

Ministers and Churches.

THE Rev. J. K. Smith, of Galt, preached in the Preston Lyceum on Sunday week.

THE Presbyterian congregation of Lower Musquodubuit has extended a call to Rev. T. H. Murray.

THE Rev. A. J. Mowat, of Fredericton, N. B., has declined a call to St. Andrew's Church, Halifax.

REV. MR. REES has tendered his resignation of the Presbyterian Church, Blackheath, where he has been pastor for five years.

THE Barrie Presbyterian Church and Sabbath school excursion on Wednesday week was quite successful, and an enjoyable time was spent in various amusements.

THE Rev. C. H. Cooke, B.A., of Baltimore, will spend his summer vacation camping on Lake Couchiching, in company with his brother, Mr. E. F. Cooke.

THE Rev. M. Macgillivray, late of St. Andrew's Church, Perth, is spending a few weeks at Metis, Quebec, before entering upon his new pastoral duties in Kingston.

THE Rev. John Gillespie, minister of the Established Church at Mouswald, Dumfriesshire, arrived in New York last week. He intends making a tour through Canada and the United States.

THE pulpit in St. John's Church, Almonte, was occupied Sunday week by Mr. John McDonald, of Ramsay, who is now a student at Queen's College, Kingston. His discourses were on foreign mission work.

THE Rev. Mr. McClelland and family returned last week again to Ashburn. Mr. McClelland was on a visit to Nova Scotia. He preached in Truro, Windsor, and St. Andrew's Church, Halifax. Had a very enjoyable time, and came back much improved and invigorated. Mr. McClelland received the degree of M.A., at the late Encenia, King's College, Windsor, Nova Scotia.

As Walter Smyth, eldest son of the Rev. Dr. Smyth, of Montreal, and Bertie Nichols, son of the Rev. John Nichols, also of the same city, were out boating the other day at Buctouche Beach, N. B., a squall overtook and overturned the boat, precipitating the two lads into the water. Had they not been able to swim they would have been drowned, but they managed to reach the shore in safety.

A MEETING of the committee for the erection of a monument in memory of the late Rev. Mr. Ross, was held in Brucefield lately. The treasurer, Mr. William Scott, merchant, Brucefield, reported that the amount already subscribed was \$245. The time for receiving subscriptions was extended till September. The monument is to be of granite, and of such dimensions as the funds will allow.

AT the joint weekly prayer meeting of Knox and Chalmers Churches, Guelph, held in the basement of Knox Church last week, Rev. Dr. Wardrope at the request of a number of friends gave an account of his visit to the Indian reserves in the North-West Territories. The basement of the church was well filled. The reverend doctor spoke for about an hour, and during that time gave a graphic description of his travels.

THE Rev. W. Ballantyne preached farewell sermons to his congregation at Pembroke on Sunday week. The *Observer* says the sermons were characterized by great power, pathos, moderation and earnestness. He urged the congregation to be united, to let all strife and ill-feeling cease, and, hand in hand, to use every effort to advance the cause of Christ and promote the welfare of the congregation and the town and vicinity.

THE Perth *Courier* states that at a congregational meeting of St. Andrew's Church on Monday, the Rev. Mr. Crombie, of Smith's Falls, Moderator, being present, a committee of twelve, and comprising representatives in equal parts from the Session, board of managers, other members and adherents, was appointed to deal with the matter of pulpit supply by candidates for the vacant pastorate of the church. There are good grounds for believing that a number of excellent ministers will become candidates for the vacancy.

ON a recent Thursday morning all the scholars of St. Andrew's Church Sabbath School, Almonte, were on the tip-toe of expectation, anticipating a fine day's sport, that being the day of their annual outing. A train had been engaged to leave about nine o'clock, and over 200 happy pleasure-seekers were carried to Carleton Place, from where they were conveyed to the regatta grounds, and a very pleasant afternoon spent, notwithstanding the extremely hot weather. The return trip was made by the regular evening train.

