

Ottawa and Vicinity.

Rev. R. Herbinson has returned home after spending a couple of weeks at Old Orchard Beach and in Boston.

Rev. D. M. Ramsay, has resumed work in Knox Church after a short period of rest. The windows on west side of the Church, broken by hailstorm, are being repaired.

Rev. E. A. Wicher, M.A., will be the preacher in St. Andrews next Sunday. He also officiated at the funeral of Alex. Ferguson, whose sudden death was announced last week.

Rev. J. W. Penman, who preached for Rev. Dr. Campbell, a fortnight ago, took the services for Rev. Mr. Ducloux, Valleyfield, Q., last Sabbath. Mr. Penman, who recently resigned the pastorate of a charge in Nova Scotia, is a well-equipped minister and a vigorous preacher.

The Citizen: With its transfer to the Capital, THE DOMINION PRESBYTERIAN, formerly published in Montreal, has put on a new countenance and taken a new lease of life. The several departments, peculiar to a church paper, are carefully edited and should prove satisfactory to readers of that journal. The Presbyterian has the Citizen's best wishes for its prosperity.

The Sunday school scholars of the Glebe Presbyterian church held their annual picnic at Britannia on Friday of last week. About 75 little ones, accompanied by the pastor, Rev. J. W. H. Milne and J. R. Reid, superintendent of the school, and their teachers, turned out. The day was pleasantly spent in sports and games. Both the pastor and superintendent contributed much to the children's enjoyment of the outing.

The Missionfield of Lochaber Bay, in the presbytery of Ottawa, is occupied this summer by Mr. Donald Stewart, a second year theological student of the Presbyterian College, Montreal, and son of Rev. Mr. Stewart, Laguerre, Q. There are but seven or eight families belonging to the Presbyterian Church, and yet the church building is filled with listeners every Sabbath, which means that all denominations are interested in the missionary work. The Christian deportment, and genial, hearty manner as well as his ministrations have already won for him respect from all classes of the community.

Eastern Ontario.

The Rev. A. H. Scott occupied Knox church pulpit, Lancaster, on a recent Sunday.

Rev. A. E. Mitchell, B.A., has returned from his trip to the North-West and the Rockies.

Rev. A. Graham, Lancaster, occupied the pulpit of St. Andrews Church, Perth, preaching with much acceptance.

Rev. Jas. A. Leitch, of Watson's Corners, preached in the town hall, Laarak, on Sunday, and Mr. McLaren occupied Knox church pulpit, Perth.

Rev. A. Graham, B.A., preached in St. Andrews church, Perth, on Sunday, while Rev. A. H. Scott, M.A., of Perth, occupied the pulpit of Knox church Lancaster.

The pulpit of St. Andrew's church, Almonte, will be occupied next Sabbath by Rev. J. R. Conn, M.A., of Blakeney; and Rev. Mr. Mitchell will occupy his own pulpit.

Rev. D. Currie, of Knox church, Perth, occupied the pulpit of the old Middleville church on Sunday morning of last week, and delivered an excellent and helpful discourse.

Rev. Mr. Milne, of Ottawa, preached in the Presbyterian church, Hawkesbury, last Sunday morning, in the interests of the century fund. Rev. J. Bennet, L'Original, occupied the pulpit in the evening.

Mr. J. D. Byrnes, B.A., of Cumberland, who has been occupying the pulpit of St. Andrew's church, Pakenham, the past three weeks, left this week for his home, after having spent a very pleasant time there.

The Rev. J. R. MacLeod, of Three Rivers, Que., preached in the Presbyterian church, Vankleek Hill, last Sabbath, in the interests of the century fund; and during the week, in company with the Rev. J. MacLeod, he canvassed the congregation, visiting every family soliciting subscriptions for the fund.

Rev. Orr Bennet thinks that enough people do not come to church. He said so on a recent Sunday. He said there was a Presbyterian population of 600 in Hawkesbury and there were only 85 at church by actual count, and that was above the average. The preacher thought it a disgrace that such should be the case, and plainly said so.

Maritime Provinces.

A new hall is to be opened at Belle Isle, N.F., on the 31st Aug.

Mr. John Grierson is supplying Church Point and Tabusintae, N.B.

Rev. G. F. Johnston, B.D., has returned from a post graduate trip to Oxford, Edinburgh, Halle and Berlin.

The Egerton Presbytery, N.S. (anti-union) is co-operating with the Presbytery of Pictou in regard to Sabbath observance. A strong effort is being made to stop Sunday traffic on the Intercolonial Railway.

The Pictou Presbyterial W.F.M.S. met in United Church, New Glasgow, on Aug. 15th. Over 70 delegates were present. The total amount raised during the year was \$2434, of which the Mission Band gave \$431. Dr. Morton and Mrs. Thompson of Couva made addresses.

There is a divorce court in New Brunswick, but apparently some get along without its help. The wife of a man living near Moncton ran away with his neighbor a few years ago, and the bereaved husband needing a housekeeper and the deserted wife needing a home they joined fortunes. Bye and bye they tired of each other and the man set out to find his errant spouse accompanied by his "housekeeper." They found the guilty couple living somewhere in the State of Maine, and just as much tired of each other. With the unanimous consent of all parties the original assortment was resumed and the man returned home with his lawful partner. It was "business-like" but awfully scandalous.

