

Rev. W. G. Wallace, of Bloor street church, Toronto, preached in Knox church, Galt, on the 26th February. His evening sermon on "Wanted, a Man" was specially strong.

A the recent voting for elders in Knox church, Ayr, some 30 candidates were put in nomination, and the vote resulted in the following gentlemen being chosen: Messrs. John Gemmell, O. T. Falls, Wm. Meldrum, M.D., A. Hall, James Malone, M. Lillie, R. Baxter and W. McBurner.

Rev. A. S. Budge, of Hanover, preached in Knox Church, Guelph, on the 26th February; Rev. R. W. Ross conducting anniversary services for Mr. Budge in Hanover.

Last Thursday evening a good audience gathered in St. Andrew's school room, Guelph, to listen to a debate, under the auspices of the St. Andrew's Y.M.A., between representatives of St. Andrew's Y.M.A. and Knox church, Galt, on the subject, "Resolved, that the Y.M.A. is the better of the two." The affirmative was supported by R. N. Shortill and Robt. Johnston, and the negative, and Messrs. Hugh Macdonald and J. M. Grear for the former.

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Last Thursday evening the members and friends of St. Paul's 1905 Club, Hamilton, gave a dinner in honour of their new pastor, Rev. D. R. Drummond. The attendance was very large and the reception was a grand success. The programme was a lengthy one, and proved very interesting. The young men seated themselves around a large table and dainty refreshments were served, to which the boys did full justice. Mr. Drummond occupied the seat of honor at the head of the table and by his side sat J. Jolly, who acted as chairman. Several addresses were given and an excellent program rendered.

The congregational meeting of Knox church, St. Mary's was held in the town hall on Monday evening, February 27th, the Rev. A. Grant, in the chair. After a lengthy discussion, it was decided to build a much larger church than the old one, and capable of seating eight or nine hundred persons. A provisional committee of seven was appointed to ascertain cost of building new church on old site and other sites, and report to congregational meeting. After some further discussion a building committee of five with three to form a quorum, was appointed, to have power to buy or procure building material for new church and also to have power over church funds to pay for building material.

It is probable that Rev. E. A. Mackenzie of St. Matthew's Church, Montreal, will be called to Knox Church, St. Thomas. A large committee, representing the session, managers and congregation, have called a meeting of the congregation for Wednesday of next week, when Mr. Mackenzie's name will be presented with unanimous recommendation. The pulpit became vacant only two weeks ago, when Rev. D. R. Drummond removed to St. Paul's Church, Hamilton. The church is one of the most influential in Western Ontario. Mr. Mackenzie is not a candidate, and has not preached here, but his reputation and his record in Chesley and in Montreal recommend him. He is a graduate of McGill University and of the Presbyterian College, Shrinley, Ontario.

TORONTO.

At the annual meeting of the Woman's Home Missionary Society on March 14 it is expected that Mrs. Faith Fenton Brown will be present and give an address at the afternoon session. As Mrs. Brown has spent some years in the Yukon her address will naturally be full of interest. The morning session begins at 10 o'clock. At this meeting reports from the Board of Management, Publication Secretaries and Treasurer will be given. The afternoon will be taken up with the President's address, reports from Auxiliaries and Mission Bands, the transacting of business, and bright, crisp missionary addresses.

Rev. James Wilson, B.A. (Glencoe), will be again asked to become the minister of Dovercourt Presbyterian church. At a representative congregational meeting last week it was unanimously agreed that a second call be presented to Mr. Wilson at the meeting of Toronto Presbytery next Tuesday. The stipend named was

\$1,500, with a month's vacation. Reasonable assurance was given the church that Mr. Wilson would accept a unanimous call. Permission will also be asked of the Presbytery to purchase a building lot on the corner of Dovercourt road and Hepburn street. No definite plans for the building are made as yet, but it is hoped by the managers that building operations will be started this year.

The Knox College Missionary Society celebrated its diamond jubilee last Thursday night by holding a meeting in the Convocation Hall. Two addresses were given. Rev. R. G. MacBell, of Paris, spoke on "The Religious Progress of the North West," and Mr. W. Hector Black on "In Tents and Shacks." Mr. L. C. Fraser, B.A., secretary of the society, said that last year forty missionaries were sent out by the society, and the same number are ready to go this summer. After last year's work, there was a deficit of \$3,500, which has since been wiped out, but the society needed \$1,000 to pay the travelling expenses of the new band of men.

The Presbyterian Ministerial Association last week appointed a committee to confer with the General Ministerial Association with a view to giving expression of opinion on the separate school clauses of the autonomy bill in the Northwest.

Rev. Dr. Milligan, of Toronto, officiated at jubilee services in Tilsonburg church last Sunday.

HAMILTON.

Rev. D. R. Drummond, the newly-inducted pastor of St. Paul's church, is a decided acquisition to the ministerial ranks of Hamilton. Mr. Drummond is a strong man, and already he is making his influence felt.

Rev. R. Martin of Erskine church preached his farewell sermon to crowded congregations on Feb. 26th inst. The best wishes of Hamilton people follow him to his new field, Knox church, Stratford.

Rev. Dr. Talling, Ph. D., is acting as interim pastor of Erskine church during the vacancy. Dr. Talling held a like position during the St. Paul's vacancy.

