

## Western Ontario.

Rev. Dr. Dickson, Galt, has gone to Ocean Grove.

The Rev. Dr. Jackson, of Cleveland, is visiting in Galt.

Rev. E. B. Horne, Brantford, has been called to Watford.

Rev. R. Pogue and family, of Hespeler, are holidaying on the Georgian Bay.

The next meeting of Stratford Presbytery will be held at Motherwell on 3rd Sept.

Dr. Hamilton, Motherwell, has been elected Moderator of Stratford Presbytery.

Rev. J. R. Gilchrist, Waterloo, was the preacher in Knox church, Galt, last Sabbath.

Rev. D. McRae, of Victoria, B. C., was a visitor at the meeting of Hamilton Presbytery last week.

Rev. Mr. Brown, of Bothwell, preached to large congregations at the First Presbyterian church, Chatham.

Rev. J. L. Simpson, Thornbury, has been visiting in Chatham, where he was the guest of Mr. Kenneth Campbell.

Rev. Daniel Stalker, B. A., of Calumet, Mich., called upon friends in London last week. Mr. Stalker is spending his holidays at his former home near Glencoe.

At a meeting of the Hamilton Presbytery, the resignation of Rev. Dr. Abraham of Burlington was accepted, also that of Rev. W. M. Cruickshanks of St. Ann's and Welland.

Stratford Presbytery agreed to ask next General Assembly for leave to receive Rev. Mr. Forbes from the Congregational church. Meanwhile Mr. Forbes will be given work in the West.

Because he protested against the church members' forms of amusement, and when they didn't heed he said it was like "casting pearls before swine," Rev. Mr. Bethune, pastor of the Aylmer Presbyterian church has resigned.

The Acton Free Press tells of a pleasant event that took place last week at the residence of Mr. Hugh Wallace—"the old manse and glebe, the happy home of the first three ministers of the congregation"—when at a large gathering of members and friends of Knox church, the much esteemed minister, Rev. H. A. Macpherson, was presented with a beautiful chestnut colored driving mare, buggy, harness, knee spread, whip and every other convenience for a good turn out. The present was a spontaneous expression of good will towards the minister of Knox Church—and is a valuable gift. Mr. David Henderson, M. P., presided and Reeve Williams made the presentation. An address by Rev. Mr. Blair, and a good musical programme contributed to a delightful evening's entertainment.

The following are the Standing Committees in Owen Sound Presbytery for the ensuing year: Finance, Rev. D. Currie, Mr. T. A. Nelson, and Elder from Desboro; Home Mission, Rev. J. S. Davidson, Dr. Waits, Rev. S. Acheson, and Elders of Warton and Knox, Owen Sound; Augmentation, Rev. J. Little, Dr. McLaren, Rev. D. Currie, and Elders of Chatsworth and Keady; Sabbath School, Rev. Dr. Fraser, Messrs. Smith, Black, and representatives of S. S. Districts; Church Life and Work, Rev. A. Thompson, Messrs. Hunter, Black, and Elders of Temple Hill and Knox, Sydenham; Sabbath Observance, Rev. J. L. Simpson, Dr. McRobbie, Messrs. A. Thompson, Sibald, and Elder of Kilsyth; Young People's Societies, Rev. T. Smith, Little, Thompson, and Elders of Hepsworth and Chatsworth; Systematic Beneficence, Rev. D. Currie, Dr. McRobbie, Dr. Somerville, Messrs. Rodgers, Duncan, and Elders of Kemble and St. Paul's, Sydenham; Foreign Mission, Rev. Dr. Fraser, Dr. Somerville, and Mr. McNabb; Remits, Rev. Dr. Somerville, Messrs. Eastman, McNabb, and Elders of Meaford and Division Street; Statistics, Messrs. Rodgers, Smith, and Elders of Johnson; Examiners, Rev. Dr. G. G. McRobbie, Messrs. Acheson and Duncan; Church Schenies, Home Missions, J. S. Davidson; Augmentation, J. Little; Foreign Missions, Dr. Fraser; A. and I. Ministers, S. Acheson; W. and O. Fund, J. L. Simpson; Colleges, S. H. Eastman; French Evangelization, T. A. Nelson; Assembly, T. Smith. First named in each committee is the convener.

