

Ministers and Churches.

BROOKLIN and Columbus Presbyterian Sabbath schools held a picnic at Corbett's Point recently.

THE congregation of Erskine Church at a meeting last week decided to extend a call to Rev. W. A. Hunter, M.A., of Orangeville.

THE Rev. Arpad Givan, a graduate of Queen's University, was inducted into the charge last week of the Presbyterian Church, Williamstown.

THE Presbyterian Sabbath schools of Tottenham and Beeton, held a picnic in a bush on the banks of the Nottawa river last week, and spent a pleasant time.

THE ladies of St. Andrew's Church, Lancaster, called on Miss Maggie Stickler, on Monday evening week, and presented her with a purse of \$70, as a recognition of her services as organist for many years past.

THE Presbyterians of Bond Head, held their annual social on the grounds of Mr. A. Farquhar, last week. A good brass band and choice selections by the choir and addresses were among the attractions provided.

THE Board of Managers of the Central Presbyterian Church, Galt, made their pastor, Rev. J. A. R. Dickson, a present of \$100 on the eve of his departure for Great Britain last week. He will be absent about six weeks.

THE Rev. Dr. T. G. Smith, general secretary of Queen's University, purposes to raise \$60,000 with which to endow a chair in honour of Principal Grant. The principal is now in Australia. When last heard from he was recovering his health.

MR. D. M. ROSS, late of Oliver, is assistant to Rev. Mr. Bryden, of Selkirk. A new station has been opened at Clandeboye, making the fourth station in the Selkirk field. The ladies of West Selkirk held a social on May 24 and cleared \$100.

MRS. COCKBURN, of Uxbridge, has been busy for some days past in visiting sister Women's Foreign Missionary Societies, and in organizing and addressing new ones. Mrs. Cockburn is the president of the society this year, and is doing a very good work.

THE Rev. Dr. MacNish laid the corner stone of a new Presbyterian church in Cornwall, on Monday week. It is to cost \$22,000 without the land. Rev. Dr. MacNish has been pastor since 1873, previous to which Rev. Dr. Urquhart filled the pulpit for forty-four years.

THE Rev. Mr. Mackintosh, of Unionville, preached in the Presbyterian Church, Brantford, on a recent Sabbath evening. In discoursing on the parable of the talents he made his remarks most practical, much to the delight of the congregation, and to their edification also.

IN the absence of the Rev. Mr. Bennett, says the *Peterborough Reformer*, Mr. Orr Bennett, has been occupying the pulpit of the Springfield and Bethany Presbyterian churches. Mr. Bennett promises to be a good doctrinal and an eloquent preacher at no distant date.

A CONTEMPORARY states that the Rev. A. Macgillivray, of Brockville, was last week called away to the bedside of his mother, who is very ill at Collingwood. Mrs. Macgillivray is in Kingston with her mother, who met with an accident some time ago, from which she is not likely to recover.

THE members of the Mystic Tie Port Hope, with a number of visiting brethren from Cobourg, attended divine service in the Mill Street Church on Sunday evening week. The pastor, Rev. William McWilliam, preached a most instructive and practical sermon, taken from the parable of the Good Samaritan: "Go thou and do likewise."

THE Halifax *Witness* says: On Sabbath, June 20, the Rev. Mr. McClelland of Ashburne, Ont., preached at Summerside, P. E. I. At the "Eucænia," of Kings College, Windsor, held on 28th inst., Mr. McClelland received the degrees of B.B.L. and D.C.L. During the first two Sabbaths of July, he preaches in Springfield, Pictou. After that he returns to Ontario.

THE Central Church, Hamilton, Young People's Society of Christian Endeavour, had an excursion last week on the *Macassa*, and notwithstanding the unfavourable state of the weather, a large number were present. With the singing of familiar hymns, conversation and social intercourse, an enjoyable time was spent by the young people. Rev. Mr. Lyle the pastor, accompanied the party.

