

TORONTO.

Rev. J. H. Turnbull of Ottawa occupied the pulpit of Old St. Andrew's, Toronto, on a recent Sunday.

The congregation of Victoria church, Toronto Junction, is anxious not to lose Rev. Dr. George C. Pidgeon from the pastorate, and in view of the invitation to him from First Church, London, which will be considered at the meeting of Presbytery on the 3rd of September, a committee has been appointed to prepare the case to be presented by the congregation at the Presbytery meeting. Councillor Hain is Chairman of the committee. Mr. R. C. Smith was Chairman of the congregational meeting on Wednesday night which took this action, and Mr. W. H. Fletcher Secretary.

Reid-avenue church, Norway, while it has been organized for more than a year, has just elected four elders, in the persons of E. Linley, W. Reid, S. Manchester and H. Munro. On the handsome brick church, which was completed early in the summer, there remains a debt of some \$2,000, but with the enthusiasm engendered and the progressive nature of the members of the mission, no doubt is felt as to the outcome. On Tuesday, Sept. 3, it is expected that a call will be extended to D. Wallace Christie, who for the past six months has labored with great acceptance at the Reid-avenue Mission. At the same time the elders chosen this week will be formally ordained. The induction of the pastor will probably take place toward the close of September. The membership of the Reid-avenue Mission is already more than 100.

Rev. David Millar, who has been ill for the past six years, died at his home, 583 Parliament street, Toronto, at the age of 62 years. He was well known in London. The late Mr. Millar was born in Perth, Scotland, in 1845. Graduating in arts from Glasgow University, he took his first year in theology at Princeton Seminary, completing his course at Queen's University, Kingston. In 1885-86 he was sub-editor and editor of the Queen's College Journal, and was also a frequent contributor to the Chicago Interior, and many Canadian religious publications. Knox church, Aylmer, was his first charge. He was subsequently stationed at Knox church, Brussels, where he remained several years. His last charge was at Stoney Mountain, in Manitoba, where he was stricken with paralysis six years ago, when he was obliged to resign his pastorate and return to Toronto. He is survived by his widow, who was a daughter of the late Duncan Campbell, of Rideau Ferry, two daughters and one son.

OTTAWA.

Rev. P. W. Anderson, minister of McKay church, Ottawa, has been visiting his mother in Toronto.

What proved to be a very successful meeting was held by the Women's Foreign Mission Society of Knox church at the home of the president, Mrs. Alexander, of 370 Lewis street. The meeting was unusually well attended for a summer one. After the business had been concluded Rev. Dr. Wardrop of Montreal gave a very interesting talk on the Jews. This being the month selected by the Mission Society for prayers for the Jews, Dr. Wardrop's subject was very appropriate. He tried to show that as the evil prophecies regarding the Jews, were being fulfilled literally, so should the blessings promised them also come to pass. He thought Christians had gotten into the habit of giving the evil predictions mentioned in the Bible to the Jews and appropriating the good prophecies to themselves.

A very enjoyable half hour was spent after the meeting.

LONDON.

Rev. John Currie, Belmont, has been enjoying a well-earned rest in Puslinch and Bruce.

Mr. R. M. Stevenson, a graduate of Queen's, who has been supplying St. Andrew's church in the absence of Dr. Ross, has gone to the West.

Rev. James Rollins, of the King Street Church, who, with his family, has been enjoying the refreshing breezes at Oakland Hall, Lake Huron, Sarnia, returns home this week.

Rev. Dr. McCrae of Westminster, and Mrs. McCrae spent a delightful vacation at Cobourg, their old home. They received a most cordial welcome from their hosts of friends.

The churches in the city are beginning to fill up again with the return of the people from the summer resorts. The ministers' holidaying is also nearing its end. Next Sabbath the pulpits will be occupied by the pastors.

Dr. James Ross, of St. Andrew's, is still in Montreal. He has made an excellent recovery, and both his brethren and his people will welcome him home again. Dr. Ross is expected to occupy his pulpit on the 25th inst.

Mr. Walter L. Nichol, B.A., a graduate of Knox College, who recently returned from a year's study abroad, is visiting the parental home in Westminster. He is supplying Chalmers church in the absence of Mr. Moffat.