It is announced that the new Dominion observatory will be built on the grounds of the Experimental farm, Ottawa.

## Quebec.

The Rev. D. Strachan, Brockville, will supply Chalmers', Quebec, during August.

The Presbytery of Quebec will meet in Sherbrooke, on the 10th, Sept., at 8 p. m.

Rev. A. Stevenson has been appointed Moderator of Quebec Presbytery for 12 months.

The Rev. W. Shearer is recruiting at Matane, by the cool breezes of the Lower St. Lawrence.

The Rev. D. Tait is spending a few weeks in Ontario, and is to preach in Toronto and Brockville.

The congregations of Marsboro rendered vacant by the illness of Rev. N. MacKay, is extending a call to the Rev. Mal. MacLeod, late of Scotland.

The address of Rev. George Cuthbertson, of Toronto, for the next few weeks will be Chicoutimi, Que. He supplies the pulpit of that interesting mission charge until 1st September.

Mr. Waddell's induction takes place at Shawville next Monday at 2 o'clock. Rev. Mr. McLeod, Billings Bridge, will preach the sermon and Rev. Mr. Whillans of Bryson, Rev. Mr. Sneddon, of Fort Coulonge, Rev. Mr. Morrison, of Bristol, will take part in the ceremony.

The Conveners of the Quebec Presbytery's Standing Committees are:—Augmentation, Dr. Kellock (Richmond); Church Life and Work, Rev. J. M. Whitelaw, B. B., (Kinneair's Mills); French Work, Rev. D. Tait, B.A. (Quebec); Young Peoples' Societies, Rev. G. E. Walker, (Valcartier); Statistics, Rev. J. R. MacLeod, (Three Rivers) Home Missions, Rev. Wm. Shearer (Sherwood.)

The hearty call of the united congregations of Shawville, Starks Corners and Portage du Fort to Rev. N. Waddell, of Lachute, has a bumperous side. It is intended that the minister will live at Shawville, but no suitable house is obtainable, and so the correspondent of a local paper suggests that the proper solution of the difficulty would be for the congregation to erect a tent in Dagg's grove for the minister for the summer and get to work at once and put up a house and have it ready for the cold weather.

The Advance gives an account of the celebration by the Presbyterians of Wakefield and Masham of the seventeenth anniversary of the faithful and efficient ministry of the Rev. Wm. Gamble. On Sunday morning in the Wakefield church about 600 people listened to a very inspiring and instructive discourse delivered by Rev. Dr. Moore of Ottawa. In the afternoon Dr. Moore preached in the Masham church to about 400 people, sermons at both places will long be remembered by those who heard him. On the following day (Monday) the united congregations of Wakefield and Masham held their annual picnic. Dinner was served from 12 to 2, after this the people gathered to hear addresses from the several clergymen who had come to pay their respects to Mr. Gamble. Rev. James Taylor of Aylwin spoke first, he was followed by Rev. A. Logan of Chelsea, then came Rev. W. Pyke, meth. minister, who was succeeded by Rev. W. M. Ramsay of Knox church, Ottawa. Mr. Ramsay (let me remark in a side whisper into your ear) is a growing man in the Presbytery of Ottawa—growing in power, in influence and in the respect of his ministerial brethren and of the people at large. Following Mr. Ramsay's address, came one from Rev. Mr. Bell, Anglican, Rev. Mr. St. Germain, French Presbyterian, winding up with a few congratulatory remarks from Dr. Moore by way of bringing the speechifying to a close. The rest of the day was happily spent in social enjoyments and intercourse.

