

Eastern Ontario.

Rev. J. A. Anderson, Gooderich, has been visiting friends at Lancaster.

Rev. D. Currie, M. A., Perth, has been elected moderator of Presbytery Lanark and Renfrew.

Rev. A. H. Scott, of St. Andrew's, Perth, is holidaying at his summer house, "Elmbank," near Martintown.

Dr. P. C. McGregor, of Almonte, preached highly edifying sermons in the Presbyterian churches of Middleville and Darling last Sabbath week.

A meeting of Knox church, Vankleek Hill, was held last week when it was found that the congregation was not yet ready to call. More candidates will be heard before extending a call to any one.

Lanark and Renfrew Presbytery appointed a committee, with Rev. A. H. Scott as convener, to put into operation the General Assembly's resolution anent getting the best spiritual results from the Century Fund movement.

The Presbyterians of Balderson are moving in regard to church building. Messrs. Thos. Richardson, Wm. McNaughton and Alex. Watt have been added to the building committee, and Messrs. Jas. Shaw, D. McTavish and J. C. McGregor, trustees.

The induction of G. C. McLean into the charge of St. John's, Almonte, takes place next Tuesday. The moderator of Presbytery, Rev. D. Currie, will preside; Rev. E. J. Shaw, of White Lake, will preach; Rev. D. J. McLean, of Ampring, will address the minister; and Rev. A. A. Scott, the people.

At last meeting of Lanark and Renfrew Presbytery satisfaction was expressed that Dr. Crombie's health was sufficiently restored to warrant his withdrawal of resignation as Presbytery clerk. Rev. Dr. Armstrong, of Ottawa, addressed the court in behalf of the Ottawa Ladies' College, which was heartily commended to all young women in Ontario.

Rev. Wm. Beattie, Cobourg, has declined an invitation to the co-pastorate of Bethany church, Philadelphia. This is the church with which Hon. John Wanamaker is so closely identified, and over which Rev. Wm. Patterson, late of Cook's church, Toronto, is chief pastor. Mr. Beattie was associated with Mr. Patterson in ministerial work in Toronto, while attending college there.

Rev. Mr. Horner recently brought his paralytic and preachers to Mr. Boyle's grove, Munster, and after ten days of endeavor pulled up stakes and left for Manitoba. He came to conquer, his lies trumpeted, but after all this long night of fishing he is said to have caught nothing—not even a minnow. Hornerism seems to have pretty well run its course. Its churches at Athens, Winchester and Lanark are said to be closed, and the flocks, wearied probably with their hell weather, are returning to their original allegiance, some with boldness to blow up fresh storms, others with that delicate grace of humility which is so much to be admired. They made quite a stir in their heyday. The cult developed a sort of epidemic that broke out in the form of prostrations and dancing and loud prayings, but it was too swift a pace, and collapse was bound to come.

Northern Ontario.

Next meeting of Algoma Presbytery will be held at Little Current on 2nd October.

Sault Ste Marie is growing by leaps and bounds. The population is rapidly increasing; and as a result the organization of a new congregation, the second in the town. This was started a mission station some time ago by St. Andrew's church; and now by the action of Algoma Presbytery it is recognized as an independent charge with many signs of a prosperous future.

At a recent meeting of Algoma Presbytery the Canal Street mission, Sault Ste. Marie, was constituted a self supporting congregation. Rev. W. A. Duncan was appointed to take the necessary steps for organization; Rev. E. B. Rogers and Mr. Robert Moore were named an interim session with Mr. Duncan as moderator. Mr. W. A. McLaughlin, the student in charge of the mission since 1st April, has been doing excellent work, and his services are greatly appreciated by the people. He remains until 1st October.

Induction at Shawville.

The induction of Rev. N. Waddell, B. D., who recently resigned the pastorate in Lachute church, took place on Tuesday in the Masonic Hall, Shawville. By appointment of Presbytery Rev. J. D. Morrison, of Bristol, presided. Prayed by Rev. J. A. Reddon commenced the interesting proceedings. Rev. D. M. McLeod, of Billing's Bridge, preached an appropriate discourse from the words, Buy the truth and sell it not—Prov. xxiii chap. Ver 23. The acting moderator then narrated the steps taken to fill the vacancy stating that Mr. Waddell had preached to the people and that this was followed by a call which was perfectly unanimous from the three congregations forming the charge. The usual questions were then put and being satisfactorily answered, Mr. Waddell was duly inducted and welcomed by the moderator and members of Presbytery. Rev. R. Whillans then briefly addressed the newly inducted minister, dwelling particularly on the point that the perfecting of the Saints was quite as much the ministers duty as the saving of sinners. Rev. J. A. Reddon, of Ft. Coulonge, spoke to the people on their duty to the minister. His remarks were very much to the point and quite suggestive. Help your pastor in every way possible; give regular attendance to his ministry; show a kind appreciation of his work; be careful of his time; remember him in your prayers; be light bearers and fruit bearers; and aim to win souls for the master. These and other points were usefully amplified. The moderator brought the service to a close by expressing the hope that the union then formed might be a lasting one, and be greatly blessed in extending Christ's Kingdom. After the benediction was pronounced, at the moderator's request Mr. J. T. Pattison accompanied Mr. Waddell to the door, where he received the hearty greetings of his people as they passed out of the hall.

In the evening the ladies of Shawville entertained the members of Presbytery at a pleasant garden party, when refreshments were served and the local brass band furnished a number of popular airs.

