

are now dead; twenty-four alone remain without the bounds of this congregation. I find that up to the present time I baptized 529, the largest number of whom were infants and children. I conducted funeral service at the interment of 343 persons. I performed the marriage ceremony on 272 occasions. Many of those whom I married live beyond the bounds of this congregation. I have preached over 2000 sermons to this congregation. When I include the years during which my predecessor, the late Dr. Urquhart, was minister of this congregation, I find that for some 80 years he and I have been in charge of this church. I am not aware that there is another case in the Presbyterian church where two ministers had to do with one congregation for almost 80 years. There were about 100 communicants when my connection began. There are now 300. As has already been mentioned in these columns the congregation of St. John's is dealing generously by Dr. McNish, who gets \$1,000 per annum for life, with the use of the manse. His many friends will unite in wishing him many happy years in the pleasant home thus provided.

#### Western Ontario.

Rev. Dr. Stewart, of Clinton has completed a twenty-five years pastorate.

Rev. Mr. Hamilton, of Weston, is spending eight weeks in Muskoka.

Rev. J. Little, of Holstein, is holidaying in Glengarry and other places.

Rev. D. Currie, of Keady, has been preaching anniversary sermons at Nassagawaya.

Rev. John Currie, of Belmont, conducted communion services at Acton last Sabbath.

Rev. B. B. Williams, of Guelph, took the services at Moshoro on a recent Sunday.

The stipend of Rev. W. C. Clark, Brampton, has been increased to \$1,500 per annum.

Last Sunday Rev. Dr. McCrae, of Westminster, preached a suitable sermon to the Masons of Bryanston.

Rev. J. G. Stuart, B. A., of Knox church, London has been exchanging with Rev. A. C. McLennan, of Kippen.

Knox congregation, Acton, has extended a unanimous call to Rev. J. C. Wilson, B. A., of Stouffville.

Rev. R. Pogue, of Hespler, has gone to Philadelphia where he will fill the Rev. Wm. Paterson's pulpit for the next six weeks.

Rev. H. R. Horne, Elora, is taking his summer vacation. Last Sunday, Rev. S. C. Grabe, of Toronto, occupied Chalmers' church pulpit.

The Rev. Dr. J. R. Dickson, Galt, left on Monday last week for Glasgow and Edinburgh. He will be away altogether six weeks, including five Sundays.

Rev. J. S. Henderson, of Hensall, at a special meeting of Huron Presbytery, asked for delay to further consider the call extended to him by St. Andrew's church, Westminster, B. C.

The Brockville Recorder says: Rev. and Mrs. D. Strachan, Master Ian Strachan and Mrs. Thompson have gone to spend a couple of weeks up the river at Turkington's, near Ivy Lea.

In the absence of the pastor, Rev. F. J. Maxwell, of Riply, preached in Erskine church, Hamilton for the last two Sundays in July. During August Rev. D. J. Davidson will conduct the services.

Rev. Mr. McDermitt, of Merrittton, failing to appear in Wentworth church, Hamilton, last Sunday week, Mr. Wm. Leckie, assistant city treasurer, who is also superintendent of the Sabbath School, took the service in the morning, giving a very practical discourse.

The Rev. D. M. Robertson B. A., has resigned the charge of Botany, Kenbridge and McKay's Corners, Chatham Presbytery. The resignation will be dealt with at the meeting of Presbytery in Chatham on the 8th Sep.

The Rev. W. G. Hanna, M. A., of Mount Forest, preached the sixteenth anniversary of the Rev. M. C. Cameron's induction to Chalmers' church, Harrison last Sunday week. The sermons were greatly enjoyed by large congregations.

The pulpit of the First Presbyterian church, London, on the 26th ult., was occupied by Rev. E. F. McL. Smith, of Milton. Both sermons were singularly powerful. "If they were samples of his average pulpit work," said one of the congregation, he need not stay long in Milton.

Rev. Robert Laidlaw, B. A., preached at St. Andrew's church, London, on the 26th ult. Rev. Dr. Johnston, being absent, preaching in Detroit. "Mr. Laidlaw, who is now assistant to Rev. Dr. McMullen, of Woodstock, has many friends in this city, who were glad of this opportunity of again hearing him."

Of a worthy Presbyterian elder the Sarnia Observer has the following: Senator Vidal came home from Ottawa to spend his 84th birthday—Tuesday, August 4th—with his family in Sarnia. The aged senator is hearty and vigorous as ever and looks as fit and well as he did ten years ago, and has evidently many years of usefulness before him.

At a special meeting of Paris Presbytery, held at Woodstock on 27th ult., the resignation of Rev. E. Cockburn, of Paris charge, was reluctantly accepted. Dr. McMullen, Dr. MacKay and several other members of the Presbytery voiced the feelings of the brethren towards Mr. Cockburn and their profound sympathy with him in his illness. Rev. W. A. J. Martin, of Zion church, Brantford was appointed to declare the church vacant and to act as interim moderator of session.

#### Northern Ontario.

The Stayner congregation have purchased a manse. The price paid was \$1,800.

Rev. Robt. Harkness, Mrs. Harkness and family, Cornwall, Ont., are spending a month at Harrison Ont.

Rev. A. C. Wishart, B. A., of Knox church, Beaverton, has resumed work after a two month's vacation.

Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Somerville arrived home from the Pacific coast, having had a very enjoyable time.

The next meeting of North Bay Presbytery will be held at Powassan, September 30th, and a convention of Young Peoples societies at the same place on the day following.

