

## Ministers and Churches.

### Toronto Notes.

Rev. Joseph Hamilton is supplying the pulpit of Rev. Dr. McEwen, Amsterdam, N.Y.

Rev. Prof. Murison has been preaching in St. Andrew's for Dr. Armstrong Black, who is taking holidays.

Rev. D. Tait, of Chalmers' church, Quebec, was the preacher in St. Enoch's church Sunday morning, and his thoughtful discourse was much appreciated.

The Summer School at Knox College has been quite a success—both in attendance and usefulness; and combining, as it did, missionary and Sabbath School training it was unique. The church workers came from as far west as Sarnia, as far north as Peterboro, and from Ottawa and Prescott in the east. Some of the notable men and women of the Church spoke at the different sessions. A most interesting feature of the meetings was a gathering on Friday evening of those in attendance at the Presbyterian and Methodist Summer Schools, when addresses were given by Rev. James Henderson, D.D., on "John Wesley," and by Rev. Robert Johnston, D.D., of London, on "John Knox." Both efforts were greatly enjoyed by the large audience; and it goes without saying that Presbyterians were proud of Dr. Johnston's brilliant oration.

Continued interest was taken in the sessions of the Summer School up till the close. Prof. MacFadyen continued his address on the Gospels, dealing with "The Doings of Christ." One of Christ's habits was teaching, and for this He used the historical method. Prof. Tracy took up the Sunday School teacher's aim. The aim should be to change the child from the real to the ideal, from what he is to what he should be. In the course of the lecture, as an illustration, Prof. Tracy distinguished the politician from the statesman by saying the statesman is always trying to do something for his country and the politician is always looking for the country to do something for him. Rev. Dr. McTavish, of Deseronto, followed with a discourse on the best methods of interesting congregations in mission work, particularly with reference to missionary meetings. In the evening Rev. Dr. Warden spoke on Dr. Jas. Robertson and his message to the Church. Rev. Dr. Warden was a life-long friend of the deceased divine, and was able to give a sympathetic review of Dr. Robertson's work in the west and northwest. The speaker depicted the great progress the Presbyterian Church was making, and he appealed to the young people to help in providing nurses for the sick, teachers for the Sabbath Schools, and preachers for churches and mission stations. For these Christian works they must depend largely on the rural young people. Rev. W.S. McTavish, of Deseronto, convener of the Young People's Committee of the General Assembly, dealt with young people's societies, which he said originated from the great revival movement of twenty years ago. He held that they had done much to stimulate interest in mission work. Rev. John Neil, convener of the Sunday School Committee of the General Assembly, spoke on Sabbath School work, and was most optimistic as to the policy of teacher-training. The choir of Cooke's church furnished the music.

### Ottawa.

Many Young Endeavors of Stewarson church spent a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon at Rockcliffe Park on Saturday.

The Christian Endeavor Societies of Knox and First Congregational churches are holding union meetings during July and August, joining in a pleasant picnic at Rockcliffe last week which was largely attended.

Rev. Dr. Armstrong, St. Paul's church, said: Pope Leo XIII has borne himself with such whole souled Christian courtesy, and taken such an interest in the welfare of mankind in their social and religious affairs as to win the respect of all creeds and classes.

For the beautifying of Ottawa the government has granted the Ottawa Improvement Commission power to raise \$250,000 by the issue of 4 per cent. debentures to be redeemed in 1919. The yearly subsidy of \$60,000 is extended from 1909 to 1919. Sir Wilfrid is certainly carrying out his promise to make the Capital the "Washington of the North."

In nearly all the Presbyterian churches the pastors occupied their own pulpits. In St.

Andrew's Rev. D. Strachan, M.A., of Brockville, was the preacher; and in St. Paul's Rev. W. Russell preached in the morning, and Dr. Armstrong in the evening. Many people being out of the city at this season the attendance at all the churches is small.

At the thirteenth anniversary of the establishment of Stewarson church special services were held. In the morning Rev. J. H. Turnbull, of Bank street church, preached an earnest and impressive sermon from the words, "And they answered him not a word." Christ had received no reply in answer to the question, "Why halt ye between two opinions." It was the duty of the church of today. Mr. Turnbull pointed out, to give a decisive reply to the question.

Rev. D. M. Ramsay, B.D.: Many will remember him (the Pope) with especial gratitude for his attitude towards the general study of Scripture. It would be unseasonable to discuss at this moment whether his encouragement of the reading of the Bible will in the end strengthen his own communion. But everyone should rejoice that so widespread and powerful an influence has been exerted to bring the minds of men into immediate contact with the words of those who of old were so remarkably endowed by God's spirit.

In a recent sermon in Knox church Rev. D. M. Ramsay made an able plea for moderation in the enjoyment of modern amusements. Among other things he dwelt on the increasing fondness for amusement displayed by the young people of today, and gave it as his opinion that both young men and young women were much to blame in the matter. Young men gloried in their strength and an over-indulgence in athletics was the result; while young ladies, by keeping late hours at home and social gatherings, jeopardized their health in no small degree. All this may be called innocent gaiety, but an account must be rendered for the time so spent.

### Montreal.

The summer picnic to Bout de l'île of St. Mark's Sunday School was a marked success. The attendance was good. All the scholars received presents, and greatly enjoyed the outing. The elders, managers and teachers manifested their deep interest in the school by their presence. Mr. Morrow, the student in charge, rendered valuable assistance which was very much appreciated.

