

On Sunday last Rev. Dr. Bayne, Ph.D., of Pembroke, preached in St. Andrew's Church, Pakenham, morning and evening, and Rev. E. S. Logie preached for Dr. Bayne in Pembroke.

Rev. S. H. Eastman, of Meaford, preached in the Presbyterian Church, Brooklyn, last Sunday, and will again conduct the afternoon service there next Sunday.

Service will be held at 2.30 in St. Andrew's Church, Appleton, next Sabbath instead of the morning. Rev. A. A. Scott, of Carleton Place, will preach here, and Rev. Mr. Woodside at Ashton. On the Sabbath following Mr. Conn, who has been assisting Rev. M. W. McLean in St. Andrew's Church, Belleville, will preach here and at Ashton.

A special meeting of the Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew will be held in Zion Church, Carleton Place, on Tuesday, July 18th, at 10.30 a.m., to issue a call from the congregation of Winchester to Rev. E. S. Logie, of Pakenham, and to deal with the resignation of Dr. Campbell of his pastoral charge of St. Andrew's Church, Renfrew, in consequence of his appointment as agent of the 20th century land movement.

WESTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. Dr. Smith, Thamesford, preached in Knox Church, Guelph, on Sunday last.

Rev. R. J. M. Glassford, Guelph, has left for a holiday to the Manitoulin Island.

Rev. Dr. Witkie, principal of the college in connection with the Indore Mission, India, and cousin of Rev. E. W. Pantou, preached at St. Andrew's Church, Stratford, last Sunday morning, and at Knox Church in the evening.

Rev. Mr. Ross, Glenora, will conduct the services in Knox Church, Guelph, next Sunday. Rev. Dr. Wardrope has announced that the congregation would meet on Monday, the 17th, to moderate in a call.

Mr. Burton, of Dundas, occupied the pulpit of Knox Church, Brimbrock, last Sunday morning. The Ladies' Aid Society held a meeting at the residence of Mr. Robert Stewart, on July 12th, and an ice-cream social will be held at the residence of Mr. Robert Dalgluigh on July 17th, under the auspices of this society.

Rev. A. J. MacGillivray, M.A., of London, occupied the pulpit of MacNab Street Church, Hamilton, last Sunday. His text in the morning was John xvi. 31 and 32, and at the evening, Eph. vi. 10-11. He is expected to take Dr. Fletcher's place the remaining Sundays of this month.

The Presbyterian congregation of Berlin, Ont., have extended a call to Rev. A. B. Winchester, missionary to the Chinese at Victoria, B.C. Mr. Winchester, some months ago, on account of ill-health, tendered his resignation of his present charge. As he had been a successful missionary, and one in whom much confidence was placed by the Chinese, the committee asked him to reconsider his resignation. He was pastor of the Berlin congregation before his appointment to Victoria, but whether or not he will accept the call is not yet known.

A very successful and largely attended lawn social was held under the auspices of the W. F. M. Auxiliary of Knox Church, Guelph, at the residence of Mr. George McIntosh, Paisley Block. There were quite a number from the city present. Addresses were given by Revs. E. J. M. Glassford, J. W. Hindley and Mr. Watt, of the city. A pleasing programme of vocal and instrumental music was rendered, which was given largely by Guelph vocalists. Excellent refreshments were served, and a good time spent by all.

The congregation of the First Presbyterian Church, Wilmington, N.C., have appreciated the Rev. R. E. Knowles, B.A., pastor of Knox Church, Galt, with a view to ascertaining if he would consider a call. In his present charge Mr. Knowles gets a stipend of \$3,000 and a manse, and is much beloved by his flock. He came to Galt about a year ago from Stewarton Church, Ottawa. When asked what he intended to do, Mr. Knowles replied that he had nothing to say yet.

The Rev. John T. Taylor, Galt, will go as a missionary to Central India, but he will not be supported by Knox Church. This decision was arrived at recently at the congregational meeting held to consider the matter. It would cost the church \$600 per annum, and the action reported that the requisite amount had not been assured. It was then suggested that Knox Church supply half the funds, but this proposition was rejected also. The year's contributions to missions, however, promise to be larger than before, liberal though Knox Church has always been.

