

## ERN ONTARIO

Chatham Presbytery has accepted the resignations of Rev. J. P. McInnis, of Puce, and Rev. J. A. Mustard, B.A., of Kent Ridge.

Mr. George Witte, returned missionary from Brazil, delivered a stereopticon lecture on South America and its missions in Central Church Hall, on October 19.

At the last meeting of the Maitland Presbytery, Rev. David Forrest, tendered his resignation of the pastoral charge of Duff's Church, Walton.

Rev. R. P. Byers, M.A., occupied the pulpit at St. Andrew's, Strathroy, last Sunday will also conduct the services there on Oct. 24.

Wylie Clark, of Brampton, who preached acceptably for the First Presbyterian Church, London, during July, occupied the same pulpit on October 8 at both services.

At the last meeting of the Presbytery of Maitland, the Presbytery was divided into groups and a minister appointed to take charge of each group in regard to the Century Fund.

At the meeting of the Maitland Presbytery, following grants were asked for: charges: Pine River, \$150; North Riversdale, and Enniskillen, \$75; \$100.

Wm. Hamilton, B.A., of Goderich, occupied the pulpit at Motherwell on Oct. 1, in the absence of his father, the Rev. Wm. Hamilton, who was a delegate to the Presbyterian Council in Washington.

At the last meeting of Bruce Presbytery, a resolution was passed in favor of Rev. S. D. Brown from the congregation of West Ard Dunblane, and a call from Pinkerton West Brant to Rev. F. O. Nichol was presented and sustained.

E. H. Sawers, who has accepted the call to Brucefield, preached his farewell sermon last Sunday at Westminster to a large congregation. Mr. Sawers leaves an attached whose prayers and good wishes will him to his new field of labor.

At the anniversary services of the Presbytery of Chalmers, Crosshill, were held on Oct. 1. Rev. Neil D. McKinnon, of Glen Allen, preached eloquent sermons. The following evening a tea meeting was held and proved a very enjoyable affair.

On October 1, anniversary services were held at Chalmers Church, Guelph. Rev. J. S. B.A., of Hespeler, preached in the morning and Rev. Thomas Eakin, M.A., in the evening. In the afternoon the new prayer class room was opened and a special service held in the Sunday School.

At the session and congregation of Erskine Church, Hamilton, have declined to allow their pastor, Rev. J. G. Shearer, three months leave of absence to assist in the work in connection with the Century Fund. Mr. Shearer is much loved by his people, who think that so long an absence would be detrimental to the congregation.

The first lecture of the course, to be given under the auspices of the Ladies Aid Knox Church, will be delivered on Monday evening, October 16, by the Hon. Dr. Montague on the subject, "An hour with a great man and her songs." On November 24, Mr. J. A. Hughes, Inspector of Public Schools, Toronto, will talk about "The Smith Children."

Rev. J. S. Scott, B.A., of Hespeler, has declined to accept the call tendered him by St. Andrew's Church, Brantford. The call was tendered before and refused by Mr. Scott on account of the opposition of his congregation at Hespeler, who were desirous of retaining him. But when the call was renewed and urged very strongly, Mr. Scott believed it to be right for him to go to Brantford.

Rev. Isaac McDonald, lately of Glamis, has been inducted at Burn's Church, Mossa, into the pastorate of that congregation. A meeting of the London Presbytery was held there for that purpose, among the ministers present being Revs. John Milloy, moderator, who presided; H. W. Reede, of Alma Street, St. Thomas, who delivered the induction sermon; D. C. Johnston, the stated clerk of the Presbytery; R. Stewart, of Melbourne; I. H. Alexander, of Kintyre; A. Wilson, of Newbury; Henderson, of Melbourne; J. W. Bell, Napier and Archibald Stuart, of London, who was for many years the pastor of the congregation. The induction prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Milloy, the charge to the ministry was delivered by Rev. Mr. Henderson, and the congregation was addressed by Rev. Mr. Stewart. The ladies of the congregation entertained those present to refreshment at the conclusion of the services.

The Presbytery of Maitland has appointed the following Conveners of standing committees: Augmentation, Rev. F. A. McLennan; Home Missions, Rev. Dr. J. S. Murray; Sabbath Schools, Rev. Alex. Millar; Church Life and Work, Rev. James Macdonald; Examination of Students, Rev. D. B. McTear; Young People's Societies, Rev. Wm. J. West; Statistics, Rev. Geo. Ballantyne.

Central Church, Hamilton, has just been reopened after undergoing many improvements. The interior has been rebuilt and beautified greatly. Instead of the small vestibule of formerly, there is a fine large entrance and wide staircases leading to the auditorium. Two additional aisles have been put in the auditorium, the floor of which has been raised in the rear. The new galleries are shorter than the old ones, about 40 feet being cut off the north ends. There is more slope on them than formerly, and an ornamental railing runs along the front of them. Radical changes have been wrought around the pulpit and choir gallery. The rostrum is in the rear of the choir gallery, which will seat fifty singers. The new pews are strikingly beautiful, being of quartered oak and richly carved. A rich Brussels carpet, of crimson hue, covers the floor of the auditorium. Altogether the alterations and improvements should prove highly gratifying to minister and people.

## EASTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. R. C. H. Sinclair, B.A., of Oliver's Ferry has received a call to Fenelon Falls.

The teachers and scholars of St. Andrew's Sunday School, Renfrew, have contributed \$40 to the Century Fund.

The congregation of Westboro and Merivale have, by unanimous vote, decided to extend a call to Rev. A. S. Ross, of Ottawa Presbytery.

Rev. R. T. Ballantyne, of Tamworth, preached to the Presbyterian congregation in Lyn, Caintown, and Mallorytown last Sunday.

