

Ministers and Churches.

THE Presbyterians of Barrie had a pleasant excursion to Penetanguishene last week.

THE Rev. M. McKinnon, pastor of St. Andrew's Church, Eldon, is off to Prince Edward Island for a holiday.

A SUCCESSFUL floral concert in the Presbyterian Church, Regina, was given by the Sunday School last week.

THE Rev. Mr. Borthwick, of Morden, Manitoba, is going to England and Scotland as emigrant agent for the Province.

THE Rev. F. J. McClelland, Convener of Home Mission Committee for Orangeville Presbytery, has left for a holiday trip. His address will be Hillier, Ont.

THE Rev. J. Hudson Taylor, of the China Inland Mission, preached in Knox Church, Toronto, and addressed an evening meeting in Association Hall on Sabbath last.

THE Rev. Robert Lendrum, M.A., a delegate from Aberdeen to the Northfield Convention, preached acceptable discourses in the Presbyterian Church, Brampton, on Sabbath week.

THE Rev. William A. Stewart, M.A., was called to the pastorate of the congregation of Horning's Mills and Primrose. The Rev. T. J. McClelland, of Shelburne, presided. The call was cordial and unanimous.

CONTRACTS have been entered into for the erection of a new and commodious edifice for the congregation of St. John's Presbyterian Church, Hamilton, situated upon the corner of King and Emerald Streets. The style of architecture will be Gothic.

At the meeting of the Brandon Presbytery held on the 19th inst., at which it was divided into two, it was unanimously agreed to recognize in a tangible way the valuable services of the Rev. W. Todd, of Minnedosa, which he rendered to home missions during the three years he was Convener of Presbytery's Home Mission Committee.

THE Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, in response to an invitation, addressed a large meeting in New Glasgow, Nova Scotia, on Thursday evening on "The Jesuit Estates Act." He spoke with great clearness and force, and at the close a strong resolution was enthusiastically adopted.

THE Rev. L. G. Macneil preached two thoughtful and impressive sermons in Zion Church, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, Sunday. Mr. Macneil, who is spending his vacation at Cavendish with his father, Mr. Alex. Macneil, is one of the ablest preachers in the Maritime Provinces.

THE Rev. J. Sutherland, of Inverness, Quebec, delivered a very instructive and amusing lecture last week, in the Calvin Presbyterian Church, Notre Dame West, Montreal. There was a good attendance, chiefly of young people, with a fair sprinkling of older and even gray-headed folk, who seemed immensely to enjoy the lecturer's successful manner of dealing with the subject he had selected. The chair was occupied by Mr. W. H. Pickard.

MR. JOHN ROBERTSON was ordained and inducted into the pastorate of the united congregations of Port Dover and Victoria on Tuesday, July 30th. Rev. Mr. Wells, of Jarvis, Moderator of the Presbytery, presided. Rev. Mr. Shearer, Caledonia, and Rev. Mr. Hamilton, Lynedoch, also took part in the services. A reception was tendered the new pastor by the ladies at the residence of Mrs. A. Beaulieu. A most enjoyable time was spent.

THE Rev. Ghosn B. Howie, L.A., on July 28th, delivered a discourse based on Acts 1, 24, 25, on the election of school trustees. He could not tell how many prayed God to help them to record their vote aright, but he knew many of those who deluged the candidate they opposed with abuse, and in the interest of party voted against conscience and religion. He hoped Christians would call Christ to their assistance in an election.

WILLIAM CAVEN EWING, son of the Rev. Robert Ewing, Colingwood, was drowned while bathing last week at Sturgeon Falls. A student at Toronto University, he was employed in mission work, and was a young man of superior ability and scholarly attainments, and beloved by all who knew him. His sad death is deplored, and his parents have the heartfelt sympathy of his many friends. The remains were interred at Georgetown on Saturday last, where his father was for some time pastor of the Presbyterian congregation.

THE Rev. Dr. Kellogg and Principal Caven left Toronto for Europe on Monday last. Dr. Kellogg goes to attend the Eighth International Congress of Orientalists, which is to meet both at Stockholm and Christiania next month. This Congress, of which Dr. Kellogg is a member, is composed of several of the most distinguished Orientalists. It meets every three years, having been held in Vienna in 1886. Oscar II. of Sweden and Norway, described as one of the few scholarly monarchs of the world, the patron and honorary president, is taking a deep interest in the forthcoming Congress and will take part in its proceedings.

