

Rev. Mr. Bennett, of L'Original, is again seriously ill. He was removed to the Montreal hospital more than two weeks ago and his condition is deemed critical by his friends. From a later report we regret to learn that Mr. Bennett passed away in the Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal, on August 10th, an affection of the heart was the immediate cause of death.

The congregation of Kinburn showed their pleasure at their pastor's return from his wedding tour and their appreciation of his services by assembling at the home of Mrs. A. Grant on a recent evening and giving him as a tangible token of their esteem for him and Mrs. McGillivray some fifty dollars, accompanied by a suitable address. Mr. McGillivray replied in a few well-chosen words on behalf of himself and his wife.

Rev. E. S. Logie, of Winchester, has been preaching in Calvin church, Pembroke; and Rev. Dr. Bayne, has been conducting anniversary services in Mr. Logie's church, Winchester, on Sunday, and delivered an address at a tea-meeting on the following evening, when the congregation went through the interesting ceremony of burning the mortgage which has been on their handsome new church since it was built.

Referring to Rev. G. C. McLean's induction as pastor of St. John's, Almonte, a writer in the Smith's Falls Record says: "This is the fifth pastor of St. John's, Almonte, in fifty years, Rev. Dr. Smith being the first in that time, followed by Rev. Mr. MacKenzie, who died in Almonte. Then came Rev. Mr. Edmondson, and then Rev. Mr. Mitchell, who lately resigned to go to Ottawa, and is now succeeded by Rev. Mr. McLean. Mr. McLean is a Scotchman, and this is his first charge. He was educated in Edinburgh University, taking a part of his theological course in Aberdeen and finishing it in the Presbyterian College, Montreal. He is only about 30 years of age, of good address, fine appearance, and is said to be a preacher of a good deal more than ordinary ability." Mr. MacLean enters in this important pastorate with every prospect of abundant success.

Northern Ontario.

Rev. C. Tait, of Moonefield, preached at Mt. Forest on Sabbath last.

The call from Victoria Harbour, Moonston and Vasey to Rev. G. C. Little has been sustained by Barrie Presbytery.

Mr. Bruce Kennedy, of Orangeville, conducted the service at Black's Corners last Sabbath week in a very acceptable manner.

Revs. Matheson, of Priceville, and McConnell, of Creemore, are exchanging pulpits for a month during which time they are taking their annual holiday.

Barrie Presbytery has accepted the resignation of Rev. W. R. Johnston, Penetanguishene; and Rev. J. J. Rollins, M.A., was appointed interim moderator.

Rev. J. L. Simpson holidayed recently among friends in Kent County and on his return home spent a few days with Rev. L. W. Thom at Flesherton preaching on the Sabbath.

Barrie Presbytery decided, after hearing representatives of the various stations interested, not to make any change in the grouping of the congregations of Waubushene, Victoria Harbour, etc.

The Rev. George Arnold, B.A., has accepted the call to Portage La Prairie, and will take leave of Coldwater on 22 September. Rev. A. McD. Haig has been appointed moderator during the vacancy.

The Ladies' Missionary Society of Temple Hill Church, Rocklyn, recently held a festival which though somewhat interfered with by unfavorable weather was a gratifying success, the proceeds amounting to \$25.

The Ladies' Aid Society at Proton Station had announced for a garden party at the home of Mr. A. Sherson, elder, on Friday evening of last week, but owing to rain, a parlor social was held instead, which proved to be a pleasant affair.

Rev. Geo. McKay, of Caledon, who left with his family a short time ago to holiday in their cottage at Beaverton returned some days ago to spend a few days among his parishioners, but was suddenly called back to Beaverton, his second daughter having been seized with diphtheria. Mr. McKay will be absent until the first of September.

Ottawa.

The Rev. Mr. Hanna of Mt. Forest has been conducting the services in Knox Church, in the absence of the pastor the Rev. Mr. Ramsay.

The Rev. Prof. Jordan of Queen's University is delivering a course of sermons on the Lord's Prayer at St. Andrew's Church. The Rev. Dr. Herridge is not expected home before the second Sunday of September.

The Bank street Presbyterian church is undergoing extensive improvements. The Sunday school hall is being repainted, and new granolithic approaches to the main entrance are being laid. The work will be completed in about a week.

While out of the city enjoying the health-giving waters of Eastman's Springs, Rev. Dr. McMeekin is making himself useful by supplying the Presbyterian pulpit there. He preached morning and evening the last two Sabbaths and will the next. It is a Union Church and, so far as Presbyterian service is concerned, has been vacant for some time. Rev. John Hay, of Renfrew, another guest at the Dominion Hotel, assisted Dr. McMeekin.

Mr. Wm. Hamilton the oldest elder of St. Andrews Church died recently in Scotland. For many years, in conjunction with Mr. G. Elliott, he conducted a large dry goods business in Ottawa. His business career was successful and honourable. Soon after coming to Ottawa he connected himself with St. Andrews Church and was a valuable assistant to the Rev. Dr. Spence in every branch of Church work. As elder, session clerk, Sunday school superintendent and Treasurer, he served the congregation well. After a short residence in the land of his birth he was called to rest, leaving behind the record of a well-spent life.

Montreal.

Rev. Dr. Parsons, of Toronto, has been preaching in Crescent Street Church. Rev. Dr. MacVicar is interim moderator of session.

Mr. J. Burt Sutherland, who has recently been lecturing at Lachute, Brownsburg, Smith Mills, Georgeville, &c., left for a few weeks outing on the Atlantic coast, probably in the neighborhood of Boston, Mass.

