

Ministers and Churches.

THE Rev. A. D. Macdonald, of Seaford, is enjoying a trip to Mackinac.

THE Rev. A. F. Tully, of Mitchell, has gone up the lakes on his vacation tour.

THE Rev. E. W. Pantou, of St. Andrew's Church, Stratford, is enjoying his vacation at Bayfield.

THE Rev. W. T. Herridge occupied the pulpit of Park Street Church, Halifax, on Sabbath week.

THE Rev. J. K. Welch leaves Boissevain in two months for Scotland. He goes *via* British Columbia.

DR. URE, convinced of the recuperating powers of Goderich air, is taking his two months' holidays at home.

THE Rev. John McKay, of Strathclair, is on his way to Scotland as emigration agent for the Manitoba Government.

THE Rev. John Sutherland has accepted the call to Caledonia Presbyterian Church, P.E.I., and will be inducted August 20.

THE congregation of Hillsburg has extended a unanimous call to the Rev. D. McGillivray, late of St. James Church, London.

THE Rev. A. Ross, late of Woodville, Ontario, has been preaching with his wonted unction and power in his old field of Pictou and Carribou.

THE Rev. Professor Hart and family have left Perth to return to Winnipeg. They remained a short time at Toronto and Hamilton en route.

THE Rev. Mr. Robertson, of Chesterfield, has returned home from Southampton, where he has been enjoying the lake breezes for the last two weeks.

THE Rev. Charles Chiniquy has just celebrated at his home, Ste. Anne, Illinois, with his family and relatives, the eighty-first anniversary of his birth.

THE Rev. W. G. Wallace, of Bloor street Presbyterian Church, Toronto, has resumed his ministerial duties after his holidays around Georgian Bay.

THE Rev. Thomas Bennett, of Montreal, preached in St. Andrew's Church, Perth, on Sabbath week morning and evening with much acceptance.

THE Rev. T. A. Nelson, of Windsor, N. S., recently intimated to the Session his intention to place his resignation in the hands of the Presbytery of Halifax.

MR. J. J. BELL, of Brockville, has an interesting paper on "Juvenile Immigration" in the Mid-summer number—a very attractive one—of the Chicago Interior.

THE Presbytery of Prince Edward Island at its recent meeting sustained a call from Cardigan to Mr. Charles McKay, probationer, and a call from Alberton to Rev. M. G. Henry.

THE Christian Endeavour Societies of London and St. Thomas last week held their annual picnics jointly, at Port Stanley. A large number was in attendance and a most enjoyable time was spent.

THE Rev. J. Wilkie, of India, and Mrs. Wilkie have left Winnipeg for the west. Mr. Wilkie will deliver addresses at Regina and other places between there and the coast. He is on the way back to India *via* China.

RECENTLY Miss Viola Hunt was presented by the members of the Presbyterian Church of Sharbot Lake with a beautiful pair of gold bracelets and an address expressive of the high esteem in which she is held.

THE Rev. Mr. Cleland, of Toronto, preached both morning and evening of Sunday week in Central Church, Galt. The pastor, Rev. J. A. R. Dickson, has returned home and conducted both services on Sabbath last.

THE Rev. Alexander Scott, of Perth, with his brother and family, have gone to the seashore. They have selected Grand Metis, Que., where they intend spending three weeks' well-earned vacation. Our best wishes follow them.

TO "A Friend of the Waldenses" ("Widow's Mite," \$10), Brockville, Ont. Please send me your name and postoffice address. Something from Rev. Sig. Pons, of the Waldensian Valleys, for you. T. Fenwick, Elders Mills, Ont.

THE Presbyterians of Minnedosa held a meeting lately, and gave a call to the Rev. William McKinley, which has been sustained by the Presbytery. Mr. McKinley is at Binscarth, and if he accepts the call he will be inducted about September 15.

THE *Huron Signal* says: The Rev. William Inglis, of Toronto, will take the place of Dr. Ure in Knox Church for the remaining Sabbaths in August. He preached there last Sabbath evening and does not appear to have lost any of his former vigour.

