

Ministers and Churches.

Toronto.

Knox College House Committee has been elected. The officers chosen are: W. A. Amos, pres.; G. Atkinson, vice-pres.; I. C. Ross, T. M. Wesley and W. H. Henderson, members of committee.

Mr. Harcourt has latterly been identified with the Boys' Industrial Schools at Russeltpura, just out of the city of Mhow. The name of Russeltpura was given in honor of the late Dr. Russell, who died two years ago, being succeeded by Dr. Menzies. Mr. Harcourt went to India about four years ago.

Details of the death in India of Dr. George Menzies, have been received by Rev. R. P. MacKay. Dr. Menzies was ill with plague for a week under constant medical care before he died. He had been for many days in constant attendance on plague sufferers which exposed him to an attack and also left him in a state of physical exhaustion so that he was unable to cope with the terrible disease. The same report says that there is no sign of any abatement in the ravages of the plague. The death rate is enormous.

Most successful anniversary services were held on Sunday at St. Enoch's church. During the past eight years, under the popular pastor, Rev. Alex. MacMillan, the church has shown most satisfactory growth. Over 160 families now attend the church, whereas in 1895 the number was only 75. The membership roll has also doubled. In that time, too, the building has been greatly improved, and a pipe organ installed. There were large congregations at both services. Rev. W. W. Weeks of Walmer Road Baptist church, occupied the pulpit in the morning, and Rev. D. C. Hossack, of Deer Park, in the evening.

The Rev. J. A. Clark, of Cowan Avenue church, will leave this week to take over his new charge in Calgary, one of the largest congregations between Winnipeg and the coast. During his pastorate here, Mr. Clark has proven himself a strong man, and an able preacher. On Sunday he preached his farewell sermons in Cowan Avenue church. His morning text was Matthew v., 16: "Let your light so shine before men, that others, seeing your good works, will glorify your Father which is in Heaven." There was a gleam of divine light in each person, and it should be developed fully. On Monday evening a farewell reception was tendered Mr. and Mrs. Clark at the church by the congregation.

Dr. R. P. Mackay, secretary of the Foreign Missions Committee, has received a telegram from Mhow, Central India, telling of the death from the plague of Mrs. J. R. Harcourt, who went to India on Nov. 2nd last year, in company with Dr. Menzies and Mrs. Menzies. Her maiden name was Edith Blaine, whose parents live at Blachheath, near Hamilton. For two years she attended the Ewart Training School for Missionaries in Toronto, and immediately upon the arrival at Mhow she was married to Mr. Harcourt. They all lived at Mhow, one of the cities in which the plague rages most violently. On Sept. 30 Dr. Menzies died from the plague, and now on the 19th October, Mrs. Harcourt has fallen a victim to the dreadful scourge. Hitherto it was thought that Europeans were safe, but that sense of security is being weakened. These two are a great loss to our mission in Central India, where the work has grown beyond the ability of the staff.

Ottawa.

Rev. A. E. Mitchell, of Erskine church, spent a few days in Markham last week.

The announcement that Rev. Dr. Wilkie of Central India, was to speak in St. Andrew's church Sunday morning was sufficient to attract an unusually large audience to hear the gifted missionary. Dr. Wilkie took as his text Rom., 1, 14, "I am debtor both to the Greek and to the barbarians; both to the wise and to the unwise." His sermon was on India and its needs, and was listened to with great interest. In the evening Dr. Wilkie preached in St. Paul's church.

Eastern Ontario.

Mr. T. E. Beckett, Queen's College, Kingston, occupied the pulpit of First Church, Port Hope, in the absence of the pastor, and preached at both services.

Rev. Dr. Crombie, the veteran clerk of the Lanark and Renfrew Presbytery, arrived home from his trip to Scotland last week.

The services in the First church Brockville on the 18th inst., were conducted by the Rev. Mr. Cameron, of Vars, with much acceptance.

The congregation of Knox church, Reidville, intend holding their annual tea meeting at the church, Camden Eight, on Friday evening. The following gentlemen to be present and deliver addresses, Rev. Mr. Boyd, B. A., B. D., Kingston; Rev. Mr. Adams, Tamworth; Rev. Mr. White, Enterprise; Mr. James Reid, M.P.P. Centreville, and Mr. Uriah Wilson, M. P. Napanee.

The annual thank-offering meeting of the Morewood auxiliary of the W. F. M. Society, was held in the hall, Morewood, on the evening of the 15th inst. The Rev. J. M. Kellock, late pastor of the congregation, presided and gave the opening address. Addresses were also given by Rev. Mr. Russell of Chesterville and Rev. Mr. J. M. Goodwillie of Metcalfe. The secretary read an encouraging report of the year's work. A valuable box of clothing had been sent to the Indians of Crowstand reserve. The membership of the auxiliary is thirteen, with an average attendance 79. The choir rendered excellent music and the collection for the evening amounted to \$15.

The Rev. J. M. Kellock, of Morewood having accepted a call to the pastorate of the congregation of Howick and Riverfield, in the Montreal presbytery, the members of his late charge and friends of other denomination met at the manse, Morewood, on the evening of the 13th inst., to give a final expression of the kindly feelings existing between them as pastor and people. The house was filled to overflowing. A good time was spent socially, enlivened by a plentiful supply of vocal and instrumental music. The ladies in their usual manner, did their part well, in amply providing for the needs of the inner man. After all present had done justice to the good things provided, an address, accompanied by a purse of money was presented to the Rev. Mr. Kellock, to which in behalf of himself and Mrs. Kellock, he made an appropriate reply. After prayer and the singing of a parting hymn, the happy company separated; some to meet here again; others perhaps never, until they assemble where surrounded by the undimmed glory of the Master's presence, they shall forever triumph, amid the "fulness of joy," and "pleasures forevermore" which are at his right hand.

