

## Ministers and Churches.

REV. JOHN MCROBIE has resigned the pastorate of the Petrolia Presbyterian Church.

THE Rev. J. Crombie, of Smith's Falls, is spending his vacation at Old Orchard Beach.

THE River Street Presbyterian Church, Paris, has extended a unanimous call to Rev. Mr. Wyllie, of New York.

THE Rev. Mr. Mason, of New London, P.E.I., had his leg broken by being thrown out of his carriage at Kensington.

ABOUT 600 persons went on an excursion from Clinton recently, under the auspices of the Presbyterian Church, Clinton.

THE Rev. Duncan Morrison, M.A., of Owen Sound, is at present supplying Dr. Ure's pulpit in Knox Church, Goderich.

LAST week the Union Church at Severn Bridge was destroyed by fire caused, it is alleged, by a spark from a neighbouring saw-mill.

THE Rev. W. T. Herridge, B.D., pastor of St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa, has been preaching with great acceptance to congregations in the West.

THE Rev. J. R. Gilchrist, Cheltenham, sustained severe injuries by a fall lately received by his horse running away. It is hoped his injuries will not prove serious.

A FEW weeks ago Communion service in connection with the Presbyterian Church, Wilton, was held by Rev. Finlay McCuaig, of Kingston. The attendance was large.

It is stated that the Rev. R. Torrance, D.D., Secretary of Guelph Board of Education, has received the appointment of teacher of modern languages in the Guelph high school.

AT a congregational meeting held in Knox Church, Picton, lately, it was decided with great heartiness and unanimity to call Mr. George S. Carson to be their minister.

THE sacrament of the Lord's Supper was observed in Knox Church, Woodstock, last week. The Rev. Thos. Atkinson, of Knox Church, Ingersoll, conducted the preparatory service on Friday.

THE Rev. Robert Laing conducted thanksgiving service in St. Matthew's Church, Halifax, for the suppression of the rebellion in the North-West and the safe return of our volunteers.

THE Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered in the Central Presbyterian Church, Galt, lately. Rev. John Porteous preached in the morning, and Rev. J. A. R. Dickson in the evening.

THE Rev. Mr. Smith, son of the Rev. J. K. Smith, of Galt, preached in St. Andrew's Church, Berlin, on a recent Sabbath, two eloquent and practical sermons that were listened to with marked attention.

REV. J. THOMPSON, of Sarnia, has gone to Portland, Me., and will be absent about six weeks. Rev. Mr. Tibb, of Burns Church, with his brother, will fill both appointments during Mr. Thompson's absence.

THE Rev. George Burnfield, B.D., of Brockville, occupied the pulpit of Erskine Church the other week both morning and evening, with great acceptance to the double congregation of Erskine and St. Paul's, these having united for the month of July.

THE Rev. E. F. Torrance, pastor of St. Paul's Church, Peterborough, has gone for a month's holiday trip. In the absence of the Rev. Mr. Torrance, the Rev. Walter Roger, of London, Ont., will occupy the pulpit of St. Paul's, Peterborough.

MRS. CAMERON, of Thamesford, gave a lawn party at the manse on a recent evening, which was numerically and financially a success. The drawings amounted to \$31, which went to the Ladies' Foreign Missionary Association in connection with St. Andrew's Church.

A LAWN social under the auspices of St. Andrew's Church, Guelph, held at Mr. George Cole's residence, Waterloo Road, last week, proved quite a success, notwithstanding the light rain which fell. The evening was spent very enjoyably, and at a seasonable hour the gathering broke up.

A STANLEY correspondent to the *Huron Expositor* says: Last Sabbath communion service was observed in the Presbyterian Church on the Bayfield Road; more joined the Church on this occasion than has been the case for some time, there being nine members. This speaks well of Mr. Danby's labours.

