

## Ministers and Churches.

THE collection at the laying of the corner stone of the Oakville Presbyterian Church was \$355, which was increased by the entertainment on the afternoon and the concert at night to \$515.

THE Rev. R. F. Burns, D.D., Moderator of the General Assembly, on his way eastward, spent last Sabbath in Toronto, preaching in Knox Church in the morning, and St. James Square Church in the evening.

THE Rev. J. C. Smith, of St. Andrew's Church, Guelph, and family have gone to Muskoka for a few weeks holidays. Rev. D. Morrison, M.A., of Owen Sound, will supply the pulpit of St. Andrew's Church for a few Sundays.

THE Rev. Dr. McTavish, of Inverness, Scotland, now on a visit to Canada, has been preaching to his former congregation at Woodville. Last Sabbath he preached and dispensed the communion in the church at Beaverton.

At a meeting of the Charles Street Presbyterian Church Auxiliary of the Ladies' Foreign Missionary Society, held on the 5th inst., Mrs. Neil, mother of the esteemed and popular pastor, was presented with a life membership.

THE Rev. T. G. Smyth, D.D., of Warsaw, Wis., formerly of St. Andrew's Church, Kingston, passed through this city last week on his way to Kingston. During his stay in Canada Dr. Smyth will advocate the endowment fund of Queen's College.

THE Rev. Branch Howie, M.A., addressed unusually large audiences in North Bruce and St. Andrew's Churches on the 3rd, 4th and 5th of July. Mr. Howie is expected in Niagara-on-the-Lake and in Knox Church, Owen Sound, on July 29 and August 7 respectively.

A BRANCH of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church has been formed at Farmersville by Mrs. Blair, of Prescott, and Mrs. Farrell, of Kingston. The following were elected office-bearers: Mrs. Pullar, president; Mrs. Johnston, vice-president; Mrs. Bryce Saunders, secretary; Mrs. Joseph Gallagher, treasurer.

THE garden party in connection with the Presbyterian Church, Rodney, held on the Messrs. Stinson's lawn Wednesday evening, July 6, was a grand success. The evening was all that could be desired, and the attendance was large, and all seemed to enjoy themselves well. The Rodney band was present, and rendered excellent music. The receipts were \$32.20.

THE Presbyterians of Norwood held a most enjoyable and unique Jubilee lawn social at Cessnock. The young people entered heart and soul into the spirit of the occasion. There was an original and finely-expressed address to the Queen, and an appropriate reply. The varied and attractive character of the celebration was such that old and young went home with the happy consciousness that their efforts had been crowned with complete success.

THE ladies of Knox Church, Shelburne, recently presented the Rev. T. J. McClelland, pastor of the congregation, with an address expressing the high esteem in which his character, worth and pastoral labours were held by his people. At the same time Mrs. McClelland was presented with a handsome carpet. Mr. McClelland, on his own and his wife's behalf, made a graceful and fitting reply. The ceremony ended with the singing of the National Anthem.

On a recent Sabbath Mr. Caswell dispensed the ordinance of the Lord's supper in Oneida and Hagersville, and a gracious blessing was experienced. Eight names were added to the roll, which makes seventy-five during the ten months Mr. Caswell has been in the field. Last winter special meetings were held in Oneida for four weeks, during which time the pastor was assisted for two days by Dr. Smith, of Galt, and for five days by Mr. Mutch, of Toronto. Fifty persons have united with the Church as a result.

LAST week the young people of Knox Church, Guelph, held a lawn social on the grounds of the Rev. R. J. Beattie, Idylwyld, the proceeds of which are to go toward paying off the debt on the organ. There was a large turnout, and as the evening was beautiful every one seemed to enjoy themselves. The ladies had an abundance of ice cream, lemonade, pine apples, and other delicacies for sale, which were rapidly disposed of. The grounds were illuminated with numerous Chinese lanterns, and these, with the gay and happy throng sitting across the lawn, presented an inviting picture. The city band was present, and furnished excellent music. The gathering broke up about eleven o'clock, all seeming to have enjoyed themselves.

