

to meet the deepest wants of humanity. Whatever their rightful place may have been under Providence in the education of humanity, whatever the virtues they are calculated to promote among peoples in a certain state of mental or material development, however beautiful the theory or elevating the ethics which some of them embody or enjoin, we cannot accept them as a substitute for Christianity or withhold its higher light from those who sit beneath their shadow."

Notes From Honan.

The following extracts from a letter from Honan are of interest to the church.

"Dr. Smith has been compelled to beat a retreat to the coast, which leaves the field without a medical man this summer. On April 29th Dr. Smith was prostrated with typhus fever. After a hard pull for 15 days he began to recover, and we thought he was getting on nicely when he took pneumonia. This found him very weak after the typhus, and it was plain that he would not be able to remain in Honan this summer. So a boat was hired and 31 days after he was first confined to bed we had eight men carry him in a bed down to the boat, and he with Dr. and Mrs. Malcolm and Miss McIntosh left at daylight for the coast."

"Mrs. Malcolm's attack of small pox was exceedingly severe, at one time it seemed as if there was almost no hope of her recovery, but she is now able to go about although quite weak."

"The seriousness of Dr. Smith's illness may be better appreciated when you know that six out of seven who take typhus in North China die. These two diseases are amongst the most contagious known, and we have much to be thankful for that the rest of us have escaped, though exposed to both whilst nursing."

"Every thing in the field is very quiet—the people are all busy with the wheat harvest. The reports brought in by the helpers are very encouraging, indicating a gradual, steady and healthy growth of the spirit of true enquiry among the people who are brought into more immediate contact with the preached Gospel."

In all this there is cause for devout thankfulness. God has been gracious to our missionaries and to the church, in preserving their lives and in giving indications of blessing on their labours. Ought it not, however, to stimulate the church to more constant prayerfulness in behalf of our missionaries? This serious illness was in the mission and we knew not of it until the crisis had passed. That may occur at any time, and it should cause us to bear them on our spirits to the Throne of Grace without ceasing.

When this letter was written, which is dated 31st May, the war cloud had not appeared. These missionaries are somewhere in the troubled districts—probably in Japan. The executive has sent a cablegram to our agent at Tientsin asking him to give whatever warning or help he can. Let the whole church commend these loved brethren to the keeping of Him who neither slumbers nor sleeps.

R. P. MCKAY.

THE Presbyterians of East Seneca joined the Methodists of Canfield in a picnic outing last week. The day was spent with pleasure and profit.

REV. F. B. MEYER, of London, has again crossed to the States, at the invitation of Mr. Moody, and is to spend the month of August in Northfield, Mass., Mr. Moody's home, where he is to give daily bible readings. To a steadily widening circle his remarkable labours and success, both as an organizer and as a teacher and writer, are well known. His power is in his personality, or rather we should say, in the Personality that possesses him, for he is one who habitually walks with God, who finds in his Lord the power, the solace or the rest requisite for each day's need, whether it be in directing a wood chopping and window cleaning brigade, as in his Leicester work, or in directing the thoughts of a great mass of hungry Christians,—as at the Keewic Conventions and the Northfield gatherings, to that place of soul rest which he has himself found.

Church News.

In Canada.

THE Rev. Andrew McNabb is called to the pastorate of Whitechurch and Langside congregations.

A LAY social was held on the 10th July at the residence of Mr. A. Leitch, Oak Lake, Man., in aid of the church there. The lawn was brilliantly lighted by Chinese lamps of every color. Ice cream, fruit and cakes were served at intervals. Music was supplied by Mesdames Findlay, Moore, Booth and Leitch, also by Messrs. Paul McKinley and Baunister. Receipts amounted to \$28.50. The church has been beautifully kalsomined and painted.

A CORRESPONDENT says:—A marked improvement in the lighting of the Presbyterian church, Dalhousie Mills, has been noticed by all who, during the past three weeks, attended the Y.P.S.C.E. meeting on Sabbath evenings. As the outcome of the generosity of our obliging secretary-treasurer, Mr. C. F. Stackhouse, of Povrii, two new chandeliers of ornamental design, with beautiful brass mountings and supporting eight lights in all, have been placed on each side of the middle aisle of the church, while a large outside lamp has been set in a conspicuous spot at the door of the church for the benefit of all who may attend the evening services. The people and pastor of the congregation feel very grateful to Mr. Stackhouse for this valuable and much needed gift.

