

Rev. J. R. McLeod, Three Rivers, Que., agent for the Century Fund, was the guest last week of Rev. J. U. Tanner, B. D., at the manse, Lancaster.

Anniversary services will be held in Calvin church, Bathurst, next Sabbath, when the Rev. Dr. Bayne, of Pembroke, will preach at both services.

Rev. Mr. Sinclair, Port Hope, and Rev. Mr. Kananian, Omeone, exchanged pulpits on a recent Sunday. Both congregations were pleased by the change.

Communion service was held in the Presbyterian church, Plantagenet, on Sabbath, September 9th. A number of new names were added to the list of membership.

Rev. A. E. Mitchell, Almonte, conducted the thirtieth anniversary services of Chosen Friends in their hall, Carleton Place, last Sabbath. The sermon was most appropriate and edifying.

Rev. W. W. McCuaig, Port Hope, preached appropriate sermons at both services last Sunday in St. Andrew's church, Peterborough—it being the fourth anniversary of the induction of Rev. J. G. Potter as pastor of that church.

Rev. Dr. Warden, of Toronto, who has just returned from a trip to the Pacific Coast, in the interest of the missions of the Presbyterian church, says that Rev. J. J. Wright, formerly of Lyn, has resigned his charge at Dawson and asks to be relieved as early as possible.

#### Northern Ontario.

The front of St. Andrew's church, Beaverton, has undergone a great improvement; the approach, including the steps, having been laid with granolithic cement, and is a very creditable job to all concerned.

At Barrie Presbyterian Cookstown was severed from Town Line, Esse, and connected with Monkman and Bond Head. It was decided to adhere to arrangement made at a recent meeting, so Bradford and Gwillimbury will continue one charge.

The death was announced at his son's residence, Lindsay, of Rev. John McMillan, who for many years was minister of our church at Mount Forest, where he did excellent service until advancing years compelled his resignation. He is survived by two sons, Rev. J. W. McMillan, minister of St. Andrew's church, Lindsay, Rev. K. D. McMillan, who is now studying in Germany; and one daughter, Miss McMillan.

Midway between Ottawa and Parry Sound is situated the little railway town of Madawaska, which has come into existence since the Canada Atlantic Railway Co. made it a divisional point on the line. It lies in a sandy valley of the Madawaska, ("hidden river") surrounded by high, rocky hills, from which the pine has long since been cut or burnt, but now covered with a second growth of poplar and birch. Here the Presbyterian church organized a mission, grouped with a couple of other stations, where a few farmers settled years ago to the west and south. Until last July, divine service was held in the railway boarding house. The people were not satisfied with this, and so, under the energetic leadership of Mr. Marshall, student in charge, the church was begun on 24th July and opened for Public Worship on 9th September. The Rev. J. Hay, B. D., Renfrew, conducted the opening services, morning and evening, and held a sacramental service in the afternoon, when four new members were added to the roll. Heartiness and good feeling marked the various gatherings, although many of the people in attendance came from other churches; they all rejoiced to see in the neat little church a place where all could meet to worship God. While Presbyterian, and under the supervision of North Bay Presbytery, the new church will be open for other bodies when not used by the Presbyterians. The Monday evening social was a decided success. Rev. J. Hay acted as chairman, and to him fell the pleasant duty of giving the good word of St. Paul's to the new church. A full programme was admirably rendered by an excellent choir, with readings and recitations. Miss Oliver, Carleton Place, gave valued assistance; and speeches, most fitting to the occasion, from Mr. McCorkindale, the worthy missionary of Whitney, and Mr. Goodfellow, who for a few Sabbaths will continue the good work so well begun by Mr. Marshall, brought the evening's entertainment to a close. Before adjournment there was a pleasing incident, viz., the presentation of an address to Mr. Marshall by his friends of all denominations, wishing him well deserved success in his noble calling. Mr. Marshall made a very neat reply. All came away thankful, encouraged and hopeful for the future of the Presbyterian Mission at Madawaska.