THE Rev. G. Branch Howie preached in Knox Church, Owen Sound, on August 7, and is expected to remain a few weeks longer, while the Rev. A. H. Scott is away. The local papers state that Mr. Howie's services last August have something to do with the cordial welcome accorded him this August. Mr. Howie is engaged to lecture next week under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society in Owen Sound. It is now more than fifteen months since Mr. Howie arrived in Ontario, and he has had engagements every week.

PRINCIPAL GRANT was in Smith's Falls last week soliciting subscriptions for Queen's. He explained to a few gentlemen Friday morning at an informal meeting the position taken by the authorities and their reasons for taking that position, together with a statement of the finances of the college, and his object in visiting the town. A vote of sympathy with his efforts, including a promise of co-operation, was passed by those present, after which subscriptions were asked for. He got \$1,000 in two subscriptions and promises of more.

THE children and friends of the Cobourg Presbyterian Sabbath school held their annual outing lately. At the hour of starting, about 300 persons assembled at the station, and at a quarter to nine o'clock the train moved out, and reached

Harwood after an hour's run. The sail to the camping ground was thoroughly enjoyed by all. After an excellent spread had been provided for the little folks, and big ones as well—which, by the way, rapidly disappeared—sports of all kinds were indulged in, and many a little heart was gladdened by the sight of a lovely prize which the proud winner could call his "very own." The only thing to mar the pleasure of the day was the narrow escape from drowning of William, youngest son of Mr. George Mitchell. The little fellow slipped off the scow near the water's edge and had sank the second time, when he was caught by the arm and rescued, none the worse for his wetting—a little frightened and impatient on account of having to wait until his clothes dried.

THE committee on Evangelistic Work, appointed during the meeting of the General Assembly at Winnipeg, met in the vestry of the Central Presbyterian Church, Toronto, on Monday, the 8th inst., at two p.m. There were present Rev. Dr. Smith, of Galt, the Convener; Dr. Wardrope, Guelph; J. McKay, Agincourt; J. M. Cameron, P. McF. McLeod and Mr. George Robb, elder. It was unanimously resolved to hold a conference on evangelistic work in Toronto, on Monday and Tuesday, the 3rd and 4th of October next. An interesting programme for the conference was prepared; and the necessary steps taken to secure a large and representative gathering. Arrangements will be made for reduced fares on the various lines of railway, and for the entertainment of ministers and elders attending the conference. The date has been fixed with a view to accommodate the large number of ministers who usually attend the opening of Knox College.

THE pulpits of the Presbyterian Churches of Truro on Sabbath week were filled as follows. Rev. John Robbins, preached at First Presbyterian Church Sabbath morning on "Assurance"; in the evening the Rev. F. W. Archibald, Ph.D., of St. Thomas, Ont., preached, his subject being "What think ye of Christ?" Both sermons were listened to with great attention. At St. Andrew's Church the Rev. Mr. Young, of Princeton, N. J. (who this summer is occupying the mission station at Mulgrave), preached for Mr. Cumming. Mr. Young is a typical American, a most promising young man, and preached with great energy and earnestness, his sermon in the evening on "Songs in the Night" being eloquent and logical. Rev. Mr. Geggie preached morning and evening at St. Paul's Church, the morning sermon being based on the text, "There shall be no night there," and in the evening "Christ's command to His disciples." Both sermons were deeply interesting, and were attentively listened to.

THE Orillia *Packet* says: The sacramental services in the Orillia Presbyterian Church last Sabbath were largely attended. The Rev. Mr. Glassford, of Waubashene, preached on Friday afternoon and evening. Dr. McTavish, formerly of Beaverton, but now of Inverness, Scotland, preached twice on Sabbath, and also on Monday evening, to large congregations. The Doctor's visit created much interest among the older residents, especially those of Gaelic persuasion, and his services were much enjoyed. For a man of seventy, Dr. McTavish possesses an unusual amount of vigour, and if some of his old-time Celtic fire is lacking, its absence is more than compensated for by a ripeness and mellowness not so noticeable in his early life. Forty-one years ago this summer the Doctor conducted his first service in Orillia. Since then wonderful changes have taken place in Orillia and its surroundings, and but few who heard him forty-one years ago heard him last Sabbath. The reverend gentleman sails for Scotland on the 20th inst., but may possibly end his days in Canada. Like all who have lived for any length of time in our young country his heart is still in Ontario, and we should not be surprised if a good call brought him again over the water.