The visit of the Rev. John McKay, of Lucknow, and his brother, Rev. Hugh McKay, for

many years Presbyterian missionary at Round Lake Industrial School, made a very interesting change to the usual weekly prayer meeting service at St. Andrew's Church, Stratford. Both visitors took part in the exercises, the latter giving a very vivid discourse on the work of Christianizing the Indian children in the schools. After the religious service, Mr. A. C. Mowat, the late choir leader, was called forward and presented with an address, read by Mr. C. J. McGregor, to which Mr. Mowat made a very feeling though brief reply.

NORTHERN ONTARIO.

The Rev. J. L. Robertson, M.A., at one time pastor of the Presbyterian Church, Sundridge, is supplying the pulpit of St. Andrew's Church, Sudbury, during the absence of the pastor, Rev. J. W. McLean, on his vacation.

The Ladies' Aid Society of Knox Church, Sundridge, will give a garden party at the home of Mr. Wm. Hall on the evening of July 21. Entertainment to consist of music, games, etc. Refreshments served during the evening.

Successful anniversary services were held in Chalmers' Church, Fiesherston, on Sabbath, the 2nd inst. The congregation was large, and listened intently to touching and edifying sermons by Rev. John Little, of Chatsworth, whose pulpit was occupied by Rev. L. W. Thorn. On Monday evening a festival was held in the beautiful basement of the church, after which, in the auditorium above, a pleasing and profitable programme was rendered, the pastor, Rev. L. Shaw, presiding. After an anthem by the choir and prayer by Rev. A. J. Darroch, the Rev. Mr. Little expressed the pleasure it gave him to have ministered on this occasion, and in a few happy words wished the congregation God-speed before leaving on the evening train. Short and pithy addresses were given by Revs. Messrs. Ward (Methodist) and Darroch (Baptist), of this place, and Rev. J. L. Small, of Kewatin, who was the guest of the pastor, and who, by the way, told his audience of the tender memories he had of this church, having here preached his first sermon when a student eleven years ago. Mr. Small, who possesses marked elocutionary power, also gave two recitations with touching effect. Pleasing solos were given by Messrs. Barnhouse, Ritchie and Miss Joy, and duets by Miss Christie and Mrs. Blackburn, and Mr. Sheppard and Miss Joy. Proceeds, \$50.

QUEBEC PROVINCE.

The Presbytery of Quebec will meet in Richmond on Sunday 12th.

James Stevenson, who wrote at Danville Academy in the A.A. examinations in 1898, and took the highest number of marks among the pupils under 18 years of age, has again distinguished himself at Glasgow Academy, where he was during the session of 1898-99. He gained the academic club prize, which is awarded to the pupil of the classical section of the school for excellence in Latin, Greek, mathematics, French and English. He is a son of the Rev. A. Stevenson, minister of the Presbyterian Church, Danville, Que. Mr. Stevenson is only sixteen years of age.

The Presbytery of Quebec met in Sherbrooke on the 4th of July. Dr. Kellock was elected Moderator for the ensuing twelve months. A. O. MacLae, Ph.D., was transferred to the Presbytery of St. John for license. Steps were taken toward the organization of a mission station at East Angus and Dudswell. Rev. J. M. Whitelaw was instructed to visit the fields with that view. A hopeful report was submitted ament the new mission at Treford. Standing committees were appointed with the following conveners: Augmentation, Dr. Kellock; church life and work, Rev. J. M. Whitelaw; French work, Rev. D. Tan; Y.P.S., Rev. W. Shearer; statistics, Rev. J. R. MacLeod; Sabbath schools, Rev. A. Stevenson; home missions, Rev. A. T. Love, and superintendence of education of students, Prof. Sharp. A reference from the Board of French Evangelization ament gradual reduction of grants to French fields was referred to the Presbytery's committee on French work. Revs. E. MacQuarrie and W. Shearer were appointed to visit South Church, Inverness. The Presbytery approved of the erection of a church building within the bounds of Hampden congregation for the convenience of a portion of that congregation. Rev. D. MacLeod was appointed assessor of Scotland Session. The Presbytery adjourned to meet in Chalmers' Church, Richmond, on the 12th September, at 4.30 p.m.

Died.

Suddenly at "The Rowans," Beaverton, on Thursday, July 13th, Winifred, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Blackett Robinson.

Rev. Dr. Amaron Will Remain.