Chatham Presbytery met in Blenheim on July 10th. Dr. Battersby in the chair. Committees were appointed to enquire into the nature of the deeds of the various church properties within the bounds. A committee was appointed to report as to the best mode of securing the spiritual benefit expected from the Century Fund movement. It was decided to meet henceforth every two months instead of four times a year. Messrs. Tolmie & Sutherland were appointed to sell the Windfall church it an agreement could be made with the people of the Methodist church there. And it was agreed to hold the next regular meeting in Ridgetown, on 10th September at 10 a. m.

## Northern Ontario.

The next meeting of Owen Sound Presbytery will be held at Owen Sound on 3rd September at 10 a. m.

On report of Dr. McLaren to the Owen Sound Presbytery an additional laborer is to be appointed to the Indian Peninsula Mission field.

The Owen Sound Presbytery presented the Rev. Robert Rodgers with a purse of one hundred dollars in commemoration of his jubilee as a Gospel minister.

The dates for the regular meetings of Owen Sound Presbytery were fixed for first Tuesday at 10 a. m., of the months of March, July, September and December.

At the last meeting of Owen Sound Presbytery the members accepted an invitation from the ladies of Division Street Church to lunch and tea with the members of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbytery. A pleasant social hour was spent.

## THE NEW ERSKINE CHURCH.

CORNER STONE LAID BY THE MODERATOR.

Before over five hundred people, Rev. Dr. Warden, moderator of the Presbyterian General Assembly, laid the corner stone of the new Erskine Presbyterian church on Concession street. There was a large attendance of ministers.

Rev. Mr. Mitchell, the pastor, acted as chairman. As one of the oldest elders of the church, Mr. Geo. Hay represented the laymen.

Rev. Joseph White, the first minister of the church, opened the proceedings with prayer. The choir then sang the anthem, "Trust in the Lord and do Good." Mrs. McJanet and Mr. J. E. Miller were the soloists.

Rev. Mr. Mitchell said that they had hoped to have the corner stone laid while the Assembly was in session, but bad weather had interfered. No one could represent the assembly better than Dr. Warden. He thanked the McLaren estate for giving the site at a reduced cost. He also commended the architect, also a McLaren, and a son of a Presbyterian minister.

Rev. Dr. Warden was then presented with a handsome silver trowel in the name of the congregation by Mrs. Mitchell, wife of the pastor. The stone was placed by the moderator in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost. The stone is inscribed "1901." In the stone were placed copies of the Ottawa daily journals and church papers, a history of the congregation, the board of managers and session, several new coins that were saved from the corner stone of the old church on Preston street.

Rev. Dr. Warden, in his address, said he regarded it as an honor to lay this corner stone. He sympathized with the congregation of Erskine church. He was aware of the many trials the congregation had undergone. He congratulated them on the manner in which they had held together under such circumstances. He had not been making very frequent visits to the capital of late. At the time of the General Assembly was his first visit for three years. He could not help being struck with the great strides the city had made. He was much impressed at the sight of its beautiful streets, which were kept so clean, and its electric railway system, which was the best on the continent. He also referred to handsome public buildings and residences, but he was glad to be able to say that the church edifices were none behind the other buildings in architecture or beauty. Erskine congregation had a strong beauty. Erskine congregation and liberality of other claim on the sympathy and liberality of other city churches. The congregation was largely composed of working people and he trusted that those whom God had given ability would feel it a privilege to lend a helping hand. Dr. Warden concluded by hoping that Mr. Mitchell would have the hearty co-operation of his congregation, and that the building would be erected without accident or loss of life.

Dr. Moore then led in prayer; Mr. Geo. Hay spoke as representing the eldership; and Rev. Mr. Patterson, act g moderator, appeared for the Presbytery brought the speaking to a close. He said it was not fine structures nor highly paid singers nor eloquent preachers that made a church prosper, but a people moved and filled with the Holy Spirit. He urged the people to realize that by that way only could the best work be done and the church have success.

The interesting proceedings closed by the Moderator, Rev. Dr. Warden, pronouncing the benediction.