

## Ministers and Churches.

THE Rev. Dr. and Mrs. McClelland, Ashburn, have returned from their eastern trip.

THE Rev. Dr. and Miss Annie Torrance, of Guelph, left Tuesday evening for St. John's, Newfoundland, and will be absent about a month.

PROFESSOR FERGUSON, of Queen's College, Kingston, preached in the First Presbyterian Church, Brockville, on Sabbath morning and St. John's Church in the evening.

DR. MOMENT, of Brooklyn, preached Sunday morning and evening week to large congregations, in the First Presbyterian Church, Port Hope. Both discourses were masterpieces.

THE pulpit of St. James Square Church was occupied on Sabbath last by the Rev. Dr. Ormiston, who delivered eloquent and impressive discourses to attentive and crowded congregations.

THE Rev. A. T. Wolff, D.D., of Alton, Ill., preached morning and evening Sabbath last in the Central Presbyterian Church with much acceptance. There were large congregations at both services.

THE annual picnic of the York Presbyterian Church, of which the Rev. T. T. Johnston is pastor, was held at Victoria Park lately. The afternoon was delightfully pleasant and the people, old and young, had a most enjoyable time of it.

"VISITOR" writes that a movement is on foot to keep the Presbyterian Church, at Little Meis, open all the year round. At present it is only open during the summer. The Rev. A. T. Love, of St. Andrew's Church, Quebec, is supplying the pulpit just now, and the church is filled at every service.

THE Rev. George Weir, LL. D., professor of Oriental languages, Morrin College, was the guest, last week, of Rev. J. C. Smith, B.D., pastor of St. Andrew's Church, Guelph. Dr. Weir preached in St. Andrew's Church on Sabbath morning and evening, and his discourses were listened to with great interest.

THE Presbytery of Brandon licensed Mr. Barron, a graduate of Knox College, and licensed and ordained Mr. T. C. Court, a graduate of Manitoba College. The Superintendent of Missions is to open a church at Acton, Manitoba, on the second Sabbath of August. J. F. Smith, of Knox College, is missionary.

THE picnic of the First Presbyterian Church, Port Hope, Sunday school at Hon. Sidney Smith's grove, on Thursday, 19th ult., was most successful. The time was spent with games, etc., by young people, and boating by the older ones. A finer place could not well be found. The 46th Band contributed much towards the pleasure of the day; they did well and were much appreciated, and justly so.

REV. DR. SEXTON (now minister of the First Presbyterian Church, Dunkirk, N.Y.) will preach in Knox Church, Hamilton, on Sabbaths, August 5 and 12. Dr. Sexton will also give a lecture or two whilst in this city, in aid of the newly proposed home for inebriates. The doctor, who is an M.D., as well as a D.D., is the author of a work on "Dipsomania," which had a large circulation in England.

THE Rev. S. Lyle and the session of Central Presbyterian Church, Hamilton, have generously given the free use of that Church for Rev. Dr. Sexton's lecture to publicly open the inebriate asylum movement, on Monday evening, August 6th. The Session extended the same kindness to open the Rescue Home movement. The subject of the lecture is "Sleep and Dreams," with a prelude on dipsomania.

THE First Presbyterian Church, Port Hope, last Monday evening was well filled by a delighted audience. In addition to the admirable lecture by Dr. Moment, Miss Scrimgeour charmed those present by her lovely singing. Dr. Moment has made a host of friends in Port Hope during his short visit, who will give him a hearty welcome at any future time he may choose to visit us. The Doctor gives no uncertain sound on the temperance question.

THE ordination and designation of Mr. J. H. Buchanan, as a missionary of our Church to Central India, is to take place in Dumfries Street Church, Paris, on the 28th August, at half-past seven p.m. The Moderator of the Presbytery will preside. Dr. Wardrope, Convener of the Foreign Missionary Committee (Western Section), is to address the congregation, Rev. W. A. McKay is to preach and the Rev. W. Robertson is to address the missionary.

