

Ministers and Churches.

THE Rev. S. J. Fisher, of West Flamboro', is off on a holiday trip to Port Elgin.

REV. D. D. McLEOD and Mrs. McLeod, of Barrie, are visiting in Michigan, U.S.

REV. D. L. McCRAE, of Cobourg, preached in Knox Church, Guelph, on Sabbath last.

REV. MR. FOREST and family are about to leave Durham for Chatham, to take up their residence there.

REV. J. GRAY, of Windsor, Ont., occupied the pulpit of the Presbyterian Church, Barrie, on Sunday evening.

THE Rev. M. MacGillivray, of St. Andrew's Church, Perth, is confined to his bed by a severe attack of erysipelas.

THE Rev. Dr. Jardine preached at Farmersville last week and consulted with the people respecting permanent Presbyterian services there.

THE Rev. J. Campbell, of Granton, is going to take three or four weeks' holidays. His pulpit will be occupied by the Rev. A. Hamilton.

THE Calvin Church Sabbath school, St. John, N.B., picnic was held last week at Nauwigewauk. A large crowd attended and a most enjoyable day was spent.

THE Rev. Mr. Hastie, of Knox Church, Cornwall, resumed his duties last Sabbath, after an absence of four weeks, visiting friends in the West with Mrs. Hastie.

THE Presbyterian Church at Parry Sound has been found too small to accommodate the congregation and the services of that body are now held in Union Hall.

THE Rev. Mr. Millard's resignation of Warton and Hope-wood has been accepted. Rev. A. H. Scott, of Owen Sound, is Moderator of Session during the vacancy.

THE Rev. Thomas Alexander, A.M., who lately resigned, officiated in his former charges of Mount Pleasant and Burford on 23rd August last, being his eightieth birthday.

THE willing workers of the Presbyterian Church, Thornton, gave a garden party in the grounds of Mr. Thomas Scott, last week, in aid of the Church Building Fund. An enjoyable time was experienced.

KNOX CHURCH, St. Vincent, and St. Paul's, Sydenham, is still vacant, the Rev. J. T. Paterson having declined their call. Mr. Paterson is Moderator of Session during the vacancy. His address is Meaford.

THE garden party held on Mr. George Samwell's beautiful lawn on Wednesday evening of last week, got up by the ladies of the Presbyterian Church, Exeter, was a good success. There was a large number present.

THE Rev. J. A. R. Dickson, who left to spend a few weeks at Ocean Grove, Maine, last week, was suddenly recalled to Galt by the serious illness of one of his children, at present lying in a precarious condition with fever.

THE Princeton Church has been painted and otherwise beautified. Last Sabbath, being the eighth anniversary of Rev. Mr. Little's pastorate, services were conducted by Rev. Jas. Middlemiss, Elora, and Dr. Cochrane, Brantford.

A FEW weeks ago a lawn festival under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society, St. Andrew's Church, Niagara, was held in the grounds of the Queen's Royal, which financially and otherwise was a success, over \$100 being realized from it.

THE Rev. James McEwan, secretary of the Provincial Sabbath School Association, addressed a meeting of teachers and friends of Sabbath school work on Friday evening last, in the St. Paul's Presbyterian Sabbath school-room, Peterborough.

THE Sunday school of the Presbyterian Church, Nanawee, held their annual picnic in Cartwright grove, West Nanawee, on Tuesday afternoon. The day was rather cool to be very enjoyable, yet everyone seemed to feel happy and contented.

SAYS THE *Argus*: The Rev. Mr. Turnbull, of St. Mary's, we understand, has almost regained his health. It is expected that he will be able to fill his pulpit next Sabbath. Mr. MacGillivray has been occupying the pulpit during Rev. Mr. Turnbull's absence.

THE Rev. J. C. Watt, M.A., an old Knox student, has accepted an unanimous call to the pastorate of the Fifth Presbyterian Church, Cincinnati. His success in Findlay, Ohio, where he was formerly pastor, has been highly spoken of by the American papers.

