

CHURCH
WORK

Ministers and Churches

NEWS
LETTERS

OTTAWA.

All the city ministers are back to their pulpits after the holiday season.

Mr. John McKinley will represent the session of St. Paul's Church in Ottawa Presbytery for the ensuing year. At the last communion in this church five were added to the roll on profession of faith, and one by certificate.

Last Sunday, Rev. A. E. Mitchell, of Eskine Church, preached anniversary sermons in Calvin Church, Bathurst, Rev. Mr. Urcig taking the services in Erskine Church and addressing the children of the Sabbath school in the afternoon.

The Rev. Dr. Wardrope, who spent the summer with his daughter, Mrs. Grier, at Little Meis, Que., has returned to Gae-pa. The Mercury says: The venerable doctor keeps comparatively well, notwithstanding his great age and the serious illness through which he passed last fall. This will be gratifying news to his many friends in Ottawa and elsewhere.

In Eskine Church next Sunday will be devoted to the young people. In the morning Rev. Maj. Mitchell will conduct a service specially adapted to the children; in the afternoon the program presented by the General Assembly Sabbath School Committee will be carried out, and in the evening the pastor will address himself to the young people of the congregation. Mr. Mitchell knows how to make all such services lead to the religious uplift of his young hearers.

The Cornwall standard says: Rev. Robert Gamble, of Wakefield, Que., conducted the services in St. John's church on Sunday last, the pastor, rev. S. A. McGillivray, taking Mr. Gamble's services at Wakefield. Mr. Gamble, who is a brother-in-law of Mr. Macneil, is Moderator of the synod of Montreal and Ottawa. He preached exceedingly instructive and scholarly sermons.

The Presbyterian Witness says: "Rev. A. Macneil Sinclair having resigned the pastoral charge of Belfast, P. E. Island, was waited upon at the manse on the 29th August and was presented with an address expressive of appreciation of the service rendered during the eighteen years of his ministry in that historic congregation. Reference was made to his rare talents and his valuable contributions to the press which had brought fame not only to himself but to Belfast as well. 'God's House and God's Acre' have both been beautified exceedingly through Mr. Sinclair's efforts. It was he too who planned the beautiful monument erected to the Fathers there. They refer to his pulpit services and his attention to the sick, the sorrowing and the dying. The address was accompanied by other tokens of affection." It may be added that Mr. Sinclair is a fine Gaelic scholar, and has written a good deal in the language so dear to every true Highlander.

The Rev. Dr. G. D. Mathews, of London, secretary of the world-wide Presbyterian Alliance, along with representative Presbyterians from other lands, has gone to Prague, to attend a Conference of the Reformed Churches of the Continent.

All that remains of the Old Parish Church of Alloa, to serve as a memento of the past, is the fine steeple with clock and bell situated in Greenside Churchyard. Although weather beaten and ragged it is still in a remarkable state of preservation, and carries us back to the sixteenth century.

WESTERN ONTARIO.

On a recent Sunday, Rev. Dr. Ross, of London, preached the annual Harvest Home sermon at Ingersoll.

The next meeting of Guelph Presbytery will be held in Chalmers' Church, Guelph, on 20th Nov., at 10.30 a.m.

Rev. Dr. Bayne, of Pembroke, is announced to preach anniversary sermons in Melville Church, Ashton, next Sunday, 30th inst.

Rev. James W. Orr, of Alma, accepts the call to Dorchester, Ont. Rev. Mr. McVicar, of Fergus, was appointed interim moderator of the Alma session.

Rev. James Argo, late of Duart, was recently inducted into the pastoral charge of Melville Church, Lobo and North Cardede.

Rev. R. J. M. Glassford will represent Guelph Presbytery at the coming celebration of the semi-centenary of Chalmers' Church, Elora.

Last Sunday week the preacher in Knox church, Woodstock, in the absence of the pastor from indisposition, was Rev. Dr. Inglis, of Newark, N.J.

The Rev. A. H. Kippam, of Harrington, has been preaching a thank-offering sermon for the Avonlea Women's F. M. Society.

In order to meet the requirements of the Guelph Presbytery, and it was arranged that an assessment of four cents per communicant should be collected for the ensuing year.

The resignation of Rev. Mr. Robertson, West Puslinch, to take effect at end of October, was accepted by Guelph Presbytery. Rev. Ross, of Guelph, was appointed interim moderator of session.

Rev. Mr. Nixon, of Stanley Street Church, Ayr, preached his farewell sermon to the congregation on the morning of the 16th inst. He removes at once to Kenora, Ont.

