

Ministers and Churches.

Toronto.

Rev. Principal Patrick of Manitoba College, Winnipeg, preached in Westminster church on Sunday morning.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was observed at the morning service in Cooke's church, when Rev. Dr. McKay preached.

Rev. W. J. McCaughan, of Chicago, a former pastor of St. Andrew's church, preached the 30th anniversary sermon to the members of the Independent Order of Foresters in Massey Hall.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed in Parkdale Presbyterian church on Sunday June 10th, when nearly 800 communicants sat down to the table. Forty names were added to the roll, twenty on profession and 20 by certificate.

Mr. and Mrs. Geggie sail for Scotland on June 28 and will be away during July and August. The Rev. Wm. Payne, assistant to Dr. Paterson, Philadelphia, will occupy the pulpit during July, followed by Rev. Wm. McKay, Glen Falls, New York, and Rev. Mr. McLean, late of Glasgow, Scotland.

Rev. Neil McPherson, chaplain of the Ninety-first Highlanders, preached an eloquent sermon to the regiment at St. Paul's church on Sunday morning last, choosing his text from Isaiah xxx. 21, and his subject: A Guiding Presence. The soldiers occupied the centre seats in the church, and a large congregation was present. The service was bright and helpful. Appropriate hymns were sung, and the special programme provided by the choir was much appreciated. The wall back of the pulpit was prettily decorated. The Scottish flag hung in the centre and the Union Jack and British emblem on either side.

News has been received by friends in Toronto that on Friday last the Rev. William Patterson, D.D., formerly minister of Cooke's church, now of Bethany church, Philadelphia, was stricken with paralysis, which affected his power of speech. The circumstance was seriousness of the stroke have not been reported, but his friends here are apprehensive. He has considerably increased in weight of recent years, and his unsparing energy of public speech told on his vital forces. His many friends throughout Canada will hope that rest may recover his powers for his place would be difficult to fill.

An old-time Toronto student, who has made a place for himself in the world's metropolis, is renewing acquaintances in the city. The Rev. Robert M. Thornton, D.D., preached twice on Sunday, as he will on the next two Sundays, in St. James' Square Church. He is a son of the late Rev. Dr. Thornton of Oshawa, and is visiting his sisters in Toronto, one of whom was the wife of the late Principal Kirkland. He is a graduate of the University of Toronto, and several years ago Knox College conferred upon him the degree of D.D. For many years he has been minister of the Camden Road Presbyterian Church, London, and has taken prominent part in all the work of the Presbyterian Church in England. He is a man of magnificent physique, and in his student days at Knox College was as "Saul among the prophets."

The Robertson Auxiliary of the W.H.M.S. met in Chester church on Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Bastedo presided, and Miss Miller and Mrs. Lindsay led in the opening exercises. A letter was read from Mrs. Hunter, stating that her son Dr. Hunter of the Teulon Hospital, was slowly improving. There were at present four in hospital there. Miss McTavish of the Atlin nurses reported that there were nine under their care in the Atlin Hospital. Both of these hospitals are under the care of the W.H.M.S. Miss Bell, under appointment as nurse to the Teulon Hospital, was introduced to the society, and briefly addressed the members. It was decided to adjourn for the summer months, and the next meeting will be held in Cooke's church in September.

In the Central church, Sunday morning, Rev. Dr. McTavish, referring to the death of Mrs. Creelman, wife of Mr. A. R. Creelman, K.C., daughter of the late Dr. Jennings, said:—"The death of Mrs. Creelman came as a great shock to most of us. She seemed to be so much needed in her home (which she always adorned as a devoted wife and a wise and faithful mother), that her removal seems to us a strange mystery. She had a very large ministry of the

needy and distressed, which she exercised in a quiet, unostentatious way. It was only by accident that some of her kind benefactors were known. She was one of those (none too common) who do not let their left hand know what the right hand is doing. She was a devoted and lifelong friend of this congregation and all its interests. During the dark days of trial and heavy burdens she was one of the faithful few—unhappily ever becoming fewer—who made real sacrifices to carry the church through her difficulties. Mr. Creelman and his bereaved family have our deepest sympathy in their great sorrow, and we will unitedly pray that God, in his infinite compassion may graciously sustain them in this their hour of trial."

The congregation of Bloor street church last week presented the minister, Rev. W. G. Wallace, D.D., with a handsome Geneva gown and cassock, and Mrs. Wallace with a beautiful cabinet of silver. The social gathering under the auspices of the Woman's Association was held in the lecture hall, and was very largely attended by members of the congregation. The chair was occupied by Mr. Wm. Davidson, chairman of the board of management. An address expressive of the confidence and appreciation of the congregation was read by Mr. C. Tower Ferguson, and mention was made of the sixteen years of Dr. Wallace's ministry and of the degree recently conferred upon him by Knox College. The presentation to Dr. Wallace was made by Mrs. MacLaren, and that to Mrs. Wallace by Mrs. John Bertram. Dr. Wallace replied in appropriate terms, recalling incidents of his pastorate and assuring the congregation that their steadfastness and affection had been the joy and inspiration of his ministry. Musical selections were contributed by Mrs. R. J. Dilworth, Miss Cockburn, Miss Findlay and others, after which refreshments were served.

Eastern Ontario.

Rev. Mr. White of Uptergrove preached in Inthia last Sabbath.

