

Ministers and Churches.

Ottawa.

The resignation of Rev. J. A. Moir, of Moncton and South Gloucester, who will leave for Scotland to continue his studies, was accepted.

A call from the congregation of Vars and Bearbrook for Rev. J. T. Robinson was sustained, and in the event of his acceptance, his ordination will take place on Tuesday, Sept. 27th.

Rev. P. Y. Anderson, B.A., of Shelburne, has been tendered a call to the pastorate of the Mc Lay church, to succeed Rev. Norman McLeod, B.D., now pastor of the First church, Brockville.

At the meeting of Presbytery, Rev. M. H. Scott, of Hull, was appointed moderator in succession to Dr. Ramsay, whose term of office has expired.

In order to endeavor to meet the keenly felt want of the city churches for Sunday school teachers the Y. M. C. A. will this winter organize a new class for the special training of teachers. A programme of twenty-five lessons as issued by the International committee, New York will be followed. It is intended to be a normal class wherein the principle of teaching will be taught and will be in no way connected with the other classes.

A committee was appointed to look after the work of aiding to raise \$500,000 for the endowment of Queen's University. The matter was introduced at the meeting by Rev. Dr. Armstrong, and the committee will be composed of Rev. Dr. Herridge, Rev. Dr. Armstrong, Rev. Dr. Ramsay, Rev. J. H. Turnbull, Rev. J. W. H. Milne, Rev. Mr. Pretty, Hon. E. H. Bronson, Hon. Geo. Bryson, Judge MacTavish, Geo. Hay, J. I. McCracken, Prof. Robertson, Lieutenant-Colonel Macpherson, Hiram Robertson, Dr. John Thornburn, James Hope, R. H. Cowley, and J. T. Pattison.

The members of the congregation of St. Stewart church, held a reception last Tuesday evening, and welcomed their new pastor, Rev. William McIlroy and his wife. There was a large attendance, and the interior of the church was very attractive, being decorated with plants, ferns and cut flowers. Mr. Robert McConnell made a capable chairman, and seated on the platform during the evening were Revs. Dr. Wardrope, Gamble, J. W. H. Milne, E. Ladie, J. H. Turnbull, D. M. Ramsay and M. H. Scott.

Dr. Ramsay spoke in a pleasant vein, saying from all he had heard, St. Stewart church had secured a man who would produce results. He referred to many pastors coming here who were enjoying single blessedness, but he was happy to say this was not so in this case, and he felt they would consider Mrs. McIlroy no slight addition to the congregation.

Rev. M. H. Scott, on behalf of the Presbytery, welcomed Mr. and Mrs. McIlroy. The new pastor would find that he had lots of elbow room, and that there was plenty of work ahead of him. He told a little of his experience and threw out a warning to the new pastor not to look to the clouds, but to glance towards the future.

Rev. Mr. McIlroy expressed his thanks for the welcome accorded him. It had exceeded his expectations. He realized there would be difficulties to be met, but if there was no work to be done he would not have desired to be placed in charge of St. Stewart congregation. He believed there was going to be plenty of elbow room, as the previous speaker had said. He intended to live and build for the future, and asked for the co-operation of the congregation. He said it had been his lot to get into congregations where difficulties had been met with, but he had not been discouraged and had got on well.

He wanted them to understand that he was not a revolutionizer nor a worshiper of numbers. Clergymen could not do their best work in one, two or three years, so he was going to study the congregation before he took any drastic measures.

"I shall not be any man's man," said Mr. McIlroy, "I am here to represent Christ, not man, and I will take that stand even if I have to stand alone."

Toronto.

St. Enoch's Church, which has been closed for five weeks for repairs, was re-opened on Sunday. In the morning Rev. J. A. Macdonald occupied the pulpit, and in the evening Rev. A. B. Winchester, pastor of Knox church preached. The church has been recarpeted and painted throughout.

Rev. Dr. Milligan was the preacher at the evening service at the re-opening of College Street Church on Sunday.

Last Sabbath morning the Rev. Dr. Moffatt, the venerable and indefatigable secretary of the Upper Canada Tract Society, preached in Westminster Church, Mount Forest, in the morning in the interests of his work. The Rev. John Little of Holstein, preached in Westminster church in the evening. Rev. Mr. Hanna taking his Sabbath appointments.

At Cooke's Church last Sunday evening about 200 Chinese, with many Chinese teachers and friends, met to bid farewell to Miss Isabel Little, M.D., and Miss Agnes I. Dickson, who are soon to leave Canada for Macao, China. The Canadian Presbyterian mission there was established specially to maintain connection between the Chinese in Canada and their friends in the Canton province, and to follow up those who return. Dr. R. H. Mackay presided and introduced the ladies, who made brief and appropriate addresses. The Rev. A. B. Winchester, in Chinese, explained to the "boys" the purpose of the meeting. At the close nearly all the Chinese present came forward to shake hands with the missionaries and bid them farewell. The Chinese classes in the city give promise of being more largely attended next winter than ever before. There will be a considerably increased demand for teachers. It is an opportunity of doing foreign mission work at home that is cordially responded to by the churches in Toronto, and they are finding much encouragement in the work.

The warm reception accorded Principal Gordon of Queen's University by the Presbytery of Toronto during his recent visit augurs well for the campaign he has undertaken to increase the endowment of Queen's. The outcome of the negotiations between the University Senate and the General Assembly's special committee was perfectly satisfactory and it now remains for the Presbyterian Church in Canada to endow generously the institution it has decided to retain under its care. The net income of Queen's University last year was \$75,673, of which \$21,049 was in fees. To meet the growing needs of Queen's she should have, the authorities say, a net income of not less than \$75,000 a year, so that another half million dollars is needed to bring the university endowment fund up to the point desired. Last year there were 807 students in attendance, which was an increase of 44 over the previous year. A majority of these were other than Presbyterians.

