

## WESTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. John Radford, of Belmore, is called to Chippewa.

The annual bazaar held by the ladies of Knox Church, Jarvis, netted \$166.

The call from Thornbury and Heathcote to Rev. N. Campbell, of Oro, has been declared.

Rev. Smith, of Uptergrove, has been preaching in the Central Church, Mitchell Square.

Interesting and successful anniversary services were held at Drayton, by Rev. John Little, of Holstein.

Rev. D. N. Morden, of St. Mary's, reported to Stratford Presbytery that the late evangelistic meetings had proved helpful and a general blessing to the churches within the bounds.

Rev. J. Roy Van Wyck, of Westminster Church, Hamilton, is mentioned in connection with the pastorate of St. Andrew's church, Chatham, vacant by the resignation of Dr. Battisby.

Rev. Dr. MacTavish, of Toronto, preached anniversary sermons in the Shakespeare Church last Sunday, and lectured on "A Trip Abroad" on Monday evening.

Rev. A. L. Budge, M.A., of Hanover, has been elected moderator of Bruce Presbytery. This Presbytery nominated Rev. Dr. Carr, of Campbelltown, N.B., for moderator of next General Assembly.

Rev. Jas. Wallace, M.A., B.D., of St. Andrew's Church, Lindsay, was nominated by Stratford Presbytery for the professorship of Hebrew and Old Testament Theology at the Presbyterian College, Halifax, N.S.

The Rev. James Binnie, of Tweed, Ont., occupied the pulpit of Knox church, Cornwall, at both services Sunday last. Rev. Dr. Harkness conducting anniversary services in Tweed on that day.

Rev. W. Cooper was at Erin on Sunday conducting anniversary services for the Rev. Mr. Fowle, Mr. M. Cree, of Acton, in his final year at Knox College, filled the pulpit of Westminster Church, Mount Forest.

Rev. R. J. M. Glassford, who has accepted the position of Sunday School Field Secretary for Ontario, will continue to reside in Guelph, although his new work will cover the entire province.

Mrs. Rutherford, for a number of years organist and choir leader of the Shakespeare church was presented with a valuable gold watch and address in slight recognition of her long and valued services on her leaving the congregation to make her home in Arcola, Sask.

"Is Life Worth Living?" was the theme of Rev. D. I. Ellison's sermon in Stanley street church, Ayr, on Sabbath evening last, the text being Colossians 3:17—"Whatever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus." Mr. Ellison handled his subject in an interesting way, clearly pointing out that there were conditions under which life was really not worth living, but to the man who lived right, this life was a happy state—a step to the eternal life at the right hand of the Master.

In Bruce Presbytery, Mr. Budge, as convener of the committee on Evangelism, gave a full report of the simultaneous campaign recently conducted within the bounds; and the following resolution was unanimously passed: The Presbytery has heard with great interest and delight the report of the committee on Evangelism, and desires to record its devout thankfulness to God for the evidence that his Spirit has guided and blessed this special effort, and commends to the prayers and practical interest of all sessions and members within the bounds this evangelistic movement and those who have been won to Christ through it. The Presbytery also resolves to continue the committee and to thank them for their labors, and instructs the clerk to write to each missionary personally and thank him on behalf of the Presbytery for his able and zealous work.

Highly successful anniversary services were recently held in Guthrie Church, Harrison, conducted by Rev. Principal Gandier, who in his morning sermon dealt in a masterly manner with the missionary movement, and the need of more men to meet the demand for ministers and missionaries, not only for our own pulpits and mission fields but in the ever increasing congregations in the West. In the evening he gave an impressive address to the young. The collections during the day amounted to \$290.00.

At the last meeting of Bruce Presbytery, Mr. Leslie, convener of the committee on Moral and Social Reform, read a letter from Dr. Shearer anent the application now being made to Parliament for amendments to the criminal code making the business of gambling on race tracks and elsewhere clearly unlawful, and making adultery and lewd co-habitation offences. The Presbytery strongly endorsed this effort, and ordered the moderator and clerk to sign on its behalf the petition circulated by the board of moral reform, the same to be forwarded to the proper parties. The work of the Assembly's committee on Moral and Social Reform was commended to the sympathy and liberal support of the congregations.

Fergus Scotchmen celebrated St. Andrew's Day with a "Scotch Tea" and concert in St. Andrew's church. Of course, there was good speaking on the occasion to which a local paper makes the following reference: There were speeches by Rev. Mr. Mullan and Rev. Mr. McIntosh of Flora, Rev. Mr. Cook, of Stroudside, Major Craig, M. P., and others. While all the speeches were interesting, the one given by Mr. Mullan, the former pastor of the congregation, was the address of the evening. Taking St. Andrew as his subject, he traced the history of the saint, mythical, legendary and authentic from the time that he was the first to follow the Master, till his reputed bones were laid in their last resting place at St. Andrew's in Scotland. The Rev. J. A. Brown, ably discharged the duties of the chair. The proceeds totalled over \$200.