On a recent evening the choir of Victoria church, Point St. Charles, gave a reception to their pastor, the Rev. J. Myles Crombie, on his return from Vancouver. Games were played in the early part of the evening, after which refreshments were served. An address of welcome was read by Mr. S. R. Clendenning, to which Mr. Crombie replied by giving a brief description of his trip across the Dominion. Mr. Crombie is doing a good work in a difficult field, and has already endeared himself to his people.

Arrangements have been completed for the classes in the Presbyterian College during the coming session. Prof. Campbell and Prof. Ross will carry on the work in their respective departments. In addition to his own work Prof. Scrimger will take the class in systematic theology and Dr. Clarke Murray will lecture for two hours a week on Christian ethics. Prof. Orr, of the United Free College, Glasgow, will give the opening lecture of the session, and thereafter repeat the Stone lectures he is to deliver at Princeton in September. Dr. A. H. McKinney will give a course on Sunday School Pedagogies, in December. Dr. Barclay has promised a course on Comparative Religion, and Rev. Murdoch McKenzie, of Honan, one on Missions in China.

### Presbytery of Quebec.

The Presbytery met in Sherbrooke recently. Rev. A. Stevenson was elected moderator, pro tempore. Considerable routine business was attended to. A call from the congregation of Carloway, Scotland, addressed to Rev. Duncan MacLeod, of Hanpden, engaged the attention of Presbytery. Mr. MacLeod found it impossible to decide what action he should take, and asked for time to consider the matter. The Presbytery will meet on the 4th August to dispose of the call.

The Clerk gave formal intimation of the death of one of the members, the Rev. Jas. Sutherland, Kingsbury. Mr. Sutherland was a member of the court for seventeen years, and was held in high esteem by his brethren, and was greatly beloved by his congregation. Dr. Kellock was appointed moderator of the session of Kingsbury during the vacancy.

Standing committees for the year were appointed. The names of committees and conveners are: Augmentation, Dr. Kellock; Home Mission, Rev. W. Shearer; French Evangelization, Rev. C. A. Tanner; Life and Work, Rev. M. MacLeod; Sunday Schools, Rev. D. MacLeod; and Y.P. Societies, Rev. E. G. Walker. The next meeting to be held in Chalmers' church, Quebec, 8th Sept., at 4 p.m.

### Western Ontario.

Mr. John A. McKay has been appointed precentor in Knox church, Embro.

The next regular meeting of Paris Presbytery will be held at Paris on 15th September at 10.30 a.m.

Rev. Wm. Robertson, B.A., of Morriston, was the preacher in Knox church, Grand Valley, last Sabbath.

Rev. S. G. Livingston, B.A., Alvinston, has tendered his resignation, much to the regret of all concerned.

Rev. W. A. J. Martin, of Zion church, Brantford, has been elected Moderator of Paris Presbytery.

The interim Moderator of the vacant charge of Salem, Dobbington and Gillies Hill is Rev. J. Johnston, Paisley.

The congregation of Mount Forest at a meeting held recently decided to build a manse for the pastor, Rev. W. G. Hanna.

Mr. Ketchen, of Knox College, Toronto, will occupy the pulpit of St. Andrew's church, Chatham, during Rev. Dr. Battisby's absence.

The congregation of St. Andrew's church, Moleworth, recently presented Rev. G. Ballantyne, their late pastor, with a purse containing \$50.

At a very successful Garden Party held on Mr. Robert Faris' lawn, on Wednesday evening of last week, \$146 were realized for the friends of Bond Head church.

The anniversary services at Churchill were interesting, helpful and successful. The sermons by Rev. W. S. McAlpine were appropriate to the occasion and thoroughly enjoyed.

Bruce Presbytery has asked Rev. F. O. Nichol to give the Carگیll congregation weekly Sabbath evening service until next meeting of Presbytery, when the whole matter will be fully considered.

Rev. H. H. McPherson, late of Halifax, Nova Scotia, will supply Edmondville church for the next four Sabbaths. Rev. Neil Shaw, B.A., intends taking a few holidays at his old home in Rodney.

At Londen Presbytery a committee consisting of Revs. Hosie, Wiley, Crow and Henderson, was appointed to devise methods whereby the devotional elements might find a larger place in the meetings of the Presbytery and to report.

Rev. J. A. Anderson, Goderich, has completed fifteen years of service in Knox church, of that town. During these years 855 persons were received into membership, the sum of \$624,431 raised for congregational purposes, and \$3,768 for Missions.

Mr. F. C. Harper and Mr. A. McLeod, recent graduates of Knox College, have been preaching in Knox church, Acton, vacant by the resignation of Rev. Mr. Macpherson, who is now settled in Chalmers' church, Toronto. Rev. A. Blair, B.A., Nassagaweya, is interim Moderator.

During the absence of the pastor on his vacation the pulpit of the First church, London, will be filled by Rev. E. F. McL. Smith, of Milton, for the first two Sundays; by Rev. E. H. Savers, on the third Sunday, and by Rev. Wylie C. Clark, of Brampton, on the fourth Sunday.

Much to the regret of his co-Presbyters, Rev. E. Cockburn, of Paris, tendered his resignation on account of ill-health. Action on the resignation will be taken at a special meeting of Presbytery at Woodstock on 27th ult. It is understood that Mr. Cockburn will remove to Toronto.

The annual garden party at Speyside was a great success. Willow Brook Farm, the home of Mr. Henry Sayers, looked its prettiest and the welcome extended was certainly hearty to all. An evidence of the extent of the attendance may be judged when it is stated the receipts aggregated \$276. The programme was thoroughly enjoyable. Rev. A. Blair, B.A., of Nassagaweya, in the absence of D. Henderson, M.P., occupied the chair very acceptably. The proceeds go to carrying out of the proposed improvements and enlargement of the mission hall.