THE ordination and induction of the Rev. J. Steele, B.A., into the united charges of Seymour and Rylestone took place on the 19th ult., in St. Andrew's Church, Seymour. A deputation of the Kingston Presbytery, consisting of Rev. J. Cumberland, of Stella, acting as Moderator, Rev. Mr. George, of Belleville, and Rev. Mr. Gray, of Stirling, came out to conduct the services. A very large congregation, with full representation from Rylestone, had gathered together before eleven o'clock, the hour at which the meeting was opened. Rev. Mr. Cumberland preached an excellent and very appropriate sermon from Col. i. 24-28. After this the Moderator put the questions of the formula to Mr. Steele. Then, by the laying on of the hands of Presbytery and consecration prayer by the Moderator, the young minister was set apart to the sacred work of the ministry. It was an interesting and solemn scene when the venerable Dr. Neil, who was on the platform with others, placed his hands on the head of his young successor in St. Andrew's, and gave up to him the pastoral care of the flock to which he had ministered for over forty-five years. Rev. Mr. George addressed the minister in suitable terms. Rev. Mr. Gray, of Stirling, addressed the people on the duties the new relationship placed upon them as a congregation. Besides those mentioned there were on the platform Rev. Messrs. Carmichael, of Norwood, Childerhouse, of St. Columbia, and Hay, of Campbellford. Mr. Carmichael, in a few words, offered his congratulations to minister and people. After singing by the choir, which rendered good music throughout the whole meeting, the services were brought to a close by the benediction. Mr. Steele received a cordial welcome from the people as they passed out. The interest taken in the ordination service was well shown by the large attendance.

THE Montreal *Witness* says: A large congregation assembled last Sabbath in St. Paul's Church, the occasion being the jubilee sermon of the Rev. Dr. Jenkins, who has now completed the fiftieth anniversary of his ordination. The reverend gentleman chose for his text Ecclesiastes vii. 10. In introducing his subject, the reverend gentleman deprecated the pessimistic views which old age usually held respecting the present as contrasted with the past. He did not believe that the past was better than the present. He did not believe that the love and purity and beauty which

then belonged to youth were in any way superior to these qualities and possessions now. It was the tendency of age to exaggerate the surroundings of youth, and to impart to them, now that life was on the decline, a degree of brightness which they did not perhaps altogether possess. I cannot, the speaker said, follow such people in their pessimistic regrets. To my thinking, there has been progress all along the line of modern human life and history. As for things material, the last fifty years have enjoyed a more rapid advance than any like period in the whole human experience of the past. Competent observers and writers have lately sketched for us in leading periodicals the wonderful progress of practical invention, the incomparable growth and expansion of scientific knowledge, and the successful study and wide application of the arts during the fifty years of His Majesty's reign. The preacher asked the question, What of the Christian position now? and then proceeded to answer it at some length, and with much eloquence. I allow, he said, that the teaching and system of Christ and His apostles, as embodied in the New Testament, have within the period of which we are speaking been subjected to widespread and even fierce opposition. Science, philosophy and irreligion have vied with each other, or have combined in attempts to discredit Christianity and its claims. I believe, and if necessary am prepared to maintain, that the Christian position in the world has not been seriously, or even at all, imperilled by these attacks. True, there are chronicled from time to time one and another surrender on the part of individuals to the clamour of unbelief. Men, many men, who in childhood and youth have been surrounded by Christian influences, give up their Bible, their Saviour, their Christian trust, their hope of immortality, and often enough their morals, too. Some of them are conspicuous as thinkers and writers. But for all, brethren, the name and character, the teaching and work, of the Christ of the Gospels are more widely known, honoured and trusted in the world to-day than in any age since the days and successes of Paul. After speaking of the triumphs of the Gospel in China, Formosa, India, Polynesia, America, Canada and Europe, the speaker proceeded: "As I look back over these fifty years of office and responsibility in the Church, I feel that I have no reason to be ashamed of that Gospel which I have preached. I feel rather that I ought to rejoice in that I have been permitted from time to time throughout my long ministry to witness unnumbered examples of its power to transform sinful lives, and to inspire with unyielding hope human souls in their drear passage 'through the valley of the shadow of death.'"

