

Ottawa.

Rev. Dr. Moore and Rev. John McNicol exchanged pulpits last Sabbath.

Rev. Dr. Herridge will preach a sermon to young women on next Sunday evening in St. Andrew's church.

One of our exchanges says: Rev. Dr. Wardrop, of Guelph, who was presbyterian minister in Brockville over thirty years ago, preached there on Sunday. He is over thirty years old, but still possesses a vigor and freshness of which many men not half his age are lacking.

Rev. Robert Eadie, Hintonburg, is endeavoring to have adopted in that municipality a system of manual training similar to the one recently established in Ottawa. He has asked for a room in the public school which is at present unoccupied and which would be very suitable for the purpose.

The second anniversary of the Glebe church will take place on Sunday, Nov. 25th. Special services will be held on the occasion, and on Monday evening the Ladies' Aid Society will hold their annual concert and supper. This will be in connection with the anniversary. Doubtless there will be a large attendance of friends and well-wishers of this young and flourishing congregation on both occasions.

The venerable Dr. Wardrop, of Guelph, took the morning services for Rev. Mr. McLeod, at New Edinburgh, and preached in Erskine Church in the evening. On the latter occasion his theme was Christ the Bread of Life, and the presentation of the truth was at once touching and tender. This congregation will observe the Lord's Supper next Sabbath, and there will be a preparatory service on Friday evening at 8 o'clock. On both occasions Dr. Wardrop will be the preacher.

Members of the Chinese class attending Sunday school at Knox church have had to complain of frequent molestation on their way to church. What aggravates the offense is the fact that the destination of the offending Chinamen must have been apparent to their assailants. The proper authorities should see to it that those law abiding strangers are protected against such ruffianism as is here alluded to. Let not Ottawa reach the unenviable notoriety attained by another Canadian city in this regard.

Rev. Dr. Stewart, of Prescott, preached at both the morning and evening services in St. Paul's Presbyterian church on Sunday. The visiting divine's discourses were scholarly and helpful. In the evening Unrealized Ideals were discussed at length in a manner that left a deep impression on the congregation assembled. Without an ideal, Dr. Stewart stated, life would be a failure. Even if ideals were not reached the constant endeavor in this direction would elevate the life and lend to the life's work an added success. The true ideal of the Christian, Dr. Stewart said should be found in the life of Christ, who while on earth had lived a perfect life.

The Rev. Dr. Herridge, at St. Andrew's church on Sunday evening, preached a sermon to young men, taking for his text the words: "That our sons may be as plants grown up in their youth." Psalms 144:12. Among other good things he said: "It seems to me that Canada affords growing opportunities to the young man who has found out what he is fitted for and is determined to accomplish the tasks which are imposed upon him. The tasks of life are not to be divided into secular and sacred ones. One may serve God in the pulpit; but one may serve God just as truly in the field, in the shop, in the office, as a teacher, or even as a politician. The regeneration of the world will be achieved not by turning the week into a perpetual Sunday, nor by a half disdain of that which has to do with the world alone but by bringing to bear upon every task the principles which are most ennobling to manhood and which best reveal the presence of a Christian gentleman."

At the annual meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Church, London, the following officers were elected: Honorary president, Mrs. Alex. Purdon, sen.; president, Mrs. (Rev.) Johnston; vice-presidents Mrs. Ross, Mrs. Watson and Miss Kessack; secretary, Mrs. Taylor; treasurer, Miss Fraser; leaflet secretary, Mrs. J. McIntosh; organist, Miss Gunn. The reports for the year were satisfactory, the membership being good and the offerings generous. Mrs. (Rev.) J. A. Murray gave an account of the organization of the auxiliary some twenty years ago. Miss Gunn was made a life member.

Quebec.

The Rev. Mr. Cruickshanks preached on Nov. 4th to the people of Georgetown, English River and Howick. The day following he commenced collecting for the Century Fund in the Georgetown congregation and is meeting with success. He is a vigorous speaker and makes a capital agent.

The Georgetown and English River Woman's Missionary Society celebrated their twenty-fifth anniversary this fall by giving the largest contribution to missions ever given in one year, viz., \$252.45. \$45 of this amount was a thank offering. The society sent about two hundred pounds of clothing to needy mission fields early in September.

Literary Notes.

THE KINKAID VENTURE, by Kate W. Hamilton, is a sensible and interesting story, telling of the way in which a family of young boys and girls made a home in the West. Through many trials they managed at last to make a comfortable living. All children will enjoy reading this book, which will entertain while teaching lessons of self reliance and industry.—The Pilgrim Press, Boston.

THE FOOTSTEPS OF A THRONE, by Max Pemberton. The scene of this story is laid in Russia, which is equivalent to saying that it is of lively interest. The plot is not at all complicated, but the book gives a good idea of the strict police surveillance exercised throughout Russia, and the characters are varied and well drawn. The cover is very neat, being of a pretty green linen. W. J. Gage and Company, Toronto.

THREE COLONIAL MAIDS, by Julia McNair Wright, is a bright story of revolutionary times which will be sure to interest girls of any age. The heroines are New England girls who have lived quiet, uneventful lives up to the time of the war, when life becomes more complex and the characters of the "Colonial Maids" are deepened and strengthened by their many experiences. The binding of this book is very dainty indeed. The Pilgrim Press, Boston.