#### Maritime Provinces.

Truro Presbytery has approved of the appointment of a Synodical Superintendent of S. S. work. The resignation of Rev. James McLean, of Great Village, takes effect on Sept. 30th. He has been 46 years in the ministry.

Rev. Daniel L. Lockberry, of Philadelphia, preached in Zion church, Charlottetown, last Sunday. He has been summing on the Island.

Under the special permission granted by the General Assembly, Mr. John S. Ross, B. A., was ordained a missionary to Labrador by the Halifax Presbytery on the 13th inst. Mr. Ross will complete his studies on his return.

At a garden party of St. Andrew's church, Chatham, N. B., on the grounds of Hon. Premier Tweedie, was shown an old cradle brought from Scotland in 1702, in which the leader of the N. B. government was rocked when a baby.

A provincial Lord's Day Alliance for New Brunswick was organized in St. John last Monday. Rev. J. A. Richardson, rector of Trinity church, was elected president, and Rev. George Steele, Methodist, secretary. Rev. T. F. Fotheringham is chairman of organization committee. The constitution of the Ontario Alliance was, in the main, adopted.

In the case of the street railway the St. John police magistrate has followed the ruling of his Hamilton brother judge, and decided that passengers are travellers within the meaning of the act. Public opinion in St. John is so strongly in favor of the running of the cars on Sunday, that a conviction might have had a bad effect upon the popularity of the L. D. Alliance. The decision is therefore accepted for the time. Some one in the court-room raised the question of the length of a "Sabbath Day's journey," and one of the evening papers, which has been hostile to the Alliance as the magistrate is favorable, represented that this point determined His Honor's judgment.

The contemptible trick of enforcing the Sunday law so as to throw discredit upon it in St. John was recently rebuked by the police magistrate. The miserable dodge excites only the disgust of all honorable men. It failed completely in its object. Now the police authorities have no more use for the law, and it was openly violated last Sunday. On enquiry, the chief of police stated that he had written instructions not to enforce the law pending the decision of the Supreme Court of Canada regarding its validity. The St. John Alliance are now trying to discover who usurps the right of setting aside a law of the province declared *intra vires* by its highest court. Probably the change in the attorney-generalship referred to last week has something to do with it.

The pre-election symptoms are becoming acute in Summerside, P. E. I., the trouble even getting into the drawing-room. Two ladies who, during the peaceful years preceding the party demonstrations, were fast friends, and who "grew in beauty side by side" within the same social circle, had a stand-up argument a few days ago, which resulted in a breach that court-plaster will not heal. It began recently enough. The Tupper-Foster demonstration was being reviewed during a mixed afternoon call, when Mrs. Grit remarked: "Oh, Foster disgusted me. He thought he was talking to a lot of backwoods people, whom he was enlightening, when in reality, nine-tenths of them knew as much about it as he did himself." To which Mrs. Conservative cuttingly replied: "Yes, but you must remember there were a great many Grits in the audience." "I know it," retorted Mrs. G., "that's why I say he was talking to people who understood the situation better than he did." "Yes, and Mr. Foster knew it, too," persisted Mrs. C.; "that is why he spoke so." The thermometer rose steadily, and the whole demonstration came under fire. Sir Charles was in turn designated "nasty old thing" and "an old darling," while the afternoon tea grew cold. Saturday morning the husbands exchanged diplomatic calls with a view to restoring the social equilibrium, but it is understood that relations are still strained.—Charlottetown Guardian.

#### Winnipeg and West.

The next regular meeting of Brandon Presbytery will be held in Brandon on Dec. 4th.

Rev. Alexander Fraser has been appointed Moderator of the Victoria Presbytery for the ensuing year.

Next ordinary meeting of Victoria Presbytery will be held in St. Andrew's Church, Nanaimo, on the last Tuesday in February at 10 a.m.

At the meeting of the Westminster Presbytery Rev. Mr. Scouler was moderator pro tem, in place of Rev. E. D. McLaren, who was absent at Dawson.