OWING to the inward growth and outward extension of the congregations to which the Rev. J. Becket, of Thameville, has ministered for the last twenty-six years, it became necessary to re-arrange the whole field. After due deliberation and consideration of the interests of all parties concerned, it was decided by the Presbytery of Chatham that Mr. Becket confine his services to Thameville and Turin, and that Botany be united with Kent Bridge and McKay's Corners to form a new pastoral charge. The severance of the tie that bound pastor and people in Botany for so long a time, was made with much sorrow and regret by both parties early last June, when, to an overflowing house he preached his farewell sermon. On Friday evening, July 27th, he was taken wholly by surprise when the manse was invaded by nearly a hundred of his former parishioners, who, after treating him and his household as well as themselves to ice cream and other refreshments, read the following address, during which he was presented with a beautiful gold watch and chain and Mrs. Becket with an elegant silver fruit dish. "To the Reverend J. Becket. Dear Sir:—We your friends of Botany and vicinity have assembled here-to-night to show our affection and respect for you and our appreciation of the work you have done. Your cheerful energy, your intelligent and devoted exertions, and your zealous and aggressive work for Christ will ever remain an example for us all; and your many kind deeds and encouraging words will never be forgotten. Since your induction among us we have learned as a congregation to love you as our pastor; and we believe that through your ministrations many have been brought to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ, and our prayer will always be that God's richest blessing may still follow you in your home and also in the flock over which you are the shepherd. In conclusion, we beg you to accept this gold watch and chain as a slight token of our appreciation of your faithful discharge of duty and trust, hoping that it may help to recall the many happy seasons we have spent together. We also ask our dear friend Mrs. Becket to accept this silver fruit dish with many thanks for the kindly interest she has ever taken in the work of our church. May God's crowning favor rest upon yourselves and family, and through the abundant grace of our Lord Jesus Christ may we at last meet in our Father's house where we shall go in to go out no more for ever." Mr. Becket feelingly replied, thanking them for their unexpected visit and costly presents to himself and Mrs. Becket, and also for the many kindnesses he had often received at their hands. His best wishes were with them and his earnest prayer was for them

that soon they would have a settled pastor over them in the Lord. Pointed and feeling addresses were given by Rev. J. A. Jamieson, B.A., Toronto, Messrs D. A. Hutchinson, M. Mowbray and Jas. Brown. After singing "Should auld acquaintance be forgot!" the proceedings were brought to a close by the doxology and benediction.

Presbytery of Paris.

A SPECIAL meeting of the Presbytery of Paris was held in First church, Brantford, July 31st, for the induction of Rev. R. M. Hamilton, and other business, Rev. E. Cockburn, M.A., presiding. The induction sermon was preached by Mr. Reid, the prescribed questions were put and the induction prayer offered by the moderator. The charge to the pastor was given by Dr. McMullen, and the address to the people by Mr. Hutt. At the close a cordial welcome was given by the congregation to their new pastor. Norwich and Bookton were at their own request reunited as one pastoral charge. Next ordinary meeting will be held in Paris, Oct. 16th, at 10.30 a.m.—W. T. McMULLEN, Clerk.

Presbytery of Owen Sound.

PRESBYTERY of Owen Sound met in Division Street Hall, July 17th, at 10 a.m., and was constituted. The first hour was spent in devotional exercises led by Mr. Acheson. Dr. Waits was appointed moderator for the current year. The resignation of Mr. McAlpine was accepted, to take effect after the last Sabbath of July; and Mr. Somerville was appointed to declare the pulpit vacant on the first Sabbath of August, and to act as moderator of session during the vacancy. The standing committees for the year were appointed and also committees to consider remits. The following committees were appointed to visit congregations in which arrears of salary are reported: 1. Iako Charles—Messrs. Acheson and Cribb; 2. Hopworth—Messrs. P. McNabb and Hewitson; 3. Johnston, etc.—Messrs. Davidson and Sword. The moderator was instructed to prescribe subjects of discourses for students labouring in the Presbytery. Mr. Wells, of Flesherton, appeared to show reasons why leave should not be given to the congregation of Markdale to sell the Orange Valley church. The Presbytery agreed to withdraw the leave given to Markdale to sell the Orange Valley church inasmuch as it is not clear to the Presbytery that Markdale has the exclusive right to the property. Mr. Hamilton laid on the table his resignation of the charge of Keady, Desboro, and Peabody. Messrs. Acheson, Rodgers and Smith were appointed to meet with Mr. Hamilton and report at next regular meeting. Leave was granted to the congregations of Cruikshanks and Shallow Lake to build a church at the latter place, and the people were commended for their interest in the matter. The clerk, moderator and Mr. Telford were appointed to prepare a programme for conference on Monday preceding next meeting of Presbytery. Mr. D. A. McLean was appointed to lead in the devotional exercises at the next meeting. Mr. Jamieson resigned the charge of Hopworth and Cruikshanks, and Presbytery agreed to cite the congregations to appear at the regular meeting in September. Presbytery then adjourned to meet in the same place, 18th September, at 10 a.m., and the meeting was closed with the benediction.—J. SOUZA-VILLE, Clerk.

Presbytery of Barrie.

THIS Presbytery met at Barrie, on Tuesday, 31st July, at 10.30 a.m. The attendance was smaller than usual. The Rev. Mr. Morrin, of Port Colborne, was invited to sit with the court. Mr. McLeod was elected moderator for the next six months. On report of a committee appointed to visit St. Andrew's church, Nottawasaga, Banks and Gibraltar, it was agreed to unite these congregations in one charge, to be dealt with as mission stations, and provided with a student missionary for one year, and a diving outfit provided for the missionary. It is hoped that they will soon