

Our Toronto Letter.

Rev. Alex. Macgillivray of Bonar Church, Toronto, has returned from a month's trip in the Rockies, looking hale and hearty, and fit for the winter's work. He preached in his own pulpit on Sunday last.

Rev. J. McP. Scott, has returned from a month's vacation in Quebec. He preached for one of the Montreal ministers for two Sabbaths, then went into the wilds, on one of the pretty inland lakes of Quebec province.

Rev. John A. Clark, of Cowan Ave. church, preached in his own pulpit last Sunday, morning and evening. He has come back from the Lake of Bays as brown as a berry, and rugged for resuming work again. The summer's outing has done wonders for him.

Rev. R. G. Davey of Chalmers Church has not taken an extended holiday this year, but has exchanged with brethren near at hand. This is a somewhat doubtful policy, for the strain of the sabbath preaching during the hot spell is apt to destroy any good resulting from the rest during the week.

The chairman of the Board of Management of Knox College received a telegram last week intimating that Dr. Ferret had decided to decline the invitation to the Chair of Apologetics in Knox College. It is not at all likely that an appointment will now be made this season, and Prof. Ballantyne will be once more called upon to assume charge of the double work. It is to be hoped that the Board will see its way clear to appoint an additional professor in the near future, but the best friends of Knox will desire that the financial situation shall be perfectly clear before any important step is taken. It would be embarrassing to make an appointment, and be obliged to draw upon capital to meet the current expenses of the College. If it is desirable to have another professor appointed, or to have an additional Lecturer the friends of Knox College will make the way clear by supplying the funds. The Board will act with alacrity as soon as it has the means.

The story of the missionaries who are returning from China gives but a faint picture of the horrors through which they have recently passed. Imagine the horror of a mother separated from her child under such conditions as those related by Mrs. Goforth. Who can estimate the horror of such an experience as those of Dr. and Mrs. Leslie, beaten and maimed and bleeding, lying by the wayside, surrounded by hostile barbarians, with the conviction that nothing was before them but torture and death. Dr. Leslie's story, as related to the interviewer of one of the daily papers, is one of the most thrilling in the annals of missionary history. And yet, a clever writer, who knows it all though he looks at it only from the office chair in which he sits, grows righteously indignant because Dr. and Mrs. Leslie, and the others have come home. In the City, where this man is known, his diatribe will pass for what it is worth, but there are those who will give some weight to it, and imagine that the cleverness of the writer entitles it to some respect. As a matter of fact the unchristian spirit of the article is quite in keeping with the known character of the man who penned it. He can no more understand the true motive of the missionary than the unlearned man can understand Sanscrit.

The Canadians who formed the contingent to South Africa are returning slowly. Only those who have been invalidated because of wounds or illness have so far come home; but these are receiving a royal welcome everywhere. They have represented Canada well, and deserve well at the hands of her citizens. Two or three of them reached Toronto on Sunday last. The residents of Brunswick Avenue could not wait for Monday, but gave Private Ussher a great reception with Chinese lanterns. The good people of Sorauren Avenue, in the west end, pent up their patriotic feelings for a day longer, but made up for it in the splendid welcome home they gave Private Vandewater who is now a resident of that street. There will doubtless be a civic welcome when the body of the contingent returns.

It is rumored that Rev. W. J. McCaughan has been called back to Belfast, not to his old charge, but to another of the city charges. This speaks well for the appreciation of the Belfast people for one whom they might think was not so appreciative of them, as he left them for other fields. But Mr. McCaughan is thoroughly Irish, and if his Presbytery will allow him to go it would not surprise us if he should again return to work in his native land.

The Toronto Presbytery will resume its regular

meetings on Tuesday next. No meeting has been held during August, and even yet the business of the Presbytery will not be well under way till the October meeting. The Assembly estimates will probably be considered and appropriations made to the several congregations for the Schemes of the Church. So many appeals have been made for special objects that some of the minor funds are suffering temporarily, but in the end the contributions will be quite equal to the average, and we hope will exceed it.

Western Ontario.

Rev. J. D. Edgar, Hagersville, is absent on a brief holiday outing.

Rev. Malcom Kay, Dorchester Station and Crumlin, filled the pulpit of Knox Church, Belmont, on Sunday.

Rev. H. W. Reede, M.A., of Alma street, St. Thomas, occupied the pulpit of Kilmartin, Varmouth, last Sunday afternoon.

Rev. H. A. McCullough, B.A., of Tavistock, preached very acceptably to the congregations at St. Andrew's church, Berlin, on Sunday.

Rev. W. J. Clark, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, London, has returned from his vacation, very much strengthened for the work before him.

Rev. R. Weir, Petrolia, has been preaching at Henshall; and Rev. Dr. Muldrum, St. Paul, Minn., lectured there recently on "Scotland and the Scotch."

Rev. J. Spence Allan, son of the late Rev. D. Allan, who was for many years pastor of the North Easthope Presbyterian church, preached to that congregation on Sunday.

Rev. Joseph Hamilton, Mimico, is dealing with "Manly Young Men of the Bible," in a series of evening discourses. In his hands the treatment will be both attractive and useful.

The return of Rev. E. E. Knowles, to his pulpit in Knox Church, Galt, will be slightly later than was at first expected, as he writes from London that he will not sail for Canada till the second day of October.

The Rev. P. A. McLeod, M.A., B.D., has obtained six months' leave of absence from the session of the Atwood Presbyterian church, to enable him to take a post graduate course at Knox College, Toronto.