THE Rat Portage correspondent of the *Winnipeg Free Press* says: Among the Presbyterian element of this place, the interest of the week has centred in the induction of the Rev. R. Nairn, B.A., as the first settled pastor of their Church there. This interesting event took place on Wednesday evening of last week. A large congregation assembled in Knox Church at the appointed hour. The Presbytery of Winnipeg convened, and was constituted. There were present beside the minister elect, the Revs. D. B. Whimster (Moderator), J. Douglass, C. W. Bryden and W. H. Spence, ministers; and Mr. Carmichael, elder. Mr. H. F. Ross, the student missionary of Whitemouth, was also present. Rev. Mr. Spence was appointed Clerk *pro tem*. Rev. J. Douglas preached an eloquent and forcible sermon from Revelation iv. 4, after which the Moderator put the usual questions to the minister elect, and, the same being satisfactorily answered, did in the usual manner duly induct him into the pastoral charge of the Church. The Moderator, in the name of the Presbytery, suitably addressed the newly-inducted minister on his office and work. Rev. C. W. Bryden, in a neat and earnest address, enforced upon the people their duties to the pastor. The meeting was then closed. Afterward the Rev. Mr. Spence conducted the pastor to the vestibule, where he received a cordial welcome from his flock as they retired. It ought to be mentioned that the ladies of the congregation had tastefully decorated the interior of the church with ferns and flowers, and that the choir, under the able leadership of Mr. W. L. Baker, who is both precentor and organist, rendered the musical department with fine taste and good effect. The Rev. R. Nairn, the minister, was born in Ayrshire, Scotland, famed as the birthplace of Burns, and the home of "honest men and bonnie lasses." He received his preliminary training in a parish school in Ayrshire and in the Established Church Normal School, Glasgow, graduating in Arts in Queen's College, Kingston, took part of his theological curriculum in the same institution, and part in the Theological Hall, Edinburgh. He was licensed and ordained by the Presbytery of St. John, N. B., 1882, and immediately afterward was called to a large country congregation at Harvey, in York County, in the same Province. The claims of the great mission work in the North-West induced him to go to that country. He has with much acceptance ministered to the congregation of Emerson and Fort William during an appointment to each. He enters upon his work with much promise of usefulness and success. On Thursday evening a welcome social was held in the music hall, Rat Portage, in token of the general feeling of gratification among all classes that Rev. Mr. Nairn had been permanently located in the town. The reverend gentleman has ministered to Knox Church since the middle of April, and has won for himself a high place in the confidence and good will of the people in the locality. After a few preliminary remarks from Rev. Mr. Nairn in appropriate taste, Mr. H. F. Ross sang a college song. This was followed by Miss Alexander, who sang in good style "Within a Mile o' Edinburgh Toon." The Rev. D. B. Whimster followed with a short speech, and expressed the hope that the manse would soon have a second occupant, as it seemed too bad that such a fine and comfortable house should be a bachelor's abode.

THE PRESBYTERY OF MIRAMICHI.—This Presbytery met at New Mills, Restigouche, on the 5th July, for the induction of the Rev. Isaac Baird into the pastoral charge of Charlo, New Mills and Louison Brook. There was a large congregation present. The Rev. A. F. Thomson, of Bathurst,