THE ADVENTURES OF THE PIXIES AND ELAINES by Carrie E. Morrison. This series of stories originally appeared in the Children's Column of the Ladies' Home Journal, and each story is as sweet and dainty a fairy tale as child could wish; while they all teach lessons of kindness, unselfishness and love. The illustrations, some of which are by Reginald Birch, add much to the value of this exceedingly desirable book for children. Dana Estes Company, Boston.

CHATTERBOX for 1900 is, as always, full of interesting reading matter, in addition to a very large number of illustrations and half a dozen colored plates. The stories are of all kinds—long ones for the big boys and girls, short ones for the little children, and anecdotes about many of the great men of history. There are, too, short stories of an instructive nature, such as those on "Australian Animals," "The Esquimaux," and "Among Icebergs." Dana Estes Co., Boston.

MOTHER WILD GOOSE AND HER WILD BEAST SHOW, a new book of verse and pictures, by S. J. Bridgeman, will be sure to be very popular for the little ones, as it contains funny rhymes with the most attractive of bright colored pictures. The verses are adaptations from Mother Goose's rhymes, and are very good indeed, while the get-up of the whole book is distinctly artistic. The following is the introduction:

"This book, not too fat or too lean
Not the best, or the worst ever seen,
Is just written for fun,
And you'll find, when you're done,
Nothing horrible, hateful or mean."

H. M. Caldwell Company, Boston.

Very readable is "A Woman's Experience at Cape Nome," in the November Cosmopolitan. It is merely a short sketch of ten days spent in that land of constant daylight, but it is full of interest. Rudyard Kipling and H. G. Wells have each the first instalment of a story, while Crockett has a complete short story. An illustrated article on "The Galveston Tragedy" throws light on that terrible event.

A second edition of Morley's "Study of Cromwell," has been called for.

British and Foreign Items.

Rev. Dr. Wallace, Hamilton, has been celebrating his semi-jubilee.

An African, who had visited England, described snow as "rain gone to sleep."

Rev. Mr. Duke, Glasgow, has been elected minister of Langholm Free church.

Dr. Joseph Parker states that the rumor of his approaching marriage is "an abominable lie."

It is now stated that Lord Kitchener will succeed Lord Roberts, who leaves South Africa on Nov. 15.

The annual public assembly of the Baptist Union of Scotland was opened in Glasgow on the 17th ult.

Mark Twain alleges that the English people have a keener sense of humor than any other nation in the world.

The parish church of Longforgan, for the first time since the Reformation, was the scene of a wedding on the 17th ult.

A wide-awake American has erected pumps on the Jordan and is supplying churches all over Europe with genuine Jordan water.

The Countess of Aberdeen on the 22nd ult. opened a sale of work done by aged and infirm inmates of Merryllats Poorhouse, Govan.

Rev. Mr. Cameron, Brodick Free Church, protested against union with the U. P. church, and is determined not to join the united church.

Rev. Dr. Campbell, Stirling, has another volume in the press entitled "Lands of the Orient, or Rambles in Khemi, Ethiopia, and Canaan."

Mr. Spurgeon wished to live till he might throw an old shoe at the wedding of the Free and United Presbyterian churches in Scotland.

The beds of the immense coalfields lately discovered in Zululand extend downward for forty-five feet in places, and the coal is of good quality.

On the 14th ult. a new church was opened in connection with the Church of Scotland in St. Catharine's parish, Edinburgh, near Bonnington Station.

The Landsdowne (Glasgow) congregation has been granted liberty to call a colleague and successor to the Rev. T. Dobbie. The stipend is £600 a year.

It is said that Lord Peel is to assist the Dowager Duchess of Argyll in the production of the autobiography of the late Duke of Argyll, which was left to his widow for completion.

At a recent examination in connection with the Presbyterian Faculty of Ireland, the degree of B. D. was awarded to Rev. David H. Machonachie B. A., Stroom church, Newtownards.

At Perth, on Sunday, the 7th inst., a parson stopped his sermon and rebuked a couple of "young ladies" who persisted in giggling during the sermon. They got up and stalked out of church.

Mr. John Wannamaker, on returning from his holiday to his immense Sunday school, Philadelphia, was received with great enthusiasm. The whole assembly stood up and sang the Doxology as he entered.

Principal Marshall Lang has been presented with a book-case and a collection of books as a parting gift from the officers of the 1st L. R. V., Glasgow, in recognition of his services as chaplain to the regiment.

Lord Ross's telescope, which was the pride of the astronomical world a generation ago, is no longer looked upon as unique. Other enormous instruments have been made, and one will soon be in working order at Oxford.

Surprise and horror were caused at the Hote Schomhardt, a fashionable summer resort near the Imperial castle Wilhelmshohe, by the discovery that the chef, a Frenchman, was an Anarchist. He fled before the police could get hold of him.

THE AMERICAN KITCHEN MAGAZINE for Nov. contains excellent articles on "Training children in Dietetics," "The Dignity of Labor," and "What Fine Homemade Bread Should be Like." In "Reasonable Dishes for November and Thanksgiving" many good recipes are given. The Home Science Publishing Co., Boston.

"How shall we Feed the Young Ravens?" is the opening article in the November number of "Table Talk," which is followed by a short description of "A Creole Breakfast." "Concerning Christmas Gifts" will be of special interest to all readers at this season of the year. Table Talk Publishing Co., Philadelphia.