

Ministers and Churches.

Ottawa.

Mr. T. Duncan Patton of Calcutta, India, has been secured as secretary of Ottawa Y.M.C.A. in succession to Secretary R. J. Farrell. He will enter upon his duties next June.

The Westminster guild of Stewarston Presbyterian church enjoyed a rich treat on Monday evening in the shape of a lecture by Dr. J. McKelvey Bell, on Glimpses of Prison Life as seen by the physician.

Rev. A. G. Cameron of this city, formerly of Vars., Ont., conducted the services at St. John's church, Brockville, on Sunday, in the absence of Rev. D. A. Strachan, B.A., who preached at the anniversary services of Erskine church.

Rev. J. W. H. Milne gave a very interesting and enjoyable address on Tennyson's "Idylls of the King" to the members of the young People's Association of Knox church, in the Sunday School Hall, Monday evening. Mr. Stuart S. McDiarmid occupied the chair.

Rev. J. W. H. Milne in the course of his sermon at the Gleebe church last Sunday evening on "Indifference," referred to the city merchants crossing the river and playing golf on Sunday and thereby desecrating the Sabbath Day, and to people in high places treating with disdain the sanctity of the Lord's Day.

The minister and members of Erskine church are to be congratulated on the very successful anniversary services held last Sunday, the sermons morning and evening, by Rev. D. Strachan, of Brockville, were most appropriate and greatly appreciated; while Rev. Mr. McElroy's address to the children on the love of David and Jonathan conveyed lessons that will long be remembered by the young people.

The Young People's Missionary society of St. Andrew's church has arranged for the following monthly entertainments to be held during the winter: January, Through Switzerland (illustrated), Dr. Ami; An Evening with Dickens, Mr. A. S. Williamson; February, Composition of Pictures (illustrated), Dr. Saunders; March, Lecture on Color (illustrated), Dr. S. B. Sinclair; Francis Parkman, Mr. W. L. McKenzie King; April, At Home in church parlors.

The Presbyterian ministerial association met on Monday morning in St. Andrew's Church parlors, and after the discussion of Rev. D. M. McLeod's paper on "Old Testament Criticism, and the Christian Church," adjourned until the second Monday in January. Those present were: Revs. J. W. H. Milne, president; D. M. McLeod, secretary; Dr. Armstrong, Dr. Ramsay, A. S. Ross, and A. E. Mitchell.

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On the morning service at Knox Church, Sundridge, last Sabbath the Rev. J. Beckett referred in feeling terms to the death of the late Principal Caven of Knox College, Toronto. Mr. Beckett was one of the principal's first students and always held him in high esteem and veneration.

Dr. H. M. Ami, of the Geological Survey, gave a very interesting and instructive talk last week in Bethany church, Hintonburgh, under the auspices of the Young Men's club. He took as a subject, "Some Points of Interest Around Ottawa," and his lecture was illustrated by numerous lime light views from photographs taken in this vicinity. Dr. Ami dwelt largely upon the geological features of the various rocks, sandstone, valleys, etc., thrown on the canvas, and the story of their origin and formation millions of years before man was on the earth, proved to be of absorbing interest and a revelation to the majority of the audience. Dr. Ami addressed himself particularly to the younger element and gained their undivided attention. He had several specimens of fossilized fish, rocks from glacial deposits, shells taken from the earth, where once the sea had rested, and other interesting curios. The stereopticon apparatus was operated by W. J. Kissick, and the views were beautifully clear and steady. There was no formal vote of thanks, but at the conclusion of the address the unanimous and hearty applause gave evidence of the fact that Dr. Ami's entertaining and educational talk had been fully appreciated. Rev. R. Edie presided and spoke briefly.

The Rev. John W. McMillan and bride were given a warm welcome by the congregation of St. Andrew's Church on their arrival in Winnipeg. A beautiful and costly cabinet of silver was also presented.

Toronto.

Rev. E. A. Wicher, of this city has received a call to St. Stephen's Presbyterian church, St. John, N.B.

Knox College is in mourning. The death of Principal Caven has cast the deepest gloom over the students, who until a few days before the end came sat in his class room. Out of respect to his memory the annual at-home of the students has been cancelled and a resolution was passed that no representative of Knox College attend any social function during the year.

Temporary appointments have been made by the Board of Management of Knox College to fill the vacancies occasioned by the death of Rev. Principal Caven. Lectures in New Testament introduction and theology, which were formerly taught by Principal Caven, will be delivered by the Rev. Principal Sheraton, of Wycliffe College. Classes in New Testament Greek translation and exegesis will be conducted by the Rev. J. D. Cunningham, M.A., who was recently graduated from the college, and has been assistant to the Rev. Dr. Fletcher of Hamilton.

Rev. Dr. MacLaren, senior professor of Knox College, will perform temporarily the functions of principal of that institution. This was the decision of the senate of the college at the meeting held on Thursday to deal with business arising as a result of the death of Principal Caven. Prof. MacLaren will fill the office until the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church appoints a successor to Dr. Caven. This it cannot do until its meeting in June next. In the meantime the acting principal will be an ex-officio member of the University of Toronto Senate and Council.