Western Ontario.

The Rev. Geo. Ballentyne, late of Molesworth church, has taken up his residence in Harriston.

Rev. A. Thompson, B.A., of Hepworth, preached in the Morrison church on the 11th inst.

Rev. R. W. Ross, pastor of Knox church, Guelph, conducted a harvest home service on Thanksgiving evening in Glencoe.

Rev. Dr. J. Davidson, M.A., preached in MacNab street church, Hamilton, Sunday. He will leave shortly for Central India.

Rev. R. J. M. Glassford conducted the services in connection with the 16th anniversary of Knox church, Listowel, on Sunday.

Communion was dispensed in Guthrie church, Guelph, on Sabbath. On Friday afternoon and evening preparatory services were conducted by the Rev. A. L. Budge of Hanover.

At the Preparatory services held in Knox church, Acton, on Friday evening, Rev. J. T. Hall, of Rockwood, preached. The communion services were held on Sabbath morning when Rev. Mr. Wilson, the pastor, occupied the pulpit.

At the inaugural meeting of the Knox church Gaild, Woodstock, last week, Rev. Dr. McMullan presided and the attendance was large. The chief feature of the evening was a lecture on "Scots wae" given by Mr. George Smith.

Rev. Mr. McAulay preached to a large congregation on Sunday night in the Mitchell church. His sermon was mainly about Mormonism and what he had seen and heard about it while in Salt Lake City, when on his tour to the coast.

Rev. A. Gandier of St. James' Square church, Toronto, conducted anniversary services in Brampton, his old charge, on October 11. The congregation was asked for a free will offering of \$500 to meet improvements in the heating of the church and with characteristic liberality gave \$600.

Rev. J. Truax, of Holstein, preached in Westminster church, Mount Forest on Sabbath morning and the Rev. J. Little, in the evening, the pastor being absent conducting services in Elora for the Rev. W. R. McIntosh, B. D., who preached in Holstein and in Fairbairn churches in behalf of the work of the Lord's Day Alliance.

The annual Thankoffering meeting of W.F.M. S. auxiliary was held in the lecture room of Chalmers church, Guelph on Friday when an admirable address on the "Ministry of Intercession" as related to mission work, was given by Rev. J. McP. Scott, of Toronto. The thank-offering was the largest in the history of the society.

Rev. W. J. Clark of First church, London, preached an eloquent sermon on "Purity in Politics" on Thanksgiving day. In conclusion he said: "Wrong is wrong in politics, the same as anything else," "All is not fair in love and war, nor in politics. Righteousness exalteth a nation, just as surely as wrong will pull it down. I pray that the evil sayings will pass away, that the people will not bend to the side of evil, and that the newspapers that are supposed to represent the public, but which so often misrepresent them, may not misrepresent them in the future."

Northern Ontario.

In the Orillia church last Sunday the Rev. Dr. Gray preached in the morning and the Rev. Robert Knowles in the evening.

Mr. McKibbin, of Magnetawan, occupied the Maple Island Methodist pulpit last Sunday. His addresses were much appreciated.

The Ladies' Aid Society of Division St. church, Owen Sound, have secured the services of Mr. Thomas Mitchell, a celebrated blind musician to give a piano and organ recital in the church on the evening of Nov. 4th.

Anniversary services were held in Division St. church last Sabbath, the Rev. Dr. Fletcher, of Hamilton, moderator of the General Assembly, conducted the services.

Sacrament was dispensed in Knox church, Clifford, on Sabbath morning. Preparatory services were held on Saturday afternoon when Rev. D. Campbell, of British Columbia, preached.

Rev. Mr. Wishart, of Knox church, Beaverton, was last week called to his old home near Fergus on account of the serious illness of his father, who is now reported to be out of danger. The pulpit work at Beaverton and Gamebridge was taken by Mr. McClintock, of Knox College.

The resignation of Rev. William Malcolm Kay from the pastoral charge of the congregations of Dorchester and Crumlin was not accepted by the London Presbytery, at the special meeting held to consider the matter. Mr. Kay's reason for resigning was ill health. The resignation is thereby held over until next March, by which time it is hoped Mr. Kay may be sufficiently recovered to withdraw it. The presbytery passed a resolution to that effect which was unanimously carried, after which Rev. William Currie, of Belmont, was appointed moderator of the session.

Algoma.

Rev. Dr. Hay has taken up the work at Bruce mines.

Desbarats loses much in the death of Mr. Alexander Flett.

Mr. J. H. Frarey has taken up work as a catechist at mills on Manitoulin Island.

Rev. D. H. MacLennan, M. A. has left Bruce mines for another field, Bar river and Sylvan Valley.

Rev. P. W. Currie of Sawyerby is shortly to leave Algoma and return to Southern Ontario. Mr. Currie has done good work here in Algoma.

Little Currant will likely become vacant, here is a good chance for a young man, there are a great number of men working in the mills in summer.

The commission of Algoma Presbytery appointed for the purpose of uniting Torbet church, MacLennan, and MacLennan mission stations will meet with the congregations on the 29th inst.

On Dec. 3rd a special meeting of presbytery will be held at Thessalon to consider calls, one from Thessalon in favor of Rev. C. Pocock of