THE services in Cooke's Church last Sabbath evening were conducted by the Rev. Mr. White, of Bailieborough, Ireland. The attendance was large, every part of the church being filled, and the sermon made a deep impression on those present. Rev. Mr. White succeeded his father in the pastorate of Bailieborough, where he was minister for fifty-two years—a kind of apostolic succession not infrequent in the Old Country, but seldom if ever seen on this side of the water. Rev. Mr. White will occupy the pulpit of Cooke's Church during the pastor's absence in Europe. Mr. White has five brothers ministers in the Presbyterian Church.

DR. MACINTYRE, as will be seen in our advertising columns has completed his staff of instructors in every department. He has been most fortunate in securing the able services of T. Mower Martin, R. C. A., formerly of the Government Art School, as professor in the Art Department. Mr. Martin is well known from his contributions of Canadian scenes to the various Art Expositions, where Canadian artists have figured. He is away at present on a sketching tour in the Rocky Mountains. He will be assisted in the department by Miss E. L. Christie who has also had much experience in teaching and who is at present with a famous sketching party in the Catskill Mountains.

THE Brockville Recorder, one of the oldest of the Canadian papers, which has just donned a new and neat typographical outfit, has the following in its issue of last week: "The new arrangement arrived at by the congregations of the Wall Street Methodist and St. John's Presbyterian Churches, by which service will be held in one church only in the morning and the other in the evening is very favourably commented upon by many of our exchanges, who speak of it as an evidence of the very friendly feeling existing in Brockville between the various sects, and they are right. We doubt if there is any place in Canada where this spirit exists in a more marked degree than in Brockville."

THE Presbytery of Regina met at Indian Head on Wednesday last, for the induction of Rev. John Ferry into the pastoral charge of Indian Head, and for the ordination of Mr. W. J. Hall, of Wolseley. Service began about three o'clock p.m. and was conducted by the Moderator, Rev. A. Campbell, of File Hills, and Rev. A. Robson, of Fort qu'Appelle, who preached an appropriate discourse from Matt. iv. 4. Subsequently Mr. Ferry was inducted and Mr. Hall ordained with the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery, and both addressed by Rev. Prof. Hart, of Winnipeg. The people were then addressed by the Rev. A. Hamilton, of Whitewood. A deputation consisting of Rev. Messrs. Hall, Ferry, and Robson were appointed to visit Moffat station. Notice was given of a call to the Rev. W. J. Hall from the congregation of Stonewall in the Winnipeg Presbytery, and the call ordered to be placed in Mr. Hall's hands.

A WELCOME social was held at Indian Head, N.-W.T., on the evening of the 24th of July, on the induction of the Rev. John Ferry, of Bridgewater, N.S., into the pastoral charge of the congregation there. The chair was occupied by the Rev. Alex. Hamilton, of Whitewood. A neatly worded address of welcome was read by Mr. Robert Crawford, and replied to by Mr. Ferry. Congratulatory speeches were delivered by Rev. Messrs. Robson, Hall, Prof. Hart, Moore, Campbell, Fotheringham, Fraser and Flett, the latter drawing special attention to the wants of the Indian population. During the evening the ladies of the congregation provided liberally for the wants of the material man, and the choir with the help of Miss Lyons contributed several excellent selections. Miss Lee presided at the organ. Appropriate votes of thanks were passed at the close of the meeting, and thus enters on its existence as a regular pastoral charge this mission station which was formed some five or six years ago. It must be matter of praise and thanksgiving that with such a short history its members and adherents, who are from the different Christian denominations have united in extending so hearty a call, and offering so liberally as \$750 per annum towards the maintenance of the pastor.

THE Presbyterian Church at Katrine, Parry Sound District, a neat little frame building, 22 x 30 ft., was opened for public worship on Sabbath, July 28th. As the congregation is a small one and the members of it not burdened with wealth the church is not quite finished for want of funds—the walls remaining unplastered and a stove being needed to render it habitable in the winter months. But the Presbyterians of Katrine, together with those of other communions who took quite as deep an interest in the work as themselves, are to be commended for their zeal and the success which they have achieved in erecting a place of worship in the neighbourhood. It is proper to state that they received a great deal of help in the shape of contributions from kind friends in different parts of Ontario and in the Old Country. The opening services were very successful. Mr. R. Drinnan, the missionary in charge, read the Scripture lessons at each service. Mr. John Garrioch, now of Rosseau, but formerly missionary on this field, preached in the morning from Rev. i. 12-16 and in the afternoon from Psal. xxxiv. 1. The Rev. C. Shaw, Methodist minister, preached in the evening from Psal. xxxiv. 8. The discourses were able and instructive and were listened to with close attention throughout. The collection amounted to a little over \$20.

