

Ministers and Churches.

Ottawa.

Rev. Dr. Moore and Mrs. Moore are back in the city after a pleasant vacation in Vancouver, B.C.

Rev. J. W. H. Milne was the preacher in St. Andrew's church last Sunday. The pulpit of the Glebe church was occupied by Mr. MacB. Davidson.

Mr. H. Puddicombe, principal of the Canadian Conservatory of Music, has been appointed a member of the committee of examiners for the musical examinations of the Toronto University.

In Erskine church, last Sunday, Rev. A. E. Mitchell preached in the morning on "The Widow's Pot of Oil" and in the evening on "The Church in Thyatira." The church building and new manse make a fine showing on the excellent site owned by this rapidly growing congregation.

The Public School Board has decided on free school books. Upon the recommendation of Inspector Dr. Glaslan it was decided to adopt the Buffalo system. The books, by this system, will be furnished to the different schools from time to time as required on requisition of the inspector.

In view of the recent decision of the Privy Council Mr. John Charlton, in an interview with a Citizen reporter, advocates going slowly. He said: "We must wait for the full text of the privy council decision to make up our minds how far that decision goes. In the meantime I have advised Mr. J. M. McDonnell, K. C., of Kingston, and other advocates of a quiet Sunday, who have written to me, that there is no possibility of introducing successful legislation at this session of the house and to wait a more opportune moment. I think they will do this."

A most enjoyable garden party was held on the grounds of the Mackay church manse, New Edinburgh. The affair was given under the joint auspices of the Ladies' Aid and the Young People's society, and the proceeds were in aid of Church Schemes. The grounds were prettily decorated with flags and strings of Chinese lanterns, and the tables were very attractive. The following ladies took charge of tables, viz., Mrs. McGinnis, Mrs. Gordon, Mrs. Shinn, Mrs. Elliott, Mrs. Holt, Miss Douglas, Miss Slinn, Miss Erskine, Miss Maggie Rankin, Miss Clements and Miss Elliott. Mr. Stitt, who with Mr. Rankin, had been responsible for the decorations, acted as doorkeeper. Rev. Mr. Macleod, pastor of the church, and Mrs. Ralph, president of the Ladies' Aid society, acted as an informal reception committee and assisted much in the entertainment of those present.

The Free Press of Saturday contained a short biographical sketch of Mr. E. B. Eddy, President of the Hull Paper Company, from which we make an extract or two: Mr. Eddy has been identified for many years with the Protestant General Hospital in the capacity of president of the Board and it is in great part due to his activity that it enjoys its present prosperity. He took a great interest in the erection of the handsome new wing to the hospital. He made a personal canvass for the necessary funds and succeeded in obtaining a magnificent amount. The 22nd of August next Mr. Eddy will be seventy-six years of age, and yet he is as fresh-looking and as active as many men twenty-five years younger. Mr. Eddy is truly a wonderful man, both physically and as a master of industry. In religion he is a Presbyterian; and in politics a Conservative.

Toronto Notes.

Preaching in Bloor street church from the text James 1: 4, "Let patience have her perfect work that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing," Rev. Prof. Beattie, of Louisville, Ky., after characterizing the present age as restless, intense, feverish, defined patience as not a passive virtue, not submission to the inevitable, but as active and positive, as believing and courageous endurance, as endurance lit with hope, courage resolute in repose, fortitude fixed in faith. Discussing its conditions, he observed that patience implies purpose in life—a purpose ethically right, lofty, ideal; persistence and perseverance in following life's purpose; and religious, believing, Christian faith in God's goodness, love and wisdom, a faith at once personal, vital and intelligent. The pledge of faith is that it makes life "perfect and entire,

wanting nothing," that is, fitted to its end and task. This pledge patience fulfills by making life strong and steadfast; gentle and kindly; joyous and happy and full of hope. This virtue of patience, the preacher pointed out, is learned in the school of Christ. Dr. Beattie, who is a graduate of Toronto University and Knox College, did good service at the Summer School by his scholarly addresses.

Montreal.

The late James Cooper, the well-known merchant, by his will has left \$60,000 to McGill University, and \$25,000 for hospital work.

Mr. Charles Gordonsmith, of the editorial staff of the Montreal Witness, has been elected Provincial Grand Master of the M. N. Order of Oddfellows. The newly elected head of Oddfellows of Quebec is a son of Rev. Mr. Gordonsmith, for a long time minister of St. Andrew's church, Lancaster, and was recently president of the Press Association of Quebec.

The token as used in the Presbyterian Church to denote preparation for the communion has long been falling into disuse, and already collectors are on the lookout for quaint specimens. One of the best collections in Canada is possessed by Mr. R. W. MacLachlan, curator of the Chateau de Ramsay, in this city. It contains several that were used in the first Presbyterian churches built in this country, and some are quite distinct from the ordinary token, which has on one side the communion table, and on the other side the text, "This do in remembrance of Me."

A few weeks ago mention was made of the intention to tear down the walls of Old St. Gabriel church. This has now been accomplished, and nothing now remains of that historic structure but the records and memorials of its existence. It has made way for an extension of the court house, and thus the first landmark of Presbyterianism, and, indeed, of Protestantism, in Montreal has been removed. It was built in 1792, and for more than a century some of the most solid citizens of this eastern metropolis worshipped within its walls. It was expected that many interesting relics would be found in the corner-stone, but so far nothing has been revealed but one of the old communion tokens. So much interest was attached to this piece of brass that the finder was able to sell it for \$5.

