

Ministers and Churches.

THE Rev. S. H. Eisman, of the Presbyterian Church, Oshawa, has returned from a six weeks' tour in California.

THE Rev. Mr. Thompson, of Ayr, is recovering slowly, but it will be sometime before he can be removed to his home.

THE Rev. Mr. Meikle, the evangelist, will hold services in Brockville for a month, commencing about the 1st of November.

THE Rev. G. Colborne Heine, pastor of Chalmers Church, Montreal, has returned to that city, and has resumed his ministerial duty.

THE Rev. G. M. Milligan, has returned from his visit to Great Britain and resumed his pulpit ministrations in St. Andrew's East.

THE first Sunday School Convention for Assiniboia had a successful meeting in Knox Church, Regina, on Wednesday, the 29th ult.

ST. ANDREW'S congregation, Kingston, has applied to the council for the use of the City Hall to worship in during the construction of their new church.

MR. H. S. MCCUAIG, B.A., of Picton, son of Rev. F. W. McCuaig, has been appointed head master of the Richmond Hill High School at a salary of \$1,000.

THE Rev. Hugh McKellar, of High Bluff, Manitoba, has returned to Ontario from an enjoyable visit to Great Britain. He has been invigorated by his trip to the Old Land.

THE Presbyterians of Spruigville, East River, Pictou County, N. S., are calling the Rev. A. M. McClelland, M.A., D.C.L., of Ashburn, Ontario. Salary, \$900 per annum.

DR. BENNETT, of Almonte, is still suffering from severe illness; Rev. R. H. Craig has undertaken the supply of St. Andrew's Church, at the request of the Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew.

THE Rev. R. Thynne, preached the preparation sermon in Ashburn on Friday, August 31. Nine new members were received. The Lord's supper was dispensed the following Sabbath to a very large congregation.

LAST Sabbath evening the Rev. S. Lyle began a series of lectures in Central Presbyterian Church, Hamilton, on the authors of the Psalms. David was the subject of the evening's lecture. The choir of the church supplied illustrative music.

THE services preparatory to communion Sunday in Guelph were held in Chalmers and St. Andrew's Churches last week. Rev. J. A. K. Dickson, B.D., Galt, preached at Chalmers Church, and Rev. J. W. Rae, Acon, at St. Andrew's Church.

MR. KNOWLES preached on a recent Sunday in Knox Church, Regina. The local paper says both sermons were characterized by force and freshness. In the evening the church was crowded, and the sermon had some of the best characteristics of a pulpit discourse.

ON Sunday week Rev. W. Patterson, of Cooke's Church, Toronto, delivered an able and telling sermon in the Presbyterian Church, Uxbridge, in the morning, and Rev. Dr. Smyth, of Calvin Presbyterian Church, Montreal, in the evening. The church was crowded on both occasions.

THE Rev. Dr. Laidlaw, of St. Paul's, Hamilton, returned from his six weeks' holiday last week reinvigorated. His resting places were "Willow Lake Farm," and the beautiful scenery of the upper Hudson and the Adirondack region, including Saratoga Springs, Round Lake, Lakes George and Champlain.

THE many friends of Rev. T. Nixon, of Union Church, Smith's Falls, will regret to learn that he has been ill since he went to Ringwood, to visit his old home. A telegram to Mr. F. T. Frost announced that Mr. Nixon was unable to be present at Union Church last Sabbath, and consequently no service was held on that day.

MR. E. W. RATHBUN told the Methodists of Deseronto that the Presbyterians would give \$500 towards the debt on their church if the former would give a like amount. The Methodists soon raised \$860, and with the Presbyterian \$500, the \$2,000 debt on the building is considerably reduced.

THE ladies' picnic in Harman's grove, Thamesford, opposite the manse, last Friday, was considerably marred by the thunder-storm and rain. However, those who went after the rain was over, enjoyed themselves very well. Rev. Mr. Grant, from St. Mary's, was present, and gave one of his happy, forcible addresses. Rev. Messrs. Cameron and Brown also addressed the audience. Had it not been for the rain there would undoubtedly have been a very large turnout. As it was, there was considerably over \$20 added to the funds.