GOSPEL meetings at Chatham, N.B., are being well attended. Messrs. Meikle and Gerrior are earnest in their labours in connection with these meetings. The former preached with much acceptance in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, at the invitation of the pastor, Rev. Wallace Waits, on Sunday evening. The church was crowded.

THE Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed in Cooke's Church, Toronto, on Sabbath, 26th July. Rev. Dr. Gregg presided and the following gentlemen acted as elders: Rev. Thos. McGuire, late of Emerson, Manitoba, who is at present supplying the pulpit, and Messrs. Burns, Merryfield and Fyfe, from Knox Church, Toronto.

WE have received from a minister of the United States Presbyterian Church, formerly labouring in Canada, a note warning ministers and members not to subscribe to a Manse Building Fund, for which Rev. A. McLeod, of Detroit, is now appealing to Canadians. An extract from the minutes of Saginaw Presbytery accompanies the communication.

THE Rev. Professor Mowat, D.D., of Queen's College, Kingston, conducted the services in St. Andrew's Church, Gananoque. The audiences, both morning and evening, were large, and, says our correspondent, we have seldom listened to more earnest or masterly expositions of divine truth. The

Hon. Oliver Mowat was present. The Rev. Mr. Gracey, pastor of the congregation, was preaching in Picton.

THE *Dufferin Advertiser* says the Rev. R. D. Fraser, of Claude, is about to remove to Bowmanville, to take charge of the Presbyterian Church there at a salary of \$1,200 per annum and a manse. He will preach his farewell sermon on Sabbath next. He will be inducted next week. We regret losing from our neighbourhood so excellent a pastor.

A CHURCH strawberry festival was held lately under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society of the Presbyterian Church, Gladstone, Man., in Mr. Galloway's grove, on the bank of White Mud River. A large number attended, and an enjoyable time was spent, swinging and croquet being the principal enjoyment. This grove is one of the most beautiful in Manitoba.

THE Presbyterian Church, Princeton, of which the Rev. J. Little is pastor, has been subjected to a process of renovation. Last Sabbath was the eighth anniversary of the pastor's settlement, when service was conducted by Rev. James Middlemiss, of Elora, and on Monday evening Rev. Dr. Cochrane delivered his popular lecture, "Across the Rockies," which was listened to with the keenest interest.

THE sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed in the Presbyterian Church, Uptergrove, on Sabbath, 12th inst. The pastor, Rev. H. Sinclair, was assisted on the occasion by Rev. A. Ross, M.A., Woodville, on Friday, who preached in English and Gaelic, and Rev. D. McDonald, of Glenarm, on Saturday, Sabbath and Monday, who preached in both languages. The services throughout were highly appreciated.

THE Rev. John M. Allan, says the *Halifax Presbyterian Witness*, who rendered admirable service to one of our churches at Chatham a few years ago, is with us again. For four years he was Free Church minister at Madeira. He resigned his charge and is now available for work in our church. He preached in Park Street Church, Halifax, in the morning, and in the evening in Fort Massey Church, on Sabbath week.

THE *Peterborough Examiner* says that on Friday evening Rev. Alex. Bell, pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, was visited with a sudden and sharp attack of illness, which prevented him from conducting service in the church on Sunday. Those who assembled at the church relieved their disappointment by distributing themselves among the other churches. We are pleased to know that Rev. Mr. Bell is rapidly recovering.

A CONCERT was given in Carmel Church, Westville, in aid of the Sabbath school library. Mr. James Roy, under whose able management the choir was trained, was leader. Rev. Thomas Cumming presided. Short speeches were made by the chairman, Rev. Mr. Brown, from Scotland, Messrs. Angel and D. C. Fraser. Mr. Cumming is to be congratulated on the state of efficiency to which he has brought his charge.

THE Rev. Mr. Musgrave preached a special sermon to the Foresters, of the Ancient Order, of Seaforth, in the Presbyterian Church on a recent Sabbath evening. There were about 150 members of the order present, and the church was crowded throughout by a deeply-interested congregation. The reverend gentleman took as his text Galatians vi. 2: "Bear ye one another's burdens," and preached therefrom a most able, logical and eloquent discourse.