Eastern Ontario.

Owing to Rev. Mr. Cormack's absence, Rev. Mr. Potter, of Kingston, missionary among the sailors, conducted the service in the Maxville church Sunday morning.

Rev. Dr. McTavish, Deseronto, was re-elected moderator of Kingston Presbytery for the ensuing year.

The pulpit of Emmanuel church, East Toronto, was supplied last Sunday by J. V. Johnson, M.A., principal of Mary street Public school, the pastor, Rev. I. H. Rogers, B.A., being absent on his holidays.

Rev. R. Laird has returned from a trip to the Pacific Coast, where he attended the meeting of the General Assembly.

The Lanark and Renfrew Presbytery met in Carleton Place on Tuesday of last week. The business was unimportant and only ten members were present.

The new elders elected by the Avonmore congregation are Messrs. D. D. McIntyre, Ira Shaver and Uriah Shaver.

Rev. K. Gollan, of Dunvegan, preached at Avonmore on Sunday evening in the absence of Rev. Mr. Weir, who officiated in Maxville.

Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Woodside, of Carleton Place, are away to Quebec on a month's holiday. Rev. Mr. Robinson is to take the most of the Sabbaths.

Rev. A. C. Bryan, of Westport, occupied the pulpit of Knox church, Perth, in the absence of the pastor.

Rev. A. A. Scott and Mrs. Scott, Carleton Place, have returned from their holiday trip feeling and looking very well; and Mr. Scott has resumed his pastoral duties.

Rev. Mr. Wallace, Middleville, has gone to Burie, Ont., to bring his family to occupy the manse. Rev. Mr. McAulay, of Ottawa, conducted the church services on Sunday last.

Rev. R. Young, of St. Andrew's church, Pakenham, left for his home in Trenton where he will spend a three weeks' holiday. Mr. Wm. Moore, of Carleton Place, will officiate for him in his absence.

On Sunday evening the members of the local lodge of Oddfellows attended divine service in the Congregational church, Maxville, when Rev. Mr. Weir of Avonmore, preached a sermon appropriate for the occasion.

A special service for children was held in Knox church, Lancaster, last Sabbath morning. Notwithstanding the unfavorable weather a goodly number were in attendance. Rev. A. Graham, using flowers as an illustration, spoke on "God's message through the Flowers."

A very enjoyable lawn social was held by the Mission Band of Knox church, on Friday afternoon on the grounds of Inkerman Cottage, South Lancaster. A pleasant and profitable time was spent.

Mr. Albert Wilson, who is in charge of the Presbyterian church at Douglas during the absence of Rev. Mr. Mackenzie, conducted the services in Melville Presbyterian church, Eganville, last Sunday. Rev. Mr. Ratray preached at Douglas and Scotch Bush.

Rev. Neil Leckie of the Central Presbyterian church, Hamilton, occupied the pulpit in St. Andrew's church, Picton, on Sunday morning and evening, and spent several days the guest of Rev. Mr. MacLaren.

The ladies of the Russell church have arranged an excursion and basket picnic to Rockcliffe Park, Ottawa, for Friday, July 31st. It is sure to be a pleasant outing, as the spot selected forms an ideal picnic ground.

Rev. Robt. Harkness and family, of Cornwall, leave next week on a month's vacation, which will be spent at their old home in Harriston, Ont.

The Port Hope Guide, referring to the young minister of the First church in that town, says: "Rev. H. E. Abraham occupied the pulpit both morning and evening. The sermons at both services were helpful and eloquent and were listened to by large and appreciative congregations."

Western Ontario.

Streetsville has called Mr. S. F. Martin, a graduate of Knox.

The Rev. R. Fowle, Erin, exchanged pulpits with the Rev. Watts, of Alton and North Corner.

Rev. Louis Perrin, of Georgetown and Limehouse has accepted the call to the Presbyterian church, Wroter.

Rev. Mr. Panton, M.A., has been elected Moderator of Stratford Presbytery.

It is announced that Rev. Dr. Johnston, of Tilbury, will preach his farewell sermon on 31st August.

Rev. G. C. Patterson, of Embro, is slowly improving, and his large congregation hope that he may soon be restored to his usual health and strength.

Rev. W. J. Jamieson has been elected Moderator of Sarnia Presbytery.

The Rev. A. A. Graham, B.D., of Petrolia, preached at Burns last Sunday in exchange with Mr. Currie.

Rev. Dr. Wilkie, a returned missionary from India, has been supplying the pulpit of St. Paul's church, Ingersoll, in the absence of Rev. E. R. Hutt.

The new church at Newton was opened last Sabbath. Services were conducted by Rev. J. R. McKay, of Inverness, Scotland.

Rev. Mr. McNeil, of Byfield, conducted services in St. Andrew's church, Kippen, last Sunday.

Rev. Mr. Patterson, of Chesley, Ont., has been called to the pastorate of the Presbyterian church at Regina, vacant by the appointment of Rev. Mr. Carmichael.

Next meeting of London Presbytery will be held at London, 8th September, at 10.30 a.m.

Just before leaving on his vacation, Rev. W. T. Allison, pastor of the Stayer church, was presented with a purse of \$30.00.

The Maple Valley Presbyterians have decided on the erection of a new church next spring on the site of the old one. The old one is too small and in other ways not in keeping with the deeds and ability of the congregation. The pastor, Rev. G. S. Scott, was much pleased with the harmony of the meeting and encouraged by the prospects. The seventeenth annual picnic, recently held, was a great success in every way.