On the 4th inst. Owen Sound Presbytery sustained a call to Mr. F. C. Harper B. D., from Knox, St. Vincent and St. Paul's, Sydenham, salary \$800 with manse and glebe of five acres, and annual vacation.

Rev. Mr. McLennan, of Kippen, preached to large congregations in St. Andrew's church, Bayfield last Sabbath. Mr. Mustard, of Brucefield, a Knox College student, will preach in the same place next Sunday.

Rev. Mr. Larkin and family, of Seaforth, will be among the summer campers at Bayfield, having taken a cottage there for the summer. Rev. Mr. McNab, of Walton, and family are also summering there. The Expositor says: Bayfield is rapidly becoming a clergyman's paradise.

The Presbytery of Kingston met at Belleville on the 21st inst., the attendance was large and the usual business of the July meeting was expeditiously transacted. Rev. W. S. MacFavish was continued moderator for another year. Mr. McLennan resigned his position as convener of the H. M. committee, and Mr. Binnie was appointed to the office. Mr. A. Laird becomes convener of the committee for the examination of students instead of Mr. Boyd, resigned. The conveners of other committees were continued. Mr. Dancy brought up the desirableness of dividing the congregation of Storrington, Pittsburgh and Glenburnie, and uniting Pittsburgh to St. John's, Pittsburgh. The commission of Presbytery was instructed to attend to this business at a suitable time.

That excellent newspaper, The Orillia Packet of last week, contained a lengthy account of a happy event, from which we glean the following: The Presbyterian lecture room has seldom had a happier or more pleasant gathering than that on Monday evening, when the congregation came together to celebrate the twenty-first anniversary of Dr. Grant's pastorate. The number present was in itself remarkable for this season of the year, and the spirit of good feeling and rejoicing made its pervading influence felt throughout the evening. It was not alone the members of his own congregation, either, who were present to felicitate with their pastor over his long and successful ministry amongst them. The other churches also were represented by their ministers, who extended their congratulations. The chair was occupied by the Rev. Dr. Gray, who, after founding the Orillia Presbyterian church, has been privileged to see it grow and prosper to so remarkable an extent. Short addresses were

delivered by Mr. J. P. Henderson, senior member of the Session; Mr. W. S. Frost, for the deacons and managers; Dr. McLennan, for the congregation; the Rev. Canon Greene, the Rev. J. L. Locke and the Rev. P. K. Dayfoot. The feature of the evening was the presentation of an address to Dr. Grant, accompanied by a purse of \$300 in gold. The address was read by Dr. Beaton, and the purse was presented by Mrs. George Grant. Dr. Grant made a most feeling and felicitous reply, not only for the address and purse, but for all they had done for him during his twenty-one years amongst them. After a brief musical programme had been carried out, refreshments were served by the ladies, and an hour was very pleasantly spent in social intercourse. On Tuesday Dr. Grant left for Port Sandfield, to spend a month's holidays. His pulpit will be filled for two Sundays by the Rev. Prof. Jordan, of Queen's University.

#### Winnipeg.

The large influx of theological students as well as arts men has necessitated the renovation of Manitoba colleges. A large sum is being spent on the interior and the exterior woodwork is receiving a coat of paint. Old students will scarcely recognize the college now in its new dress, as the familiar red of the "turrets twin" is changed to a darker hue.

The board of management have secured Mr. William Tier, M. A., of Toronto university, to fill the vacant tutorship in the college and he will be in residence at the beginning of the September term. Mr. Tier is a distinguished graduate in mathematics and physics, and has had an extensive experience in the high schools and collegiate institutions of Ontario.

#### The Assembly Fund.

Rev. Dr. Warden has sent out the following circular:

The annual collection upon behalf of this Fund takes place on Sabbath, 23rd August.

In addition to the expenses immediately connected with the meeting of Assembly, and the publishing of the annual volume of Minutes, this Fund has to bear all necessary expenses connected with Committees of the Church that have no fund of their own, such as the Committees on Statistics, on the Distribution of Probationers, on Church Life and Work, etc. There is also an annual charge on account of the general expenses of the Presbyterian Alliance.

According to instructions of the Assembly, one copy of the Minutes is to be sent for each member of Session, only in those congregations that have contributed to the Fund during the year then preceding.

The estimated amount required this year is \$7,500. The Fund is at present \$1,000 in debt. To meet the expense of printing and distributing the volume of Minutes, etc., the sum of about \$5,000 is needed before the end of August. Will you kindly see that a contribution is made by your congregation, and the amount forwarded immediately after the twenty-third August.

#### Presbytery of Quebec.

The Presbytery of Quebec met in the city of Quebec, on the 4th August to dispose of the call to Rev. Duncan MacLeod, M. A., of Hampden, from the U. F. congregation of Carlsway (Scotland), and which had been considered at the last meeting. Mr. MacLeod intimated his acceptance of the call, and the Presbytery agreed to his translation. Both the Presbytery and congregation regret his removal to another field. Rev. Malcolm MacLeod, Marshboro, was appointed moderator of the vacant congregation. This makes the third vacancy in the Presbytery, with strong probability of the number being increased shortly.

Rev. D. Tait, B. A., of Quebec, who was a commissioner to the late General Assembly, spent a month, after the rising of Assembly, at the coast and various points, and has returned greatly benefited. Like others he is greatly impressed with the vastness, the value and beauty of our heritage, and alive to the importance of meeting the coming peoples with the gospel.

Dr. Kellock, Richmond, who spent his vacation in Boston, but supplying his son-in-law's pulpit, has returned. That congregation in a tangible way expressed their appreciation of the Dr's services.