

## Ministers and Churches.

### Toronto.

Rev. J. C. Wilson, of Stouffville, has been transferred to Acton.

Rev. A. R. Gregory, Boston church, Esquesing, tendered his resignation.

A grant of \$500 will be asked for Mimico to have a settled minister there.

Last Sunday morning Rev. T. H. Rogers, B. A., preached in Emmanuel church, East Toronto on the subject "The Truthful Mirror." The text being James 1, 22.

The presence of Principal Caven for the first time since his serious illness caused rejoicing at the meeting of Toronto Presbytery last week, and he was asked to speak. In doing so he expressed thankfulness for his restoration to health.

On Wednesday, October 14th, Prof. Robertson, of North Ferwick, the newly-appointed professor for Knox College, will be inducted, the ceremony to take place in St. James Square church. Rev. Dr. Fletcher, of Hamilton, will give the charge.

All summer workmen have been in possession of the floor Street church. They have now completed a thorough renovation and redecoration of the main auditorium, and last Sunday the reopening services were held. These were conducted by the pastor, Rev. W. G. Wallace, B. D., who was welcomed by the congregation, this being the first Sunday since his return from his vacation.

Rev. Dr. Milligan of Old St. Andrew's has returned to Toronto, after a visit of two months to Scotland. He spent his time mostly in Glasgow and the Loch Leven district. He preached, as is his custom each year, a sermon in the old cathedral of Glasgow. His subject was "The Divineness of the Ordinary." The Loch Leven country is full of his heroic associations, both as the place where Queen Mary was imprisoned, and also as the neighborhood where, in 1773, dissent was first instituted by Ebenezer Erskine. Dr. Milligan paid little attention to political matters, but says that there is amongst the Liberals a great regret that Chamberlain did not formulate his plans specifically.

### Ottawa.

At the regular meeting of the Ottawa Presbytery held in Erskine Presbyterian church, The Rev. R. Herbison of Stewarton church, was appointed moderator for the year.

The resignation of Rev. J. S. Lochead of North Gower and Wellington, was taken up. Commissioners from the different congregations were heard, after which, upon motion of Rev. Dr. Armstrong, the resignation was accepted, to take effect on the last Sunday of September. The Rev. J. Moir of Manotick was appointed to declare the pulpit vacant on the first Sunday in October.

Rev. J. McLaren, of Plantagenet, resigned his charge, to take effect October 1st. Rev. James Taylor was appointed to Chelsea and Cantley, to begin October 1st. Rev. Mr. Taggart will take Mr. Taylor's charge in Aylwin. Rev. S. Belagneau was received into the presbytery by order of the General Assembly. Mr. Belagneau was appointed to Anger and Perkins' Mills. There was a large attendance of ministers and elders.

### Western Ontario.

The Guthrie church is being re-shingled.

Mr. McNeil preached in Kippen last Sunday. The manse at Dundas has been thoroughly renovated, repapered and the electric lights put in.

Rev. J. W. West, of Elmevale, conducted services in the Wroxeter church on the 30th of August.

The Rev. J. E. Smith, of Clover Hill, preached a splendid sermon in the Bond Head church last Sabbath.

Rev. J. H. Graham, B. A. of Avonton, will occupy the pulpit of the Evangelical church, Sebringville Sunday evening.

Rev. Mr. Little, who has so efficiently and acceptably performed the duties of pastor in the Stanley Street church, Ayr, for the past few months, during Mr. Nixon's absence, and who has become very popular in our midst, left for home on Saturday.

At a congregational meeting, held on August 25, a call was extended by the congregation of Nairn and Beechwood to Rev. Alexander Rannie, of Roslin, Ont.

Rev. A. W. McIntosh and Mrs. McIntosh of Belwood who have been spending their holidays among friends in Serforth and Deseronto, returned home last week.

At the congregational meeting of the Innerkip and Ratho churches, to decide on a successor to the late Rev. P. Straith, several names were brought before the people.

Rev. Mr. McPherson preached two very able and earnest sermons in the Seaforth church on Sunday the 30th. The pastor, Rev. Mr. Larkin, occupied his own pulpit on Sunday last.

Rev. Mr. McLennan, of Kippen, preached in the Bayfield church last Sabbath. The people of Bayfield are always glad to listen to Mr. McLennan's earnest gospel sermons.

The Rev. Jas. Somerville, of Toronto, conducted the services in Westminster church on the 30th instant. Rev. W. G. Hanna will resume his pulpit ministrations next Sabbath.

Rev. Mr. Aylwood, who has been spending a short time in Bayfield, preached in Carmel church, Hensall, last Sunday. Mr. Aylwood returned to his home in Parkhill on Tuesday.

On the evening of the 30th instant Mr. Armstrong of Toronto a representative of the Canadian Branch of the Presbyterian Union of Foreign Missions addressed the Belwood congregation.

Rev. K. W. Barton, B. A., who has occupied the pulpit of Chalmer's church, Guelph, in a very acceptable manner during the absence of Rev. R. S. M. Glassford, in July and August, preached his farewell sermon on the 30th instant.

Mr. George Hackney, a student of Knox College, Toronto, who has spent two years in the mission field in British Columbia, addressed the Christian Endeavor, of Thames Road church last Sunday night, on "British Columbia Missions."

No service was held in the Nassagaweyn church last Sunday, owing to the reopening services in St. David's church, Campbellville, which were conducted by Rev. John Currie of Belmont. A peach festival was held Monday evening.

The Rev. D. A. Hamilton, of the Orangeville Presbytery, supplied the pulpit of St. Andrew's church for two Sundays. Rev. A. H. Scott was with his own people at their September communion last Sunday, and had charge of the preparatory service on Saturday, the 5th inst.

