare of the work in this widely scattered region, and lastly, Rev. D. Cameron, of Manitowaning, who may be justly called the father of the Church in these parts, as he was the first ordained minister to visit the island some twelve years ago, and who organized this station at that time. Mr. Smith preached in the morning, Mr. Findlay in the afternoon and Mr. Cameron in the evening to crowded houses. Many souls, we believe, were edified and enriched by the golden truths so clearly and powerfully set forth. A social and platform meeting was held Monday evening, which was very much enjoyed by those present, and was financially a success. The chair was ably occupied by Mr. Isaac Turner, Reeve of Howland, a model chairman, in that he contributed \$20 during the evening to wipe off the small debt against the building. Mr. Turner is a member of the Baptist Church; but a firm believer in the communion of saints. Speeches by Messrs. Cameron, Findlay, Ackell, of the Methodist Church, and Mr. A. E. Mitchell, student missionary, interspersed by music from a very efficient choir, filled up the evening. Mr. T. S. Potts, elder, gave a very interesting sketch of the history of the island, the planting of Presbyterianism on it and the steps that had been taken in the erection of the church in Shafisbury. High commendation was given by him to the ladies of this congregation for the loving, energetic spirit displayed by them, attributing to them, through the blessing of God, the origin of the scheme and the grand suc-

cess of the enterprise. From the Sabbath collections and the proceeds of the social the sum of \$130 was realized. Leave had been obtained from Presbytery to mortgage for a sufficient sum to clear off all the floating debt against the church; but so encouraged are the Building Committee that they have agreed to make another effort to wipe off the balance of about \$140, and then we shall have the satisfaction of worshipping without the shadow of either debt or mortgage resting upon us.

PRESBYTERY OF MIRAMICHI.—An adjourned meeting of this Presbytery was held in the hall of St. James' Church, Newcastle, on the 27th ult. The Rev. Wm. Aitken acted as Moderator *pro tem.*, and constituted the court with prayer. Sederunt: Messrs. Neil McKay, Wm. Aitken, E. Wallace Waits, ministers, and Mr. John Nicholson, elder. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and sustained. Rev. James Murray was invited to sit as a corresponding member. He reported that he had preached at Nelson on two successive Sabbaths, and according to appointment had cited the congregation to appear for its interests at this meeting, in view of the proposed separation from Newcastle. Rev. Wm. Aitken stated that Newcastle congregation had likewise been cited in reference to the same matter. Mr. James Flett, Mr. John Nicholson, and Rev. Wm. Aitken having been heard, it was resolved to leave the question at *statu quo* until the Presbytery consulted with Rev. T. G. Johnstone, and with Derby and Nelson, about the union of those congregations in one pastoral charge. Nelson will be supplied by Rev. Messrs. Aitken and McKay for the next eight Sabbaths, commencing with August 1. Mr. Aitken reported that he moderated in a call at Bathurst on the 20th ult., which came out unanimously in favour of Rev. A. F. Thompson, of Economy, N. S. His conduct in the matter was approved, and it was sustained as a regular Gospel call. It is signed by eighty-six members and fifty-four adherents, and accompanied by a guarantee for \$750 per annum, with manse and glebe. Mr. Thompson having signified his acceptance of the same, his induction was appointed to take place in St. Luke's Church, Bathurst, on Wednesday, August 11, at ten o'clock a.m., the Rev. Wm. Aitken to preside and induct, in the absence of the Moderator, the Rev. A. Ogilvie Brown to preach, Rev. A. Russell to address the minister, and the Clerk the people. A communication from Charlo was read, and thereafter it was agreed to reappoint the committee to visit that station, with power to consult with the Session and congregation about their general welfare, the meeting to be held in the church at New Mills, on August 10, at ten o'clock a.m., the Rev. Neil McKay to preach on the occasion. A circular from Dr. Torrance, containing recommendations of Assembly, was read. The Presbytery adjourned to meet in St. Luke's Church, Bathurst, on Wednesday, August 11, at nine o'clock a.m., and was closed with the benediction. An adjourned meeting of this Presbytery was held in St. Luke's Church, Bathurst, on August 11, 1886. The Rev. Neil McKay was appointed Moderator *pro tem.*, and constituted the court with prayer. Sederunt: Messrs. Neil McKay, A. Ogilvie Brown and E. Wallace Waits, ministers and Dr. G. M. Duncan, elder. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and sustained. The Rev. Messrs. Patterson, McAlpine and M. C. Cameron were invited to sit as corresponding members of the court. Elders' commissions for the current year were sustained from Douglstown in favour of Mr. George Stephens, and from Campbellton in favour of Mr. David G. Gerrard. A communication from Mr. J. F. Smith, B.A., requesting to be certified to the Theological Hall, Halifax, was read, and the Clerk was instructed to furnish the necessary certificate. Rev. James Murray reported that he had dispensed the communion at New Bandon, and that the attendance at all the services was good. Appointments were made for the Rev. J. Anand, returned missionary from the New Hebrides, to visit the following places: Campbellton, Wednesday, August 18; Dalhousie, 19th; Bathurst, 20th; Chatham, St. Andrew's and St. John's, Sunday, 22nd; Newcastle, Monday, 23rd; Richibucto and Bass River, August 24, 25, and 26. The edict for the induction of Rev. A. F. Thompson was returned duly certified, and the usual proclamation having been made to the congregation assembled for objections, and none having been offered, the Rev. A. Ogilvie Brown conducted public worship and preached from Ezekiel xlvii. 1-12. The Clerk then narrated the steps which led to the calling of Mr. Thompson, and the Moderator put the questions prescribed in the formula, to which Mr. Thompson assented, and then engaged in solemn prayer, and gave the new pastor the right hand of fellowship, saying: In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the only King and Head of the Church, and by authority of the Presbytery of Miramichi, I induct you into the pastoral charge of this congregation, and admit you to all the rights and privileges thereto pertaining. In the absence of Rev. Alex. Russell, who was unavoidably detained through sickness, Mr. McKay gave the charge to the minister, and Mr. Waits to the people. After the dismissal of the congregation, the people had an opportunity of welcoming their new minister as they retired from the church. Mr. Thompson having expressed his willingness to sign the formula, his name was added to the roll of the Presbytery. Mr. McKay constituted the Session, and introduced Mr. Thompson to his position as Moderator and reported to Presbytery accordingly, which then adjourned to meet in the hall of St. James' Church, Newcastle, at three o'clock p.m., on Monday, October 4, 1886, and this sederunt was closed with the benediction.—E. WALLACE WAITS, *Pres. Clerk*

MONTREAL NOTES.

ON Monday week the Rev. R. H. Warden moderated in a call at Melville Church, Cote St. Antoine, in favour of the Rev. Anderson Rogers, of Yarmouth, N. S. The call is most cordial and unanimous, having been signed by every communicant, with four exceptions, all of whom are absent from home. The stipend offered is \$1,300 per annum. Commissioners were appointed to prosecute the call. At a