

Wentworth church, Hamilton, held special service for the Sunday School Sunday morning. Rev. A. McWilliams preached on "Giants and How to Kill Them." Mr. T. F. Best, Y.M.C.A. Secretary, took charge in the evening.

In the absence of Rev. W. E. Knowles, who is in British Columbia, Rev. Dr. Jamieson, of Blethenim, conducted the services and preached to the Twenty-fourth regiment and C. C. I. Cadets in the First church, Chatham, on Sabbath morning.

The garden party and lawn social held at Cayuga on Friday evening was a great success. During the evening an address of welcome was given by Rev. S. W. Holden to the new pastor, Rev. Mr. Howard. The proceeds amounted to over \$90.

Bloor street church, Toronto, will be in the hands of the painters and decorators during July and August. The auditorium will be thoroughly renovated and will be reopened early in September, until which time services will be held in the lecture hall.

Rev. J. S. Scott, B.D., of Brantford, preached anniversary sermons in Erskine church, Hamilton. A social was held in the school room Monday evening. Rev. D. McTavish gave an address, and an interesting musical programme was provided.

Rev. W. S. Wright, of Newcastle, preached in Knox church, Acton, on the 21st. Rev. Jas. Skene, of Hillsdale, preached last Sunday. Rev. Mr. Blair, the Moderator, met the members of the Session after prayer meeting last week when arrangements were made for the pulpit supply during July.

The induction of Rev. Mr. Brokenshire into the pastorate of Port Dalhousie took place on Tuesday. The sermon was preached by Rev. A. E. Duncan, of Niagara-on-the-Lake; Rev. John Crawford, B.A., Niagara Falls, gave the charge to the minister, and Rev. Dr. Crow addressed the people.

Last Sabbath was Rev. Dr. Williams' last Sunday in Sarnia, he having occupied the pulpit of St. Andrew's church for the past month. Rev. Dr. Williams has made many friends and admirers by his forcible interpretation of the gospel. Rev. Dr. Williams preached two fine sermons in the morning on the subject of "Worth Unrecognized," and in the evening "The Ministry of Song."

A Sunday School service was held in the Presbyterian church, Parkhill, last Sunday morning. A neatly arranged display of flowers and plants looked very charming. The children were present in large numbers and occupied the centre pews towards the front. Rev. Mr. Aylward took as his subject the Epistle of Paul to Philemon and succeeded in making it interesting and instructive even to the youngest. The choir was mostly composed of members of the Sunday School and appropriate selections were sung. The service was a bright attractive one and was much enjoyed.

The annual convention of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor was held in the Blyth church last week. Mr. J. E. Tom of Goderich, was in the chair. Addresses were delivered by Reverends Messrs. McCamus, of Sarnia; Hamilton, of Goderich; Copeland, of Londesboro; W. J. Wilson, of Nile; Small, of Auburn, and by Messrs. A. T. Cooper, of Clinton, and Hugh Bain, of Goderich. Papers were read by Miss Addie Kauffman, of Clinton; Mrs. W. Thompson, of Wingham; Mrs. John Robb, of Brussels, and Miss L. Stephens, of Clinton. The evening meeting was in the nature of a song service. All the musical selections seemed to be very much appreciated by the audience. Excellent and eloquent addresses were delivered by Rev. Mr. Sowers, of Brucefield, and Rev. McCamus, of Sarnia, the former taking as his theme "Personal Effort in the Harvest of Souls," and the latter "Musical and Christian Harmony." The meeting was closed by a consecration service. This convention was most inspiring throughout.

#### Toronto Notes.

Monday of last week at St. John's church Rev. G. M. Ross, a graduate of Dalhousie University, was designated for work in Honan, to succeed the late T. C. Hood, who went out so recently as the congregation's representative. At the dedication services, the Foreign Mission Committee was represented by Professor MacLaren, the presbyter by Rev. Dr. Milligan. Others who took part were, Rev. G. R. Fasken and the pastor, Rev. J. McP. Scott. Mr. Ross

will sail for China on July 25 in company with Rev. Harold M. Clark, the missionary supported by St. James' Square church.

The corner-stone of the new Wychwood mission church was laid on Saturday afternoon in the presence of a large number of people, notwithstanding the unpleasant weather. The mission is to be after the old English style with square tower and very steep roof. The building is of red brick and will make a very handsome little church. It is expected that it will be ready for occupation early in September. The corner-stone was laid by Rev. Wylie C. Clark of Brampton, Moderator of the Toronto Presbytery, and addresses were also given by Mr. John Harvie, who presided; Rev. J. W. C. Bennett, of Fairbank, Dr. Bryce, Rev. Mr. Baker of the Wychwood Methodist church, Rev. Mr. Lumley of the Wychwood Baptist church, Rev. G. R. Fasken, Rev. W. G. Wallace, Mr. John Wanless, Mr. John Henderson, and the pastor of the mission, Rev. R. B. Cochrane. The history of the Wychwood Presbyterian mission is of considerable interest. In 1880 there was a decided movement of population towards Davenport Hill, of which Wychwood is the centre, and Rev. W. A. J. Martin, then the pastor of St. Paul's Presbyterian church, saw an opening for mission work. As the result of his labors a Sunday School was established with an attendance of about forty, a house being purchased at the corner of Vaughan road and Alcina avenue, as the place of meeting. The purchase price was \$4,250. The generous subscription of \$1,250 from Mr. Mortimer Clark and his mother, Mrs. Topp, was paid on the purchase, leaving a mortgage of \$3,000 on the property, and the conveyance was taken in the name of Mr. Clark, Mr. John Harvie, Mr. Alex. Jardine and Mr. John W. Brown. Shortly after the commencement of the Sunday School a Sunday evening service was added, Rev. Dr. Gregg officiating at the first service on May 11th, 1890. During the winters of 1901 the mission was supplied by students from Knox College. Mr. H. R. Horne assumed charge in the spring of 1891, continuing so until the summer of 1892. Students of Knox again supplied the pulpit, and in 1893 Mr. C. R. Williamson was placed in charge. Succeeding pastors were Mr. John Griffin and Rev. G. R. Fasken, the latter being in charge when the mission was destroyed by fire on the night of Sept. 3, 1890. Since the fire services have been held in Wychwood Hall. There has been a growing feeling that a new church should be built, which resulted in money being raised with which to erect the new church. It will seat about 300 persons.