THE members of St. George Presbyterian Church are making great exertions to have everything in connection with the induction of Mr. McTavish on 8th Sept. a great success. The church is being very tastefully fitted up, and arrangements are being made for a grand tea-meeting.

THE Granton Presbyterian Sunday-school is in grand working order, and the average attendance is 112. The attendance has greatly increased under the superintendence of the Rev. J. Campbell, who preached a sermon especially for the school last Sunday, which was listened to with marked attention.

REV. PROFESSOR MACLAREN, of Knox College, Toronto, occupied the pulpit in the Methodist Church, Parry Sound, Sabbath morning week, and preached an eloquent, pointed and instructive sermon. In the evening he preached to the congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Union Hall, and delivered an equally interesting and instructive sermon.

THE ladies of Erskine Presbyterian Church, Meaford, have formed themselves into a society to be known as the "Hopeful Gleaners." The object of the society is charity. Mrs. J. T. Paterson was chosen president; Mrs. J. Cleland, vice-president; Mrs. Mackinnon, treasurer; and Miss A. Stewart, secretary. The society meets weekly on Wednesday afternoon at half-past two o'clock.

ON Sabbath morning week Rev. Thomas Bennett preached a sermon on the death of the late Dr. F. R. Alexander, in the Presbyterian Church at the Carp. The building was crowded to the doors by relatives and friends of the deceased, anxious to pay a last tribute to his memory. The reverend gentlemen took for his text Ecclesiastes xii. 5, and preached a very affecting sermon, his hearers being much moved.

THE *Charlottetown Examiner* says: The Rev. N. McKay, of Summerside, has been nominated by the Presbytery of P. E. Island to be Moderator of the Synod of the Maritime Provinces, to meet in St. John in October next. We congratulate our esteemed friend on this token of the high regard of his co-presbyters and trust that he may attain the Moderator's chair of the Synod, of which he is so worthy a member.

WOODSTOCK has been visited this summer by quite a number of clerical tourists. Last Sabbath the Moderator of the Presbytery of New York, Rev. James Chambers, and the Moderator of the Presbytery of Brooklyn, Rev. J. A. Hagerman, pastor of Franklin Avenue Church, worshipped in Knox Church. The latter gentleman conducted the evening service and preached a discourse of great power and impressiveness to a large and appreciative congregation.

ON last Thursday, 20th inst., the annual Sabbath school picnic of St. Andrew's Church, Niagara, was held in the Oak Grove, than which a more delightful spot cannot be found. There was a large gathering of parents and friends, and young and old spent a most enjoyable day. The Sabbath school has greatly increased in numbers since the congregation was fortunate enough to secure Rev. J. W. Bell as pastor, and we hope that better days have dawned on St. Andrew's, one of the oldest Presbyterian congregations of Ontario.

THE children of the Dunvegan Sabbath school held their picnic in Mr. McGillivray's grove, near the village, on the 13th inst. A very pleasant afternoon was spent by the children in innocent amusement. After the contents of baskets brought by the ladies of the district had been freely indulged in, the young people and their friends met in the church to hear an interesting lecture from the Rev. John Fraser, of St. Elmo, on "Faith Cure." The proceeds amounted to \$32, and are to be appropriated for the Sabbath school library.

A RARE treat, says the *Newmarket Era's* Queensville correspondent, was afforded the people of Queensville last Sabbath evening by seeing their old friend Rev. Dr. Fraser once again in their midst. The house was packed to the utmost, and the Rev. Doctor gave an excellent discourse on "Love." Every one seemed as pleased as though welcoming a near relative, and even the smallest children of the Sunday school—which the Doctor visited—seemed to be conscious that a friend was near. The Doctor may rest assured that whenever he can make this village a stopping place the people will only be too glad to welcome him.

