

WESTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. Mr. Scott, of Mount Pleasant, preached in the Bradford church last Sunday.

Rev. James Anthony, of Watertown, occupied the pulpit of Erskine church, Hamilton, on July 14.

The Orillia Presbyterian Sunday school are having an excursion to the Kirkfield lift lock on the 31st instant.

Dr. and Mrs. McQueen entertained the elders and managers of Strabane Presbyterian Church last week.

Rev. W. S. Wright, of Mohawk, preached in Knox Church, Cayuga, last Sunday.

The twenty-fifth anniversary of the induction of Rev. R. N. Grant was celebrated last week in the Orillia church, and was an occasion of great interest to all his Orillia friends.

A very successful garden party was held recently in Williamsford under the auspices of the Presbyterian Church. The ladies served a delicious supper, which was enjoyed by a very large number.

The ice cream lawn social given by the ladies of the Duthill Presbyterian Church was a decided success. It was held at the residence of Mr. Alex. McRae, jun., and the proceeds amounted to \$29.55.

Knox Church, Mitchell, held a very enjoyable Sunday school picnic on the 16th instant. The afternoon was spent very pleasantly in various games and amusements and all returned safe home about 8 p.m.

Melville Church, Fergus, planned a garden party a couple of weeks ago, and when a downpour of rain upset arrangements, the affair was held in the town hall, where a very pleasant evening was spent by a considerable number.

On the 18th July the Ladies' Aid of St. Andrew's Church, Fergus, held a very pleasant garden party on the manse grounds. The affair took the nature of a farewell gathering to the Rev. Mr. Mullan, for 36 years pastor of the congregation.

Rev. Hugh A. Macpherson, pastor of Chalmers' Presbyterian Church, Toronto, has declined an invitation from Galt First Presbyterian Church. Galt was his boyhood home, and his father taught school there, but he prefers to remain in his present charge.

Very large congregations turned out when Rev. A. S. Howard preached his farewell sermons in the Cayuga Church before leaving to take up his new charge at Kempsville. Mr. and Mrs. Howard have won for themselves a large circle of friends in Cayuga, who deeply regret their departure.

A successful lawn social was held on the grounds of the Presbyterian Church, Smithville, on Monday evening. Owing to a slight rain the attendance was not as large as it would otherwise have been, but a good programme well pleased the people who braved the unfavorable weather.

The garden party held on the Presbyterian Church grounds at Keady was a great success. The evening was fine so the attendance was large. The Chatsworth Brass Band supplied the music for the occasion, which was listened to by all with a great deal of pleasure. The proceeds of the evening amounted to over \$901.

Everything favored the garden party given by the ladies of Knox church, on the lawn of Mr. Wm. Wild, North Cayuga, on Wednesday of last week. The weather was perfect and the lawn was crowded from early in the evening till late at night. The programme rendered by the Cayuga Firemen's Band, assisted by Miss Beniah Robertson, was first class and the proceeds amounted to over \$100.

Rev. J. H. McVicar, of Fergus, announced to his congregation at the morning service on the 14th July, that his resignation was about to be placed in the hands of the Presbytery. He has felt for some time the need of a prolonged rest, and suggested a union of the two local churches. The matter after being considered at a meeting of the Presbytery at Guelph, will be again brought up at an adjourned meeting to be held in Fergus.

The Ladies' Aid of Knox church, Stratford, held a very enjoyable lawn social last week. The grounds were prettily decorated with flags and evergreens and splendidly lighted with rows of electric incandescents. Ice cream and other delicacies were served at the tables placed around the grounds. Music was furnished by a band, which aided materially in the enjoyment of the evening. The social was very successful and the ladies are to be complimented upon the excellent arrangements for the comfort and pleasure of the guests.

Mr. Howard went to Cayuga in May, 1903, it being his first charge. During his four years' pastorate in Cayuga, Knox church has grown and prospered. It was largely owing to his untiring efforts that the new and beautiful church was erected in 1904, the first year he was in charge. Since then the debt has been reduced each year and the church has continued to prosper. He leaves it in a state of spiritual and financial advancement, which reflects most creditably upon himself, his elders and the whole congregation.

Knox Church, Guelph, held a very enjoyable picnic at Riverside Park on the 18th instant. The weather was fine and the crowd of scholars from Knox Church was swelled by a large contingent from the branch school in St. Patrick's Ward. During the afternoon, while the grown-ups and parents joined the happy throng, games of baseball were indulged in, and when the call to supper was heard there were almost 500 people waiting to be served by the lady teachers. It was after the serving of the supper that the most enjoyable part of the programme was carried out in a long list of races. Races for all were the aim of the committee, and they certainly succeeded in their task, for every one was given a chance to show their fleet-footedness.