Division street congregation, Owen Sound, has given a very hearty call to the Rev. R. B. Cochrane, B.A. The salary offered is \$1,800. It is hoped that Mr. Cochrane may be secured for this important and influential charge.

The ministers of Guelph, with their Representative Elders, were appointed by Presbytery to confer as to steps to be taken to celebrate the diamond jubilee of Dr. Torrence's ordination as a minister of the Gospel, which will occur on the 11th November.

In the Bradford Church, Rev. S. F. Sharp, of Alliston, preaching more particularly to young men, took occasion, in the course of his remarks, to stamp his approval of all manly sports, but at the same time expressed his sorrow at the demoralizing influences that had attended the game of lacrosse this season.

The Rev. Alex. W. Craw, B.A., demitted his charge of English Settlement and Alderton in the Presbytery of London. The resignation has been accepted and takes effect from October 1st. Rev. James Argo, Ivan P. O., is interim moderator. Mr. Craw's resignation is much regretted by the congregations, who bore testimony to his fine ability as a preacher and his faithfulness and acceptability as a pastor.

At Guelph Presbytery attention was called to matters sent down by the General Assembly to Presbyteries. These matters, six in number, were read and considered. One of these was that "the Report of the Union Committee is transmitted to Presbyteries, as well as to Sessions and congregations, for their information." In the course of remarks the opinion was expressed more than once that, if congregations are to know the merits of what has been done on union, every family at least should be furnished with a copy of the report.

At the last meeting of Guelph Presbytery, Rev. Dr. Dickson, convener of a committee appointed at a previous meeting to prepare a course of lectures on Presbyterian themes, to be delivered during the winter, reported as follows: 1. The Presbyterian Church in Ireland; Rev. R. E. Knowles. 2. The Presbyterian Church in U. S. A., Rev. J. C. Wilson. 3. The Presbyterian Church in Canada, Rev. R. J. M. Glassford. 4. Revivals in the Presbyterian Church, Rev. J. B. Mullan. 5. Great Missionaries of Presbyterian Church, Rev. A. M. Hamilton. 6. What is Presbyterianism? Rev. J. R. Johnston. These lectures are intended as educational forces, and, therefore, are for all the congregations in the Presbytery.

Brooke is a flourishing suburb of Owen Sound. For some years Knox Church, Owen Sound, has conducted there a flourishing Sabbath school. Last year a commodious and substantial hall was erected.

In the spring of this year Mr. J. L. McCullough was appointed to Brooke as student-missionary, where he has labored faithfully and successfully. On Tuesday, 18th inst., a congregation was organized by Rev. Dr. Fraser, of Annan, assisted by Rev. R. J. McAlpine, M.A. Sixty-seven united by certificate and fourteen on profession of faith, so that a good beginning has been made. As a token of esteem and confidence, the new congregation insisted that Mr. McCullough should select the name, which he did, announcing "St. Paul's" as his choice. The meeting throughout was most hearty and unanimous.

A chime of bells was recently installed in the tower of the Central Church, Galt; and in a dedicatory sermon, the pastor, Rev. Dr. Dickson, said that which he wished to speak on particularly was the use of the bells in the service of the House of God. The history of the bells was an exceedingly hard one to trace. It went back into the dark mists of pre-historical times; but wherever the clear light shone on human life and its manifold activities, there were bells employed for divers purposes. It had always in its use a proclamation. It might be of alarm, or of joy, or of sorrow, or of invitation. It had been a factor in peace and in war, in seasons of grief and in times of festivity, and in the solemn services of Divine worship. Indeed, most of all had the church been the conservator of the bell. It had employed it in the highest and noblest uses. He referred to the chime which was being that day used for the first time in Central Church for church purposes. It had been donated in memory of deceased members, and in thanksgiving to God by living members. It would ring out its rich and sweet music for centuries, for of all the works of man, nothing lasted longer than bells. What a ministry they had, what peace, what comfort, what joy, what direction, what inspiration, what warning they might minister. The bells had been given generously, he said, and should be used generously; they had been given in love, and should be used lovingly.

The September number of the Contemporary Review (Leonard Scott Publication Co., New York), has its usual varied table of contents. The opening article is called "England and Germany in Turkey." Then follow: "The Saga and the Ballad," translated from Henrik Ibsen; "The Evolution of the Lord's Prayer"; "The Preparatory Day School of the Future"; "The Baghdad Railway and the Turkish Customs"; "A Religion of Ruth"; etc. Foreign Affairs are discussed by Dr. E. J. Dillon in his discerning way, the chief subject dealt with being the "Russian Douma."