THE Rev. William Galloway, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, Dorchester, for the past four or five years, has resigned his charge and has left the village for a few weeks' vacation before entering on his new charge at Kirkfield, in the Lindsay Presbytery.

MR. C. G. MARIATTE has placed a memorial window in the Presbyterian Church, Oakville, in memory of his deceased wife. It represents the Saviour conversing at the well with the woman of Samaria. Beneath this there is a Bible opened at John xiv. xv.

THE Rev. John M. Richmond, pastor of an influential Presbyterian Church in Louisville, Ky., arrived in Ayr last week on a visit to relatives and friends in this vicinity. The scenes of his boyhood, says the *Recorder*, still have charms for the revered gentleman.

MR. ALEXANDER McNABB, student of Knox College in charge of the Presbyterian congregation, Uptergrove and Longford, who has been laid aside from active work for some time with inflammation, is now convalescent and it is hoped that he will soon be able to resume his work.

THE Rev. W. McDonald, of Hampton, preached in the West End Presbyterian Church at both services on Sabbath week. Rev. Godfrey Shore, the new pastor of the West End Church, Carleton, occupied the pulpit at Hampton. Mr. Shore has been inducted to the pastoral charge of Carleton.

A PARAGRAPH which appeared in these columns last week, taken from an exchange, erroneously stated that the Rev. J. W. Mitchell had accepted a call to Dresden. Mr. Mitchell has received a call from that congregation which it is understood he now has under consideration, but he has not yet been in a position to signify his intentions regarding it.

THE Rev. Andrew Henderson, of Attwood, has been visiting his brother, Rev. Robert Henderson, pastor of St. Andrew's Church, Bayfield. Since Rev. Robert Henderson has been stationed at Bayfield, only a few months, there has been a notable increase in the membership of the church, almost fifty per cent. Eight have joined by certificate and eighteen by profession.

THE managers of the First Presbyterian Church, Brantford, have granted their pastor, Rev. J. C. Tolmie, a month's leave of absence, and will pay all the expenses of his holiday trip. He has left for the upper lakes. The reverend gentleman's work is evidently appreciated by the people of the First Church, and it is only right to them to add that he as fully appreciates their generous treatment.

THE Rev. Mr. McGregor occupied the pulpit of St. David's Church, St. John, N.B., Sabbath week. In the morning the reverend gentleman preached an able and interesting sermon on the subject

of the Family of God, from the text Ephesians iii. 14, 15: "For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named."

THE Presbyterians at Bracebridge are building a fine substantial brick manse, which will probably be ready for occupation in a few weeks. The plans are from the office of Mr. W. R. Gregg, architect, Toronto. The congregations of Bracebridge and Monck have this year become self-sustaining. Those who know the history and circumstances of this Muskoka charge do not need to be told how creditable these facts are to the people.

A NEW Presbyterian Church was opened at Stone's Corners, township of Augusta, Presbytery of Brockville, on the 3rd of August. This station, along with Fairfield and North Augusta, now constitute one pastoral charge, and having recently secured the services of a settled minister promise to become a flourishing congregation. The church opening was followed on the 5th by the usual entertainment, at which a pleasant time was spent.

THE people of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Strathroy, have made a large addition to their manse property and refitted it inside and out at a cost of about \$1,000, and are now proposing to make extensive alterations in the interior of the church, with the view of improving the acoustic properties. Rev. W. G. Jordan, their new minister, is preaching with great acceptance. Large congregations greet his ministry every Lord's Day.

THE Fergus correspondent of the *Guelph Mercury* writes: We regret very much to hear of the sudden and serious illness of Rev. Mr. Craig. He was on his way to visit Mr. Richardson on Sunday night after church, when he felt sick and had to return. He was scarcely able to get home, and has been in bed since, and is still very weak and ill. The trouble he has had before, spitting blood, was, we hear, the cause. All hope he may soon recover.

THE Rev. A. T. Love, of Quebec, occupied the pulpit at St. Andrew's Church, St. John, N.B., morning and evening of Sabbath week. In the morning his sermon was preached from Acts x. 4: "And when he looked on him he was afraid and said, What is it, Lord? And he said unto him, thy prayers and thine alms are come up for a memorial before God." The reverend gentleman, after sketching the story of the centurion, pointed out that it was possible to live a life of piety under any circumstances.