The pulpit of St. Andrew's church, London, was recently occupied at both services by Rev. Edward McGugan, M. A., B.D., of Erskine church, Montreal. In the morning Mr. McGugan took as his text "Paul's Lessons from the Cross," taking Galatians, vi., 14: "God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me and I unto the world."

Mrs. D. L. McCrae, of the Manse, Westminster, met with a painful accident last week. By a mis-step she fell down a stairway eight feet. It is hoped her injuries are not so serious as at first was feared. Mrs. McCrae, who for years has been president of the London W. P. M. S. Presbyterial, is well known as one of the most active ministers' wives in Western Ontario in every good work. Her hosts of friends hope for a speedy recovery.

PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE.

The charge of St. Paul's church, Glamis, and Chalmers' church, Kincardine, will be declared vacant on Aug. 18, owing to the translation of Rev. P. McEachern to Dover and Calvin church, in the Presbytery of Chatham. Rev. John McKinnon of Pinkerton, has been appointed interim Moderator of St. Paul's and Chalmers' church during the vacancy.

In commemoration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the induction of Rev. R. N. Grant, D.D., as pastor of O'Neill's church, a social meeting was held and Dr. and Mrs. Grant were presented with a handsome antique oak dining-room set. Congratulatory addresses were made by the office bearers of the congregation and the resident ministers of other churches. While the population of the town has doubled during Dr. Grant's ministry, the membership of the church has increased more than threefold, and now numbers over 800 and the church is in a highly prosperous condition.

Dr. P. C. McGregor, of Almonte, occupied the pulpit in St. Andrew's church on Sunday last. He preached two exceptionally good sermons, which were much enjoyed by his hearers. Rev. Mr. Donaldson, formerly of Lanark, but now on a visit from the U.S., will occupy the pulpit on Sunday next.

CARLETON PLACE.

Rev. D. J. McLean, of Arnprior, occupied the pulpit in St. Andrew's church on Sunday, and appeared in his old-time form.

A social was given Thursday afternoon on the lawn of Mr. N. M. Riddell, by the ladies of Zion church W.F.M.S. The proceeds were in aid of the silver anniversary fund.

The Bible Society meeting held in St. Andrew's church on Sunday afternoon was well attended, and an interesting address was given by the secretary, Mr. D. McIlroy.

The pulpit of Calvin church, Pembroke, was occupied by Rev. W. McDonald, of Lanark village, on the 18th inst. Rev. Mr. Sproule, B.A., D.D., a Canadian who has had a charge for some time in Boston, Mass., but who wishes to return to Canada, preached the two following Sundays.

A special meeting of the Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew was held in Zion church, Rev. W. W. Peck, Moderator, presiding, and Rev. Dr. Campbell, clerk. A call from St. Andrew's congregations, Smith's Falls, to Rev. D. N. Coburn, M.A., of Buckingham, was received. The parties on both sides were heard, after which the call was sustained and ordered to be forwarded to the Presbytery of Ottawa for further action. A committee was appointed to visit Scotland mission and report to next meeting. A committee on church union was appointed, both of which are to report at the next regular meeting of the Presbytery, which is to be held in Arnprior on Sept. 2nd.

THE EDUCATIONAL BATTLE.

The eternal issue between the established church and the non-conformists of England over public education, has of late taken a new phase. "Passive resistance" against the payment of taxes for schools controlled by Anglican priests, continues quietly; but present discussion is diverted to the status of the "training colleges" authorized to prepare teachers for the public school system. Most of these colleges are strictly controlled by the Anglican church, and in all such institutions the governing boards refuse to receive any student who is not of their faith. The consequence is that nonconformist young people have very little chance to qualify themselves for teaching in the public schools. After the present Liberal government was defeated by the House of Lords in its attempt to break the hold of priests and bishops on the elementary schools, there arose a great cry from the nonconformist camp demanding that at least the "training colleges" should be delivered from sectarianism. The government, however, failed to introduce any bill on the subject into Parliament before adjournment, and on that account fell into great disfavor with the nonconformist voting element which put it into power. To repair the omission, the national board of education afterward issued certain "regulations" which were expected to satisfy complaints. These provided that no "training college" should hereafter make any denominational test for the admission of students, and also that in any such college hereafter established there should be no use of "catechisms and formularies distinctive of any particular denomination."

Only one who is pure in heart can understand the full meaning of sin. He who understands harmony the best will be the first to detect the discord. We can understand the darkness better when once we have walked in the light.