Rev. Dr. Dickson, in Central Church, Galt, has commenced a series of discourses on "Our Lord's life in Heaven," dealing with the words; "We See Jesus," and affirming that the vision of Christ is the true source of revival for the church.

The W.F.M.S. social in the basement of Knox Church, Belmont, on Tuesday evening, was well attended. Mrs. McMillan, president of the London Presbytery, delivered a stirring address, after which refreshments, consisting of ice cream, cake, etc., were served.

Rev. F. Barron, B.A., B.D., of London, has received an unanimous call from "Our Memorial Church, Baltimore, Ind., which he has accepted. The congregation is a large and progressive one. Rev. Mr. Barron will preach his inaugural sermon the first Sunday in September.

The young people of Knox Church, Guelph, held a pleasant garden party at the residence of Mr. Joseph Fletcher, Ermao, in aid of the organ fund of the church. Mr. J. C. Sinclair acted as chairman while an attractive programme was discussed. A handsome sum was netted for the fund.

The ordination and inunction of Rev. D. M. Robertson, B.A., took place on Thursday, 23rd inst., into the pastoral charge of McKay's Corners, Botany and Kent Bridge Presbytery of Chatham. He attended the laying of the corner stone of the new church being erected at Botany, his coming charge.

Rev. Wm. Gauld, who has been associated in missionary work for a number of years with Rev. Dr. McKay, of Formosa, is on a visit to friends in London, prior to his departure for Formosa, to resume work in that interesting island. Mr. Gauld married an estimable young lady near this city just before his departure for Formosa, several years ago, and sailed immediately on their wedding tour for that far away country, and a year ago last May they returned with their four children. The youngest took ill, and died since their arrival in Canada. One, a bright girl of four, is going to return with them, but the two eldest, bright boys, are to be left in Canada to be educated.

Northern Ontario.

Rev. W. Graham, formerly pastor of the Presbyterian church, is visiting friends in Bayfield.

The Packet describes the sermons preached by the Rev. C. H. Cooke, Smith's Falls, on a recent Sunday at Orillia, as "eloquent," and we can readily believe they were effective.

The Rev. D. Johnson, Sunridge, has accepted the call he lately received from the Presbytery of Sarnia and it is understood will leave for his new field early in October.

Rev. Mr. Marsh, of Chicago, conducted service in the Presbyterian church, Bayfield, last Sabbath morning. His brother, Rev. D. B. Marsh, of Hamilton, took the service in the evening.

The Christian Endeavor Society of Chalmers church, Flesserton, recently gave a garden party at the home of Mr. James McMullan, the proceeds of which netted \$20.00 for the India Famine Fund.

The Dundalk and Ventry congregations have contributed \$73.00 to the Indian Famine Fund; and the latter congregation has already subscribed \$2000, towards the erection of their proposed new church.

Rev. Principal Caven, D.D., Owen Sound, conducted the services in Division street church last Sabbath. It was the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Ordination and induction of the Rev. Dr. Somerville as the pastor of the congregation.

Rev. Jas. Buchanan, dispensed Communion at Dundalk and Ventry, on Sabbath last. Rev. J. A. Matheson, of Priceville, preached at Ventry and Rev. L. W. Thom, of Flesserton, at Dundalk, at the preparatory services on the Thursday and Friday previous.

Rev. J. A. Ross wife and children, of Churchill, formerly of Dundalk, holidayed recently with Mrs. Ross' parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. McGregor, at Dundalk. Mr. Ross' former parishioners were pleased to see him in their midst, and to again be favored with a gospel message from him.

Rev. John Little, Chatsworth, and Rev. R. J. M. Glassford, Guelph, exchanged pulpits on the 12th inst. the latter conducting reopening services in the Chatsworth church, which has been renovated and beautifully papered. On Monday evening Mr. Glassford delivered his thoughtful and deeply interesting lecture on "The Church and the Future."

A terrible shock came to the parents of Mr. Bernie Galbraith, Chatsworth, by his sudden death last week, the result of a bicycling accident. The deceased was a promising young man, and had been for some time a valuable member of the Chatsworth Church choir. Rev. A. Thompson, of Hepworth, a former pastor attended the funeral, and assisted the pastor, Rev. J. Little, in the services.

The induction of the Rev. J. C. Wishart, B.A. into the pastorate of Knox church, Beaverton, took place on Tuesday of last week, and was witnessed by a large congregation. The Rev. J. M. Cameron, Wick, Moderator of Presbytery, presided; Rev. Mr. Macdonald of Eldon, preached the sermon, Rev. J. McDuncan of Woodville, officiated as Moderator of session, Rev. Mr. MacDonald of Glenora addressed the minister and the Rev. Mr. Sinclair of Fenelon Falls, the people, all of whom gave very effective and eloquent addresses. At the close of the formal proceedings a reception in the basement of the church being filled with a large number of the congregation and friends who extended to the Rev. gentleman a cordial welcome. The ladies of the congregation, with their customary hospitality, placed a splendid spread before those present, and thereafter there was time for pleasant social intercourse. Mr. Wishart commences his pastorate under very gratifying conditions, remarks the Express, the church being free from debt and the congregation generally in a healthy and flourishing condition. He has the best wishes of all for a pleasant and profitable pastorate.

The Rev. W. D. McPhail, who recently resigned his charge in Tilbury, owing to impaired health, has been presented by his late congregation with a gold watch and chain accompanied by an appreciative address. Mrs. McPhail also was made the recipient of a handsome silver tea set. Mr. McPhail's health is improving and he hopes after a period of entire rest to be able to resume his work.