At a meeting of the Presbytery of Montreal on Tuesday, Rev. Dr. C. E. Amaron, pastor of St. John's Presbyterian Church, declined the call which had been extended to him from St. Anne's Church, Kankakee, in the Presbytery of Chicago. The presbytery had been convened for the special purpose of considering the call, and when Dr. Amaron announced his decision, at the close of a few brief remarks, he was loudly applauded. Representatives of St. John's congregation spoke in terms of high esteem of the good work which Dr. Amaron was doing among them.

Mr. Herdt, one of the commissioners, said that during his ministry of a little more than three years, Rev. Dr. Amaron had collected almost \$8,000 in reduction of the church debt. There was still about \$5,000 to raise. The communion roll numbered about 120, but of these only about 23 were able to contribute anything. Dr. Amaron asked the presbytery to recommend the Board of French Evangelization to grant \$100 a year more towards the work of St. Anne's, and to pay for three years the interest, some \$240 per annum, on the mortgage or on whatever balance of it might remain from year to year during that period. If this were done, he was prepared to discontinue the congregation of St. Anne's, to forego the comforts of a beautiful position charge, and to enter with new enthusiasm, backed by his congregation, upon the wiping out of the debt, and attacking the mortgage. The congregation was also prepared to do its share in raising the \$400,000 which the General Assembly asked for debts on churches.

Motion in the sense asked for by Rev. Dr. Amaron were unanimously adopted, and Revs. A. J. Mowat, Dr. Campbell, F. M. Dewey, G. C. Heine, James Patterson and J. R. Dobson, were appointed a deputation to visit the congregation of St. John's.

Rev. Dr. Amaron thanked the presbytery for the expressions of appreciation concerning his work that had been uttered, and announced his decision to decline the call to St. Anne's.

Lachute, Que.

The corner stone of the new Lachute Church was laid on Wednesday last by Dr. Christie, M.P. The members of the Montreal Presbytery present were the Rev. N. Waddell, ex-Moderator of Presbytery, and the pastor of the congregation; the Revs. Dr. Ross, Dr. Paterson, Jas. H. Beatt, and Dr. Christie. Other clergymen present were the Revs. John McCarter, Montreal; Mr. Radley, Methodist Church, Lachute; Mr. Silcox and Mr. Cresswell, of the Baptist Church. There were also on the platform the Hon. Mr. Fraser, Nova Scotia, and Mr. George Hay, Ottawa.

After singing of the Hundredth Psalm, the Rev. Jas. H. Beatt, of Rockburn, read the Scripture lesson from I. Chron. xxiv. 10-19, and afterwards engaged in prayer. A casket was placed in the hollow reserved for it, the contents being as follows: A copy of the local newspaper, a series of the city papers, the coins of the realm, and an interesting history of the settlement, as found in the foundation stone of Henry Church, which is being taken down, as the brick is to be used in the new church.

The document details incidents connected with the first settlement, and subsequent progress of Lachute, from 1790 until Aug. 13, 1851. Mr. Ezekiel Clark, of Jericho, Vt., appears to have been the first settler. The first day school was begun in 1800, and in the same year a Sabbath school was formed. The first store was established in 1813 and the first church was built in 1831. In 1835 the settlement obtained a post-office. In 1843 the name of the place was changed from Lachute to St. Jerusalem d'Archange.

Dr. Christie, after declaring the stone "well and truly laid," referred to the union of the two churches. The presbytery had seen at once that a new church was necessary before a union would be satisfactory. When the people were appealed to, they gave freely and willingly. Then they found there was some prospect of building, and opening the church free of debt, and this was the beginning of the end.

Speeches were also made by Rev. Dr. Ross, of Montreal College; Hon. D. C. Fraser, of Nova Scotia; Mr. Geo. Hay, of Ottawa, and Rev. Jas. H. Beatt. Rev. Messrs. Radley, Silcox and Dr. Paterson wished all success to the congregation, after which Dr. Ross pronounced the benediction.

The collection taken up amounted to \$268.48.

A unique event of the day was in the presence on the platform of four members of the churches who were members in 1851, when the last foundation stone was laid of Henry Church. They were Dr. Christie, Mr. David Raitt and Mr. George L. Meikle, who were present on the former occasion as well as on this, and Mr. James Henderson, who was only absent then on account of being in California, although he was then a member of the church.