Electric light fixtures are being installed in the Presbyterian church at Cobourg.

A lawn social will be held on the Manse grounds Finch, on Friday evening of this week.

Mr. T. J. Robinson, B.A., was licensed by the Presbytery of Glengarry to preach the gospel.

While the Renfrew church is undergoing repairs the congregation worships with their Methodist brethren.

Rev. E. O. Esho, a missionary from Persia preached in Calvin Church, Pembroke, on Sunday at both services.

At the musical service held last Sunday in Carleton Place, the boys and girls of the Sunday school assisted the choir with the singing.

The social given on the lawn of the Manse, Napanee, on Tuesday night was well attended, a most enjoyable affair, and a success financially.

Rev. James Cormack, Maxville, was home this week and occupied the pulpit on Sunday. In the evening there was a special service for the Oddfellows.

The lawn social held on the anniversary of Rev. A. Govan's induction to the pastorate in Williamstown was one of the best ever held in the district.

The congregation of Avonmore have presented their pastor, Rev. Geo. Weir, with a handsome Mikado carriage. The present was accompanied by an address which was read by W. J. McCart, M.P.P.

The Re-opening of St. John's church, Goulson's Hill, which has undergone extensive repairs will take place on Sabbath, July 3rd, when the Rev. Dr. R. P. McKay, of Toronto, will preach at both services.

Rev. W. G. Wilson, of Smith's Falls, has left for Liverpool, where he will attend the meeting of the Presbyterian Alliance. He will be absent about two months and will spend the greater part of his vacation in England.

The Presbytery of Saugeen will meet in Durham July 5th, and at the same place and date the annual convention of the Presbyterian Young Peoples' Societies will be held. An interesting program is being prepared. In the evening an address will be delivered by the Rev. J. M. Glassford, on the World's Sabbath School Convention at Jerusalem, from which he has just returned.

Western Ontario.

The Ladies' Aid of Bethel church held a strawberry festival at Mr. Henry Harper's, Owen Sound Road, on Friday evening.

The Rev. John Little, of Holstein, preached earnest and practical sermons at the pre-communion services of Westminster church.

Mr. J. D. Morrow has received a unanimous call from the Presbyterian church at Hespeler, and will be ordained and inducted on July 5.

Rev. Dr. Robert Lorrance of Guelph was thrown from his carriage last Wednesday. He was badly bruised, but is not thought to be seriously injured.

Rev. D. M. Buchanan, of Jarvis preached a special sermon to the young people on Sunday evening on the subject "Success in Life." A large congregation was present.

Rev. E. F. McL. Smith, of Milton, was present at the annual gathering of the Ormiston congregation on Tuesday evening, and made a brief but happy speech, reminiscent of the days when he was pastor there.

In the First church, Chatham, a special children's service was held last Sunday. Rev. A. H. McGillivray, the pastor, preached from the text: "How old art thou." The singing was led by about forty girls, and the ushers were boys from the Sunday School.

Twenty new members were received into Knox church, Galt, last Sunday morning, at one of the largest communion services in the history of that church, the whole vast area being densely packed with communicants. The pastor, Rev. R. E. Knowles, conducted the service.

At a meeting of the Presbytery of Guelph a unanimous call from the congregation of Hespeler to Mr. J. D. Morrow, licentiate, was sustained, and arrangements were made for his ordination and induction in the church there on Tuesday, July 5th. The resignation of Mr. Cunningham of the pastoral charge of St. Andrew's church, Hawkesville and Linwood, was considered, and it was agreed to cite these congregations to appear for their interests at the next regular meeting.

Sunday the annual flower service was held in the First church, London. In the morning the children of the Sabbath School advanced to the pulpit and placed beautiful bouquets in holes which had previously been bored in a large wooden motto, until the floral inscription appeared before the congregation: "Feed my lambs: feed my sheep." In the evening the bouquets were distributed amongst the congregation. Rev. W. J. Clark, the pastor, spoke briefly, taking his text from the motto. He also referred to the fact that Sunday marked the last Sunday of his fourteen years of pastorate in the First church and he earnestly thanked God for all the blessings which had been showered upon the congregation and the pastor during that period. Sunday afternoon the graduates of the primary Sunday school class were each presented with a handsome Bible, the presentation being made by Mr. W. C. Ferguson, the superintendent.

Northern.

Rev. Dr. McTavish, of Central church, Toronto, preached in St. Andrew's church, Lindsay, on Sunday, June 10th. It was the twentieth anniversary of Dr. McTavish's ordination and induction to the pastorate of the church in Lindsay, when was begun a ministry remarkable for its spiritual results. The anniversary was an occasion of great interest. There is no abatement of the intensity, power and clearness which have always been distinctive of Dr. McTavish's preaching of the gospel. At the morning service the pastor, Rev. James Wallace, ordained and installed Messrs. G. A. Cornish, D. McDougall and J. D. Smith to the office of the eldership.

Quebec.

The Presbyterian church at Wakefield, Que., was burned down on June 20th.

The lawn social under the auspices of the ladies of St. Andrew's church, Buckingham, on Wednesday was very successful. The social was held on the lawn of Mr. Thomas Wilks and its size and beauty of location added not a little to the enjoyment of the evening.

The members and adherents of the Valleyfield church met at the manse, to express their good