#### A Presbyterian Centennial.

An interesting centenary commemoration took place last week at Maitland, N. S., beginning on Sunday, June 21st, and ending Tuesday, June 23rd. It was the centennial of the ordination of Rev. Alex. Dick into the pastorate of the Presbyterian congregation of Maitland, N. S., on June 21, 1803. It was the first ordination in Canada—then known as British North America—by a permanently constituted presbytery. (The land of the Bluehearts, by the way, can boast of several first things, notably the first Presbyterian foreign mission enterprise, organized in 1844, and the first Presbyterian college established in Canada at Picton, N. S., in 1817.) The Presbytery which conducted the ordination services was the Presbytery of Picton, consisting of Rev. James MacGregor, Rev. Duncan Ross and Rev. John Brown. (Rev. James MacGregor was grandfather of Senator MacGregor of New Glasgow, N.S.) The congregation over which Rev. Alex. Dick was ordained has grown during the century into seven flourishing congregations, worshipping in nineteen churches. He died May 20, 1812, in the 31st year of his age and the 10th year of his ministry. There were present at the centennial five of the pastors of the congregation who followed Mr. Dick in the pastorate: Rev. John Currie, D.D., professor of Hebrew in the Presbyterian College, Halifax; Rev. L. G. MacNeill, M.A., St. John, N. B.; Rev. T. C. Jack, B.A., Sydney, C.B.; Rev. S. J. McArthur, B. D., New Glasgow; and Rev. Geo. Ross, the present pastor. The immediate successor of Mr. Dick in the pastorate of the congregation was Rev. Thomas Crowe, who died September 11, 1866, in the 83rd year of his age and the 55th year of his ministry. The celebration was a distinguished success worthy of the virile Presbyterians who form so substantial a portion of the population of Nova Scotia.

#### Literary Notes.

The July Cosmopolitan contains a well illustrated article on The World's Fair at St. Louis, 1904, which will prove of interest to our readers. The various attractions are described at some length. The Old Love Story retold this month by Richard Le Gallienne is that of Shelley and Mary Goodwin. Edmund Gosse writes of The Ethics of Biography and Wm. T. Stead of King Melchik of Abyssinia. There is the usual number of short stories, four, besides verse and other articles of interest. The Cosmopolitan, Irvington, N. Y.

Harper's Monthly Magazine for July opens with critical comment on Romeo and Juliet by Arthur Symonds, with pictures by Abbey. This series of articles on Shakespeare's plays is an interesting feature of the Magazine. In A Part of All the World New York is described from this point of view. Two suggestive articles are: The Standard of Pronunciation in English, by T. R. Lounsbury, L.L.D.; and The Survival of Human Personality, by Alex. F. Chamberlain, Ph. D. The short stories are unusually good. Harpers and Brothers, New York.

#### The Standard of Pronunciation in English.

In Harper's Magazine for July Professor Lounsbury of Yale discusses the question of a correct standard of English pronunciation and the men who have attempted to establish it:

"There are two things that strike the attention of any one who makes a careful examination of dictionaries, and of the orthoepy set forth by the men who prepare them. The first is that the pronunciation of a certain number of words is represented in them differently. The second is that the compilers of all of them assert their own infallibility or assume it. Each one of them has a serene confidence in the conclusions which he has reached, and is thoroughly convinced of his ability to act as guide to others. All of them had associated familiarity with the most distinguished men of science and letters. It is therefore naturally annoying to the seeker after positive truth to find these intimate friends of scholars and statesmen disagreeing among themselves,—in fact, manifesting at times a thinly veiled contempt for the opinions of their rivals, and implying that the society in which these had learned their way of pronouncing was no better than it should be.

"It is more than annoying; it is discouraging. For their differences are sometimes very marked. From the outset there has inevitably been the everlasting contest between the stickers for abstract propriety and the advocates of what has become the general practice. This contention has ended sometimes in the success of the one party, sometimes in that of the other. In *colored* we have seen the triumph of the latter; but we can offset it by the success of the former in the case of the words *cucumber* and *asparagus*. In each of these two it has taken practically a century to establish the present usage. Sheridan knows no such pronunciation as *cawcumber*, and while he inserts *sparrow-grass*, he merely says of it that it is 'corrupted from *asparagus*.' But Walker manfully recognizes the actual situation. He observes regretfully of *cucumber* that 'it seems too firmly fixed in the sound of *cawcumber* to be altered.' He admits, as did Johnson and others, that *asparagus* is the theoretically correct form; but he adds that 'the corruption of the word into *sparrow-grass* is so general that *asparagus* has an air of stiffness and pedantry.' Nor did these pronunciations die out easily or early from the practice of polite society."

"We admire the 'practical man,' the 'self-made man.' The world is debtor to men who have never shared the blessings of the schools. But many self-made men are graduates of literary institutions and some of the most practical men to be found anywhere hold diplomas from colleges or universities. When the world counts its obligations to humanity the larger debt will be to the men of collegiate training.

The school that the world will yet recognize as its most helpful friend is the school where the religion of Jesus Christ is taught.