Rev. Dr. Milligan in St. Andrew's Church last Sunday evening paid eloquent tribute to the character of the late Principal Caven, such as only an intimate friendship of over thirty years could inspire. From the words of Isaiah, "I lay in Zion, for a foundation, a precious corner stone; he that believeth shall not make haste," he drew his theme that the man who believed would not become unduly alarmed over new things, but have stability, growth and love of unity. The late principal was a man of great constancy of character. He was very quick at seeing into a question, but his mind was too analytical to get that in a day. It became a second nature with him, and for this reason he was always growing as the years rolled on. He was a remarkably painstaking student, and became a man of thoroughly assimilated and varied learning. He was gentle and patient with men because he had been through the throes of difficulties and was hopeful of others. A great deal was said about his not being brave, and not initiating things, but while some one must strike out, there was need for a leader one who could command confidence. He had a personal and also a strong collective conscience, and used very great caution in impressing principles upon others in order to avoid disputes. In concluding Dr. Milligan said: "He honored men as being in the image of their Maker, and when dealing with principles never said a harsh word. For the same reason he was a model of courtesy in church courts. His very presence gave dignity to the proceedings, and he was deferential and respectful to all. With this deference he was possessed of the quaintest humor and was one of the most genial of men. He would have made one of the greatest jurists or lawyers, and his character was unique. It was a privilege to have known him."

Montreal.

At the meeting of prominent citizens yesterday afternoon in the interests of the Alexander Hospital for contagious diseases, Mr. James Ross contributed to the fund \$25,000, which now stands at \$62,500.

The death is announced of Mr. Alex MacPherson, a native of Lancaster, Ontario, but for many years a prominent citizen of Montreal, and greatly respected in church and business circles. Mr. MacPherson was an elder of St. Paul's church.

Notwithstanding the intense cold of Sunday morning, the communion service in the Presbyterian Church, Montreal Annex, was the largest in the history of the congregation. There were twenty-five new members added to the list, eleven of them by profession of faith from among the younger members of the congregation, fourteen by certificate from other congregations, some from Toronto, some from North Bay, some from the United States, and others from Scotland.

The choir of Taylor Presbyterian Church gave an interesting entertainment to the people of the East End on Friday evening last. Mr. George Wilson, choirmaster, has been busy for the past couple of months training the choir in choruses, and the Cantata 'Ariadne,' and their fine work on Friday did credit to his ability as an instructor. So successful in every respect was the concert that Mr. Wilson has been asked to give another such entertainment at an early day.

The induction of the Rev. G. S. Kinnear, into the pastorate of St. Mark's Church, took place last Monday evening. The Rev. Mr. Clarke, the new pastor of Melville Church, Westmount, preached; the Rev. James Fleck addressed the minister, and the Rev. J. L. George addressed the congregation. St. Mark's Church has been without a settled pastor for over three years, and the friends of the church now hope that a prosperous era is opening up.

Northern Ontario.

Next meeting of Owen Sound Presbytery will be held at Thornbury on the 27th Dec. at 1.30 p.m.

Rev. Alex. Shepherd, of Tarbert, is called to Markdale, salary \$775, manse, and two weeks holidays.

The next meeting of Bruce Presbytery will be held at Paisley on the first Tuesday of March, at 11 a.m.

Rev. J. R. Brown, of Burgoyne, has been elected moderator of Bruce Presbytery for the ensuing six months.

Lion's Head and Lindsay at request of the people are constituted into one self-sustaining pastoral charge by Owen Sound Presbytery, and Mr. Acheson, of Warton, will moderate in a call to a minister as soon as convenient.

Mr. W. K. Barton accepts the call to Thornbury and his induction by Owen Sound Presbytery was fixed for 27th Dec. when Mr. Eastman will preside, Mr. Harper will preach; Dr. Fraser to address the minister; and Mr. Eastman the people.

In Nottawa the first of a series of "At Homes" has been held at the home of Mrs. Scott. These entertainments are arranged by the "willing talent workers," and are designed to bring together and entertain the young people of the congregation.

The congregations of North Brant, West Bentinck and Crawford, were congratulated by the Presbytery of Bruce on having completely wiped out all debt on their church property, and evidences of prosperity under their present pastor.

Owen Sound Presbytery makes the following nominations to vacant chairs in Montreal Presbyterian College:—Rev. D. M. Ramsay, D.D., Old Testament Literature and Exegesis; Rev. G. B. Wilson, Ph. D., Apologetics and History; Rev. R. Johnston, D.D., Practical Theology.

Rev. Mr. McLaren was appointed by Owen Sound Presbytery ordained missionary for a term of two years in Desboro &c., subject to approval of the H. M. Committee. Rev. Mr. Acheson was appointed convener of the Presbytery's committee on Young People's Societies.

In accordance with notification from the board of management of Montreal College, Rev. Donald McKenzie of Toronto was congratulated by Bruce Presbytery for the chair of Old Testament Literature and Exegesis; Rev. Dr. McLennan of Tiverton to that of Apologetics and Church History, and Rev. E. A. McKenzie of St. Matthews', Montreal to the chair of Practical Theology.

Owen Sound Presbytery grants leave to the congregation of Division street congregation, Owen Sound, to mortgage their property to the extent of \$6,000 for the new Sabbath school room. The Presbytery also conveyed their congratulations to the session and congregation of Division st., church for having provided such a commodious and convenient Sunday school room for the furtherance of that important part of the church's work, a provision so often neglected by congregations.

At the last meeting of Bruce Presbytery, Rev. Dr. McLaren, Field secretary of Home missions addressed the court on certain phases of the work in the West, pointing out very clearly the condition of many districts in which foreigners of various nationalities are settled in large groups and show that the work of the church in seeking to promote the spiritual and moral interests of