Rev. James Little, who during the past year has occupied with great acceptance the position of assistant pastor in Central church, has been called to the pastorate of Brampton Presbyterian church, and will likely leave for his new field in April.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, since the coming of Rev. J. A. Wilson, has been making wonderful strides, the church every evening being packed to the doors. The congregation are in good heart and look for the most successful year in their history. At last Sabbath's communion service at St. John's church sixteen new members were added to the roll.

Rev. J. Roy VanWyke, who has charge of Sherman Ave. Presbyterian church, is busy with examination work in Toronto, and other students are being sent as supply for a few weeks.

Rev. Dr. Fletcher, pastor emeritus of McNab street church, is occupying his old pulpit during the vacancy. A committee has been appointed to visit various congregations with a view to securing the strongest possible man for the work. Already several strong men, in Guelph and other cities have been heard.

Presbytery is meeting this week in Knox church, Rev. Dr. Wallis of Caledonia, moderator.

Rev. E. A. Henry has recovered from his recent indisposition. It was with pleasure that his congregation greeted his reappearance in the Knox church pulpit after two or three weeks of enforced retirement.

Rev. R. McDermott continues to do good work in the Locke street churches.

NORTHERN ONTARIO.

On the 12th inst the congregation of the Division Street Church, Owen Sound, celebrated the semi-centennial of its organization. Only three of the thirteen charter members of the church still remain. They are Mrs. Beith, Mrs. David Christie and Mr. John Leask. The first minister of the church was Rev. John Gibson. Rev. John Somerville, D.D., who has ministered to the church since 1874, has seen the membership increase from 131 in that year to 675 at the beginning of 1905. In 1895 the house of worship now occupied was built. A new Sunday school building will be opened on the 26th inst, which will give the congregation a complete church home. Division Street Church

is a potent factor in the social and religious life of Owen Sound, and a good supporter of the missionary enterprises of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Mr. McKay, of Knox College, addressed the Woodville congregation on the 26th February on the Knox College Student's Missionary Society and the work done by them in the Canadian North West. He also spoke to the Endeavor Society after the evening service on his personal experiences as a missionary in the West last summer.

Rev. H. D. Cameron, Allandale, has commenced a series of discourses on "God in the World," the first dealing with the story of the Burning Bush.

A lecture by Rev. H. D. Cameron, Allandale, under the auspices of the C. E. Society of his church, was a great success, and realized \$35.00. Mr. Cameron is asked to deliver his lecture, "Rambles Through the Holy Land," to a Barrie audience.

The Presbytery Church, says the Barrie Advance, is certainly blessed with willing and energetic workers. In connection with the recent concert the Misses McLeenan made an advance sale of 140 tickets.

At the regular meeting of Barrie Presbytery last week a large amount of Home Mission business was transacted. The following commissioners to the General Assembly were named:—By election, Rev. Dr. McLeod and Rev. Dr. Finlay, Barrie; Rev. Dr. Smith, Bradford and Rev. Mr. Crawford, Thornton; by rotation, Rev. Mr. Campbell, Oro, and Rev. Mr. Elliott of Midland. Rev. Mr. Macfarlane from the Church of Scotland, and Rev. James Dodds made application to be admitted as ministers of the Presbyterian church in Canada. Adjourned to meet on the first Tuesday in May.

Brockville Presbyterial.

The twentieth annual meeting of Brockville Presbyterial, W.E.M.S., was held in St. Paul's church, Winchester, on Monday and Tuesday the 27th and 28th of February. The first session was opened Monday evening at 7.30 with Mrs. Macallister, of Ironville, the president, in the chair. A very profitable conference on missions was conducted after which followed the general routine of business. The officers for the coming year are as follows: President—Mrs. J. M. Macallister, Ironville; Vice-Presidents—Mrs. Jno. Dowdell, Prescott; Mrs. Macallister, Cardinal; Mrs. Macleay, North Willoughby; Mrs. Chis-John, Kemptonville; Mrs. Jessie, Winchester; Mrs. Purvis, Caintown; Mrs. Colquhoun, Colquhoun; Cor. Sec., Mrs. C. E. Keller, Ironville; Treas., Mrs. P. Stitt, Seneville; Tidings Sec., Mrs. James Moore, Brockville; Treasurer, Mrs. M. Gibson, Morrisburg; Auditors, Mrs. R. Gibson and Miss Kingston, Morrisburg.

Tuesday morning business was resumed, reports from the Auxiliaries and Bands being read. On the whole the reports were encouraging and showed an increase in numbers and a decided increase in interest in Bible study and missions. It was evident from the general tone of the reports coming in from the congregations of this Presbytery that a deeper interest in the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was being taken by the women of the church, but a note of regret was heard in many reports in regard to securing Mission Band leaders and presidents.

Mission Band work was discussed and it was earnestly hoped that this department should not be neglected in the future. A secretary was appointed in the person of Mrs. Lorie, of Winchester, who will visit and assist in any work possible in the way of organizing or stimulating this department.

At the afternoon meeting the president gave her address and greetings were brought from the various sister congregations of the town. A very thoughtful rafter was then read by Mrs. Carmichael on "Individual Responsibility." Two raffles on Mission Band work were read, one by Miss Macallister and one by Mrs. Keeler, which showed careful thought and preparation, and would be of great benefit to Mission Band workers. A Mission Band exercise was conducted by Mrs. Lorie and the Winchester Mission Band, which was very much enjoyed by the audience.

Dr. Margaret McKellar, returned missionary from India, then spoke on her work; and at the evening meeting also, in which the Presbytery joined the Presbyterial, Dr. McKellar gave a most inspiring address.