

Ministers and Churches.

Ottawa.

The anniversary social of St. Paul's congregation on Monday evening, was a well attended and pleasant affair. The pastor, Rev. Dr. Armstrong, presided, making an excellent chairman. The speakers were the venerable Fr. Wardrop, who happens to be visiting in the city, Rev. Messrs. Turnbull and Anderson, who all made congratulatory references to the minister and congregation. The musical part of the programme was well sustained; and the quantity and quality of the refreshments did credit to the skill and liberality of the ladies.

Rev. Dr. Gordon, principal of Queen's University, preached anniversary sermons Sunday in St. Paul's Presbyterian church. They were thoughtful, eloquent and characterized by deep spirituality. At the morning services Dr. Gordon took his text from St. Luke, chapter 5, verse 4, "Launch out into the deep." He said these words were a call to new and greater effort, a summons to disciples to go forth in faith, faith in the love of God, in whose hands were the deep places of the sea, and with the hearts of men. It was a characteristic of faith to look forward. Faith gave substance to things hoped for and was the evidence of things not seen. It gave inspiration and saw new oceans to be crossed. It was of the essence of faith to keep life bright, fresh and hopeful, by holding in view the possibility of new achievements. We were not always inclined to obey the summons of Christ to launch out into the deep, to leave familiar friends and things as His call sometimes necessitated. We liked to linger near the shore. But nevertheless if we would follow Christ we must cast loose from the moorings of temporal things and venture upon the sea of God's goodness. The soul that did this was amply rewarded.

In the department of knowledge there was the same call, and the similar reward. Increased knowledge of secular things should increase our knowledge of God. Our triumphs of knowledge were victories of faith. They were an earnest of things beyond. The man of science might not believe in God, but he believed in law, which is the expression of reason. This held in the realm of the spiritual. We had not yet reached the end of enquiry. There were still revelations for those who sought, as there were in the past. It was well for the church that there were within her ranks men of speculative minds and keen critical ability. The sincere investigator examined not because he doubted God, but because he called in question the reasons of men, and that he might the better understand God.

The greater leaders of mankind, such as Moses and St. Paul, were men who launched out at the command of God, not knowing whither they went. Carey, Livingstone, Wesley Booth and others were examples of a similar exercise of faith in modern times. Some would say such conduct was a leap in the dark. But there was no leap in the dark if one went in the companionship of God.

Dr. Gordon said the command to launch out was particularly applicable in Christian life. There was a particular work for each one to do, and no one else could do it. The peculiar dispensations of Providence, such as sickness, affliction and bereavement, were calls to launch out. Such calls seemed harsh, but it was only by complying with them that the riches of God's grace were experienced. The final hour was a call to launch forth, trusting to the great goodness and mercy of God, and in doing so we were borne into a world of new and grander experience.

Quebec.

The Rev. Dr. Kellock accepted the call extended to him by Kinnears' Mills, or Leeds' Congregation. The severing of ties at Richmond is painful to the minister and people, for Dr. Kellock endeared himself to the community. His induction at Kinnears' Mills will take place on the 20th December. The Presbytery rejoices in this settlement, and hopes that the unhappy conditions prevailing at Kinnears' Mills for several years will now take end.

Rev. Wm. Shearer, after 13 years of arduous and successful work at Sherbrooke, tendered his resignation at the last meeting of Presbytery, stating that the demands of the congregation are now too heavy for his strength. The resignation is quite likely to go into effect early in

January. The Presbytery will part with Mr. Shearer with very deep regret, for he is a brother deservedly beloved. It is gratifying to learn that Mr. Shearer's services are likely to be secured, for some time, in the interests of an exceedingly important department of Church work.

The Congregation of Chalmers' Church, Quebec, tendered a reception social to the Rev. Wylie C. Clark, on the evening of the 13th December. The lecture room was most tastefully decorated, and was well filled by well-wishers. The Presbytery of Quebec, being in session in the city that day, attended the reception in a body. Excellent musical selections were rendered by the choir and soloists. Mr. A. Miller made a model chairman. Many addresses of welcome and congratulation were given. Revs. Mr. King and W. H. Sparling conveyed the greetings and good wishes of the local Baptist and Methodist churches, respectively. Dr. Kellock, by appointment, represented the Presbytery of Quebec, and did it well. Mr. Wm. Brodie, chairman of the Board of Managers, in a neat speech, and in the name of the congregation, thanked Rev. J. R. MacLeod, who looked after the interests of the congregation during the vacancy for his services and the happy issue of them, and presented him with a purse worthy of Chalmers. Mr. MacLeod made a suitable reply. Mr. Clark, the new minister, gave the closing address, thanking the congregation for their reception and friends for good wishes by which he and his family were cheered. Refreshments were then served and a pleasant social hour spent.

Western Ontario.

Rev. F. W. Gilmore, B. A., of Granton, was the preacher at anniversary services at Tavistock last Sunday. The tea meeting on Monday evening was well attended and the speaking of a high order.

The first business before last meeting of Chatham Presbytery was the resignation of Rev. Dr. Jamieson of Bridge End, Bethel and Ridge charges. After expressing deep regret, and after the various delegates had paid high tribute to Dr. Jamieson, his resignation was accepted to take effect at the end of the year. Rev. N. Lindsay, of Dresden, has been appointed clerk of Chatham Presbytery, vacant by the resignation of Dr. Jamieson.

