

TORONTO.

Prof. Robertson, of Knox College starts this week on a tour throughout Northern Ontario. He will visit the mission fields with the object of familiarizing himself with the conditions which exist there.

The last anniversary services to be held in the Kew Beach church prior to the removal to the handsome new structure now in course of erection, immediately to the south, were held last Sunday. At 11 a.m. Rev. Dr. Parsons conducted the services, and at 7 p.m. Rev. Dr. McTavish of Central church.

The congregation of Wychwood church on Friday night tendered a reception to the newly-inducted Rev. Wm. McTaggart, B.A. Addresses of welcome were delivered by Rev. Dr. Abraham, Rev. Mr. Dick, Rev. Mr. Fasken and John Henderson. The congregation presented the new pastor with three volumes of Beecher's lectures on preaching, and the Rev. Mr. Bennett, acting moderator of the session, with a purse of gold.

Rev. Robert Herbison, pastor of St. Giles' Church, preached a sermon last Sunday night in the Avenue-road Presbyterian church, in which he denounced the evils of the race-course, "bridge" whist, and euchre parties. Rev. Dr. Milligan occupied the pulpit in the morning, being anniversary Sunday. The balance of an old debt, amounting to \$800, was provided for by special contributions.

WESTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. Mr. Panton, of Stratford, has been preaching at Shakespeare.

Rev. J. F. Scott, of Rodney, has been preaching at Thamesford.

Rev. A. L. Budge, of Hanover, conducted the preparatory service at Clifford.

Rev. W. Robertson, M.A., preached before the Morrison Lodge, A.O.U.W., last Sunday. The service was helpful.

On Friday, 15th inst., Rev. T. A. Watson, of Thamesford, will conduct the preparatory service at Muir.

Rev. Dr. Marsh was the preacher in Locke street church, Hamilton, last Sunday.

Last Sunday in Central church, Hamilton, Rev. W. H. Sedgwick, M.A., Charlottetown, preached both morning and evening. Mr. Sedgwick is on his way to the General Assembly.

The congregation of Knox church, Hamilton, appointed a committee to take steps to secure a pastor to succeed Rev. E. A. Henry. Rev. R. W. Ross, Guelph; Rev. R. J. McAlpine, Owen Sound, and Rev. A. L. Giegge, Parkdale, are among those mentioned for the pastorate.

At the Communion service in Norwich church last Sabbath, there were 38 additions to the membership. The church was crowded at both services. The large additions to the membership, along with the increased attendance, must be very encouraging to the pastor, Rev. J. A. McConnell, only recently inducted.

Rev. E. W. Panton, who recently resigned the pastorate of St. Andrew's church, Stratford, and who is leaving on a two months' trip to Battledore, N.W.T., was waited upon by members of the congregation and presented with a purse of gold. Mrs. Panton was also remembered with a suitable gift.

The choir of the Glencoe Church met last week for a social evening, and to say "good-bye" to Miss Bickle, for some time past choir leader and organist of the church, and who is removing to Ingersoll to take a similar position. During the evening Miss Bickle was presented with a jewel case and a beautiful gold ring set with pearls, and also a baton, the latter as a memento, being made from a piece of oak which was taken out of the organ when undergoing repairs. Mr. L. Suiter acted as master of ceremonies in a very efficient manner and called on Miss Hattie Saxton, who read a nicely worded address, expressing the sincere regret of the members of the choir in parting with Miss Bickle.

BROCKVILLE W. F. M. PRESBYTERIAL

The 21st annual meeting of this society met in Knox Church, Morrisburg, on Monday and Tuesday of last week. Monday evening's meeting was purely of a business nature, questions of interest being discussed. The secretary and treasurer presented their reports, which were adopted. The treasurer, Mrs. Gibson, reported a balance on hand of \$1,755.06, of which \$16.40 was sent to the general treasurer. The report re the clothing sent to the North-west was most interesting. Seven bales, valued at \$333.50 were sent. The result of the election of officers was as follows:

President—Mrs. Dowsley, Prescott. Vice-presidents—Mrs. G. MacArthur, Cardinal; Mrs. McLennan, Brockville; Mrs. J. H. Merkley, North Williamsburg; Mrs. Chisholm, Kemptville; Mrs. Purvis, Caintown; and Mrs. McShane, Hallville. Corresponding Sec.—Mrs. (Dr.) Fleming, Prescott. Tiding Sec.—Mrs. James Moore, Brockville. Treasurer—Mrs. M. Gibson, Morrisburg. Auditors—Mrs. Ross and Mrs. Stafford, Morrisburg.

Tuesday morning's session was opened with devotional exercises, a most instructive and helpful Bible reading being given by Mrs. Fleming, of Prescott.

The reports of the auxiliaries and mission band were most encouraging, showing in every case continued interest, and in many places great improvement. After the reports had all been heard, Mrs. Dowsley spoke to the secretaries for a few moments. An earnest prayer for auxiliaries and bands was offered by Mrs. McShane.