A VERY large crowd attended the garden party held under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society of the Presbyterian Church, Waterloo, on Tuesday evening, on the grounds of Messrs. Hughes and Morley. The grounds, in themselves beautiful, were made attractive by numerous Chinese lanterns, and two engine headlights. A part of the evening was spent in conversation and a good programme of instrumental and vocal music was rendered in excellent style. The participants in the programme were the Misses Killer, Hughes and Randall. A number of Berlin people came up to share in the evening's entertainment. That two successful garden parties within so short a time can be got up and be so well patronized speaks well for the enterprise and push of the ladies.

On the 29th of June, Mr. Knowles, a student of Queen's College, Kingston, now Presbyterian missionary in the Buffalo Lake mission field, gave a lecture in Campbell's Hall, Moose Jaw, on "College Life and Students," in full college dress, in aid of the Buffalo Lake school. The lecture was undoubtedly one of the finest ever delivered here, and the hall, which was well filled, was peopled with a delighted audience, as could be seen by the frequent bursts of laughter which were given. The Presbyterian choir gave several well rendered pieces and college songs, and Miss Alma McLeod gave an excellent recital, as did also Mr. J. G. Chalmers. A vote of thanks was afterwards proposed by Mr. J. H.

Ross, M. L. A., and seconded by Mr. G. M. Annable, which was unanimously carried.

THE building Committee of Chalmers' Church, Kingston, met last week and awarded the contracts for the new church. The whole cost of the contracts is \$23,276. The new edifice will be handsome, facing on Barrie Street and occupying almost the whole of the gore opposite the Collegiate Institute. There will be towers on the two front corners, through which admission will be gained to the church. The auditorium will have seating for 850. The seats will be arranged in amphitheatre style, with a horseshoe gallery about the front. The choir will be in an alcove behind the minister. The school room will be in the rear. This part of the building will be two stories in height. There will be a vestry, choir room, kitchen, and large class room, opening off the school room.

IN the grounds adjoining the manse, Enderby Road, York, the Ladies' Aid Society of the Presbyterian Church gave a lawn social and bazaar lately, which was in every way a gratifying success. The society during the winter and spring had made up a number of pretty and useful articles, which were offered for sale, and were all disposed of long before the advertised hour of closing; the fair vendors wisely refrained from following the usual practice of charging about four prices for their articles, and many were the comments at the reasonable figures at which the goods were sold. In the evening the grounds were brilliantly illuminated by Chinese lanterns with very artistic effect. The receipts reached the satisfactory total of \$40, and the president, Mrs. Johnston, and her assistants are to be congratulated upon the success of their enterprise.

THE Dundas Banner says: Sunday last was a red-letter day for Dundas Presbyterians when their church was reopened. The church has been very greatly improved, and now presents a handsome appearance indeed, while the knowledge that the ceiling and walls are now sound and proof against the worst weather is exceedingly satisfactory to the members and adherents. In the morning a very large audience assembled. The Rev. Mr. Macdonnell, of Toronto, conducted the service, and delivered a sermon of unusual excellence. In the afternoon he addressed the Sunday school and Bible classes. The pastor, Rev. Dr. Laing, took the evening service. Knox Church is just at present very happily situated, more so, perhaps, than at any previous period of its existence. The sum of \$383 over the usual collection was given last Sunday.

THE 2nd anniversary services of the induction of the Rev. Mr. Todd into the charge of Minnedosa, were held on Sabbath 22nd inst. Rev. Principal King, of Manitoba College, preached excellent sermons, both morning and evening. On the following evening, a conversation was held, at which congratulatory addresses were given by several ministers from a distance and those of the different denominations in town, vocal and instrumental music was well rendered, and the ladies supplied refreshments in the lecture room of the church. The congregation has made substantial progress during the pastorate of Mr. Todd. Though a large number of families belonging to the congregation have removed from the town, and few have arrived, yet the attendance on the Sabbath services has increased greatly, the membership of the Church has been maintained, and the debt of the congregation greatly reduced. The members of the Methodist Church, with their pastor, worshipped with the Presbyterians at the morning service, thus showing the good feeling existing between the two congregations.