A very well attended meeting of the Presbytery of Owen Sound was held in the Sunday school hall of Division street Presbyterian church on the 7th December. In addition to the routine of little public interest, reports from the General Assembly were discussed, and one favoring an amalgamation of the Assembly's committees on Sunday Schools and Young People's Societies, under one general secretary was approved. A call from Thornbury and Heathcote to Rev. N. Campbell, B.A., of Oro, in Presbytery of Barrie, was sustained and transmitted. Mr. Shepher presented an interesting report of the committee on Evangelism. Successful evangelistic services have been held recently in Markdale, Chatsworth Knox St. Vincent, Knox Sydenham, and Annapolis, resulting in the signing of many "decision cards." The committee was instructed to arrange early in the new year for similar services in the remaining rural charges of the Presbytery. Delay of Allenford and Elmhurst in calling a successor to their pastor, transferred early in September to the Presbytery of Hamilton, was explained by Mr. Johnston, the Moderator in charge, and a resolution adopted expressing the hope that the charge may soon see its way clear to call a pastor. Messrs. Matheson and Nicol were appointed a commission to visit the Lion's Head charge with a view to effecting some desirable readjustments in the interests of the work there, and to report at the March meeting. An enjoyable feature of the meeting was the excellent dinner served at noon in the basement by the W.F.M.S. of Division street church, at the lowest hotel rate, profits for foreign missions. A most racy and suggestive after-dinner address on "The Minister Out of the Pulpit," was given by Col. Seyfert, American consul.

## MONTREAL.

Rev. Dallantyna, of Howick, has been elected moderator of Montreal Presbytery.

At last meeting of Montreal Presbytery Rev. Dr. Clark, of Westmount, made a strong plea that a more generous support be given to the theological faculty of Queen's.

Rev. Dr. Campbell presented to Presbytery a resolution anent the resignation of Rev. Dr. Fleck, expressive of the deep regret at the cause which has made this resignation necessary, and of the high esteem in which Dr. Fleck is held by this court.

Rev. A. J. McKinnon, B.D., accepts the call to St. Andrew's church, Lachine, and his induction will take place on 6th prox., when Rev. Dr. Campbell will preside; Rev. J. MacKay will preach; Rev. R. W. Dickie will address the minister and the Rev. J. R. Dobson, the congregation.

Rev. Dr. Fleck, owing to continued ill-health, having resigned the pastorate of Knox Church, a unanimous call has been extended to Rev. I. A. Montgomery, who has been assistant minister for twelve months or more. The call has been accepted, and Mr. Montgomery's induction will take place at an early date.

At meeting of Presbytery it was suggested that steps be taken for unifying the work in the district in which Nazareth Mission, Inspector Street Mission and St. Mark's Church are situated. The advisability of consolidating the work, was urged, and a committee was appointed to study the question and report at a future meeting of presbytery. The committee are the Rev. Dr. Mowatt, the Rev. J. R. Dobson, Mr. Walter Paul and Mr. R. Munro.

On the motion for the acceptance of the resignation of Rev. Mr. Heine, of Chalmers Church pastorate, Dr. Scrimger, spoke in terms of esteem and admiration of the work done by Mr. Heine for the Church in this city, and in Canada. He had always been true to the ideal of a true minister. Mr. Walter Paul and Rev. Dr. Mowatt spoke of the great interest Mr. Heine had manifested in the work of French evangelization. Mr. Heine thanked the presbytery for the kind words that had been uttered, and said he prized the high appreciation in which he was held.

At the recent meeting of Montreal Presbytery the moderator, on behalf of the Presbytery, presented an illuminated address to the Rev. R. P. Ducloux on the occasion of the fiftieth year of his ministry. Mr. Ducloux expressed his appreciation of the kindness the Presbytery had shown him before and again on this occasion. He spoke of his visit to Europe and the study he made of missionary methods there. He had not been inactive, but had utilized much of his time in giving information of Canada, as a most desirable country to come to. It is likely a large colony of Swiss and Belgian Protestants will come to Canada in the spring.

At the meeting of the Presbytery in Kingston last week the resignation of Rev. William Shearer, of St. Andrew's church, Picton, was withdrawn by that gentleman on the earnest appeal of the Presbytery for him to remain in charge of the Picton church. This announcement, says the Picton Times, will be received with much satisfaction by the townspeople generally, as well as by the members of his church.

One of the best features of the recent labor congress in Toronto, representing the whole of America, was the raising of the saloon question. A strong temperance leaven is at work within the labor circle and sentiment is being crystallized. During the convention a temperance mass meeting was held, addressed by Rev. Charles Stelze and others. The day when our labor unions will free themselves from saloon influences cannot be long delayed.