

In Guelph Presbytery a committee, consisting of Mr. Horne, Convener, Mr. W. R. McIntosh and Dr. Wallace, was appointed to arrange for missionary meetings and sermons throughout the bounds.

Rev. D. W. Ballantyne, of Toronto, has acceptably filled the pulpit of St. Andrew's church, Stratford, the last two Sundays while Mr. Panton has been taking holidays. Rev. Frank Ballantyne supplies next Sunday.

The first sod of the excavation for the new \$20,000 Y.M.C.A. building on the Grand Trunk property, corner of Downie and St. Patrick streets, Stratford, was turned on Saturday afternoon under favorable auspices. Well done Stratford!

The September Docket for London Presbytery contains the following items: 1. Elders' Commissions; 2. Examination of Session Records; 3. Appointment of Standing Committees; 4. Home Mission and Augmentation Reports; 5. Examination of Students; 6. Motion in re number of stated meetings; 7. Report of Committee on the Devotional Element in Presbytery meetings.

Guelph Presbytery appointed Standing Committees for the year, of which the following are Conveners: Christian Life and Work—Rev. H. R. Horne; Sabbath Schools—Rev. Wm. Robertson; Finance—Dr. Torrance; Evangelical Services—Rev. W. A. Bradley; Y.P. Societies—Rev. J. R. Johnston; Home Missions—Rev. J. R. Gilchrist; Augmentation—Rev. R. E. Knowles; Systematic Beneficence—Dr. Wallace; Conferences—Rev. R. J. M. Glassford; Foreign Missions—Rev. J. H. McVicar.

The committee appointed by Guelph Presbytery to recommend a suitable person for the chair of Old Testament Language and Literature in Manitoba College, reported that they had sent up the name of Mr. McMillan, of Princeton. On application from the Board of Management of the Presbyterian College of Halifax, the Presbytery agreed to nominate Alfred Gandier, M.A., D.D., of St. James Square church, Toronto, to fill the chair left vacant by the death of Mr. Croskery, who had recently been chosen, but died before assuming his duties.

A few evenings ago a number of the workers of the Knox church mission in St. Patrick's Ward, Guelph, called upon Mr. Thos. Rodger, at his boarding house, and quietly handed him a gentleman's beautiful dressing case, on behalf of the members of the mission in which Mr. Rodger had taken a deep interest. Mr. Rodger suitably replied to the kind address that accompanied the gift and wished the mission continued success.

A pleasant surprise awaited the return from their wedding tour of the Rev. H. G. Crozier and wife on Wednesday evening, 21st inst., when the congregation of Melville church, West Hill, turned out *en masse* to welcome them home. Mr. James Scott, a member of the congregation, and one of Varsity's successful students, in the name of and for the congregation, read an address of welcome and presented Mr. and Mrs. Crozier with a beautiful dinner set of Doulton china. Mr. Crozier replied for himself and wife, his remarks being heartily applauded. The tables groined under the good things provided by the ladies of the congregation. Altogether a most enjoyable and profitable evening was spent. It says much for the popularity of Mr. Crozier, that such a large and enthusiastic gathering could be convened at this, the busiest season of the year.

The following are the standing Committees for Sarnia Presbytery for the ensuing year: Finance—Rev. Dr. J. C. McKee and W. J. Smart (elder); Examination of Students—Rev. Dr. J. C. McKee, Rev. A. A. Laing and R. M. Carlyle, with their elders; Home Mission—Rev. A. Graham, W. D. Bell, J. McKinnon and the clerk with their elders; Foreign Missions—Revs. A. Aylward, J. R. Hall and W. D. Richardson, with their elders; Young People's Societies—Revs. Knox, Burkholder and Horne, with their elders; College—Revs. T. A. Bell, John Bailey, John Eadie, with their elders; Sunday Schools—Revs. W. J. Jamieson, J. M. Wallace, D. Johnston, with their elders; Church Life and Work—Revs. E. C. Currie, A. E. Hannahson, E. B. Horne, with their elders; Statistics—Revs. Hall, W. D. Bell, with their elders.

The semi-jubilee of Rev. Dr. J. L. Murray, pastor of Knox church, Kincardine, and formerly of Zorra, was celebrated a week ago last Sunday, Rev. Dr. Johnston, of London, preaching at both services. On Monday evening a meeting was held at which congratulatory addresses were delivered and Dr. and Mrs. Murray presented

with a cabinet of silverware valued at \$525. The address was read by A. Malcolm, ex M.P.P., and the presentation made by Mrs. Dr. McCrimmon. Dr. Murray is the third pastor of the church and assumed charge on the 11th of July, 1878. The years that have passed since then have witnessed continued growth in the congregation. The Kincardine Reporter in its account of the semi-jubilee says: "After the presentation of the silverware in the beautiful cabinet and the reading of the elaborate address the Rev. Dr. Murray replied. The whole affair was a complete success, he not having had even a hint of the presentation. His feelings of gratitude for the kindness of the people were deep. He knew he did not deserve all the kindness he received. He paid a very high tribute to his noble wife who never looked younger nor more beautiful than on this occasion. The Doctor referred very kindly to the presentation made not long since by his elders. He declared that during all these years there had been no friction, difficulties or troubles between pastor and people and that was because they agreed among themselves. Just think of no jarring for twenty-five years among nearly four hundred families!"

Northern Ontario.

Stayner manse has been sold. A more suitable one will be bought or built.

Rev. R. J. Sturgeon, of Burk's Falls, has been elected Moderator of North Bay Presbytery.