THE services in connection with the third anniversary of the induction of Rev. J. Hay, B.D., as pastor of St. Andrew's Church, of Campbellford, were conducted on Sabbath, July 1, by Rev. Dr. McTavish, of Lindsay, (now of Central Church, Toronto.) The Rev. Doctor gave two able and eloquent sermons which should stimulate any Christian congregation to nobler works, and win others to serve their Creator. The collection for the building fund amounted to \$99. On the following evening a garden party was given in Mrs. Massie's grounds, Booth Street, under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society of the Church. The illuminations were extensive and beautiful, and more than 500 persons were present. A very pleasant social evening was spent, enlivened by selections of music by our excellent band. Proceeds, \$110. This Church has made great progress in all departments of Christian work during the last three years. The Sabbath school has increased from seventy-seven to 177; the membership from 156 to 265; and the average attendance at the weekly prayer meeting is more than 100.

THE Presbytery of Paris held a special meeting in the First Presbyterian Church on the 24th July, in connection with the resignation of his charge by the Rev. Dr. Beattie, who accepts the call recently tendered him to the chair of apologetics in the Presbyterian Theological Seminary at Columbia, S. C. There was an unusually large attendance of members to pay respect to the brother who was leaving. The delegates from First Church spoke in very high terms in regard to the respect in which Dr. Beattie was held by the Church and community, and of the good work done by him in First Church, Brantford. The membership in six years has nearly trebled, and many improvements have been made in the Church property. The members of Presbytery also paid very high tributes to the worth of Dr. Beattie, and his fitness for the position to which he was called. The Presbytery itself felt honoured by the call, and though regretting their brother's departure, they rejoiced in his promotion. The church will be declared vacant on the 19th of August, and Rev. W. Wylie, of Paris, was appointed Moderator. Dr. Beattie leaves for the South early in September.

THE Truro Guardian says: At a missionary meeting held in the Presbyterian Hall, Truro, N. S., Rev. Paul Langill earnestly advocated the claims of our North-West Indians. They are fellow-citizens. They have in many cases been deprived of their lands and natural means of subsistence. White men from the Eastern Provinces have, with horrible success, introduced among the Indians vices previously unknown to them. Verily their debtors we are! Mr. Langill especially urged the importance of establishing

schools. The Indians themselves plead for and would to the extent of their ability support these schools. Labourers of the most noble and self-sacrificing type prosecute mission work on our Indian Reserves. They encounter great hardships and receive less sympathy and support than either Chinese or East Indian missionaries of the present day. A simple narration of the work performed and privations endured by such men as Mr. Moore, the late Mr. Beers and many others, would move any Christian audience. While far from asking the withdrawal or diminution of support to other missions, Mr. Langill presented a very strong case for this field, and his appeal will not be ineffectual.

THERE departed this life on Saturday last, says the Waterloo Chronicle, one of the oldest and most esteemed residents of the township in the person of Mrs. Munro, mother of the late proprietor of the Chronicle. The deceased had been in failing health for about two years, and latterly became very feeble. Mrs. Munro was a native of Tain, Rosshire, Scotland, and came to this township with her husband about thirty-five years ago. Left a widow with a large family twenty-six years ago, she, by industry, good sense and strong faith, got along successfully, and leaves all her family in good circumstances. She was never known to have an enemy, but by her extraordinary kindness of heart and her high Christian attainments she was a boon to the neighbourhood. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church, and to its doctrines and mode of government she was devoutly attached. Her funeral on Monday was very largely attended, and took place at Millbank Presbyterian Cemetery, very appropriate services having been conducted by the Rev. John Kay, of Milverton, assisted by the Rev. P. Wright, of Stratford, and Rev. W. M. McKibbin, of Millbank. After seventy years of life here, she has entered into a higher and nobler life beyond. We shall not soon see her like again.

