

## TORONTO.

Rev. R. W. Dickie, of Brandon, Man., was the preacher in Cook's church last Sunday.

Two of our city ministers—Rev. Dr. Milligan and Rev. Dr. Wallace—after a prolonged absence, have resumed pastoral duties.

On account of Mr. D. C. Hossack's adhering to his resignation of the charge of Deer Park church, the pulpit will be declared vacant.

The Presbytery will not be divided. The proposal has, however, resulted in the adoption of the policy of paying the travelling expenses of members from outside the city.

The meeting of Presbytery hereafter will be held in a hall in the Temple building, corner of Richmond and Bay streets, as being more central and convenient to the railway station than St. James' Square church. There will be a Presbytery dinner each month at Eaton's grill room.

The resignation of Rev. J. McKenzie from the charge of Hornby and Omagh was accepted, to take effect at once, and Rev. H. H. Turner, of Kirkfield, was appointed Moderator of Session. Mr. McKenzie is going to take a postgraduate course in Scotland.

A unanimous call to the pastorate of Riverdale church, started a little more than a year ago on Pape avenue, has been accepted by Rev. J. A. Miller, who has been in charge from the beginning. The induction will take place on the 17th inst.

The Presbytery has given leave to Davenport Road congregation to mortgage their property to the extent of \$15,000, in order to build a new church, to cost \$25,000. It is expected that there will be accommodation for one thousand of a congregation and also for a thousand in the Sunday school. Leave was also given to the congregation of Queen street east to sell their building and mortgage their property for \$16,000, to assist in building a new church.

## HAMILTON.

The mission services held by Mc-Nab St. and St. Paul's churches during July and August seem to have been very successful.

The Laymen's Missionary Movement is again making itself felt. Arrangements for a conference in the latter part of September are being made.

Robert Henry Wilson, a member of Chalmers' Church, on the mountain, has been recommended to the Home Mission Committee by Hamilton Presbytery for engagement as student catechist.

Rev. D. S. Dix, of Knox College, preached with great acceptance in St. Giles' church during August. Rev. Peter Taylor, also of Knox, was the preacher on the 6th inst.

St. James' Church, by decision of Presbytery, will, after October 1st, stand alone, the associate charge of Barton being united with Chalmers' Church on the Mountain.

The different churches are beginning to make preparations for the Chapman evangelistic meetings to be held in Hamilton this fall. Strong committees have already been appointed to take charge of the different phases of the work.

The beginning of September finds most of our ministers back, and in harness once again. For part of July and August there was such a dearth of ministers in our city that considerable difficulty was experienced by people needing their services for funerals, weddings, etc.

## ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, FINCH.

The opening of the new church erected by the congregation of St. Luke's church (Presbyterian) at Finch, on Sunday, 30th ult., was marked by appropriate ceremonies. There were very large gatherings at each of the services. The church was crowded to the doors, many being compelled to content themselves with seats in the aisles and outside the entrances. The services, which were of an exceedingly impressive character, were conducted by the pastor, Rev. W. D. Bell, assisted by the Rev. W. D. Reid, B.D., of Taylor Street Presbyterian church, Montreal, and Rev. N. H. McGillivray, of St. John's church, Cornwall. The sermons were delivered by Rev. Mr. Reid, and they were marked by deep fervency and earnest eloquence. The special music rendered by the choir was excellent.

The opening of the church was celebrated on Monday with a Harvest Dinner, at which there was a very large attendance. A splendid repast was served by the ladies of the congregation in a large booth erected alongside of the church. The tables were prettily decorated and the bill of fare was most bountiful, the service being all that could be desired.

After dinner speeches were delivered by the clergymen present and several prominent gentlemen, and a very enjoyable afternoon was spent. The chair was occupied by the Rev. W. D. Bell and the speakers were Rev. W. D. Reid, Rev. N. H. McGillivray, Rev. Archibald D. McIntyre, B.A., of Caron, Saskatchewan; Rev. R. A. Lundy, of North Williamsburg; Rev. D. Stewart, of Finch, a former pastor of St. Luke's; his son, Rev. Donald Stewart, B.A., of Morewood; Rev. Geo. Mason, of Dunbar; Rev. Geo. W. Mingle, of Lunenburg; Rev. A. W. McIntyre, B.A., of Ogdensburg, N. Y.; Mr. R. A. Pringle, K.C., M.P.; Mr. Geo. Kerr, ex-M.P.P.; Mr. A. F. Mulhern, and Col. Robert Smith, K.C.