The friends of the Rev. E. A. MacKenzie, pastor of St. Matthew's Presbyterian Church, who was reported dangerously ill at his home at Lucknow, Ont., will be glad to learn that a telegram has been received by Dr. R. Wilson, of Wellington street, from the physician attending St. Matthew's esteemed pastor, who says that Mr. MacKenzie is in no immediate danger. He is suffering from an attack of typhoid fever, which has been aggravated somewhat by a severe attack of Canadian cholera, which appears to be prevalent at Lucknow.

The death is reported of Rev. John Jones of Montreal. Mr. Jones was born in Wales 1835, came to America 1854 and graduated from Princeton College 1865. He was called to the Cote des Neiges Presbyterian Church the same year and to Brockville First Presbyterian Church the year following. He resigned his charge in 1869 in order to take a trip to the Holy Land and afterwards settled in Montreal where he built up the Mile End Mission (now Chalmers Church) and the congregation of the Taylor Church. The funeral took place at half past two on Thursday afternoon, August 15th and was conducted by Rev. James Fleck, pastor of Knox Church, assisted by Rev. Mr. Turner, at present occupying the pulpit of Chalmers Church.

Missionary Wanted.

Rev. Wm. Shearer, M.A., of Sherbrooke, Que., writes the DOMINION PRESBYTERIAN as follows:

Would you allow me through the columns of your valuable paper to call attention to the claims of a peculiarly situated mission field in the Quebec Presbytery. I refer to Chicoutimi, lately supplied by Rev. J. L. Campbell, B.D., and for which another missionary is immediately needed. It is a French community with 3 few English families. Besides preaching on Sundays the missionary or his wife is expected to teach school through the week. He should be able to speak both languages. The mission subscribes \$400 per annum, and provides house and fuel. The H.M. gives \$350 and the Government grants \$100 per annum towards the school. Mr. Shearer will be glad to hear from any one who would like to undertake the work.

Amherstburg.

Rev. A. R. Linton and Mrs. Linton, of Harrow, mourn the death of their little daughter, aged five years and five days.

The Rev. S. G. Livingstone and Mrs. Livingstone, of Alvinston, visited at Mrs. Livingstone's old home in Amherstburg last week.

The Sunday Schools of Christ Church, St. Andrew's, and Wesley Churches had a union excursion to Belle Isle a week ago. The children were carried free by the schools and expenses were cleared all but the fraction of a dollar for each school to make up.

The Rev. Mr. Vining, wife and family are visiting in Amherstburg. Mr. Vining, one time pastor of the Baptist Church in Windsor, and of late years the zealous superintendent of Baptist missions in the west, is announced as successor to the pulpit in Aylmer.

The Jennings, of the rectory at Bayfield, are occupying the rectory of Christ Church, Amherstburg, during the absence of Rev. and Mrs. Parker on holidays. The Rev. Mr. Jennings is a strenuous advocate of union between the Church of England and the Presbyterian church as a preliminary to corporate unity of the Church in all her branches.

The Chinese Y. M. C. E., Montreal.

One of its members in a recent letter expressing a desire to be back at the meetings, translated the Chinese name C. E. Y. M., as it partakes of the nature of both, but to read it backwards would be more euphonious.

The subject last Sunday evening was Prayer, and was well conducted. A member seriously ill and another doing gospel work in Toronto were remembered, and gratitude expressed for the return of one from Bangor jail, where he had been held a couple of months for unintentionally getting over the line while awaiting a train. After telling of his pleasure at return, one called for the singing of "God be with you till we meet again" (?) in Chinese as are all the exercises. A line "flowery flag" as they term it, was ever floating over the jail, but hardly "Love's Banner," restraining the liberty he longed for. However since 'tis said the word isn't in the Chinese dictionary, Western nations feel free to restrict their liberty of action. The distress by famine in Shansi and Honan was again referred to and some \$25 contributed. The titling plan for religious giving having been commended in this connection, one having put a bill upon the leader's desk spoke earnestly of the blessing of such opportunities of helping others. Another certainly exceeds the tenth, and said he would also give this year the proceeds of a little vegetable patch he cultivates in the rear of his shop, some \$22. Calls upon them are not infrequent for one thing or other.

The Chinese feeling that China is being divinely chastised, satisfaction was expressed at the loss of their faith in idols and turning to Christians for help. 'Tis said temples are being demolished, one extensive establishment burned, containing a forty feet high Buddha; and Li Hung Chang and the Shansi Governor have issued earnest appeals for help, the latter urgently requesting a prominent missionary to go and assist him at his capital. So other governors and authorities are discriminating in favour of missionaries, and showing their dependence upon them also, as would the Emperor, if he could. Such are clearly not "Boxers," and this is one of the best results of the recent uprising that Protestant missionaries are beginning to be taken at their true worth, and proper distinctions made between them and other adventurer Westerners and Allies and Roman Catholics too. All of which betokens early and great progress in China missions and even this famine may be a great blessing in disguise. Is the Church equal to this greatest it not last conquest of Christendom?

Rev. H. Crozier, of Ashburn, recently made a short visit among friends on his former charge at Grand Valley. Mr. Crozier's many friends were pleased to see him in excellent health, and also pleased to learn of prosperity on his present field of labor.

Rev. Mr. Patterson, Buckingham, has been holidaying in the neighborhood of Montreal. Mr. Pocock, of Queen's College, occupied the pulpit during Mr. Patterson's absence and commended himself to the people by his faithful discharge of all incumbent duty.