The afternoon session was opened with devotional exercises conducted by Mrs. McLennan and Mrs. Dowsley. In a few hearty words of welcome Mrs. M. Gibson addressed the ladies of the Presbyterial, a kindly and appreciative reply being given by Mrs. Neilson, of Lyn. Mrs. J. H. Merkley led in earnest prayer for foreign missions, and Lutheran churches kindly extended by Mrs. Howitt and Mrs. Rupp.

In the president's annual address she gave a careful resume of the twenty-one years since the society's organization. At this point Miss Cameron, of Iroquois, sang a solo very sweetly. A very clever paper on "Individual Responsibility" was given by Mrs. (Rev.) Lundy. After an earnest prayer for home missions by Mrs. M. Gibson, Miss Jamieson, late of India, now field secretary, was introduced and spoke for some time. She is a most pleasing speaker, and held the attention of her hearers while she talked of our missions in Western Canada, and then told of the dreadful condition of the girls and women in India in such a clear and thrilling manner that all must feel the need of using every power to alleviate the evils existing.

Mrs. Dowsley, the newly-elected president, spoke a few closing words to the Presbyterial, in which she gave words of encouragement and help, giving as motto for the coming year, "Onward, ever onward; upward, ever upward."

At the conclusion of her address came the most pleasant and yet saddest part of the proceedings. It was the presentation of an address and purse of gold to Mrs. MacAllister, the late president, who is leaving this Presbytery and going to Quebec. Mrs. Dowsley read the address, containing heartfelt words of regret and appreciation for the work done by her in the past and the love felt by each and every one of the members of the Presbyterial. At the close, Mrs. Moore, of Brockville, presented Mrs. MacAllister with a bouquet of roses, to which was attached a purse containing seventy dollars. Although taken altogether by surprise and much affected, Mrs. MacAllister was able to reply in her own kindly manner.

A very interesting conference on Mission Band work was a pleasing feature of the afternoon.

The evening session was an enjoyable one. The duties of chairman being performed by Rev. Mr. McArthur, who in a few appropriate words, gave a short address after the opening devotional exer-

cises and an anthem by the choir. The secretary and treasurer's reports were read and adopted, and a quartette rendered with excellent effect. Rev. Mr. Cameron very heartily bade the delegates welcome. After a second anthem, Miss Jamieson gave an address. She spoke on mission work in India, and the difficulties that beset the missionaries and the means of overcoming these difficulties. A solo by Dr. Davy was very beautifully given and much enjoyed. The committee on resolutions reported a motion of gratitude to all who had helped to make the Presbyterial a success, and to the people of Morrisburg who so kindly entertained the delegates.

The National Anthem and Benediction brought to a close one of the most pleasant meetings in the history of the Presbyterial.

WINNIPEG AND WEST.

The Presbyterians of Prince Albert, Sask., have selected a site for a new church, and the work of building will go on at once.

The Presbyterian church at Pilot Butte has been presented with a handsome pulpit and cushion by Mr. Alex. McInnis, the Land Man.

At the preparatory service, prior to communion, in Knox church schoolroom last week, twenty-one members were received into the church.

Rev. E. A. Henry, recently of Hamilton, has been warmly welcomed to Regina, where he has already entered upon what is expected to be a fruitful pastorate.

Mr. and Mrs. James Wood, of Virden, have removed to the city. Before leaving Mrs. Woods was the recipient of a beautiful piece of silverware from the Presbyterian ladies of the town.

Rev. A. McLean, former minister of Stonewall, went west to Hanley, Sask., to preach the opening sermons in a new church last Sunday.

On a recent evening the congregation of St. John's church presented their recently settled pastor, Rev. John Phillips Jones, M.A., with a handsome pulpit Bible and cushion.

Rev. Dr. Wilson, of Augustine church, Fort Rouge, who is leaving for Vancouver on a holiday, will fill the pulpit of St. Andrew's church, that city, during the absence of his brother, the regular minister, Rev. R. J. Wilson, at the general assembly. His place will be filled by Rev. John Moir, M.A., LL.B., of Toronto, who has just returned from taking a post-graduate course in Scotland.

It will be fully a month before the new organ in Knox church is ready for service. The instrument has not yet arrived and it will take two or three weeks to set it up. The improvements in the church are making good progress and when finished will make the interior of the edifice one of the most complete in the city. The work now under way will cost, with the new organ, \$14,000, all of which amount has been practically subscribed.

The growth of Presbyterianism is more than keeping pace with the increase of population in the city. A few evenings ago a meeting was held in St. Stephen's church to discuss the advisability of organizing another Presbyterian mission to serve the western section of the city, a denominational census having been thought to warrant the step. Organization was decided upon and the location of the mission building was practically fixed for the corner of Lavinia and Home streets.

Rev. W. M. Rochester, who has been pastor of Knox church, Kenora, for the past eight years, preached his farewell sermon in that church Sunday. Mr. Rochester has been appointed secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance, and leaves on Saturday to assume his new duties. Mrs. Rochester and the family will accompany him.