THE Sabbath schools of St. John's and the First Presbyterian Church, Brockville, both held their annual pic-nics recently. Both went to the same place—Terrace Park—nearly opposite Brockville on the United States side of the river. Both were favoured with fine weather and both experienced an enjoyable time. St. John's has almost reached what it has been aiming at for some time—a *bona fide* roll of 200 scholars—and it is now within one of that number. Under its present management it is enjoying much prosperity.

THE new Sharon Church at Stellarton, N.S., was opened for public worship on Sunday week when Rev. Thomas Cummings, of Truro, preached the dedicatory sermon. This gentleman was the second pastor of the old church. The first pastor was Rev. A. J. Mowatt, of Fredericton, who on the previous Sunday preached a powerful sermon, the last in the old church, on the text, "Arise, let us go hence." The history of the church in the past quarter of a century was dealt with in a way that greatly affected the large congregation present.

THE *Orillia Packet* says: Mr. C. T. Tough, of Knox College, has charge of St. Paul's Church this summer. Mr. Tough is a very able speaker and by his earnestness and consistency has won the respect and esteem of the whole congregation. Quite a pleasing event took place last Sabbath, when, instead of the usual morning service, a "Children's Floral Service" was held. The church was decorated with flowers and looked very pretty. Mr. Tough addressed the children, taking for his text, "Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom."

THE *Victoria Warder* says: Among the rising young clergymen of Ontario is Rev. P. A. McLeod, of Sonya. During the recent absence of Rev. R. Johnston at Rev. Mr. Talling's induction in London, Mr. McLeod occupied the pulpit of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church here. Though appearing for the first time before a Lindsay audience, yet Mr. McLeod, by his sermons, impressed the audiences with his profound thought. To follow the pastor of St. Andrew's is not an easy matter. His eloquent thought and impressive manner render it difficult in another to rivet the attention of the congregation. Yet Mr. McLeod succeeded on his first visit in creating favourable impressions.

THIS, says the *Montreal Gazette*, is the season of clerical vacations, and consequently a large number of the pulpits in the Protestant churches were yesterday filled by visiting clergymen. This was the case at St. Paul's Church, where Rev. Alexander Barclay, of Dumfries, Scotland, officiated; at Crescent Presbyterian Church, where Rev. Principal Barbour, D.D., occupied the pulpit. Rev. Thomas Bennett's place at Taylor Church was taken by Mr. J. R. Dobson, of the Presbyterian College, and Rev. Thomas Goldsmith, of Toronto, did duty at St. Gabriel's in the absence of Rev. Dr. Campbell. Rev. Prof. Gregg, of Knox College, Toronto, preached at both services at Chalmers Church, and Rev. T. C. Gilmore at Stanley Street Church.

THE *Perth Star* says: Rev. Dr. Howie, late of Syria, now of Brussels, is at present in the Niagara and Gainsborough districts giving a course of lectures on the religion and life of the east. On Sunday he preached to large audiences at Bismarck and Bethel. His sermons are clear, timely, searching in their application and ripe in scholarship. He invariably receives the sustained attention of his audiences from introduction to peroration. His lectures are entertaining, instructive and popular in their composition and delivery. Dr. Howie preached in St. Andrew's Church, Perth, last Sabbath morning and evening. The Christian Endeavour Society have requested him to deliver one or two lectures for them.

THE Sabbath school picnic in connection with the Presbyterian Church, Hillsdale, last Friday, in Mr. J. F. Turner's grove, was a grand success considering that the farmers are so busy now with their harvesting. A most sumptuous repast was served about six o'clock. Among the visitors present were Rev. Mr. Craw, Mrs. Craw, Miss Wilson, Mrs. James Turner, Miss Libian Turner, Miss Turner, Mrs. Dr. McGill, Mr. and Mrs. Parker, Miss Hill, Mrs. W. Waugh, Mrs. L. McDonald, Barrie, Mrs. Gideon Shortreed, Mrs. John Shortreed and Miss Preston. Dr. McGill hoped to be able to be present but was called away on business. Swings and other amusements were provided for the children.