THE Wentworth Street Mission, of Hamilton, has lately been organized into an independent congregation, having elected four elders. The Presbytery appointed Rev. Mr. Frazer, of Knox Church, Moderator of Session, his visits being much enjoyed by the friends of the mission. This field had been long worked as a part of St. John's Church, having lay supply for the most part, but for the past two years they had the services of Mr. W. A. Duncan, student, who did good work for the mission and the Master. The people have recently secured the services of Rev. A. K. Caswell for six months, and are quite hopeful of building up a good cause. There is already a good Sabbath school and a large attendance at Sabbath evening services.

C. C. A. F. writes: On a recent afternoon the three Mission Bands in the Indian Lands Presbyterian congregation had a reunion picnic under the maples of St. Elmo Manse. The morning was veiled in clouds and mist, but the sun came forth in his strength and ushered in a glorious day not soon to be forgotten. The first part of the programme was thoroughly discussed as eager little hands were plunged into trays and baskets that were carried around in plentiful array. Singing and recitations followed, and compositions by some little folks on mighty Eastern countries were read which showed that labour bestowed on them at their monthly meetings was not lost. These little exercises having been performed to the satisfaction of parents and friends who were present, the ringing words: "Now for games" were given by their pastor and speedily happy faces and bright eyes mingled with the sunbeams, and enjoyment, good will and sweet innocence seemed to rule until evening shades reminded them of home.

ON Sabbath evening, 16th ult., at half-past eight o'clock, a farewell meeting was held in St. Matthew's Church, Halifax, to hear addresses from the Rev. J. Fraser Campbell, who is returning to his mission field, and the Rev. Mr. Murray, lately set apart to the mission field in India, and who will be supported by St. Paul's congregation of Montreal. The Rev. Dr. Burns, of Fort Massey Church, presided. Mr. Murray is a pleasing speaker, and made a favourable impression. He stated that it was ten years since he had resolved to become a missionary, and that he had come to that resolution after hearing an address from his friend, the Rev. J. Fraser Campbell. Rev. Mr. Murray, editor of the *Witness*, stated that, including the missionaries' wives, Nova Scotia had bid farewell to about forty, who had gone to labour among the heathen. Besides the city ministers, we noticed the Rev. Andrew Wilson, Toronto, Rev. George Burnfield, of Brockville, and his Honor Judge Patterson, of Toronto.

THE *Kingston Chronicle and News* says: The eleventh annual Blue Book of the Presbyterian Assembly is published. It is a goodly volume of 322 pages, closely printed by the Presbyterian Printing and Publishing Company, Toronto. It contains extensive reports of this great Church's benevolent schemes, both at home and abroad. The statistical report, if the driest, is nevertheless the most suggestive. It shows prosperity all along the line. For all purposes the average rate per family was \$21.70, and \$12.62 per communicant, an increase of \$1.20 per family, and fifty-eight cents per communicant over last year; and this is but an

average sample of progress in almost every department. Chalmers Church, in this city, is the banner church for liberality in Central Canada. Its contributions last year for all purposes were \$5,102, \$2,202 of this amount being contributed to the General Assembly's Schemes. The total contribution of St. Andrew's was \$4,760, \$1,916 of which went towards the Assembly Schemes. Cooke's Church contribution was \$3,942, and \$203 of that amount were devoted to the object named.

THE annual excursion of the First Presbyterian Church and Sabbath school, Brantford, together with the Sabbath schools at the White School house and Tranquillity, came off recently and was highly successful. A special train of eight coaches carrying over four hundred scholars, teachers, parents and friends left Brantford a little before eight o'clock. The destination of the party was Bay View Park, Burlington Bay, opposite Hamilton. On reaching Hamilton two commodious boats were on hand to take the excursionists over to the Park, where they were safely landed before ten o'clock. The park is very well situated for its purpose, and the management did very much to make the day enjoyable to both old and young. The afternoon was spent in various amusements on land and water. Many went down to the beach, others spent an hour or two on the water, and yet others went over to the city and spent a few hours there. The train started for home about a quarter to six o'clock, p.m., and reached Brantford before dark. The day was all that could be desired, and not a single accident happened to mar the abundant enjoyment of the excursionists. But one opinion prevailed, and that was that the excursion of this year was the best yet enjoyed by them.