PRESBYTERY OF CALGARY.—This Presbytery met in Calgary 24th July. The Moderator, Rev. A. Robertson, presented a report showing that he had moderated in a call according to petition from Knox Church, Calgary, and that the call came out in favour of Rev. J. C. Herdman, B.D. This call, with relative document showing the signatures of sixty-four communicants and sixty adherents, and promising a stipend of \$1,200 was then produced and supported by commissioners, appointed by the congregation. Presbytery sustained the same and put it in the hands of Mr. Herdman who, after deliberation, decided to decline. In this decision, after expressions of the deepest regret, all parties finally acquiesced. Mr. Herdman remains in Calgary till the next regular meeting of Presbytery—5th of September.—A. J. McLEOD, Pres. Clerk, pro tem.

PRESBYTERY OF BARRIE.—This Presbytery met at Barrie, Tuesday, 31st July. There were thirteen ministers and four elders present. Mr. W. A. Duncan, M. A., B.D., was elected Moderator for next six months. Messrs. D. B. Cameron and J. Bryant of Bradford, were also present. Leave was given to the Oillia congregation to mortgage their Church property with a view to the erection of a new church on the site of the one now being demolished. The new church will seat not less than 1,000 persons, and cost about \$20,000. The same leave was given to the Magnetawan congregation, to aid in the erection of a manse for the missionary. Mr. R. J. M. Glassford, was granted six months' leave of absence from his charge in Wauhaushene, it being his purpose to pursue post graduate studies in Britain, during the winter. The leave was cordially given, and was accompanied with expressions of high regard for Mr. Glassford and his work since he went to Wauhaushene, and with best wishes for successes in his studies. Dr. Campbell and Mr. A. Melville, elder, were appointed to look after the interests of the Church, in regard to the building at Nottawa, which has not been used for Presbyterian service for some years past. Dr. Gray was appointed Moderator of Session of South River Bridge, etc., instead of Mr. Grant, who resigned. The Convener of the Statistical Committee, Mr. Grant, presented a report on the statistics of the Presbytery for the past year. It was received with thanks and duly recognized in the discussion which followed, as a suggestive and good report. As a result, it was resolved that at the regular meetings, after the minutes are read, the Presbytery will devote an hour to consideration of the financial contributions and spiritual condition of the congregations in the bounds, taking at next meeting the first four congregations on the roll, and other quaternions in due order at subsequent meetings, the ministers and office bearers of the congregations reviewed being notified to attend. Mr. Findlay brought under notice of Presbytery the case of the South River Station as a needy one. It is one of the more recently formed stations on the railway between Gravenhurst and North Bay. The people are not numerous nor wealthy, but zealous, and being obliged to move from their former place of worship to one more convenient, they are embarrassed in the insufficiency of their own means for the purpose, and in their failure to accomplish a small loan. The Presbytery agreed to commend the cause of South River to the members of the church in the bounds and to the liberality of any friends who may become interested. Mr. A. Hudson tendered his resignation of the charge of Parry Sound, leaving it with the Presbytery to decide when the resignation should take effect, as the critical state of the health of a member of his family caused uncertainty as to the time of his leaving. The Presbytery, knowing the circumstances, agreed to waive the usual forms of citation, etc., and to accept the resignation taking effect at the end of September. Mr. George Grant was appointed to preach the pulpit vacant on the first Sabbath of October, and to be Moderator of Session during the vacancy. A resolution was adopted, expressing deep sympathy with Mr. Hudson in the severe affliction which he has been called on to pass through during his residence in Parry Sound; also high regard for him as a faithful minister of the Gospel, and the hope that in the providence of God a field of usefulness may be opened up to him. Next meeting of Presbytery at Barrie, on Tuesday, 25th September, at eleven a.m.—ROBERT MOODIE, Pres. Clerk.