

speak of him as a man of promise. He has been occupying a pastoral charge at Bowmanville for about five years and has won for himself a high reputation as a preacher. He will probably enter his new appointment within a month or six weeks.

Eastern Ontario.

Rev. Mr. Williams, of Guelph, is supplying at St. Andrew's church, Lindsay, at present.

At the meeting of Kingston Presbytery held on the 10th instant the resignation of Rev. W. W. Peck was accepted, to take effect next Sabbath, and Rev. Alex. Macdonald was appointed moderator of the session during the vacancy.

On the 9th instant Knox Church, Perth, held a concert and social in the lecture rooms of the church, which was a decided success. The programme consisted of solos, instrumental, recitations, speeches, etc. Rev. Mr. Currie occupied the chair.

Next Sunday is to be set aside as a Sabbath Observance Day by several of the clergymen in Almonte, and sermons will be preached on the subject in the Presbyterian, Methodist and Baptist churches.

Anniversary services were held in connection with the White Lake church on the 8th instant. A feature of the ceremonies was the presentation of an address and purse of gold to Mr. D. J. McNab who for the past fifty years has acted as precentor for the choir.

The new manse at Vars, into which the minister's family recently moved, is most comfortable and convenient in every respect. The united efforts of architect, builder, minister and committee of managers have resulted most satisfactorily, leaving nothing to be desired on the part of the congregation. Mr. Wm. Johnston, treasurer of the congregation took a lively interest in the work as it progressed, and is to be congratulated on the result.

On Monday evening of last week, the Ladies' Aid of Vars Church were tendered an At Home at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Johnston, which proved a most enjoyable affair. The attendance was good; and the pastor, Rev. A. G. Cameron, made a model master of ceremonies. An interesting programme was submitted, and it is scarcely necessary to add that the refreshments provided were abundant and of first-class quality. The proceeds amounted to \$10, and will go to the fund now being raised to build a stable on the manse property.

The March meeting of the Kingston Presbytery was held at Kingston on the 10th and 11th and twenty-eight ministers, and six elders were present, including Mr. Mackenzie, missionary from China. Napanee congregation becomes vacant by the accepted demission of Rev. W. W. Peck. MacDonald's Corners, etc., is to be supplied by the induction of Rev. Mr. Guy next month. Reports from a number of committees were received, and approved. They were on the whole favorable and encouraging. Commissioners to the General Assembly were chosen as follows, viz., Revs. Messrs. Binnie, MacArthur and Leitch by rotation, and Principal Gordon, and Revs. M. McGillivray, Prof. Fowler, and Dr. MacTavish by ballot. Also seven elders, Dr. Dyde, W. G. Craig, Jno. McIntyre, K. C. W. McKenzie, J. Reid, and Revs. Alex. McDonald and R. J. Craig. After discussion on the Temperance question, the following resolution was unanimously adopted, viz.: Having learned with satisfaction the voice of the people on the liquor traffic by the recent remarkable vote in favor of the Liquor Act of 1902, the Presbytery of Kingston resolves to request the representatives of the people now assembled to give expression to the voice of the people by passing such an advance of legislation as will abolish the bar-room, clubs and the treating system. The Women's F. M. Presbyterian society met the same day. It was addressed by the moderator of Presbytery Rev. Dr. MacTavish. The Presbytery was entertained to tea with the Society by the ladies of Chalmers church and afterwards listened to a very able address by Dr. McKenzie on China etc.

Western Ontario.

Rev. John Young, pastor of John Street Presbyterian church, Hamilton, has resigned.

Rev. A. McLaren, of Port Colborne preached at both services at Cayuga last Sunday.

Rev. L. Perrin of Georgetown, and Rev. H. A. Macpherson, of Acton, exchanged pulpits last Sunday.

Several Presbyterian families are leaving Annan, much to the regret of the congregation.

Rev. A. B. Winchester, Toronto lectured in the Central Presbyterian Church, Hamilton, on Friday night, the 13th instant, on "Our Chinese Relations."

Knox Church, Mr. D. J. Davidson, B. A., of Knox College, who is under appointment to India as a foreign missionary, preached at both services last Sunday in Knox church, Woodstock.

There has recently passed away in Toronto the widow of the late Rev. John Fraser, one of the most prominent Highland preachers of Ontario, who held the pastorate of Knox church, St. Thomas, Kincardine, and in Gienagarry, and who later retired and lived in Montreal.

Anniversary services were conducted in the Culloden church on the 8th instant by Rev. E. R. Hutt of Ingersoll. Mr. Hutt gave excellent addresses. The anthems rendered by the choir were pleasing to everyone. The entertainment in connection with these services was held in the church on Friday evening, March 13th, when Rev. Mr. Rae of Aylmer gave an address on "The Sunny side of Life."

Rev. Chas. H. Vessot, a French Canadian minister of our church, spoke at the prayer meeting on the 11th instant at St. Andrew's church, Chatham. His father for 55 years ministered to the French Protestants in Joliet Que., and was beloved by the entire community, both Protestants and Catholics. He died in 1899. Mr. Vessot, under invitation of the French board, is delivering a series of lectures throughout Ontario on religious and educational subjects.

The annual Sabbath School entertainment of the Presbyterian Church, was held in the Cayuga church on the 2nd instant, and was a splendid success in every particular. An interesting programme of readings, recitations, and selections by the scholars was given and a series of lime light views on Scotland given by Rev. G. H. Lowry were very much enjoyed.

Northern Ontario.

At a special meeting of Barrie Presbytery the transference was granted of Rev. Jas. Rollins from Elmvalle to King St. Presbyterian Church, London. Induction is to take place on the 19th. The stipend offered Mr. Rollins is \$1100, with an increase at the end of first year. It revenue permits. Barrie Presbytery sustains a great loss in the removal of Mr. Rollins, who tendered his resignation as clerk. Rev. J. Skene, of Hillsdale, was elected in his place.