THE Rev. Mr. Wilkie, returned recently from the mission fields in India, preached in St. Andrew's Church, Carleton Place, on Sunday morning week, and in Zion in the evening. He gave an interesting discourse, telling some of the habits and customs of the Indian people, explaining how they were kept in darkness and idolatry by their rulers for selfish purposes; showed how intelligent they were and how ready to receive the Gospel, and the great need for more labourers to help the work along.

A PUBLIC meeting was held in Knox Church, St. Mary's, on Tuesday evening week for the purpose of organizing a Young People's Association in connection with that Church. There was a large attendance and the following officers were elected: Dr. Mathieson, honorary president; Mr. L. Harstone, president; Miss Annie Thomson, vice president; Miss Sarah Driver, secretary-treasurer. The association will be actively assisted by the pastor, Rev. A. Grant, Mr. John Johnston, precentor, and Mr. J. N. Gray, superintendent of the Sabbath school.

ON Wednesday the officers and teachers of St. Andrew's Church Sabbath school, Whitby, held a picnic at Mr.

Ormiston's. Both the house and grounds were thrown open for the occasion. Lawn tennis and other amusements were freely engaged in. As host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Ormiston, have few equals, and as usual, were uniting in their efforts to have all present enjoy themselves, and well they succeeded, a most enjoyable afternoon and evening having been spent. A hearty vote of thanks manifested the high appreciation of their kindness and hospitality.

THE Rev. John Robbins, a Maritime Province contemporary informs us, at close of last Sabbath morning's sermon briefly referred to the death of Rev. Alexander Russell, of Dalhousie, N. B., Mr. Russell while resident in Truro being a communicant of above Church. Mr. Russell had prepared his sermons for the coming Sabbath and the texts in both cases were prophetic, the morning sermon being from the words, "I have finished the work Thou gavest Me to do," and the evening text from the words, "It is finished." But before the sermons were preached he had passed away.

THE auxiliary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, in connection with Union Church, Brucefield, aided by the auxiliary of Bayfield Road Presbyterian Church, sent this week to the Indians on the Muscowpetung Reserve, North West Territory, a box of clothing valued at \$78, of which Brucefield congregation contributed \$62.10 and Bayfield Road \$15.90. Nearly all of the articles were new. These donations speak volumes for the Christian zeal and liberality of the congregations interested, especially when we consider the few members and the many calls that have been made of late on the congregations.

THE Rev. L. H. Jordan, B.D., of Erskine Church, Montreal, and Rev. A. H. Scott, M.A., of St. Andrew's Church, Perth, have just returned, the former by the Lake Superior, the latter by the Circassian from Liverpool, after an extended European tour. After a few weeks' stay in Britain they travelled together through Norway and Sweden. After attendance at the Stockholm Conference, to which they were delegates, they visited Denmark, and remained for some time in Copenhagen. A further stay in Northern Germany and Holland was much enjoyed. They return to their respective fields of labour much improved in health and strength.

THE Smith's Falls News says: Mr. James Fergusson, father of our worthy mayor, departed this life last Friday night, August 31, in his seventy-seventh year. Mr. Fergusson was born in Perthshire, Scotland, in 1811, and emigrated to this country in 1835. He first settled in the town of Perth, and after being a three year resident, moved on to a farm in the township of Montague, where he continued to reside until 1883, when he moved to Smith's Falls. The funeral was largely attended, attesting the esteem and respect of a very large circle of friends and acquaintances of the departed. Mr. Fergusson was up to the time of his death a faithful member of the Presbyterian Church.

THE Presbyterian congregation, Little Current, held their anniversary services on August 12. Rev. Mr. Cockburn, M.A., of Uxbridge, preached eloquent and impressive sermons both morning and evening to large and attentive audiences. The annual tea meeting was held on Tuesday evening, 14th ult. The ladies of the congregation surpassed themselves in the abundance and quality of the good things which they provided to satisfy the wants of the inner man. Speeches were given by Rev. Messrs. Laidlaw, Frost and Cockburn. Mr. William More read a poem written by himself. The music and singing by the choir was excellent and reflected much credit on their ability and exertions. Mr. H. McLennan, pastor of the Church, occupied the chair. The proceeds amounted to about \$50.