Arrangements have been made for the early induction of Rev. J. Evans, at Mattawa, and of Rev. E. Pitts at New Liskeard, Temiscamingue.

Miss Christine C., daughter of Rev. Geo. Grant, B.A., has been appointed teacher in the Orillia Collegiate Institute at a salary of \$700.

Next meeting of North Bay Presbytery at Powassan on 30th September. A convention of Young People's Societies will be held at the same time, for which an excellent programme is in course of preparation.

Sabbath, the 12th inst., was Communion day in Chalmers' church, Flesserton, and Eugenia, and large congregations greeted the esteemed pastor, Rev. L. W. Thom, who with Mrs. Thom had returned from the Assembly and five weeks holidays in the West.

At last meeting of North Bay Presbytery a plan was devised for the systematic visitation of every Sabbath School in the Presbytery by a competent person as possible, to read a Presbyterial address and confer with the teachers and officers of the School, and to offer suggestions as deemed advisable.

At Victoria Harbour Mr. Crowe conducted Presbyterial service on Sunday morning. His discourse, from the words "Where art thou?" was much enjoyed. The Methodist service in the evening was well attended. The Rev. George Waugh faithfully warned his hearers not to neglect their spiritual interests.

A very successful church entertainment was recently held at Priceville at which Mr. D. McDonald, Commissioner to the General Assembly, presented and gave some interesting incidents on his trip to the Coast. Rev. Mr. Watson, who is supplying for Rev. Mr. Matheson on his holidays, gave an excellent address on "Strength and Beauty." Speeches were also given by Mr. Riley of Priceville, and Editor Ramage of Durham. The musical programme was full and rich. Pleasing solos were rendered by Misses James and McLean as were also quartettes by Misses Renwick and Isaac and Messrs. Ramage and Isaac. The Dromow choir also rendered some fine selections.

On Sabbath last a violent thunderstorm passed over Flesserton during the hour of service in Chalmers' church. Suddenly the congregation became panic stricken by a bolt of lightning which appeared to have struck the building, though it was discovered afterwards that no damage had been done. The crash of thunder was deafening and caused the congregation almost instantly to spring to their feet. Many rushed to the doors, children cried aloud with fright, a couple of ladies nearly fainted and others were considerably shocked. Owing to the nervous condition of the congregation and disturbance from the continued storm, the pastor, who was in the midst of his sermon, instantly announced "What a Friend we have in Jesus" which was sung with manifest feelings of emotion throughout the congregation and the service closed with gratitude from many hearts for God's preserving care. Some of the horses in the

church sheds broke loose in their fright but were caught before any damage was done.

Orangeville Presbytery met at Orangeville on the 14th inst., when Rev. R. Fowle, of Erin, was elected Moderator, a position he has not graced for 19 years, though during that time a faithful and valued member of the Court. Corborton and Riverview congregations presented a unanimous call to Mr. D. Urquhart, B.A., Knox College graduate this year, which was accepted by him and arrangements were made for his ordination and induction at Corborton on the 27th inst. Rev. J. Buchanan to preside, Mr. Hamilton to preach, L. W. Thom to address the people and S. G. Scott the minister. Claude and Mayfield also presented a call to a Knox College graduate of this year in the person of Mr. J. G. Cheyne, who also accepted. The ordination and induction takes place at Claude on the 28th inst. Revs. R. Fowle to preside, Mr. Russell to preach, Mr. J. Buchanan to address the people and Mr. J. K. Bell the minister. Rev. Jas. Buchanan gave an interesting and stirring address on the Finances of the Presbytery. The givings to the Schemes of the Church were dealt with on an elaborate schedule and comparisons were made with other Presbyteries which showed that the amount raised by Orangeville was not creditable to the congregations within its bounds. Great interest was taken in the report and it was agreed that 2,000 copies be printed for distribution, from which it is expected good results will be obtained.

Maritime Provinces.

Rev. Mr. Roddick, of Brandon, Man., is visiting friends in Pictou, N.S.

The Presbytery of Halifax on the 14th inst., again nominated Rev. A. Gandier, of Toronto, to the professorate in Halifax Presbyterian College.

After a weary illness Rev. Daniel McGregor, for twenty years the beloved pastor of St. Stephen's Presbyterian church, died at his home in Amherst at 8.30 Sunday evening, in the 55th year of his age. He was a graduate of Dalhousie and of the Theological College, Halifax. In 1887 he was ordained, his first pastorate being Lunenburg, N.S.

Rev. Alexander Ross, who has been the Presbyterian minister at Whycomagh for several years past, has resigned. A unanimous call is being extended to Rev. A. K. MacLennan, pastor of the first United Presbyterian church, Boston. Mr. Ross was for several years minister at Woodville, Ont.

The New Glasgow Chronicle says: The Moderator and Clerk of the British Columbia Synod are both Maritime Province men. Rev. J. M. McLeod, formerly of Charlottetown, P.E. I., is Moderator; Rev. J. A. Logan, former pastor of the Acadia Mines, is Clerk and also Convener of Committee on Sabbath Schools.

Beautiful Muskoka.

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Great Thoughts.

"Love, we are in God's hand.
How strange, now, looks the life He makes us lead;
So free we seem, so fettered fast we are!
I feel He laid the fetter, let it lie!"

—Robert Browning.

There is no anodyne for heart-sorrow like ministry to others. If your life is woven with the dark shades of sorrow, do not sit down to deplore in solitude your hapless lot, but arise to seek out those who are more miserable than you are, bearing them balm for their wounds and love for their heartbreaks.—Rev. F. B. Meyer.