LINDSAY Post: At the close of the service in the Methodist Church on Sunday night, Rev. Mr. McKay exhibited a map of Canada, showing the counties where the Scott Act has been passed, coloured crimson. He referred to Peterborough County and said he hoped to have the satisfaction of putting in that county in colours shortly. In other words the reverend gentleman may be said to have an ambition to "paint the town red"—from a Scott Act point of view.

AT a special meeting of the Paris Presbytery held on the 28th July, at Brantford, calls were presented from Mount Pleasant and Burford, in favour of Rev. W. G. Hanna, B.A., and from River Street, Paris, in favour of Rev. Wm. Wyllie. A letter from Mr. Hanna was read declining the call; and that to Mr. Wyllie being hearty and unanimous, offering \$1,000 and a manse as stipend, was sustained, and ordered to be forwarded to the Presbytery of which he is a member.

THE Rev. S. Lyle, of the Central Presbyterian Church, Hamilton, has left for his holidays. It is the intention of the rev. gentleman to spend a few weeks with his family at Port Elgin. Before leaving he reviewed the changes in the congregation since his last vacation, deaths, etc., and briefly noticed the changes since he began his pastorate, some eight years ago. Rev. Mr. Service, Rev. Dr. Ormiston and Rev. Mr. Rose, of Elora, conduct the services during his absence.

A SHORT time ago the King Street Presbyterian Church, London, Sabbath school enjoyed their annual trip to the lake shore. Two cars full left London East at half-past nine, containing about 200 scholars, with parents and friends. Rev. Mr. Roger and Mr. William Brown superintended the management, assisted by Rev. J. Robbins, of Glencoe, and Rev. J. Ballantyne, of London South. Rev. Mr. McConachie, of Port Stanley, and family welcomed the visitors at the terminus. A delightful day was spent among the swings, wading on the shore, and excursions on the lake. All returned safe in the evening.

THE annual congregational meeting in connection with the Presbyterian Church, Parry Sound, was held recently. After devotional exercises were over, conducted by the pastor, Rev. A. Hudson, the ordinary business of the meeting was proceeded with. Reports were read from the session, Sabbath school and managers. Everything considered, these were very satisfactory, particularly that from the Sabbath school. The election of managers and a trustee was then proceeded with. A very cordial vote of thanks was tendered to Mrs. McKay for her kindness in presiding at the organ, after which the meeting was brought to a close by the singing of the doxology and pronouncing of the benediction by the pastor.

THE Hopeful Gleaners, in connection with Blyth congregation held an entertainment recently which was a complete success, financially and otherwise. The programme consisted of a speech by the honorary president, Rev. A. McLean, who briefly explained the object of the association. Then followed a duet by the Misses Phillips and McGowan, then an essay on the New Hebrides Mission by Mr. Taylor. Next on the programme were quartettes by the Misses Courtis, McGowan, Taylor and Horde. A short speech by William Henderson and a reading by Mr. Sloan terminated this, the first public entertainment of the Gleaners, and they have much reason to feel proud of such good success.

THE Harrington correspondent of the *Stratford Beacon* says: The Rev. Daniel Gordon has taken a short respite from his labours and left on Wednesday for a well-earned holiday. The rev. gentleman was compelled to relinquish work for a time owing to an accident which befel him while returning from the last meeting of Presbytery in Stratford. When nearing the Corners, south of Stratford, his horse, a spirited animal, took fright at a passing train and capsized the buggy in the ditch. Mr. Gordon sustained severe injuries from which happily he is recovering, and his conveyance was converted into splinters. Accidents *will* happen, even to clergymen, and Mr. Gordon's many admirers will rejoice that his mishap was not more serious.