Rev. J. G. Shearer is meeting with success in his Nova Scotia tour in connection with the Lord's Day Alliance. He is expected to arrive in St. John on the 31st and to address a public meeting in Carleton, the portion of the city on the west side of the harbor. He will spend Sunday and Monday in Moncton, afterwards visiting Chatham, Fredericton, Woodstock, St. Stephen, and returning to St. John for the 9th Sept. On that day he will preach in the Centenary Methodist church, and St. Andrew's church, and address an afternoon meeting in the Main street Baptist church. The authorities are making a spasmodic attempt to enforce the law in St. John, under pressure of the Lord's Day Alliance, but there is grave danger that impending changes in the Provincial Government will operate adversely to the maintenance of the Act. Up to the present date (Aug. 25) no steps have been taken to defend the Act in the appeal now pending before the Supreme Court at Ottawa, although all papers must be filed by Sept. 1st. The St. John Alliance is enquiring into the meaning of this and will offer to take the place of the Crown in the appeal if the Attorney General proves recalcitrant. That officer, Hon. H. R. Emmerson, was chairman of the Dominion Baptist Convention at Winnipeg, and ought not to betray the law in such a manner.

We learn with great satisfaction that the Rev. Mr. Wheeler, of Portland, is recovering from the attack of typhoid fever that prostrated him some three weeks ago. Through the great brotherly kindness of Rev. W. Patterson, of Buckingham, he was transferred at the beginning of his sickness from Portland to Mr. Patterson's manse and there is receiving abundant care from Mr. Patterson and others in Buckingham, who are interested in his case. His aged mother, who resides in northern New Brunswick, is now with him.

The "Fortnightly Review" for August is a more interesting number than one looks for at this time of the year. China, in "Peking—and after" by Denetrious C. Boulger. "Have we a policy in China," by Diplomatus: the Transvaal in "Settlers and Settlements in S. Africa," by H. A. Bryden, who has lived there for some time, and "From Ladysmith to Standerton, (with map)" receive due attention. Of special interest, and in every way too good to be missed are the articles, "What Imperialism Means," by J. H. Muirhead, "A few French facts," by Richard Davey, and "Contemporary Ireland" by Judge O'Connor Morris. The facts revealed in "An International Wheat Corner," point to the possibility of a nefarious friendliness between Russia and the United States. Lovers of art will not miss reading "The Art of Watts" by Arthur Symonds. Until we hear the verdict of Dr. Hay Fleming, of St. Andrews, it would be unsafe to say anything concerning "Papers of the Scottish Reformations," by Andrew Lang. New York: Leonard Scott Publication Co., 759 Warren St., \$450 per annum.

British and Foreign Items.

Rev. Dr. Milligan, Toronto, has been revisiting his native Pulteneyton.

Electric light is to be fitted into the dials of Greenock Mid Parish clock.

The Queen has given Abergeildie Castle to Empress Eugenie for September.

After being repainted and renovated Dalziel U. P. Church was re-opened on the 29th ult.

Rev. W. R. Henderson, Tolbooth Parish, Edinburgh, has been elected to Auchencairn Parish.

Glasgow Presbytery are discussing whether the Tron Churches should be repaired or rebuilt.

The Rev. W. T. P. Macdonald, of Cullen, was inducted to Plean Parish Church, on the 7th inst.

In 1890 there were 9000 Shakers in the United States. At present they do not number more than 1000.

The Rev. Wm. Howie, Crief Parish Church, has been appointed assistant to the Rev. Dr. Cameron, Dumoon.

Biggar is growing in favor as a holiday resort. It is 700 feet above the sea level, and has numerous attractions.

The fund for the restoration of the Brechin Cathedral has reached \$10,000, but an additional £2,000 is still required.

After the Union Adrossian Free Church is likely to be known as St. John's and the United Presbyterian as Park Church.

About £500 have been subscribed towards the building of a new church in connection with the Scottish Episcopalians in Oban.

On the 31st ult. a tablet to the memory of the late Rev. David Boyd, was placed in the vestibule of Free North Church, Greenock.

Sunday, the 29th ult., was the last day for worship in Logie Parish Church previous to its internal reconstruction at a cost of £2000.

The Rev. Robert Burnett, D.D., minister of Liberton, was married there on the 1st inst. to Miss Mary Couper Morrison, of Yewbank.

The annual Conventicle at Kirk o' Muir, Caronbridge, took place on the 5th inst. Rev. J. M. Robertson, St. Ninians, was the preacher.

The amount subscribed towards the present of tobacco to the Highland and other Scotch soldiers serving in South Africa is about £670.

Mr. Alexander Purdie, for 50 years preacher of Covington Parish Church, has been presented with a purse of sovereigns and a timepiece.

At the Manse, Arisaig, on the 31st ult., died Rev. Lachlan T. C. MacLaine, in the 58th year of his age and the 32nd year of his ministry.

It is estimated that every Presidential election costs the United States \$25,000,000, and very often the election is the least item of the expense.

In Indiana the wheat crop is a practical failure, there being only little more than enough raised for seedling, and leaving a shortage for bread and seed of at least 1,000,000 bushels.

The number of persons killed and injured on American railways in 1890 was more than double the total British casualties in South Africa, and the latter include missing and prisoners, and deaths from disease.

Rev. Peter Fleming and Mrs. Fleming, Maxwell, were recently given a genuine surprise by about 200 of their friends from the Maxwell, Faversham, and McIntyre congregations who assembled on the manse lawn and in a tangible manner gave expression to the esteem in which Mr. and Mrs. Fleming are held by their people. In behalf of the Faversham congregation Mr. and Mrs. Fleming were presented with two beautiful wicker chairs, a handsome parlor lamp and silver cake basket, and from the McIntyre congregation a purse containing \$37.00, both presentations being accompanied by appropriate addresses. Mr. Fleming was visibly moved and replied to all in an appropriate manner. Refreshments provided by the ladies were served and an evening of much social pleasure was spent together.

Rev. T. C. Guy, who supplied the Presbyterian missions at Ensdale and Orville with much acceptance in the early part of the year, is critically ill at Colorado Springs. Intestinal tuberculosis has set in, and little hope is entertained of saving his life.