Jubilee services were held last Sabbath in the 4th line Presbyterian church, East Nottawasaga and were very successful, also the entertainment the following Monday evening. The church is the oldest in the whole vicinity. Opened fifty years ago, its first pastor was Rev. J. Campbell; second, Rev. A. McDonald; third, Rev. D. McDonald; fourth, Rev. J. K. Henery; fifth is its present pastor, Rev. J. A. McConnell. This church is connected with Creemore, Barrie Presbytery, and is to-day in a flourishing condition. Services on Sabbath were conducted by the pastor and Rev. Cranston, of Collingwood.

"The Romance of North-west Missions," was the interesting subject of an hour's address by the Rev. R. G. MacBeth, to the young people of his congregation in Paris recently. Being a native of the Western country and intimately associated with its history and development, Mr. MacBeth is able to speak so as to bring his hearers into touch with the life and spirit of the West. The Paris congregation by private subscription gives \$1000.00 a year to Home Missions besides the regular contributions to the schemes.

Rev. A. L. Burch, of St. Andrew's Church, Orangeville, has been in receipt of several anonymous letters. Last Sunday evening he intimated that during the previous week he had received a particularly silly and impertinent letter from one of these anonymous writers during the week. This lady wished to know if the reverend gentleman was a smoker, and asked him how he would advise a woman to treat her husband if he smoked. She also wanted his opinion on the political situation in Ontario, and gave him a couple of texts from which she desired him to preach. The minister, glancing over the congregation, said that he believed the lady who wrote the letter was in the church, and he desired to tell her that it was his own business if he smoked, and none of her business whatever. If he was a woman and had a husband who smoked he would provide him with a comfortable room in order that he might enjoy himself. He made no reference to the political situation.

Rev. D. R. Drummond, B. D., of St. Thomas has been unanimously invited to the pastorate of St. Paul's Church, Hamilton, vacant through the recent removal of Rev. Neil MacPherson.

Rev. J. A. Wilson, B. A., the new pastor of St. Andrew's church, Hamilton, has been heartily welcomed. At the reception given him by the church people tea was served in the Sunday School room after which there was an interesting programme, including some music. Welcoming addresses were given on behalf of the various departments of the church, and several local ministers greeted Mr. Wilson in a friendly manner. Mr. W. R. Leckie presided.

There was a good attendance at a meeting of the local Queen's University Alumni Association held on Friday afternoon in the Sunday school-room of St. Paul's Church, Hamilton, Dr. Malloch presiding. The following were appointed a committee to co-operate with the committee appointed by the Hamilton Presbytery to assist in raising funds to increase the Queen's University endowment fund by \$500,000. Rev. Neil Leckie, Rev. J. Anthony, Watford; Dr. Storms, Dr. Balte, Mrs. Mabel Henderson, Dr. Bertram, Dundas; Lieut. Col. Logie and John Legatt, Principal Gordon and Professor Dyde will visit Hamilton on Jan. 1, and address the local and Dundas Presbyterian churches. On Jan 3 they will discuss with the joint committee the need for the extra endowment funds and methods to be employed in raising it.

The morning service at Chalmers church, Guelph, was conducted last Sunday by Mr. Robert Ledingham of Knox College, who preached on "The Missionary Spirit." Mr. Ledingham had himself been a missionary for four years on the prairies of the Northwest, and spoke from experience. He said there were three classes of persons there; those who opposed religion, those who were entirely indifferent, and those who took an active part in religious matters. He told about the wonderful work done by the late Rev. Dr. Robertson, and said the country had sustained a terrible loss when he died. Dr. Robertson had predicted that the future of the Canadian West in religious matters would be decided during the first five years of this century, and Mr. Ledingham thought such would be the case. Great efforts were being made to lay a firm religious foundation, but more money and men were needed.

Eastern Ontario.

Glengarry Presbytery has undertaken to rearrange, if possible the two Lancaster congregations.

The next regular meeting of Glengarry Presbytery is appointed for Monday, 6th March, in St. John's church, Cornwall.

Glengarry Presbytery nominates the following commissioners to the next General Assembly: Rev. Dr. MacNish, Revs. J. Matheson, K. McDonald, K. Gollan, and Mr. A. N. Cheney.

In the First Presbyterian Church, Brockville, Rev. Norman McLeod is preaching a series of useful sermons to young men.

Rev. J. J. Wright is still at Peterboro, and on Friday evening addressed the Y. M. C. A. of that town on "Yukon Dogs."

Rev. D. McLaren, M. A., the efficient clerk of Glengarry Presbytery, has been unanimously nominated for the moderatorship of the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa.

At the recent meeting of Glengarry Presbytery a vigorous appeal was made by Rev. K. Gollan to his co-presbyters to use all proper means for the advancement of temperance, looking towards total prohibition.

Rev. J. S. Burnett, of Cornwall, occupied the pulpit in Burns Church, Martintown, last Sabbath morning.

St. Andrew's church choir, Martintown, and a number of the young people held their practice on Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Malcolm McDermott, Island, where they were hospitably entertained.

In St. John's Church, Brockville, the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was observed. In the evening the pastor, Rev. D. Strachan, exchanged pulpits with Rev. Norman McLeod of the First Presbyterian Church.

Rev. W. T. Prittie, of Vernon, occupied the pulpit in St. Andrew's, Carleton Place, last Sunday, in exchange with Rev. Mr. Woodside, who was conducting anniversary services at the former place, and delivered two very able sermons.