Letter From Late Dr. MacKay's Son.

The Woodstock Sentinel Review gives publicity to a private letter from Mr. G. W. MacKay, son of the late Formosa missionary, dated 7th June. The young man is now 19 years of age, and as he wrote five days after his father's death, his pathetic words will touch many hearts in Oxford county, and indeed throughout all Canada.

"After twenty hours of intense suffering my dear father passed away on the afternoon of Sunday, 2nd inst. He was conscious until within three hours of his death. * * * Constantly he kept pointing up to heaven, and looking upwards as much as to say, 'I will be there soon.' * * * All through his sickness he was anxious about his work. Two days before his death he got up at midnight, and went alone to Oxford College, no one seeing him. It was full noon that night, and I suppose he thought it was day. He entered the building, and knocked at the door. Fortunately a student saw him and brought him back. After a little he wished to return to the College; we tried to persuade him not to attempt it, but in vain. He went, entered the hall, and sat on a chair, saying that he was going to conduct the annual examination. The examinations were usually held about this time of the year. But it was poor father's delirium. He could not speak, and what he wrote at this time was the last we could make out.

Word of his death was sent to all the mission stations, and on Monday and Tuesday the people flocked from all parts of the country, and some are still coming today. It was a most piteous sight to see the preachers and converts weeping bitterly at his bedside. Old men with grey hairs and beards wept like a child. Indeed few natives could restrain from breaking forth into tears, when they beheld cold in death, their beloved foreign friend, whom once they hated and persecuted. Many when they learned that father was dead could not partake of food for a whole day, and some for two days and more; and many travelled fifty miles on foot to be present at the funeral. I pitied the Japanese pastor. When he entered the room he cast himself down on his knees and wept as if he had lost his father. Indeed I was told by many that they did not weep so much when their parents died.

He was buried on Tuesday at 1 p. m. in a place where he himself had chosen. The coffin

was carried by elders (many of them old) deacons, and some of the older preachers. Altogether there were 16. Rev. W. Gauld made a brief speech to the natives and Europeans. Rev. A. Hoa spoke to the natives and Rev. Hawaii (Japanese pastor) addressed the Japanese. There were 451 Christians present at the funeral, 43 of whom were Japanese. The funeral was attended by every European in North Formosa, and among them were consuls representing many nationalities. Among the Japanese were many military officers with uniforms.

There were also 200 non-Christians gathered to see the funeral, the greater number of whom knew father well. The total at the funeral was 651.

And so we parted, but we shall meet again. At present we are in great sorrow."

British and Foreign Items.

Belfast, it is said, is the greatest tea-drinking city in the United Kingdom.

It is now proposed to close the Abbey Church burying-ground at Paisley.

Next to Great Britain, Russia is the largest exhibitor at Glasgow Exhibition.

The tonnage of the vessels of the British Empire exceeds fifteen million tons.

Mr. Andrew Carnegie has offered £3,000 for the erection of a free public library in Annan.

The prorogation of Parliament will, it is understood, be performed by His Majesty in person.

Bananas with purple leaves and seedless fruit have been introduced into British conservatories.

Wylie & Lochhead have been appointed cabinet-makers and upholsterers to the King at Glasgow.

It is understood that Inveraray Castle, which was recently advertised by the Duke of Argyll, has been let.

About £2000 has been subscribed towards a new church for Victoria Road U. F. congregation, Kirkcaldy.

One hundred thousand mules have been shipped from America to South Africa for the use of the British Army.

Milwaukee has twice as many saloons as Detroit, though the population of the two cities is almost the same.

The "silver strand" of Lock Katrine has, owing to the raising of the level of the water, entirely disappeared.

Census figures show that the cities of the United States have gained 8,000,000 inhabitants in the last ten years.

There have been disastrous floods on the Yangtze River near Hankow, China, in which hundreds of lives have been lost.

Mrs. Dobie, Enzieholm, wants Langholm North U. F. Church hall removed so far as erected on ground belonging to her.

While Great Britain is the greatest tea-consuming country in the world the United States leads all other nations in drinking coffee.

A Glasgow man's only remark when he heard that the water supply could be increased to 110,000,000 gallons per day was "What a drink!"

Lord Rosebery says there is not an atom of foundation to the story that he was about to wed the Duchess of Albany. Rosebery ought to know.

On the 24th ult. there passed away at Earlish, Skye, Mr. Arch. Gillies, cattle-dealer. He was an elder of the Free Church for 50 years, and was in his 85th year.

Mr. Carnegie has offered three organs to Dunfermline—one for the old Abbey, one for the E. U. Congregational Church, and one for St. Andrew's Established Church.

Mr. A. Carnegie has intimated a subscription of £250 for a new organ for Johnstone Trinity U. F. Church. Sir Thomas Glen Coats and Mr. James Coats have given £50 each.

There is a flutter in Protestant circles over a statement by the Bishop of Peterborough that incense will probably be used "by authority" at the coronation of the King next year.

Rev. Alex. Connell, of Regent Square Presbyterian Church, London, is being freely spoken of as Professor MacEwen's successor in the pastorate of Claremont Church, Glasgow.

There was unveiled on Sunday, the 30th ult., in the vestibule of the Parish Church of Banbury, Deeside, a granite tablet to the memory of the Very Rev. George Hutchison, D. D., who after a ministry of 46 years, died in London six years ago.