

WESTERN ONTARIO.

The Rev. A. A. and Mrs. Graham are visiting friends in Petrolia.

Rev. Dr. McRobbie, of Kemble, has been visiting friends at Victoria Harbor. The next meeting of Stratford Presbytery will be held at Stratford on 14th September, at 10 a.m.

The garden party of the Ladies' Aid, Knox Church, Acton, realized the handsome sum of \$120.00.

Rev. Neil Leckie, of Londesborough, preached last Friday evening at the preparatory services, Knox church, Goderich.

It is expected that the new church building for St. Andrew's, Hamilton, will be ready for occupancy by the first of October.

The congregations of Binbrook and Saltfleet have extended a call to Rev. Mr. Sarkisian, now assistant to Rev. Dr. McNeil, Toronto.

Rev. James Rollins conducted anniversary services at Granton on Sunday, and Rev. Robert Laird, M.A., preached in King Street Presbyterian church.

Stratford Presbytery appointed a committee to arrange for a Sabbath school and Young People's convention at the September meeting of the Presbytery.

Mr. C. W. Webb, of Ancaster, examined by Hamilton Presbytery, was approved for Home Mission work. He will likely go to Northern Ontario or Alberta.

Rev. A. Blair, of Nassagawey, conducted pre-communion services recently at Rockwood and Eden Mills (Rev. John T. Hall, pastor). Twenty-four new members were received.

At the recent anniversary services in the Presbyterian church, Orillia, conducted by Rev. Professor Kilpatrick, D.D., the special collection in reduction of mortgage debt amounted to \$500.

The Orillia congregation greatly value the services of their long-time pastor Rev. Dr. Grant. Recently the ladies of the church presented him with a splendid silk pulpit gown and cushion.

The jubilee of Knox church, Cambridge, was celebrated with much elan. Among the speakers were Rev. Mr. Hall Sarnia, Rev. Mr. Currie and others. Theford, Rev. Mr. Baley, the pastor of the church, presided.

Stratford Presbytery sustains the call from Shakespeare to Rev. P. J. McLaren, of Strathane, in which is offered a stipend of \$800, with manse and globe. Provisional arrangements were made for his induction on 2nd August.

After an eight years' pastorate Rev. T. H. McCulloch resigns the charge of Knox church, Tavistock, as well as the clerkship of Stratford Presbytery. The clerkship was filled by the appointment of Rev. J. D. Ferguson, Moncton.

Rev. A. E. Harrison, B.A., Arkona, is called to North and South Nissouri, Salary \$800, with manse and two weeks' holidays. Presbytery of Stratford made provisional arrangements for his induction, which was fixed for 17th July at 2 p.m.

On a recent Sunday Rev. Anderson Rogers, of New Glasgow, N.S., and Rev. J. B. Silcox, of Toronto, were the preachers in Knox church, Embro. A good preacher himself, the pastor, Rev. G. C. Patterson, always gets good pulpit supply for his people.

On the eve of her departure to enter the Victoria Hospital, Montreal, to train for her chosen vocation—nursing—Miss Flossie Patterson was presented with a handsome signet ring, along with an affectionately worded address, in which the young ladies who presented it tried to voice their sorrow at parting with one who had greatly endeared herself to all in her father's large congregation. Miss Patterson will be very much missed.

The annual garden party at Tempo, under the auspices of the Presbyterian Church was a great success, as everything that the Rev. Robert McIntyre undertakes is sure to be. Fully two thousand people were in attendance. Refreshments were lavishly provided. In the evening an attractive programme was provided. Rev. Robert McIntyre, in an opening address, in which he gave a hearty welcome to all, announced something even better for next year.

WINNIPEG AND WEST.

On Sunday last Rev. Prof. Baird, D.D., conducted the morning services in Augustine church, in which he referred at some length to leading features of the recent General Assembly.

At the meeting of Calgary Presbytery Rev. Dr. Herdman stated the Galicians residing between Calgary and Edmonton were very desirous of securing schools. At present there are nine, but the government intend to supply 25 additional teachers and buildings for next fall.

Knox church old organ has been shipped to Regina, where it will be erected in Knox church of that city. The instrument has given good service in this city for over twenty years. Organs, like good wine, improve with age, and it will, no doubt, prove very satisfactory in the fine new edifice of the western capital.

At a meeting of young men at Point Douglas church, an association was formed, to be known as the "Young Men's Union of Point Douglas church," having for its object the religious and social improvement of its members. The following officers were elected: Honorary president, Rev. Donald Munroe; president, H. Allan; secretary, Geo. Benton; treasurer, Geo. Bell; Councillors, R. Stark, M. McInnis, W. Hunter and J. McDonald.