The congregation of Wallacestown celebrated their jubilee last Sabbath, when the first minister of the congregation, Rev. Arch McDiarmid, of Windsor, preached. On Monday evening a jubilee supper was given on the manse lawn, after which short addresses were given by the neighboring ministers and others.

Rev. S. T. Martin, a recent graduate of Knox College, was inducted at Streetsville last week. Rev. Wylie C. Clark, of Brampton, moderator of the presbytery presiding. The charge to the minister was delivered by the Rev. James Murray, D.D., of Erskine church, Toronto, a former pastor of the Streetsville congregation. The people were addressed by the Rev. G. C. Pidgeon, B. D., of Toronto Junction who resigned the charge eight months ago.

### Eastern Ontario.

Rev. James Hastie of Kaslo, B. C., formerly of Cornwall, preached in Knox church on Sabbath morning.

Rev. A. D. Menzies, of Beachburg, and Rev. Dr. Campbell of Perth, filled the Blakeney pulpit during the last two Sabbaths.

Rev. Orr Bennett, of St. Andrew's, Almonte, exchanged with Rev. R. Young, of St. Andrew's church, Pakenham, last Sunday.

Rev. J. A. Stuart, B. A., Montreal, officiated in the Apple Hill church the last two Sabbaths, and will preach here again on Sept 13th.

The Rev. John Abraham, of Whitby, occupied the pulpit of First Church, Port Hope, last Sabbath, and preached two excellent sermons.

Rev. Mr. Jack, of Killaloe Station, conducted the services in Melville church, Eganville, and at Lake Dore on Sunday, and his sermons were very acceptable to the congregations present. Rev. James Rattray B. A., conducted the services in the Killaloe mission.

There has been no service in the Kinburn church for the past two Sabbaths, the pastor Rev. N. H. McGillivray, being away on his holidays.

Rev. A. H. Scott, Perth, who is spending his summer vacation in Glangarry, conducted service in St. Andrew's church, Williamstown, on the 30th instant.

Rev. Robert Young of Pakenham, Ont., preached in St. John's church on Sunday last. Rev. Mr. Beattie of Port Hope, occupied the pulpit the Sunday before.

Service, preparatory to the communion was held in the First church, Brockville on Friday at 8 o'clock. It was conducted by Rev. Samuel Lyle, D. D., pastor of the Central church, Hamilton.

Sunday was Children's Day in St. Andrew's, Pembroke. The pastor, Rev. G. T. Bayne, preached morning and evening to fair congregations, considering the wet day. The choir rendered special music, and the church was very tastily decorated with potted plants and cut flowers.

On Sept. 15th Queen's University trustees meet to appoint a successor to Prof. McNaughton. On the same day they will receive the special committee of the Presbyterian General Assembly appointed to confer with them on the university separation question.

A meeting of Brockville Presbytery was held on Friday to consider the call of Rev. Robert Laird, pastor of First church, Brockville, from the congregation of St. John's, Vancouver. The Vancouver congregation was represented by Rev. Dr. Lyle of Hamilton and Mr. A. M. Stewart of Vancouver. Six delegates from the First Church gave reasons why Rev. Mr. Laird should remain in Brockville. After hearing all the arguments Rev. Mr. Laird decided to accept the call, and will preach his farewell sermon next Sunday. Rev. Mr. Laird came here from Campbellford four years ago, and is one of the strongest of the younger men in the Presbyterian ministry in Canada. His departure from Brockville will be much regretted by all classes of the community.

### Northern Ontario.

The Rev. C. H. Cooke, B. A., preached two excellent sermons in the Orillia church last Sunday.

The Rev. Mr. Ross and family, who have spent the last month at "Creek Bay," returned to their home in Erie, Pa., last week.

The Presbytery of Bruce met in Cargill on Tuesday last and sustained the call from Underwood and Centre Bruce to the Rev. R. Thynne, M. A., of Arthur, which was accepted, and the induction was appointed to take place at Underwood on Tuesday, Sept. 15th, at 2 p. m.

The Rev. Dr. McClure, of Freeport Pa., preached in the Ardrea church, last Sunday. He delivered a deeply spiritual and helpful sermon from St. Luke xiv., 33. The church here is much indebted to the eminent brethren from across the border, who have so kindly and acceptably ministered during the past month.

The annual convention of Sunday schools and Christian Endeavor societies of Barrie Presbytery will be held in Beeton, Sept. 15th and 16th. Addresses will be given by Rev. E. Henry, of Knox church, Hamilton; Revs. Dr. McLeod, Dr. Grant, Dr. Campbell, J. F. Smith, J. J. Elliott, Wm. Bremner, J. R. S. Burnett, J. Frazier Smith, Neil Campbell and J. A. Ross. Presbytery meets in Beeton on the 15th.

An interesting induction service took place in New Liskeard on the 19th ult., when Rev. F. E. Pitts was formally installed into the pastoral charge of Haileybury and New Liskeard by the Presbytery of North Bay. Mr. Pitts was appointed an ordained missionary to the district about five years ago and had charge of the whole Temiscamingue district, but the development has been so rapid that now there are no less than three missionaries occupying the ground. Recently New Liskeard and Haileybury were erected into a pastoral charge and a call was at once tendered to Mr. Pitts to be the first minister. Rev. John Sharp presided at the service, and Rev. J. F. Evans preached. Rev. S. Childerose addressed the minister, and Rev. S. Childerose spoke words of affectionate counsel to the congregation. The congregation is hopeful for the future and the new beginning has been made under auspicious circumstances.