THE *Witness* says: At the prayer meeting in Stanley street Church, Montreal, on Wednesday evening last, the pastor, the Rev. Jas. McCaul, was cordially welcomed by his people. He appears much improved in health. Referring to his long extended trip away beyond the Selkirk range of the Rockies, in journeying whither and returning he had travelled over 5,500 miles, he spoke of the impressions produced by the sight of our huge fresh water lakes, vast extended prairies, and sublime mountain scenery, drawing occasional lessons of practical instruction from incidents by the way. He expressed himself as having been much pained by observing the prevalence of shocking blasphemy among railway employees and others in the Far West, and the great disregard of the sanctities of the Sabbath, met with in many places; but spoke in glowing terms of the great heritage we possess in our vast North-West Territories, and the magnificent scenery of the Rockies. The thanks of the congregation were cordially offered for the pastor's safe return. He enters upon his pastoral and pulpit duties with renewed strength and vigour, and we, too, welcome him again to his place in the Christian work of the city.

THE Port Perry *Standard* says: The annual picnic of the Port Perry Presbyterian Sabbath-school took place on Thursday last, the 20th inst., at Adam's Grove, Scugog Island. The day turned out delightful and the *Mary Louise* had a very busy time ferrying the crowds of holiday seekers, teachers, scholars, parents and friends to and from ten o'clock a.m. till nine p.m. The repast was spread on long rows of tables with snow white spreads and ornamented with flowers, kindly sent from "Ambleside," and loaded with every variety of fare, substantial and recherché, to which ample justice was done by juniors and seniors alike, after singing of thanks. Two splendid swings were in constant requisition all the evening, mainly occupied by girls, while the boys indulged in the manlier games of running races and jumping, which the parson himself superintended and rewarded. At least 250 guests were on the grounds, and a happier and more enjoyable re-union could not be imagined. The officers of the school, the minister and members of the congregation unite in tendering their hearty thanks for the use of the grove on the occasion, for their presence with the company and for accommodation and assistance rendered by the domestics at "Ambleside" house.

THE *Stratford Beacon* says: The news of the terrible accident by which Mr. John Stewart, lot 29 in the 2nd concession, lost his life on Thursday night of last week, was a shock to every resident of the township, as well as very many outside its borders. About nine o'clock Mr. Stewart went to a field to fasten up a mare which was somewhat brachy, and as he did not return, his sons went in search of him. It was bright moonlight and they were horror-stricken to find their father lying in the middle of the field stone dead. His jaw was fractured and there was a bruise on his breast, as if the horse had kicked him. The exact manner of his death will of course never be known. He was a large-hearted, kindly man, to whom no one in distress ever appealed in vain, and many a one has cause to bless his memory for deeds of charity quietly done. He was sixty-two years of age and leaves a wife and family in easy circumstances. His funeral took place on Saturday, his remains being followed to Bell's churchyard by a very large concourse of sorrowing friends, many of whom were from Stratford, where his stalwart form was familiar to almost every merchant and business man. Mr. Stewart was an elder in Mr. Allan's (now Mr. Stewart's) congregation, and his consistent conduct and blameless life caused him to be looked up to with the greatest respect. He will be greatly missed in the church and in the community. His bereaved family have the genuine sympathy of the entire community in their sore affliction.

LAST week the Rev. S. Young, of Clifford, was presented with a purse of \$60 and an appreciative and sympathetic address, on the occasion of the return of himself and wife from Toronto, where he had been for the last month in attendance on Mrs. Young, who has been for ten weeks in that city under the care of Drs. Reeve and Rosebrough, for disease of the bony structures of the ear. Mrs. Young underwent a serious operation about a month ago, and although now improving slowly, yet the nature of the case has been such as to cause much suffering and no small anxiety to the family as to the result, and has called forth the sympathies of Mr. and Mrs. Young's many warm friends, which feeling has taken expression in the purse above mentioned. After the