A BEAUTIFUL collection of plants and flowers adorned Newmarket Presbyterian Church on Sunday morning week and the service was a little out of the ordinary. The Sunday school pupils occupied the centre seats and were led in concert reading by the superintendent, Mr. J. E. Dickson. Mr. W. C. Oliver took charge of the singing, assisted by the church choir, and Rev. Mr. Bell addressed the pupils on "Our Possibilities."

MR. MEIKLE, the evangelist, commenced his week's service in Knox Church, Ottawa, last week, and the building was well filled to hear him. There was a good choir present, and on the platform with the evangelist were Rev. Dr. Farries, pastor of the Church, Mr. Wood, Dr. Armstrong and other clergymen. After singing several hymns prayer was offered by the pastor and Rev. W. A. Carson, after which Mr. Meikle addressed the meeting.

THE Ladies' Aid of Melville Church, Fergus, entertained in the drill shed last week. The hospitality of the hostesses was remarkably kind, careful and thoughtful, and displayed itself by asking guests to partake of anything and everything, for which, of course, the guests were most attentively required to pay. The entertainment and the evening were very pleasant. The attendance was good and the hall looked very nice. Proceeds about \$80.

THE regular weekly prayer meeting in St. Paul's Church, Peterborough, was on Wednesday night week supplemented by a specially prepared service of praise in the church. A number of sacred anthems were beautifully rendered by the choir, Mr. Parker accompanying on the organ. A solo by Miss Fair, and quartettes in which Misses Vair and Came-

rom and Messrs. Jones, Crane and Dundas were also rendered. The attendance was fair, and those present greatly enjoyed the meeting.

A VERY interesting affair took place at the manse, Shakespeare, on Friday, 15th inst., when the members of Mrs. McCullough's Sabbath school class met there and presented her with a beautifully framed and well executed picture of the class and herself in a group. This token of the girls' kindness was all the more appreciated, as it was not the first time they had shown their appreciation of her services as a teacher. After spending a pleasant evening they separated in happy spirits.

ONE of the most charming residences and grounds in Halifax is that of Mr. James Thompson, situated on the north-west arm. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson on Tuesday evening, 19th ult., entertained a number of the Assembly commissioners and their friends. The visitors were delighted with the grounds, which are washed by the waters of the Atlantic. Among the invited guests were Rev. Drs. Burns, Cochrane, Reid and wife, Rev. Messrs. D. J. Macdonnell, Heine, John Robbins, W. Meikle, W. W. Perceival, Andrew Love, Donald Fletcher, Hon. Messrs. Laird, Jones and others.

THE three Presbyterian Sunday schools of Guelph held a reunion review service in Knox Church on Sunday afternoon. The body of the church was filled with the children, while a number of their friends took seats in the gallery. Mr. J. A. McCrae, superintendent of Knox Church, conducted the services, which consisted of singing and addresses by the three superintendents, Messrs. D. McCrae, St. Andrews; J. A. McCrae, Knox; and W. H. Wardrope, Chalmers, who reviewed the three months of the last quarter, respectively, the children answering the questions on the various lessons.

A VERY attractive service, especially for the scholars of Wentworth Presbyterian Church Sunday school, Hamilton, was held in the church on the forenoon of Sabbath week. Rev. James Murray, the pastor, spoke to them from the words, Prov. iv. 23, "Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life." The service was rendered bright and interesting to the little ones by the frequent singing of hymns, and Mr. Murray's entertaining talk, pleasant anecdotes, wise counsels and cheerful dealing with them generally won their confidence and attention, and made the proceedings both profitable and pleasant to all.

THE new Presbyterian Mission, whose headquarters is at Ignace, C. P. R., is under the charge of Mr. Buchanan, who has conducted service there since April 15 with considerable success. Audiences numbering from thirty to fifty have attended his ministrations. Services are also held at Murillo, in the Council House, with about thirty of an attendance and most of these Presbyterians. At Beaver Mine Mr. Buchanan has also had an attendance of from twenty to thirty. Visitation along the line between Fort William and Rat Portage is conducted during the week. At Ignace Mr. Buchanan has received much help and encouragement from Mr. W. H. Cobb and from Mr. Oscar, the manager of the C. P. R. there.