SABBATH, June 26, was a special day in Knox Church, Owen Sound. The twentieth anniversary of the organization of the Sabbath school was observed by a special service in the morning, when Mr. Morrison, a former pastor, spoke of the school in its infant days. The pastor then spoke of the record for later days. The occasion was taken to present the superintendent, Mr. R. Malcolm, with an address. Two chairs found their way to Mr. Malcolm's house on Monday, as a gift from the school. On the evening of the same Sabbath, a very large congregation assembled to take part in the Jubilee service. The Owen Sound Times makes special mention of the sermon preached by the Rev. A. H. Scott, M.A., on the occasion, from Esther viii. 15-17.

ON Wednesday evening, 29th ult., a jubilee social was held in the Presbyterian Church at West Flamboro' to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of Mr. William Henderson's ordination to the eldership of that Church. The ladies of the congregation provided a splendid feast of strawberries and cream, tea, cakes and other things. There were lots of ice cream and lemonade also supplied by the ladies. After ample justice had been done to the feast supplied in the basement, the large crowd repaired upstairs to the Church, where they were entertained by Mr. S. Fisher, the pastor, who gave a good resume of the history of the

congregation from its organization under the Rev. Thomas Christie to the present time. Mr. William Henderson was then presented by the Session and congregation with an address and a splendid easy chair, a pair of gold spectacles, a book-case and secretary, a Bible and other articles as a token of their appreciation of him as a man and elder. Although he was completely taken by surprise, he made a very suitable reply, thanking them for the fine present which they had given him. Rev. Dr. Laing, of Dundas, also gave a very excellent address. Between the speeches were interspersed exquisite singing by Miss Bolton and Mr. Moore, accompanied by Miss S. Boyle. The Lynden choir also performed their part admirably. A most sociable and enjoyable evening was spent, and all were sorry when twelve o'clock arrived and they had to separate.

THE St. Andrew's Sabbath School, Scarborough, held their annual picnic on the church grounds on the 24th ult., and, at the request of the executive committee of the Township Sabbath School Association, were joined by many of the Sabbath schools of the township, making a monster jubilee picnic, when between 1,000 and 1,200 people were present, and a day long to be remembered was enjoyed by parents and children alike. Quite a stir was created by the arrival of the Christ Church and the Washington Sabbath schools with their friends, filling about thirty vehicles, and headed by the Scarborough brass band, with flags flying, and playing "God Save the Queen." Knox Sabbath School was also well represented, as well as Parsonage and Chalmers. The Eilesmere Maple Leaf Cornet Band enlivened the proceedings during the afternoon with choice selections of music. A collection was taken up at the tables to defray expenses and also for the benefit of St. Andrew's school, and so heartily was the goodwill of the visitors shown that the collection amounted to the handsome sum of \$108.08. One pleasing feature was the hearty co-operation of the young people of the different denominations in waiting on the tables, and also of the whole assembly in uniting as one family in the proceedings, a fine spirit of brotherly love and mutual goodwill being manifested by all. Addresses which were really good, loyal and instructive, and listened to with marked attention, were given by ministers of Episcopal, Methodist and Presbyterian Churches, representing the three branches of the British nation, English, Irish and Scotch, as well as native-born Canadians, and each vied with the other in loyalty to our Queen, to our Dominion and to King Jesus.

BRITISH COLUMBIA papers contain references to the visit of Rev. Dr. Cochrane. The *Daily News-Advertiser* says: The Rev. Dr. Cochrane delivered a very interesting address on "Glimpses of the Old World" last night at the Presbyterian Hall to a large and appreciative audience. The reverend gentleman treated the subject in a manner that went to show that he was a close and studious observer of men, manners and nature. At the close of the lecture everybody felt that they had enjoyed a thorough treat, and many took the opportunity of thanking the Doctor for the entertainment he had given them. The *Victoria Daily Times* has the following: This divine arrived from the mainland last evening. For several days he had been engaged on work in connection with the Presbyterian Church in Canada at Vancouver, New Westminster and elsewhere. It is five years since he last visited Victoria, and he is surprised at the great change that has everywhere taken place since then. To-morrow he will visit Nanaimo, returning in the evening. On Sunday it is expected that he will officiate in St. Andrew's Church in the morning. After the services there he will assist the Rev. D. Fraser, M.A., in the First Presbyterian Church, Pandora Street, in dispensing the communion services. In the afternoon he will address the Sabbath school in that church, and in the evening conduct the services in the Reformed Church, Humboldt Street, for Bishop Cridge. On Tuesday morning he will proceed east, via the C. P. R., filling engagements to preach and lecture in Regina, Portage la Prairie, Port Arthur and other places. The reverend gentleman has been pastor of Zion Church, Brantford, for over twenty-six years. His congregation is a large one, and by them he is highly esteemed. He is as active and energetic as he was a quarter of a century ago, and his presence is felt at all meetings of the courts of the Church of which he is so distinguished a member.