A BEAUTIFUL and commodious church was dedicated on Sabbath the 21st of last month at Havelock, a terminal division of the Ontario branch of the C.P.R. Principal Caven preached morning and evening, and Mr. Carmichael, of Norwood, in the afternoon. Large audiences were in attendance at all the services, and in the evening many were unable to gain admittance. The church is of red brick 32 x 52, having a spacious front porch. The style is Gothic. There is a basement (the whole size of the church with the exception of the furnace room), intended for the Sabbath School, prayer meetings, etc. The pews are semicircular and will seat comfortably about two hundred. The ceiling is of basswood stripes, oiled and varnished, and is twenty feet from floor in the front of the pulpit, from which the floor slopes upward to the door. The windows were furnished by McCausland & Co., of Toronto. Three years since the people of Havelock built a very commodious church on the Belmont road a mile from the village. As the village grew, and many of the employees of the C.P.R. were Presbyterians, a movement was made to have the church in the village. By the energetic efforts of Mr. Macmill, the student catechist, who has been the past year labouring in this field, the movement succeeded with the result above noted. The old church was sold. A new organ was put into the church by Mrs. Preston, wife of the mechanical superintendent of the C.P.R. works at Havelock.

THE induction of Rev. R. M. Craig, late of Dunbarton, as pastor of Melville Church, Fergus, took place on the 30th ult., under the most favourable circumstances. The Guelph Presbytery met during the forenoon, with Rev. J. B. Mullan as Moderator of Session, in the chair, and transacted business. At 2.30 the induction ceremony commenced. Rev. Mr. Mitchell, of Waterloo, preached a most excellent discourse to the large audience. Rev. Dr. Smellie, the late pastor, addressed Rev. Mr. Craig, and Rev. Mr. Rae, of Acton, addressed the congregation. The church was tastefully decorated with flowers. As Dr. Smellie has been pastor of Melville Church continuously for the last forty-five years, large numbers turned out to witness the interesting and solemn ceremony. In the evening, the ladies of the congregation gave a soiree in the Town Hall, which was largely attended. Dr. Smellie occupying the chair. Rev. Mr. Mullen, of St. Andrew's Church, was the recipient of a silver tea service from Melville congregation for the very great interest he has taken in their affairs as Moderator of Session during the vacancy in the pastorate. Rev. Dr. McMullen, of Woodstock, ex-Moderator of the General Assembly, who, when a boy, sat under Dr. Smellie's ministry, delivered the speech of the evening in his pleasing and attractive style. Short speeches were made by Revs. Broley, McCormick, Davidson, Tait, Mitchell and Rae. The choir of the Church, under the leadership of Mr. Forbes, supplied excellent music at both meetings.

THE Presbytery of Peterboro' met at Cobourg on the 30th ult. for the purpose of inducting the Rev. John Hay, B.U., late of Campbellford, as the pastor of Cobourg congregation. The Rev. J. Cleland, of Port Hope, acted as Moderator *pro tem*. The whole of the proceedings were of a very interesting character. Rev. Mr. McLeod, B.A., of Grafton, preached an able sermon from Prov. xxix. 18. Rev. D. Sutherland, M.A., of Warkworth, gave a very clear and forcible exposition of the polity of the Presbyterian Church. The Rev. James Cleland, as Moderator of Session, narrated the various steps taken towards the call, and Mr. Hay was then inducted as pastor of the Cobourg congregation. Rev. James Carmichael, M.A., of Norwood, addressed the newly inducted minister in eloquent and well chosen language, and the Rev. Mr. Gilchrist, M.A., of Baltimore, addressed the people in terms both forcible and appropriate. In the evening the congregation gave a very hearty reception to Mr. and Mrs. Hay in the town hall. Mr. J. Henderson occupied the chair. A large number of the citizens of Cobourg of all denominations were present, among whom were some of the professors and ministers, representing the Methodist and Congregational Churches of the town. The meeting was addressed by the members of Presbytery present, and the other clergymen, who wished Mr. Hay God speed in his new sphere of labour. Mr. Hay replied in suitable terms. Two very interesting features of the evening's proceedings were the presentation to Mr. Cleland of a cheque for \$50 in recognition of his services as Moderator of Session during the vacancy; and also the presentation of an illuminated address, handsomely bound, to Mr. and Mrs. J. Henderson, as a token of the high esteem in which they were held for their works' sake in the congregation; and, though rejoicing at Mr. Henderson's promotion, regretted the loss sustained by their removal to Toronto. Both presentations were suitably made by Mr. McNaughton, in the name, and on behalf, of the congregation.