THE St. John Telegraph says: The illness of Rev. S. Johnson was very brief. He was stricken with cramps in the stomach, and after severe suffering for thirty-six hours was relieved by death. Mr. Johnson, it is understood, was of provincial birth, and about six y years of age at his death. In his earlier ministry he was a licentiate of the Presbytery, and before the union of the two bodies, was located at Harvey, York County. After the union he was induced to accept a call to Chipman, Queen's County, where he remained till his death. He was much esteemed as a sound, earnest and faithful minister. Mrs. Johnson, who survives him, was formerly Miss Grant; and is a sister of Rev. Kenneth Grant, the well-known missionary. The deceased leaves a number of children, the eldest son being engaged in the mission field at Tobique.

A VERY pleasant and successful lawn social in connection with the Blackney Presbyterian congregation was held in the grounds of Mr. William Sedden on the evening of Saturday week. The garden and lawn were tastefully lighted with Chinese lanterns, and the house was also thrown open to those who preferred to be indoors. A large number of young people drove out from Almonte and received a hearty welcome from Mr. and Mrs. Snedden and family, who left nothing undone to make all feel at home. The young ladies of the congregation seemed to do a flourishing business in selling flowers, fruit, tea, coffee and lemonade. The Almonte brass band were present, and played some fine selections at short intervals during the evening. Those of the gathering who were natives of the "Hielan's" had their hearts cheered by the soul-stirring notes of the bagpipes played by Mr. McPhail, of Blakeney.

THE Rev. W. G. Wallace, B.D., late of Georgetown, was inducted to the pastoral care of the new Presbyterian congregation, Bloor Street, last week. The Rev. Alexander Gilray, Moderator of Toronto Presbytery, presided, and the Rev. Dr. McTavish, of Central Church, preached an able, practical and appropriate discourse from Matthew iv. 17-22, which was followed by the induction of Mr. Wallace. Dr. McLaren then delivered a suitable and impressive address to the newly-inducted minister, and the Rev. E. D. McLaren, of Brampton, followed in a practical and fervent address to the people. The Rev. Dr. Reid pronounced the benediction. Mr. Wallace, during his short ministry in Georgetown, done excellent work and given unmistakable indications of great ability and promise. The young congregation of Bloor Street is to be

congratulated on the settlement so happily effected. Their success has been most gratifying and their prospects are very encouraging.

THE Galt Reformer says: There died on Saturday evening week near Kirkwall, Mr. John Menzies, one of the early settlers of the township of Bevelly. The deceased pioneer was in his eighty-second year, and had lived upon the homestead now occupied by his sons for over half a century, having emigrated from Dumfriesshire, Scotland, in 1836. Mr. Menzies underwent all the hardships incident to bush life fifty years ago and by his industry and thrift succeeded in clearing a home for himself and his family out of the unbroken forest. In religion Mr. Menzies was a Presbyterian, and in politics a staunch Liberal. The deceased leaves three sons and two daughters, Mrs. Menzies having pre-deceased him by about twenty years. The members of the family are: William (ex-Reeve of Bevelly), and John, on the homestead; Joseph of Galt; Mrs. John A. Smith, Kirkwall, and Mrs. John Watson, of Kincardine.

