

where I have been spending the first vacation of my eleven years' ministerial life in Garafraxa. The first three Sabbaths of July were spent in Lockport, Homer and Joliet, Will County, Illinois; and on the next two Sabbaths I was at Lake Mills, Jefferson County, Wisconsin. During those five weeks I travelled about 1,300 miles by railway, preached eleven times, visited several relatives; was three times in Chicago, and made short calls at several towns of less importance. I left home with only \$18 in hand, and returned with \$36. Country, as well as city, pastors can profit by a holiday when they take it."

REV. J. DOUGLAS, of Middleville, Lanark, Ont., has resigned his charge, and the resignation has been accepted by the church, to take effect at the end of September.

COBOURG, ONT.—The Sunday-school in connection with the Congregational Church, in this place, held a picnic in Ruttan's Woods on Wednesday afternoon, the 7th of August. There was quite a large gathering of teachers and scholars, and a few hours were spent by them in a delightful manner.

BELLEVILLE—PRESENTATION.—On a recent visit of Miss E. Climie to her former home, a few of the old members of the Congregational Church presented her with a handsome silver cake basket, as a small token of remembrance and appreciation of her services in presiding at the melodeon, during the pastorate of the late Rev. John Climie.

On the 31st July, the Sabbath-schools of the John St. Presbyterian and Congregational Churches, of Belleville, united in holding a joint picnic at Massasaga Point, giving a free passage to the children on the steamer *Prince Edward*, chartered for the occasion. The friends of the schools took advantage of a cheap excursion in sufficient numbers to meet the expenses incurred, adding by their presence greatly to the enjoyments of the day.—R. L.

MEAFORD.—The Rev. Chas. Silcox, who has lately come from England, is now supplying the Meaford Congrega-

tional Church. Whether he will ultimately become their pastor is not known. May the great Head of the Church soon supply their need in this respect, by giving them "a man after His own heart!"—E. D. S.

FR. CAN. MISS. SOCIETY.—This Society has begun (under date of July) to issue a monthly *Journal*. Annual subscribers of \$4 and upward are to receive the *Journal* free; and copies will be furnished to persons who will distribute them. Their school and colportage work is in a hopeful state.

REV. E. EBBS.—We take the liberty of publishing the following extract from a private letter from Rev. E. Ebbs, late of Ottawa:—"I have been every Sabbath supplying some vacant pulpit, for which services I have been liberally recompensed. My way has been remarkably prospered. When I arrived at Elgin, I found a letter awaiting me from Appleton, Wisconsin, inviting me to visit the church there as a candidate. I went, and at their request prolonged my stay over a second Sabbath. The result has been an invitation to enter upon the ministry among them as stated supply, with a view of pastoral settlement when eventually acceptable, with a salary of \$1,500 and a parsonage. I go at once, and hope to commence my labours on the 25th. It is a flourishing town on the Fox River, with unlimited water power; a membership of 260, embracing many of the most enterprising men of the place. I can truly say, 'Hitherto the Lord hath helped me!' I bless His name, and by His help, address myself with much hope to the new responsibilities laid upon me, entirely unsought by me, or by my friends."

By way of improving the occasion, we will add that the Canadian Congregational ministerial exodus to the Western States will not stop, unless the churches here support them better. We know of three others on the wing; they would rather remain under the old flag, but they must live, and can't, with rising prices for everything but labour in the Gospel. Deacons and church members! open your eyes, hearts and hands, and keep our own men within our own field.