THE Rev. John Morton, who has been labouring as a Presbyterian missionary in the island of Trinidad, for the last twenty years, addressed a large meeting in Knox Church, Toronto, last week. Rev. Dr. Parsons occupied the chair. There were on the platform Rev. Dr. Reid, Rev. Dr. Kellogg and Rev. John Neill. Trinidad, Mr. Morton said, is the most southerly island of the British West Indies, and lies within sight of the South American republic of Venezuela. It has a fine harbour. One of the principal products is pitch, of which 30,000 tons are exported annually, yielding a revenue of £10,000 sterling. Four to five thousand tons of sugar and 17,000,000 to 18,000,000 pounds of cocoa are also exported yearly. The population numbers 180,000, of whom 60,000 are natives of India, who have been brought over to work in the sugar plantations. The remainder

is a mixture of English, French, Spaniards, Portuguese and negroes. Mr. Morton first visited the island in search of health in 1864, having called from Nova Scotia. He became greatly interested in the West Indians, and laid their case before the Presbyterian Church, both in Scotland and Nova Scotia, and as a result was appointed first missionary in January, 1868. Several other missionaries have since been sent out, and the educational section of the mission has risen from nothing at all to forty schools, with an attendance of 2,000 children. Three female teachers from Canada are in charge of the largest schools and the others are chiefly managed by natives who have been trained by the mission. The work of the school includes tuition in English and Hindi. All the latest works in the latter language are obtained soon after they are issued in India. The children are taught English history. The population of the island has increased very rapidly. The work has been so prosperous that Granada, St. Lucia and other islands had been missioned from Trinidad. Before concluding Mr. Morton said that earnest missionaries were wanted at Couva and Demarara. A collection was taken up. Mrs. Morton, who is an excellent speaker, then in a racy address gave an account of social life among the various nationalities which make up the population of Trinidad. From the mixed peoples on the island the work of lady missionaries is a difficult one. Mrs. Morton declared that every missionary must be a teetotaler, for the Gospel and temperance must always go hand in hand. She complained bitterly of the action of the Government in licensing so many places for the sale of intoxicants. Mr. and Mrs. Morton return south again in November.