THE Presbyterians of Kirkton, lately, held their Sabbath school anniversary. The church was crowded at both services on Sabbath, especially in the evening, many remained outside, others returning home unable to find seats. The Rev. Mr. Turnbull, of St. Mary's, conducted both services and was listened to with marked attention. Tea was served in the grove on Monday following. The tables covered with rich edibles only too good. All appeared to have a happy time. After tea, Mr. McCurdy was called to the chair. The singing by the choir of the church was really good. The speeches by Rev. Messrs. Scott, Charlton, Grant and Turnbull were listened to with much pleasure and profit. And, as usual, the services were also a financial success.

ON Sabbath morning week, about eighty members of Sussex and Salem lodges, A. F. & A. M., assembled at the rooms of the former, and from there proceeded in a body to the First Presbyterian Church. The Rev. Dr. Smith, of Montreal, grand chaplain of the grand lodge of Quebec, preached an able and practical sermon to Freemasons in the First Presbyterian Church, Brockville, taking as his text Isaiah xi. 8. During the course of his remarks the reverend gentleman alluded to the fact that Masonry is based upon Bible truths, and that without an open Bible in the lodge room no lodge can be opened, and further that in all the ceremonies and teachings of Masonry the sacred words forms an integral part. Dr. Smyth's sermon was listened to with the closest attention by the large congregation present. The choral services were also very well rendered.

THE *Brockville Recorder* says: Queen's College has adopted a plan for summer classes, which will commend itself to a large class of the community. There are many teachers who would like to obtain university degrees, but cannot afford to give up their schools to attend the classes. In some instances, as in the case of the late and the present principals of the Roman Catholic separate school in this town, teachers having prepared themselves for successful and even brilliant examinations by home study, but such cases are rare. Queen's has therefore arranged for summer classes in mathematics, philosophy and classics, which will be opened if five express an intention to attend. These classes will extend over the summer holidays in the public schools, and will place within the reach of teachers who desire to obtain degrees the facilities for doing so without having to give up their situations.

THE Port Hope *Guide* says: The ladies of the First Presbyterian Church, Port Hope, maintained their reputation for the excellence of their entertainments by the Promenade concert and strawberry festival which they gave in the Town Hall last week. The arrangement of the hall for the promenaders was excellent, the music such as only the "Accidentals" can furnish, and the strawberries, ice cream, etc., all that the most fastidious could desire. The hall was decorated with beautiful mottoes, the work of one of the young ladies, and the tables were made bright and fragrant with flowers. The centre table, at which the

young ladies dispensed their bouquets and sweets, were specially attractive and largely patronized. The hall was well filled by a company that manifestly enjoyed themselves. The excellent music furnished by the "Accidentals" was to many the chief source of the evening's enjoyment. The ladies are to be congratulated on the perfection of their arrangements and the complete success with which they carried through their entertainment.

THE induction of the Rev. T. T. Johnston into the charge of Chalmers Church, York Town Line and East Toronto, took place in the latter church on the evening of the 26th. In the absence of the Moderator of Presbytery, Rev. J. M. Cameron, ex-Moderator, presided. Rev. W. J. Bell, of Newmarket, preached an able sermon from Acts ii. 37-47. Rev. R. Monteath, Clerk of Presbytery, narrated the steps that led to their being there that night, after which the usual form of induction was proceeded with. Rev. J. M. Cameron addressed the minister in his usual happy manner, and Rev. W. Frizzell gave the people some very seasonable and important advice. Before the meeting was brought to a close Messrs. R. Monteath and A. Allan, representing the congregation of East Toronto, presented an address and purse of about \$50, to their new pastor as tokens of appreciation of his services during the past eight months that he has laboured among them.