A BALTIMORE daily journal says: Westminster Church, Baltimore, was the scene recently of a brilliant reception tendered the Rev. James Little, the new pastor. The church had been beautifully decorated with evergreens and flowers, and a crowd of happy people were in attendance. Addresses were made by the Rev. Robert P. Kerr, D.D., the founder of the church, who also presided; the Rev. W. T. Richardson, D.D., editor of the *Central Presbyterian*; the Rev. W. E. Hatcher, D.D., and by Rev. Mr. Little. All the addresses were timely, and were greatly enjoyed by those present. Mr. Little made a very happy impression by his remarks. All were delighted with the occasion, and felt that Westminster Church had started upon its career now fully organized, with the best of prospects.

DOWN by the sea they still maintain the good old Highland customs in connection with the celebration of the Lord's Supper as the following paragraph in the *Halifax Presbyterian Witness* would indicate: The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed at Grand River on Sabbath, August 3rd. The pastor, Rev. M. A. McKenzie, was assisted by Rev. G. L. Gordon of River John, Rev. W. C. Calder, Mira, and Rev. G. Sinclair, Loch Lomond. On

Friday fourteen spoke to the question or "Ceist," the passage selected being John ix. 25. There were present men from Mira and West Bay who by their close reasoning and Christian experience made a great impression on the congregation. The Grand River people enjoyed the occasion very much which was manifestly shown by the unexpected number who attended the services and the happy manner in which they sat in the open air quietly and patiently until the whole service was concluded.

THE North End Presbyterian mission Sunday school, London, took possession of the new building, on the south-west corner of Oxford and Colborne streets lately, but, in compliance with the expressed wish of the Rev. J. Allister Murray, the formal opening and dedication services will not be held until that gentleman's return to the city. This school may be called a child of St. Andrew's, and since its birth in St. George's school house, less than three years ago, has grown most vigorously. The new building, which is of the Gothic style of architecture with entrances at either side and in front, is neat, comfortable and commodious. The seating capacity is about 350. At the south end, and extending the full width of the building, is a gallery, underneath which are the infant and two Bible class rooms. These latter face the superintendent's desk, and during the teaching hour will be shut off from the large general class room by folding doors. At the north end, behind the superintendent, is the library. The building will be heated with hot air and lighted with gas, and it is not improbable that before very long at least one sermon each Sunday will be preached there.

THE Rev. John A. McDonald, for a number of years minister of the Presbyterian congregations of Bear Creek and Bridgen, in the township of Moore, having resigned his charge has been presented with the following address signed on behalf of the congregation by James Fiddes, Peter Gauld, Angus Shaw, James Watson and others: "We regret that circumstances beyond our immediate control have severed your connection with these congregations after a pastorate of ten years. During that time you exhibited the conduct of a good man walking in your uprightness, and conscientiously striving to do your duty, by precept and example, in promoting the cause of temperance, and the best interests of the people. Rest assured we appreciated your services in that behalf, and beg to request your acceptance of this purse of money, as a slight token of our kindly feelings and esteem and admiration for your many good qualities. We wish yourself and partner, Mrs. McDonald, a long and happy career, crowned with success, and dedicated as heretofore, to the best interests of humanity, and to the fulfilment of the high and sacred duties of a loyal and faithful minister of Christ."

AN adjourned meeting of the Presbytery of Whitby was held at Newcastle on Tuesday last for the induction of the Rev. W. F. Allan, late of Camden and Newburgh. Rev. S. H. Eastman presided, and preached a suitable sermon from Eph. ii. 19, 22. The Rev. Alexander Kennedy offered the induction prayer. Rev. A. Leslie, Newtonville, addressed the minister, and Rev. J. A. McKeene, of Orono, addressed the people. Owing to the serious illness of Rev. A. A. Drummond, it was deemed advisable in the circumstances to defer the reception social in the evening as had been previously arranged. At the Presbytery meeting a call from the congregation of Dunbarton and Melville Church to the Rev. John Chisholm, late of British Columbia, was presented. Messrs. Nisbet, McIntosh, Cowan and Bennett appeared as commissioners from the congregation to prosecute the call. The call was sustained and placed in the hands of Mr. Chisholm who intimated his acceptance. The induction was appointed to take place on Tuesday, 2nd September, at eleven o'clock a.m., Rev. Mr. Perin to preach, Rev. Alexander Kennedy to address the minister, and Rev. John Abraham to address the people.