PRESBYTERY OF WHITBY.—The Presbytery of Whitby held its July meeting in Newcastle, on the 16th of the month. There was a fair attendance of members. On the recommendation of the Augmentation Committee measures were adopted some time ago to unite the congregations of Cartwright (only two miles apart) and thereby form with Enniskillen a self-supporting charge. Happily this union has been formed, and Rev. Mr. A. McLaren, the respected pastor, will have the pleasure of receiving his stipend from the people of his charge, and the augmentation fund will be relieved from giving assistance, the Presbytery of Whitby occupying its old position, receiving no supplement. A small committee was appointed to visit these congregations and make the necessary arrangements as to the proportion of stipend to be raised by each. Some time was occupied in considering the condition of Utica, when Rev. Messrs. Carmichael, Abraham and Burns were appointed a committee to visit Ashburn and Utica with a view of readjusting the proportion of the stipend raised by them. The attention of the Presbytery was directed to the neglected condition of the burying ground connected with the old Church of St. John's, Pickering. The matter was remitted to the session of said congregation with instructions to report at next meeting. Mr. W. J. Clark, student of second year, read a discourse on Math. vi. 33. The Presbytery expressed its satisfaction with the discourse, as also with his deportment, while within its bounds, and instructed the clerk to certify him accordingly to the Senate of his College. The following are the Conveners of the Standing Committees: State of Religion, Rev. J. McMechan; Sabbath Schools, Rev. A. H. Kippan; Sabbath Observance, Rev. A. L. Slie; Home Missions, Rev. J. Abraham; Temperance, Rev. R. D. Fraser; Students, Rev. A. Leslie; Finance, Mr. D. Omission; The Scheme—Home Missions, Rev. J. Abraham; Foreign Missions, Rev. J. A. Carmichael; French Evangelization, Rev. A. McKeen; Colleges, Rev. A. McClelland; Assembly, Rev. S. Eastman. It was agreed that five cents per member should be the assessment for the Presbytery Fund for the current year. Mr. Perrin was appointed to address the P.W.F.M.S. at its annual meeting in October. The next meeting of the Presbytery will be held in Oshawa on the third Tuesday of October at ten o'clock a.m.—A. A. DRUMMOND, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF BROCKVILLE.—This Presbytery met at West Winchester, July 9, at five p.m. Mr. Stuart occupied the chair, and Mr. McDiarmid was appointed Clerk *pro tem*. Dr. Kellock presented the report on Home Missions. The report was received and the following recommendations adopted. (1) That an ordinary missionary be appointed for Morton and Delta after October next. And (2) the Convener was instructed to use all diligence in securing the same. The Rev. D. J. Hyland, of Bishop's Mills, was elected Moderator of Presbytery for the ensuing six months. Rev. Mr. Stuart and Mr. Surgeon were appointed to confer with Stone's Corners, North Augusta and Fairfield with a view to rearrangement. The Home Mission report was then adopted as a whole. Dr. Kellock and the Clerk were appointed to visit the Presbytery of Glengarry with a view to the transference of Cryslar to that Presbytery. West Winchester was allowed to find its own supply. Mr. Stuart reported that nothing could be done towards effecting a union between Pleasant Valley and South Mountain. Whereupon it was moved by the Clerk, seconded by Mr. Robertson, and agreed to: "That the Presbytery having the best interests of Pleasant Valley at heart, and viewing the matter of their supply with anxiety and finding no other suitable station with which to connect them, do hereby invite them to attend the services of South Mountain and to support the means of grace there to the extent of their ability." Mr. McDiarmid reported that nothing could be done at Bishop's Mills in the way of reducing the Augmentation Grant. Dr. Kellock reported that arrears due to Mr. Porteous were being paid. The Moderator and Mr. McWilliams were appointed to visit Osgoode Line to secure, if possible, arrears due Mr. Pullar. All the ministers present reported diligence in preaching on the proper observance of the Sabbath day. Commissioners to the General Assembly reported diligence. Kemptville and Westport arrears due Presbytery Fund were cancelled. Messrs. Robertson and Moodie were appointed to audit treasurer's accounts. Leave was granted to moderate in a call at Dunb. R. The next meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held at Brockville and within the First Presbyterian Church there, Tuesday, Sept. 10, at half-past two p.m. The Clerk was instructed to prescribe exercises for students. The Clerk pleaded the cause of the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, expressing the hope that every minister and congregation would give the agent, Mr. Burns, a most hearty welcome when he appeared within the bounds in the interests of that praiseworthy but sadly neglected scheme of the Church.—G. MACARTHUR, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF ROCK LAKE.—This Presbytery met in Knox Church, Pilot Mound, Rev. J. Cairns, Moderator. The attendance was very large. The Moderator's year of office having terminated with that meeting he delivered his retiring address and called upon the court to elect a successor, whereupon it was moved by Mr. Mackenzie, and seconded by Mr. Farquharson, that Mr. Polson be Moderator for the ensuing year. The motion was unanimously carried, and Mr. Polson took the chair amidst applause, thanking the court for the honour. On the motion of Rev. Messrs. Mackenzie and Munro the court thanked Mr. Cairns for the diligent discharge of his duties. The commission of Presbytery in charge of the Riverside mission reported their proceedings, giving a detailed account of their work and the prosperous state of the field there. Mr. John Stewart, missionary, also spoke regarding the present position of the field. The committee appointed to prepare a record of the loss the court sustained by the removal to British Columbia of Mr. Ross and Mr. Townsend made their report and the minute drawn up was ordered to be engrossed in the Presbytery records. The case of the vacant church at Manitou was considered and power given to moderate in a call when the congregation is ready to choose a new pastor. Mr. Higginson, the catechist missionary of Lariviere, resigned the charge of the work there. Complimentary reference was made to the worth and labour of Mr. Higginson by Mr. Mackenzie and the clerk, and Mr. MacGregor, elder; his resignation was accepted and Mr.