At the last meeting of Brandon Presbytery Zion congregation was detached from Chester and Humesville and connected with Mayne.

Rev. J. Ferry has resigned the pastorate of Chester, Humesville and Zion. The congregations are cited to appear at December meeting, and Rev. J. A. G. Calder was appointed to read the citation.

At the Brandon Presbytery it was agreed to hold a Conference on Home Mission Work at the December meeting. The Century Fund was discussed and arrangements made to complete the canvass of congregations within bounds.

Victoria Presbytery has by leave of the General Assembly, re-admitted to the ministry of this church, Rev. Alex. Fraser from the Presbyterian Church in the United States; and Mr. T. R. Nelson, B. A., a graduate of Queen's, was licensed, ordained and appointed for two years to the charge of South Wellington and associated churches.

The good friends at Chilliwack treated the members of Victoria Presbytery to a pleasant drive through the beautiful farms and orchards in that section. Thereafter a social was given by the ladies of the congregation, followed by a meeting in the church, at which the pastor Rev. J. Knox Wright presided, and appropriate speeches were made by a number of ministers and others.

Presbytery of Victoria has appointed the following standing committees and conveners:—Home Missions and Augmentation, Mr. W. L. Clay; Foreign Missions, Dr. J. Campbell; Church Life and Work, Mr. A. B. Winchester; Statistics and Finance, Mr. D. MacRae; Sabbath Schools and Examination of Students, Dr. J. Campbell; Manitoba College and Young Peoples Societies, Mr. W. H. Cumming; Church Property, Mr. Thornton Field.

Mr. James Russell, who is to take charge of White Horse, B. C., has been licensed and ordained by the Westminster Presbytery. Rev. R. G. MacBeth preached the ordination sermon, Rev. Oswald, Landers, addressing the minister, and Rev. McLeod the people. At the same time Rev. D. MacRae, formerly of Nanaimo, but more recently of the Presbyterian church, Los Angeles, was received into the ministry of the Canadian church, leave to do so having been granted at the last General Assembly.

Brandon Presbytery appointed the following standing committees and conveners:—Home Missions and Augmentation, E. A. Henry; Sabbath Schools, E. Mason; Foreign Missions, D. Spear; Church Law and Property, J. Ferry; Young Peoples Societies, H. G. Crozier; Examination of Students, A. Moore; Finance and Statistics, T. R. Shearer; Manitoba College, T. C. Court; Schemes of the Church, W. A. MacLean; Church Life and Work, D. Carswell; Systematic Benevolence, F. Strang.

Dr. Robertson, Superintendent of Missions, addressed Brandon Presbytery regarding a suggested plan of re-adjustment of the bounds of Presbytery by which the congregations and mission fields along the line of what was formerly the North West Central Railway might be included within the bounds of this Presbytery. Mr. Fraser, a member of Minnesota Presbytery, represented that the proposed change was agreeable to his Presbytery, and it was agreed to ask the Synod to make the change as suggested.

#### British and Foreign Items.

The Right Hon. Herbert Gladstone, M. P., is residing in St. Andrews.

The windows of Jedburgh parish church have been filled with stained glass.

One of the elementary schools at Stirling has got a real live "darkey" pupil.

The report of the Registrar-General shows crime steadily on the decline.

Dundee is to make a vigorous effort to put a stop to foul language on the streets.

Rev. T. M. B. Paterson, West Free Church, Hamilton, has completed his semi jubilee.

Rev. A. S. G. Gilchrist was on the 24th ult. inducted parish minister of Applegarth and Sibbaldie.

The death of the Rev. Alex. Bryson, of the Parish Church, Alloa, has cast a gloom over the county.

The Lord Advocate thinks that King Solomon showed his wisdom more by precept than in practice.

Mrs. Jamieson, of Albyn Place, Aberdeen, and an aunt of Sir Claude Macdonald, died suddenly on the 19th ult. after her return from the forenoon service in the Free West Church.