THE Rev. Dr. R. J. Laidlaw, preached by appointment of the Presbytery of Hamilton, in St. Paul's Church, Carleton Place, and Moderated in a call to a pastor. Only one name was proposed, that of Mr. Albert E. Doherty, M.A., a recent graduate of Knox College. The nomination was heartily endorsed by the whole congregation and a hearty call was extended. Mr. Doherty, the stipend promised being \$900 per annum, to be paid quarterly in advance, with a new manse, to be ready for occupancy on or before the close of 1889. The congregation—formerly Knox Church, Allen settlement, and Erskine Church, East Ancaster—have chosen the name of St. Paul's, the pastor of St. Paul's, Hamilton, having had oversight of their interests, as Moderator of Session, since their union as one congregation in January, 1887. They are now in a harmonious and flourishing condition, and are about purchasing a new site, midway between the two old churches, on which to erect a manse without delay and a new church at no very distant date. The young pastor-elect is to be congratulated on being called to so desirable a field of usefulness.

ON Wednesday, the 20th of June, 1888, was a grand field day for the Presbyterians of Turin, Township of Orford. Early in the afternoon, some hundreds of people assembled in a beautiful and well shaded spot near the church, where the ladies and their friends ministered in splendid style to the physical wants of all present. The duties of the chair were ably discharged by Mr. R. Ferguson, of Thamesville, M.P.P., for East Kent, who in his opening remarks, referred to the fact of the Rev. J. Becket being their pastor for over twenty years, during which time the utmost harmony prevailed in the entire pastoral charge. Addresses of an interesting and instructive nature, were given by Rev. Messrs. M. Pinkard, of Harwich; J. Currie, of Kintyre; W. Pomeroy, of Highgate, and Mr. Wampum, of Moravian town. The Moravian Brass Band also enlivened the audience by glowing strains of music. On the following evening there was another meeting, consisting principally of young persons, when local talent, in the form of speech-making and singing, was well developed. The proceeds amounted to over \$70, which will be applied to the erection of additional sheds and the purchase of requisites for the Sabbath school of this flourishing congregation.

THE services at Knox Church, Hamilton, on Sabbath week, were of an unusually interesting nature and were participated in by very large congregations. In the morning Rev. Mungo Fraser, the popular pastor, preached his third anniversary sermon, his text being, "The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad." Referring to the progress the Church has made he gave the following figures: The number of members added to the Church by certificate were twenty-two in 1885, seventy-one in 1886, and fifty-six in 1887. Added by profession of faith, twenty-two in 1885, ninety-four in 1886, and ninety-seven in 1887. Total membership, 510 in 1885, 642 in 1886, 768 in 1887, and at the present time 803. The growth of the Sunday school has been remarkable. In 1885 there were 440 on the roll, in 1886 there were 606, and in 1887, 729. At the beginning of the year a branch was formed and has since been conducted in Grant's old sail loft, foot of Bay Street. It has about 200 scholars—the actual attendance on Sabbath week being 152—none of whom were taken from Knox Church Sunday school proper. Thus the school consists of two bands, having a total of about 900 pupils enrolled. The short sermon by Rev. Mr. Fraser was a very earnest and appropriate one.

THE Quebec *Morning Chronicle* says: Yesterday morning the Rev. W. T. McMullen, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, preached his first sermon as such in St. Andrew's Church. The sermon was an able and eloquent exposition of the text and was characterized by deep thought, fervid eloquence, and a pointedness which impressed the large congregation present, among whom were a number of clerical delegates on their return from the Assembly. The Moderator is a native of Ireland, was educated at Knox College, Toronto, and has been the esteemed pastor of Knox Church, Woodstock, Ontario, for twenty-seven years, and is one of the most eloquent and successful pastors in Canada. He is still in the prime of life and under the average age of those from whom Moderators are usually chosen, consequently the younger ministers of the Church look upon the election of Mr. McMullen with much favour, and it is hoped that in the future such honours will not be reserved for men until they become grey in the service of the Church. It is likely that other honours are in store for the Moderator. The evening service, which was largely attended, was conducted by the Rev. James Cumberland, of Amherst Island, Ontario. The sermon was a clear exposition of Gospel truth and was attentively listened to. Both services will be long remembered by the congregation of St. Andrews.