THE Kirk Presbytery of Pictou met at West Branch, River John, on July 30th. Among those present were Rev. Messrs. Fitzpatrick, Fraser, McCunn, Melville, and Bowman, besides the representative elders of the respective congregations. Rev. J. Fitzpatrick presided, and preached an excellent sermon from John viii. 12, "I am the light of the world." Thereafter he recounted the steps previously taken for the call and ordination of the newly chosen minister, Rev. Angus McKay; and as the call was unanimous and the other conditions quite satisfactory, he proceeded to put the prescribed questions which were duly answered; and the new pastorelect was solemnly ordained and inducted into his new charge by prayer and imposition of hands by the Presbytery. Rev. P. Melville then addressed the pastor in a solemn and heart-stirring discourse on the sacred duties of his office. Rev. J. W. Fraser addressed the congregation present in his usual able and happy style, and Rev. A. Bowman followed in solemn and appropriate prayer. The newly inducted pastor then gave notice of the approaching communion service, and very earnestly requested the prayers, and cordial aid and co-operation of his parishioners in all their sacred duties. After benediction the new pastor was conducted by Rev. R. McCunn to the church door, and received a most hearty welcome from his congregation as they retired.

QUITE a large number of people gathered in the West End Presbyterian Church, St. John, N.B., last week to witness the induction of Rev. Godfrey Shore, late of St. Stephen, into the pastorate of that church. The pulpit and platform were prettily trimmed with plants in pots, and the choir was strengthened by the addition of several good voices from other churches. Rev. T. F. Fullerton, of Calvin Church, opened the proceedings with devotional exercises and preached from Exodus viii. 19 an able, appropriate and impressive sermon. Rev. Dr. Bennet then stated the various steps which had led up to the present proceeding. The formal questions were then propounded to Rev. Mr. Shore, and satisfactorily answered after which Rev. Dr. Bennet read a portion of Scripture appropriate to the occasion which he followed by prayer. He then formally inducted Rev. Mr. Shore into the charge of the Church. Rev. T. F. Fotheringham then delivered the address to the minister. He said that the Presbytery, acting as a constituted court of Christ, having episcopal authority, had authorized the steps taken that evening. He then briefly reviewed the duties of a minister's life and its responsibilities. In the course of his address he said St. John people were not frivolous. Vanity Fair would never be located in St. John. Their intellectual standing was high. Rev. Thomas Stewart then addressed the people, after which the proceedings were closed by singing hymn 188, and the pronouncing of the benediction.

THE Sunday school picnic in connection with the Bank street Church, Ottawa, to Thurso on the steamer *Empress* last week was an unqualified success. Over four hundred people attended, all of whom thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The trip down the river was grand and the picnickers arrived at their destination at ten o'clock, where ample arrangements were made for everybody. The programme of sports was carried out in the large grove near the village and all the events were keenly contested, among those taking prizes being Howard Stewart, George Bunnell, Alfred Osborne, J. Fraser, R. Briggs, Fred Wood, W. Greenshields, R. Smith, W. McDonald, G. Hardie, W. Thompson, C. Smith, James Ellis, A. Campbell, B. Grant and Alfred Stewart. The following ladies won prizes also: Bella Masson, Maud McLennan, Adele Leblanc, Jessie Thomson, B. Masson, Sarah Kingsbury, Bena Blyth, Minnie Manson, Aggie McGee, Annie Whitcomb, May Wall, L. Fallis, Edith Barnes, Ethel Chadwick, Eva Stalker and M. Allan. The merry-makers left for home at four o'clock, and during the trip up Rev. Dr. Moore distributed the prizes to the successful competitors. A concert also took place on board the steamer, among those contributing to the programme being Rev. Dr. Mark, Miss Crawford, of the Ladies' College, and Rev. Mr. Gallagher, of Kingston. Just before the arrival of the steamer at the Thurso wharf for the picnickers little