The annual Thank-offering meeting of the Women's Home Missionary Society, Orillia took place on the afternoon of March 5th. Notwithstanding the disagreeable weather about one hundred ladies assembled in the lecture-room and listened with great pleasure to the programme rendered, which was full of interest. The chair was occupied by Mrs. McKinnell, President of the society, and after the usual devotional exercises, she gave a Bible reading on "Glimpses into the Coming Kingdom. Miss Ada Miller sang "I think when I read that sweet story of old, sweetly; Mrs. Koffend gave "Ruth a character sketch." Miss M. Stewart's Bible reading was on "Advice to Christian Workers." Miss Olive McKinnell gave a beautiful solo, entitled, "I'm a pilgrim," and Mrs. Alexander McNab closed this part of the meeting with prayer. Refreshments were served by the ladies of the committee, and a very pleasant social half-hour brought the proceedings to a close. The offering amounted to \$126.

Meetings of Presbyteries.

Chatham Presbytery met in First Church, Chatham, on the 3rd of March. Resolutions of condolence with the relatives of the late Dr. McVicar of Montreal and Mr. Uyella of Chatham were received and adopted. Dr. Battersby and Mr. Bartlett were appointed members of the Synod's Committee on bills and overtures. The report of Presbytery's Home Mission Committee were received and acting on it certain grants were asked for different mission fields. Messrs. McQuarrel, Neilly, Gilmore, and Knowles, ministers; and Wylier, Keith, Richardson and Bartlett, elders; were appointed commissioners to General Assembly. The Rev. Dr. Gandier of Toronto was unanimously nominated as moderator of next general assembly. The Harrow mission asked to be placed on the list of augmented charges on the expiration of the engagement of its present ordinary missionary and on motion it was agreed to make application accordingly to the augmentation committee.

Algoma.

Rev. Jno. Rennie of Blind River, retires from active work for the summer.

The spring meeting of the Presbytery of Algoma was held on March 3rd in the Presbyterian church, Copper Cliff. Copper Cliff is the centre of the nickel industries and the various processes were full of interest to the visiting delegates; examining the shafts, a few attempting to go down them, going to the large roasting beds where the sulphur is burned away, leaving about one-half of the former gross weight. This roasting process consists in piling the rock, which is in chunks about the size of a man's fist, in a long heap perhaps 100 feet long, 25 feet wide, and 8 or 10 feet deep; this is lighted by starting some dry pine placed as a foundation, and when lighted, starts the sulphur of the rocks to burn and this continues to smoulder from three to five months, giving off fumes which are unpleasant, and killing all vegetation for miles around. The roasted rock is taken to No. 1 smelter when it is rendered about 40 per cent nickel and copper. This process consists in putting the roasted rock in a coke furnace, and the slag runs off in a flume where the water granulates it and consequently facilitates the handling of this refuse. The combined nickel and copper 40 per cent is drawn off in a tub, allowed to cool so as to harden, then broken once more and goes to Ontario Smelting Works where the refining leaves it 80 per cent pure.

Mr. Brown the chemist for the company, did everything possible to enlighten the members of Presbytery upon the production of nickel. The Company has erected a hospital which is a credit to the place and speaks of the humane feeling of the managers. This building is modern in every respect and there is not a finer building or equipment in any hospital outside of the largest cities.

The people of Copper Cliff shewed their interest in the work of Presbyterianism by turning out in large numbers to each sederunt. The ladies provided a tea on Wednesday evening for all members of Presbytery. After tea the young ladies of Copper Cliff congregation and the bachelor members of Presbytery washed the dishes and enjoyed the process.

Rev. Robert Drinnan opened Presbytery by preaching an eloquent discourse on "Love," pointing out that it is the greatest thing in the world, the greatest revelation of the God-head, the greatest power of humanity.

A motion was introduced, seconded and carried, that the writer of Algoma notes was not the exponent of the mind of Presbytery. Surely this was not necessary, the writer is simply a "chief among them taking notes," giving notes of the doings and offering what criticism he thinks fit, which is undoubtedly the field of journalism. This is not Russia where, all correspondence must pass the censorship of the mover of any resolution in Presbytery.

The Presbytery of Algoma has suggested to the senate of the Presbyterian College, Halifax, the name of Rev. Dr. Armstrong of Ottawa, for the chair of theology in that institution.

Rev. Mr. E. D. Pelletier and Mr. MacIntosh, elder of Manitowaning, were elected as representatives at Synod.

Rev. Mr. Pelletier was given six weeks' leave of absence to collect in any part of the country in aid of the debt on Blind River church, which may happen to be in session.

The Presbytery is certainly too large, having 96 missions to care for, and the men on committee have to deal with missions which they have never seen and know but little about. By a division of Presbytery, the attendance could be increased and the interest deepened.

The reports were very encouraging from all points.

The representatives to the Assembly are Revs. E. D. Pelletier, Dr. Armstrong, Jas. Anderson and D. MacEachern; the elders are W. C. Boyd of Copper Cliff, Duncan MacKenzie of Soo, Robert Moore of St. Andrews, Soo, and Wm. Sampson of Little Current.

James Sieveright was granted permission to apply to Assembly for leave to retire owing to age.

The men remain where they are except that M. W. Biron goes to Rock Lake, J. A. MacDonald to Osbratts, J. P. MacInnis to Richard's Landing. There will be several new fields opened up and a good army will be engaged here throughout the summer.

The older Ontario congregations are striving to prevail upon Mr. J. H. White of Copper Cliff to go and labor there, but the people do not want to let Mr. White go if sympathy and loyalty will prevent it.