Gratifying indeed was the success of the garden party held on the spacious grounds of Mr. James Brown, Main street, under the direction of the Ladies' Aid of Knox church, Acton. The attendance was large and the proceedings full of interest. The grounds presented a good appearance indeed. They were brilliantly lighted with electric lights, with Chinese lanterns profusely scattered between. The programme was thoroughly enjoyable. Rev. J. C. Wilson, B.A., the pastor, was chairman, and managed the programme with skill. The artists were all from Guelph and their several parts were well taken. The proceeds amounted to \$160.84.

Service was held Sunday afternoon, July 14, in Knox church, Embro, in connection with the C.O.O.F. The brotherhood attended in a body, parading from their lodgerooms to the church, where services were conducted by the pastor, Rev. James Barber, assisted by Rev. W. D. Spence, of the Congregational Church. Representatives were present from Woodstock and other lodges. Mr. Price, of the Woodstock lodge, contributed a solo in pleasing style. A collection was taken up in aid of the Muskoka Sanatorium. Rev. Kenneth McLeod, of Edmonton, Alta., conducted services in Knox Church Sunday evening. Mr. McLeod is an old Zorra boy, who is doing good work in the West. He is moderator of the Red Deer district, and came east to attend the General Assembly in Montreal.

OWEN SOUND PRESBYTERIAL.

The Owen Sound Presbyterial W. F. M. S. was held on Tuesday, July 2nd, and attended by a large number of delegates. The reports indicated progress in membership and contributions. An address by Mrs. Gregory of Toronto on "Woman, her place in God's plan," was much enjoyed. Addresses were given by two lady missionaries, one Mrs. Perkins, from Liberia, the other Mrs. Bannerman from Alaska, both very interesting. The Presbyterial's greetings were presented by Rev. Mr. Eastman of Meaford. Addresses and papers were given by several delegates, and altogether the meeting was most helpful and stimulating.

The officers are:—President, Mrs. Gardner, Meaford; vice-presidents, Mrs. Woodside, Owen Sound; Mrs. Cameron, Annan; Mrs. Nichol, Warton; Mrs. Shepherd, Markdale; recording secretary, Mrs. Eastman, Meaford; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Fraser, Annan; Tidings secretary, Mrs. LePan, Owen Sound; supply secretary, Mrs. Caton, Owen Sound; M. Band secretary, Miss Dow, Owen Sound; treasurer, Mrs. Spence, Owen Sound.

The ladies of Knox church entertained the delegates and the Presbyterial most hospitably.

QUEBEC.

The Rev. M. P. Tanner, of Fitzroy Harbor, Ont., has been called to Zion Church, Dundee, Que.

The Rev. R. Laird has completed a canvass of the congregation of English River and Howick for Queen's College Endowment Fund, by which he got \$408. Too much cannot be said in praise of Mr. Laird as an agent.

The Rev. Mr. Cruickshanks preached at English River and Howick on the 14th inst. in the absence of the Rev. J. M. Kellock, who is collecting for Queen's College in Elgin and Athelstone.

The annual thank offering meeting of the English River part of the G. and E. R. W. M. S. was held in the church, English River, on the evening of the 5th inst. Rev. J. M. Kellock presided and was assisted in the devotional exercises by the Rev. R. Laird. Suitable music was furnished by four of the young ladies of English River and the address of the evening was made by the Rev. J. R. Dobson, of Montreal.

At a meeting of the Paris Presbytery, a call was presented from the united congregations of Balfour street church at Brantford and Onondaga, to Rev. Andrew C. Justice, B.A., of Sombra. The call was sustained by the Presbytery and accepted by Mr. Justice. Arrangements were made for his induction on Thursday, August 1. Rev. Mr. Martin of Brantford will preside, Rev. D. I. Ellison of Ayr will preach, Rev. Mr. Pettigrew of Glenmorris will address the minister, and Rev. H. J. Pritchard, of Brantford, will address the congregation.

The new church at Rosendale was opened for worship on a recent Sunday. Rev. Dr. Hart, Manitoba College, Winnipeg, preached morning and evening to large and appreciative congregations. The tea meeting and concert given was a great success in every respect.

Rev. Thomas Wilson, of Walkerton, left for the West last Tuesday, accompanied by Mrs. Wilson and family. Mr. Wilson will have charge of Knox church, Regina, during Rev. Mr. Henry's vacation.

Rev. Dr. King, formerly of Galt, preached in St. Paul's church, Hamilton, on the 14th inst.