In introducing the speakers the chairman drew attention to the interesting fact that three of the rev. gentlemen present, Messrs. Arch D. and A. W. McIntyre and Mr. Donald Stewart, were members of St. Luke's congregation in their boyhood days.

The speakers congratulated the pastor and congregation most heartily on the beautiful edifice they had erected, and several of them gave some very interesting reminiscences of the early days of St. Luke's church.

Rev. Mr. McGillivray paid a special compliment to the contractor, Mr. John J. McIntosh, of Alexandria, who was not only the builder but the architect. He thought such a satisfactory completion of a contract was worthy of some tangible recognition in the form of a resolution signed by the officials of the church, which he had no doubt would be presented to Mr. McIntosh.

Rev. Mr. Bell endorsed Mr. McGillivray's remarks. Having acted as inspector he could vouch for the thoroughness and satisfactory character of the work done by Mr. McIntosh.

The proceedings were brought to a close with "God Save the King," after which the ladies served tea in the booth.

In the evening a concert was held in the church. There was another large audience and the entertainment was a great success. The Rev. Mr. Reid delivered an exceedingly interesting lecture on Ireland, illustrated by a series of beautiful stereoscopic views. Several musical numbers were rendered most artistically by the Iroquois Quartette of Ottawa.

The new church, which is built on the site of the old frame structure, destroyed in the fire of 1906, is a handsome building. It is of a modern type of architecture, which permits of the utilization of every foot of space, but the large gothic windows and square tower, surmounted by belfry and steeple, give on ornate effect highly pleasing to the eye. The building is constructed of ce-

ment blocks moulded in the form of cut stone, and so well has this part of the work been done that it would easily pass for stone without a close inspection. The main body of the church is 66x42 with Sunday school adjoining, on the same level, 60x24. The Sunday school is separated from the church by patent flexifold doors imported from Worcester, Mass. The floor of the main body of the church has a gradual slope towards the pulpit, and the pews are arranged in semi-circular form. The vestry is in rear of the Sunday school and is conveniently reached by a door at the side of the pulpit and choir platform. The pews are of ash finished with black walnut. The pulpit furnishings are in black walnut handsomely upholstered. A pipe organ of splendid tone completes the choir. It was purchased from the Taylor Street Presbyterian church, Montreal, having been replaced in that church by a larger instrument. The seating capacity of the church is 450 and the Sunday school will accommodate 150 more. The cost of the building complete is about \$14,000.

The committee in charge of the erection of the church was composed of the Rev. W. D. Bell, Messrs. D. P. McKinnon, John K. McLean, John McNaughton, J. J. McMillan, Archibald Henry Donald J. McMillan, A. H. McLean, A. F. Dey, secretary; George L. McLean, treasurer.

Mr. McKinnon was appointed chairman of the committee, but on his leaving Finch a year ago the Rev. Mr. Bell succeeded him, and on the latter gentleman has devolved the duty of inspecting the work as it proceeded. The result has been highly satisfactory to all concerned.

## BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

Mr. Carnegie who has already spent \$10,000,000 on the Carnegie Technical School at Pittsburgh, is said to purpose to expend upon it \$10,000,000 more. His desire is to make it the greatest school in the world.

Reports received from the big tree section of California indicate that the forest fire has been turned away from the Calaveras grove, which is believed to have been saved, though some damage was done before the work of the fire-fighters became effective.

Despatches from the city of Niigata, eighteen miles north-west of Tokio, tell of a fire last week in which four thousand houses were destroyed by the flames. Fearful scenes of destitution and suffering are reported as a result of the disaster, and the Government is rendering every possible assistance to the inhabitants of the stricken city.

Zia Bey, until lately the chief assassin of the Sultan of Turkey, and now a fugitive, has been in New York, and has just left on the 'Mauretania' for England. While moving from one hotel to another and using various fictitious names, a New York reporter managed to interview him. He called himself a wretch, a rascal and a fool, who murdered men and women wholesale at the order of Abdul Hamid. But he pleaded that he had lived all his life only with such people, and knew no better. The Sultan, he says, is an intelligent man, but selfish, cruel and corrupt, who, with his favorites, planned the Armenian massacre to put money in the pockets of the latter. What Abdul Hamid did not know, he says, is that the revolutionary demonstrations were organized by the Sultan's own men. The only way to save Turkey, he declares, is to put her under European control.

It is easy in the world to live after the world's opinion; it is easy in solitude to live after our own, but the great man is he who in the midst of a crowd keeps with perfect sweetness the independence of solitude.—Emerson.