The decision of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church to form three western Synods, says a Western contemporary, is in harmony with the aggressive policy of that great missionary church. When the story is told of its growth in western Canada, of the heroic work done by men like Robertson and Carmichael and the host of home missionary heroes, it will be not less interesting than the stories of adventure of the early Roman Catholic missionary heroes of this land.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. MacDonald, Emerson, was the scene of a farewell gathering of the members and adherents of the Presbyterian church to Rev. D. H. and Mrs. Jacobs, a large number being present. During the evening the reverend gentleman was presented with a purse of gold as a parting gift, accompanied with a very complimentary address. Mr. Jacobs replied briefly and several speeches were delivered, all testifying to the high regard and sterling qualities possessed by Rev. Mr. Jacobs.

The Women's Home Missionary auxiliaries of the different Presbyterian churches in Winnipeg have lately formed a presbytery to be called the "Women's Home Missionary Presbytery," making a centre for auxiliaries in Manitoba to connect with. Already the outlook is very bright, and through the formation of this presbytery greater work, and interest in home missions is expected to be made. Lady McMillan has shown her keen interest in this work and has graciously consented to become honorary president. The officers for the presbytery are as follows: Hon. president, Lady McMillan; president, Mrs. McClelland; first vice-president, Mrs. Farquharson; second vice-president, Mrs. Baird; third vice-president, Mrs. Colin Campbell; fourth vice-president, Mrs. Noble; treasurer, Mrs. Johnston; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Coleleugh; recording secretary, Mrs. Kehoe.

Mrs. Waits, wife of the Rev. E. Wallace Waits for many years pastor of Knox Church, Owen Sound, died of typhoid fever at Cameron, Mo., in her 52nd year. Deceased moved with her husband from London, England, to Cameron, a small town of three thousand inhabitants, fifty miles north of Kansas City, about eight months ago and had been in failing health for some years. Many sincere friends, says the Owen Sound Advertiser, learn with sorrow of the death recorded in this notice.

Rev. J. W. McNamara, of Nelson, is called to Drayton, Ont.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

"The Visible Kirk" is the local name of the quaint and capacious Church of St. Michael, Inveresk.

Every workman in Japan wears on his cap an inscription stating his business and his employer's name.

The oil fields near Delagoa Bay, in Africa, are expected to prove among the most productive in the world.

A Dublin jury has decided that a kiss which was stolen by a farmer from a young lady is worth £125.

An Irish paper in reporting the invention of a new hat for men describes it as being a straw hat made of felt.

Special sermons urging the better observance of the Sabbath are to be preached next Sunday throughout Great Britain and Ireland.

The Church Commissioners have been sitting at Strachur adjudicating in the dispute between the United Free and the "Wee Free" there.

The Caledonian Church (Church of Scotland), Holloway, London, is without a minister owing to the resignation of the Rev. James Milne, M.A.

It is understood that "Tan MacLaren's" former congregation at Sefton Park, Liverpool, is to offer a call to Rev. A. Connell, Recent Square, London.

John Burns in a speech at London connected the abnormal infantile mortality in England with canned meats and intemperance among women.

There are over 40,000 makers or vendors of patent medicines in Great Britain, and the sale is so great that it yields £331,000 in duty to the revenue.

Mr. S. R. Crockett, the novelist, is to be entertained at Dalbeattie in the autumn in appreciation of what he has done for his native county of Kirkcubright.

The present from the Scottish people to Queen Maud, of Norway, takes the form of silver plate, consisting of a rose bowl and candelabra, and a tea and coffee service.

Not for many years have the Edinburgh Botanic Gardens displayed such a profusion of bloom at this period of the year as now. The season has been exceptionally propitious for the later rhododendrons and azaleas.

Mrs. Jeimima Luke, the well-known hymn writer, author, among other famous compositions, of the child's hymn, "I think when I read that sweet story of old," died recently at Newport, Isle of Wight, in her 93rd year.

A Joseph Parker Memorial Church is to be erected in Sussex, England, in memory of the late pastor of the City Temple, London. For this purpose the sum of £2,500 is being raised.

Mr. Neville McWilliam, LL.B., of Sydney University, who is blind, has been admitted to practice as a barrister in New South Wales. The Chief Justice expressed the hope that Mr. McWilliam would be as successful as Mr. Fawcett, who, suffering from the same affliction, rose to be a Minister of the Crown.

The Presbytery of Newcastle-on-Tyne now consists of 117 members, viz., forty-eight ministers and sixty-nine elders. The granting of an additional representative elder to congregations of 250 members and upwards had led the elders of this Presbytery to take a deeper interest in the general work of other Presbyteries.

Westminster Presbyterian church is the second in Minneapolis to establish the acousticon, a device to enable deaf attendants at service to hear the minister plainly, beginning the test of five receivers. The arrangement makes it necessary to employ a pulpit, for which none of the pastors of the church has any use. The transmitter is a small box directly in front of the minister, and the receivers may be placed in any pew.

Rev. Principal Gordon of Queens University, Rev. Dr. Milligan, of Old St. Andrew's church, Toronto, and Rev. Jas. Grant, of Richmond Hill, will sail for the Old Country on July 5th. They will be away for about two months.