We have received a copy of the *New England Presbyterian*, which promises to be a valuable help to the cause in the New England States. It is gratifying to notice that Presbyterianism has taken a fresh start, and the establishment of a Church in the prosperous city of Portland, Maine, will be a source of satisfaction to many here who heretofore were denied the privilege of worshipping God according to the dictates of their consciences. The congregation meets in a large hall, and is under the pastorate of the Rev. Mr. Crossar, a talented, energetic young man. The Rev. Professor Ross, of Kingston, conducted the services in connection with the congregation a week ago, and it is needless to say that large congregations were present. The following is from the *New England Presbyterian*. On Sunday, June 12, our Sabbath school celebrated its second anniversary with an interesting programme. From the superintendent's reports, it appears that the school has been in session every Sunday during the year but one, when the hall was being repaired. There are 105 connected with the school. Largest number present at any one session, 104; smallest number, forty-four; average attendance, eighty-three, a gain on last year's average of forty-three; whole amount collected in school, \$52.61; balance in treasury at beginning, \$6.19; balance in favour of school from their picnic, \$12, donated by a friend toward Christmas tree, \$1; total, \$71.80; dispensed school literature, \$23.02; Christmas entertainment, \$14.75; Board of Home Missions, \$3.06; total, \$40.83; balance in treasury, \$30.97. Library consists of eighty-three volumes, average given out each session, fourteen. School is divided into fourteen classes, the most of them overflowing. We are cramped for room, having outgrown our cradle. O, for a large-souled Presbyterian to help us "launch out into the deep." After some remarks by Elder Gibson, the school voted \$15 to the Board of Home Mis-

sions. At the annual meeting the officers elected were: Kenneth McDonald, superintendent; Seelia Rins, assistant-superintendent; M. McMillan, treasurer; Charles McArthur, secretary; Johnnie Gibson, librarian; Miss Mamie McDonald, organist.