THE Rev. T. J. McLellan was inducted recently by the Presbytery of Toronto to the pastoral charge of Shelburne and Primrose. There was a large attendance of the congregation in the Presbyterian Church, Shelburne, and the services were interesting. Rev. R. D. Fraser, of Claude, presided, and put the usual questions to the minister. Rev. Mr. Hunter preached, Mr. McFaul addressed the pastor and Mr. McDonald, the people. After service the people retired to the Park where the band was playing and where also the tables were loaded with provisions provided by the good ladies of the congregation. We congratulate the people on securing the services of so popular a pastor and trust the services will continue to be appreciated and to be effective as well.

ON Sunday evening week a special service in connection with the passage of the Scott Act in Victoria County was held in the Methodist Church, Lindsay. The large church was well filled, in fact a good deal of extemporized seating room had to be provided. Rev. Messrs. McKay, of Woodstock, and Pearson and Anderson, of Lindsay, conducted the service. Rev. Mr. McKay preached an eloquent and impressive sermon, during the course of which he referred to the campaign just closed and the energy and efficiency of the local organization, which had materially helped to carry the Act. He also pointed out that the passage of the Act showed that the people by a large majority were in favour of the Act and its principles, but that passing it and enforcing it were different things. They must keep up the organization and be prepared to make sacrifices and to see that the Act was enforced when it came into force. He urged all to set an example of sobriety and influence others to do the same. The united choirs of the Baptist, St. Andrew's and Methodist Churches sang a number of sacred selections in addition to the hymns, and greatly added to the interesting character of the service.

ON returning from their wedding trip the Rev. D. Tait and his wife received a hearty welcome from the people of his charge. The ladies of St. Andrew's Church, Berlin, had made ample and appropriate preparations for the reception. Mr. John King, barrister, was called to the chair, and, in a short address, tendered the hearty congratulations of the congregation to Mr. and Mrs. Tait on the happy event which had brought them all together. The reception, he said, was informal but spontaneous in the kindly feelings which animated the people of St. Andrew's towards both of them, the sincere good wishes which all felt for their future happiness, welfare and usefulness in their domestic and public relations, and in the warm welcome with which they were greeted. Before closing his remarks the chairman, on behalf of the congregation, presented Mr. Tait with a book-case as a memento of his happy home coming to those among whom he had so faithfully and successfully ministered. The book-case is a handsome addition to the recipient's study. Mr. Tait replied in feeling and very grateful terms. He thanked the congregation for this renewed expression of their great kindness to him—one of many proofs already given—and for the evidently heartfelt reception extended to him and especially to his wife. He felt that it bound him closer than ever to his charge. Both Mrs. Tait and himself appreciated it most deeply, and it would strongly encourage them in their several spheres of public and private duty, and be a great incentive in its faithful performance amongst the congregation.

A SPECIAL meeting of the Presbytery of London was held at Glencoe, Wednesday, July 29, for the purpose of inducting Rev. John Robbins into the pastorate of the Glencoe Church. There was a fair attendance of clerical members and a large congregation, Rev. N. McKinnon acting as Moderator in the absence of Rev. Mr. Ballantyne, of Westminster. The edict was returned as having been served, and no objections offered. Rev. James Ballantyne, of Knox Church, London South, conducted public worship and preached. Rev. N. McKinnon narrated the steps which the congregation had taken to fill the vacancy, which resulted in the call to Rev. J. Robbins. The Moderator then put the usual questions from the formula to Mr. Robbins, which being answered satisfactorily, the reverend gentleman was inducted in the usual manner. He was then addressed in fitting terms as to the duties of his new charge by Rev. J. A. Murray. The congregation were suitably addressed as to their responsibilities by Rev. K. McDonald, of Belmont, after which the new pastor received a most cordial welcome from the large congregation. In the evening an interesting and largely attended public meeting was held in Burns Church. Addresses were delivered by the new pastor and other ministers, and singing by the choir was also one of the attractions. A pleasant part of the meeting was an address and presentation to Rev. N. McKinnon by the con-