We are very much pleased, says the Almonte Gazette, to learn of the splendid collection given by the Presbyterian congregation of Adamston for the mission work in India on a recent Sabbath, when Rev. J. Wilkie, missionary from India, was with them. The sum of \$51.71 was put on the plate, and in the neighbouring congregation of Bromley on the same day this amount was further increased by nearly \$34, making a total of \$84 for the one day. Adamston has as its pastor Rev. George Lang, B.A., of Beckwith, a former assistant of Rev. Dr. Bennett, Almonte; Bromley is under the Rev. J. C. Campbell. Eleven years ago these two charges were worked by Mr. Wilkie as a mission station; now they are two self sustaining charges, with three new churches, and manifesting an unselfish interest in work outside their bounds that would put many more favoured congregations in the shade—this collection that Mr. Wilkie received being, we understand, the largest he has received anywhere in Canada. Under their faithful, earnest pastors, who have the confidence and hearty sympathy of the people, still greater things may be expected from such warm and large-hearted people. Mr. Lang has only recently been settled at Adamston, but already his earnest, thoughtful discourses have drawn him near the hearts of the people, which a more intimate acquaintance will only tend to make more satisfactory and helpful. Mr. Campbell's longer term of work has enabled him to work up an excellent charge out of what was by some regarded as an unpromising and difficult field.

THE Banff correspondent of the Regina Leader writes: Sunday last will ever be regarded as a landmark in the history of Presbyterianism in the Canadian National Park. It witnessed no less an important event than the opening services of the newly erected Presbyterian Church, a large commodious structure, costing \$1,800, and one which would be by no means a reproach to a congregation three or four times the size of that which will worship within its walls. Three services, all well attended, were conducted on Sunday by the Rev. Dr. Robertson, of Winnipeg, who preached a sermon of great eloquence, and marked by deep thought, in the morning, Rev. J. E. Herdman, of Calgary, who preached in the evening, Rev. E. Williams, the pastor of the Banff Methodist Church, who in a spirit of true brotherly feeling, omitted the regular services in his own church, and the Rev. A. J. McLeod, the popular young Presbyterian minister. The sum total of Sunday's collection was something over \$50. An excellent choir, with Miss Jennie Laidlaw as organist, was not the least important feature of the occasion. A business meeting was held on Monday night and well attended. Rev. A. J. McLeod, in the chair. Addresses were given by Rev. E. Williams, pastor Methodist Church, Rev. J. E. Herdman and Rev. Dr. Robertson. A historical sketch of the congregation was read by Mr. John Fergusson, and a gratifying financial statement by Mr. L. E. Fulmer, this latter showing a present balance owing on the church of only \$369. The sum of \$1,431 has been raised.

THE congregation of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, London, turned out in full force last Friday evening, despite the unpleasant state of the weather, to welcome their pastor, Rev. J. Allister Murray, on his return from his holiday trip to the Old World, and a most enjoyable social evening was the result. The first part of the proceedings partook of the nature of a fruit social in the Sunday school and lecture rooms, during the progress of which Rev. Mr. Murray appeared. This was the signal for a spontaneous outburst of applause. Then followed a handshaking contest in which one unfortunate man was pitted against hundreds of people of both sexes. But the reverend gentleman passed through the ordeal smilingly. After all who desired had feasted on the good things, everyone repaired to the body of the church, which was very so in crowded. Mr. C. McCallum, chairman of the board of management, presided, and on the platform were seated clergymen of all denominations, among them being Very Rev. Dean Innes, Administrator of the Diocese of Huron; Rev. Canon Richardson, Rev. Messrs. W. H. Porter (Baptist), J. G. Scott, Dr. Ryckman and Dr. Evans (Methodist), W. S. Ball, J. M. Gordon, D. McGillivray and W. M. Roger (Presbyterian); also his Worship Mayor Cowan, Principal Woods, of the Collegiate Institute; and Messrs. Tolmie and Johnson, the young students who so ably supplied the pulpit of St. Andrew's during the pastor's absence. The proceedings were opened with prayer by Rev. W. S. Ball, of Vannack, which was followed by an organ recital by Mr. Wilson. Principal Woods then stepped forward and read an address of welcome. The Rev. Mr. Murray, on rising to reply, was greeted with enthusiastic applause. He said he desired to express from the bottom of his heart his sincere thanks for the expressions of confidence and affection contained in the address. Such expressions would be precious to any man, but they were pre-eminently precious to him coming from the congregation after a pastorate of thirteen years. He assured his hearers that he was exceedingly touched, and that a deep impression had been made upon his heart. During his travels abroad he had ever before him the many kindnesses received at the hands of his congregation, and they had been a source of great comfort to him. After referring