PRESBYTERY OF SARNIA.—This Presbytery held its regular quarterly meeting on Tuesday, 28th ult., at Parkhill. There was a small attendance of members. Standing committees for the year were appointed, and are as follows: Home Missions—Messrs. Hector Currie and J. Anderson, ministers, Mr. Robert Rae, elder; Temperance—Messrs. J. C. Tibb and J. Macdonald, ministers, Mr. Wm. Cole, elder; Finance—Rev. George Cuthbertson and Messrs. George Leys and D. Mackenzie, elders, Statistics—Messrs. P. McAdam and Hugh Cameron, ministers, and Mr. Thomas Gordon, elder; State of Religion—Messrs. George McLennan, R. W. Leitch and James Pritchard, ministers, and Mr. J. H. Lund, elder; Sabbath Schools—Messrs. Beemer and J. R. Johnston, ministers, and Mr. Harley, elder; Colleges—Messrs. Hugh Cameron and Robert Hume, ministers, and their elders; Arrangement of Business—The Clerk and Rev. Mr. McLintock; Schemes of the Church—Messrs. J. S. Lochead and J. Lees, ministers, and their elders; Examination of Students—Dr. Thompson, Messrs. D. C. Johnson, J. McCutcheon, Hector Cameron, J. C. Tibbs and J. Anderson, ministers, and Messrs. Cole and Rae, elders. Intimation was received from the General Assembly that leave had been granted the Presbytery to receive Mr. Matthew Smith as a minister of this Church. Mr. Smith was received accordingly. Arrangements were made for a public missionary meeting in the evening, to be addressed by Rev. Mr. Curtis, on "Home Missions." Rev. Mr. Anderson, on "Augmentation," and Rev. Mr. Beemer, on "Foreign Missions." Session records will be called for at next meeting. The next ordinary meeting was appointed to be held in St. Andrew's Church, Strathroy on the last Thursday in September, at half-past two p.m.—GEORGE CUTHBERTSON, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.—An ordinary meeting of this court was held on the 5th inst., Rev. H. M. Parsons, Moderator *pro tem*. A letter was read from Rev. Dr. J. M. King, of Winnipeg, cordially thanking the Presbytery for the minute adopted some time ago anent the domestic bereavement sustained by him. As Convener of a committee previously appointed, Rev. Dr. Caven submitted and read a minute, which was unanimously adopted, anent the death of the late Rev. J. Pringle, of Brampton. The minute set forth the long duration of his ministry in that locality (thirty-nine years), the high regard entertained toward him, not only by his co-presbyters, but also by all who knew him, for his personal worth, his ministerial diligence and fidelity, as also for the singular conscientiousness of all his utterances, and the credit and comfort he latterly had in seeing the two Presbyterian congregations in Brampton formed into one, with an esteemed and valued colleague to co-operate with him seeking their good, while he set a fine example to his brethren in his regularity in attending our Church courts, and taking his part in the business thereof. A full copy of this minute was ordered to be sent to Mrs. Pringle, a statement being also made therein of the Presbytery's sympathy with her and her family. The Presbytery took up the matter of Rev. J. W. Cameron's resignation, as tendered by him at last meeting. In connection therewith five commissioners from the Sessions and congregations concerned, viz., of Richmond Hill and Thornhill, appeared, and were severally heard, some of them bearing very favourable testimony to his ministry, while all of them consented to the acceptance of his resignation. Mr. Cameron was then heard on his own behalf, when he noticed some unwarrantable language which one of the city journals had used on his case, and pressed the Presbytery, notwithstanding the statements made in his favour, to accept of his resignation and loose him from his charge. On motion of Rev. A. Gilray, seconded by Mr. J. Knowles, it was agreed to accept and loose him accordingly, said decision to take effect after the last Sabbath of this month, and the Clerk was appointed to preach the following Sabbath at Richmond Hill and Thornhill, and declare the charge vacant. Rev. G. E. Freeman was also appointed Moderator of Session during the vacancy. And the clerk was instructed to draft a minute anent Mr. Cameron, with authority to send said minute at once to our Church journals. (Said minute is interjected here: The Presbytery, though constrained to accept of Mr. Cameron's resignation, would record their regret at the untoward circumstances which led them to take such a step. They would also express their regard for him, both in his private and public capacity; their sense of his diligence and zeal and fidelity in preaching and enforcing the lessons of the Gospel, as also in attending to his pastoral work; and the favourable impression he has made upon them in attending so regularly the meetings of the court, and taking part in the business thereof. Their good wishes will go along with him; and their hope is that in some other part of the Master's vineyard he may soon obtain a suitable sphere for employing his talents with acceptance and success.) A committee was appointed to assign the students within the bounds subject for summer exercises, said exercises to be duly submitted before the reopening of the colleges of our Church. Leave was given to Rev. F. Smith to moderate in a call from the congregations of St. Andrew's Church, Scarborough, and St. John's Church, Markham. An extract minute of the Presbytery of Owen Sound was read anent a call—sustained by said Presbytery—from the congregations of Thornbury, Clarksburg and Heathcote to Rev. Peter Fleming, minister of Lasky, etc. Said call was produced, and laid on the table. Rev. P. Nicol was appointed to exchange pulpits with Mr. Fleming on an early Sabbath, to inform his people of said call, to place in their hands a copy of the reasons for translation, and to cite them to appear for their interest at next meeting of the Presbytery. There was read an application from the Session of West Church, Toronto, for leave to establish a mission station, with all the usual privileges, on Manning Avenue (or the neighbourhood thereof) with