Montreal.

The Rev. G. Colborne Heine, pastor of Chalmers Church, and Mrs. Heine returned on Thursday from L'Orignal, where they spent a part of the summer vacation. A few weeks ago Mr. and Mrs. Heine went to Murray Bay, where Mr. Heine became ill, necessitating a trip inland. He has returned much improved in health, and preached at both services in Chalmers Church on Sunday.

Winnipeg.

The congregation of Westminster church, Winnipeg, decided unanimously to call Rev. Clarence McKinnon of Sydney, C.B., as colleague and successor to Rev. C. B. Pitblado.

Rev. Dr. Bryce conducted services recently in the church at Oak Bank, Winnipeg, the occasion being the anniversary of the opening of the new church in this district. During the day Dr. Bryce conducted services at four points, Cook's Creek, North Springfield, East Klondyke and Oak Bank. A large proportion of the wheat in the district has been cut and the balance will be cut during the present week. The people are very hopeful and sanguine regarding the yield of this year.

Western Ontario.

Rev. A. McLaren of Woodstock, occupied the pulpit of Knox church, Westport, the last two Sabbaths, very acceptably.

Rev. D. M. Buchanan, of Knox Church, Jarvis, commenced a series of sermons on "Future Things" last Sunday evening. His topic for that evening was "The second Coming of Christ." He will continue the series for about three months.

A resolution was moved by Dr. Lyle, seconded by Dr. Fletcher, and carried, conveying the sympathy of the Presbytery to Rev. Dr. Smith and Rev. J. J. Young of Hamilton, in the recent bereavements they have been called upon to sustain.

Rev. Thos. Watson of Thamesford, occupied the pulpit at Guelph on Sunday. The congregations were large and well pleased to hear a former pastor.

Rev. R. E. Knowles, B.A., pastor of Knox church, Galt, has returned from the club and occupied his own pulpit on Sunday.

At the meeting of the Hamilton Presbytery, held in St. Catharines last week, there was very little other than routine business taken up.

The raising of the minimum stipend of the ministers of the Presbyterian Church from \$750 and a manse of \$800 and a manse, as urged by the last General Assembly, was discussed and arrangements made for a general exchange in the Presbytery this autumn to bring the matter before all the congregations. Dr. Lyle is convenor.

A new mission on Sherman avenue, Hamilton, was reported, with the request to be organized with a congregation with a provisional session. Dr. Lyle was appointed moderator. Mr. Van Wyk is the missionary in charge.

Rev. R. J. M. Glesfield of Guelph preached to the children of his congregation last Sunday.

The Raleigh congregation held their fourth anniversary last Sunday, when Rev. Mr. McQuarrie, of Valcartier, preached morning and evening. A successful social gathering was held on Monday evening.

Rev. Dr. Smith, of Bradford, who has been absent on a holiday for the past three weeks preached in his own congregation last Sabbath.

Rev. Dr. T. Rance and Mrs. Torrance, of Guelph, celebrated their golden wedding at Gilchristie, their stately residence. Dr. Torrance is in his 83rd year.

The Rev. Dr. M. C. Mac of Westminster, occupied the pulpit in Thamesford on Sunday. In the afternoon he preached a very eloquent and instructive sermon to the Masters of King Solomon Lodge, who to the number of about eighty marched in procession to the church.

Rev. J. D. Morrow and his bride were rendered a hearty reception by the congregation of the Henseler church last week. Mr. J. F. Carmichael made a model chairman and welcomed the pastor and his bride in graceful and fitting terms. An excellent programme of anthems, solos, etc., interspersed with congratulatory speeches by Revs. Johnson and Robinson, was rendered, after which a tea was served by the ladies of the church. A beautiful sideboard was placed in the manse during Mr. Morrow's absence the formal presentation of which took place during the evening.

Taylor Church congregation turned out in large numbers to welcome home their pastor, the Rev. W. D. Reid. The Rev. W. H. Cruikshanks, Montreal West, occupied the chair and said many things of a complimentary nature about the pastor's relations with the clergy of the city and his people. The Rev. D. J. Graham also addressed a few words of welcome to Mr. Reid, and complimented pastor and people on their good work in the East End of the city. The Rev. D. W. Reid replied, saying that the large number present was a guarantee that they were loyal to the church, to himself as pastor, and that they were prepared to support him in his work.

Eastern Ontario.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed in Napanee on Sunday, after the morning service.

Rev. H. D. Leitch preached in St. Giles Presbyterian church, Montreal, last Sabbath.

The congregation of Calvin Church, Barhurst, will celebrate their anniversary on Sunday. Rev. Mr. Given of Williamston, will preach.

On leaving Kingston, where he has been filling St. Andrew's pulpit during the absence of Rev. John Mackie, M.A., Rev. Neil Leckie of Hamilton, was presented with an address by the session, expressing their high appreciation of his services there.

Rev. N. H. McGillivray, of Cornwall, has returned home and will conduct the services in St. John's Church on Sunday. The last of the union services were held on Sunday in Knox Church in the morning, and St. John's in the evening. Rev. Dr. Harkness preached at both services.

Rev. Alexander Laird, B.A., pastor of Cooke's church, Kingston, has been recommended by the Liberal executive for the position of teacher of English literature in the Royal Military College to succeed Bishop-elect Worrell.