The annual convention of the Lanark County W.C.T.U., was held at Almonte on Oct. 10. Miss Wiggins, of Toronto, addressed the evening meeting.

Rev. J. McD. Duncan, B.A., of Woodville, has received three months leave of absence, in order that he may visit congregations and ask contributions to the Century Fund.

On October 6, the Rev. D. B. Macdonald, of Bendale, conducted the prayer meeting in St. Andrew's Church, Pakenham, and on Sunday last occupied the pulpit at both services.

Anniversary services were held in St. John's Church, Almonte, on October 1, and were conducted by Rev. Dr. Jordan, professor of Old Testament criticism in Queen's University. In the morning his text was, "Now testeth thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation," and in the evening the subject was "The Failure of Jeremiah." This sermon was really a splendid exposition in small space of the Book of Jeremiah. In the afternoon "Children's Day" was observed. Several addresses were given, and Dr. Jordan spoke of the great possibilities before the children, and showed how much depended on the character formed in youth.

## MARITIME PROVINCES.

J. P. Hogan, of Dufferin Mines, has given a free site for a new church.

Rev. P. K. McRae, of Earlstown, has accepted the call to Baddeck, Forks, C.B.

The congregation of Richmond, N.B., has called Rev. A. D. Archibald, of Sackville.

Rev. A. S. Fraser will visit congregations on the North Shore of New Brunswick, during October.

The Synod of the Maritime Provinces, nominated Rev. E. A. McCurdy, as successor to Rev. Dr. Morrison.

Both Dr. Campbell and Dr. Robertson were present at the Synod and their addresses were much appreciated.

Miss Louise McMillan, daughter of Rev. D. McMillan, Sydney Mines has been appointed principal of a ladies' college at Hamburg, Germany.

His Honor Judge Forbes, of St. John, and a delegate to the Pan-Presbyterian Council, preached in the Metropolitan Church, Washington, during the meeting of the Council. Judge Forbes is an elder in St. Andrew's Church and his presence is familiar at our General Assembly. He has filled the chair of Moderator of Presbytery with satisfaction to all parties.

Rev. Wm. Ross, of Prince William, N.B., was presented by his congregation with a purse of \$10 with which to purchase a horse. The new St. Stephen's Church at Amherst, N.S., is to cost \$25,000 and it is expected that it will be completed by the New Year.

The Presbytery of Boston met in Haulton, Me., on the 30th Sept. A delegation of the St. John Presbytery, consisting of Revs. G. D. Ireland, D. J. Fraser, A. S. Morton, with Judge Forbes and Mr. A. Henderson, were present to convey fraternal greetings. Haulton Church was organized originally by St. John Presbytery, but was, with its pastor, Rev. K. McKay, transferred at its own request, and the whole of the very promising work in N. E. Maine placed under the Boston Presbytery.

## NORTHERN ONTARIO.

Rev. W. A. Duncan, Sault Ste. Marie, was appointed Convener of the Presbyterian Committee on the Century Fund.

Rev. P. Fleming, of Maxwell, took a short but well earned holiday a fortnight ago. Mr. Buckingham of Dopey took his work in his absence.

Rev. A. E. Neill, of Horning's Mills, occupied the Flesherston and Eugenia pulpits on Sabbath last and his sermons were highly appreciated by good congregations.

The Proton Station congregation, held a very successful and pleasant At Home in the Orange Hall, there on the 29th ult. This congregation is making substantial improvements on their neat church property.

The fourth of the series of sermons on "The Old Evangelicalism and the New" being preached by Rev. Dr. Waits in Owen Sound, was given on Sabbath morning last. In the evening the doctor's discourse was on "The end, better than the beginning."

In the absence of Rev. D. Somerville, at the Pan-Presbyterian Council at Washington, Rev. D. A. McLean, of Tara, occupied his pulpit in Owen Sound on the last inst. His sermon in the evening on soul rest was impressive and much appreciated by a good congregation.

At the last meeting of the Presbytery of Algoma, the following conveners of standing committees were appointed: Home Missions, Rev. J. Rennie; Church Life and Work, Rev. James Anderson; French Evangelization, Rev. W. C. Armstrong, Ph.D.; Young People's Societies, Rev. W. A. Duncan together with Rev. A. Findlay, superintendents, Rev. A. Y. Hartley.

The East Gray Sabbath School Association held its annual convention at Meaford on Tuesday and Wednesday of last week. The attendance was good and the programme throughout well sustained. Rev. W. H. Madden, of Meaford was elected president; Rev. John Hunter, Markdale, Vice-President; and Mr. W. L. Young, of the latter place re-elected Secretary. Markdale was chosen as next place of meeting.

At the regular meeting of the Presbytery of Bruce, on September 28, the resignation of Rev. A. H. Drumm, of Port Elgin, was accepted, and Rev. James Fitzpatrick, B.A., was appointed to declare the charge vacant and to act as moderator during the vacancy.

At the semi-annual meeting of Algoma Presbytery, on September 27th and 28th, ten ministers and eight elders were in attendance together with Rev. A. Findlay, superintendent of missions. Rev. R. Hume, of Spanish River, was elected Moderator.

Annual harvest home services were held respectively at Horning's Mills and Primrose, on Sabbaths the 1st and 7th inst. Appropriate sermons were preached at the former place by Rev. Mr. Robinson, of Toronto, and at the latter by Rev. L. W. Thom, of Flesherston, who exchanged pulpits with the pastor, Rev. A. E. Nelly. At Horning's Mills a free supper was given on Monday evening when the congregation spent a pleasant social evening together and nearly \$100 of a free will offering was placed on the plate.

At meeting of Algoma Presbytery, the Home Mission report, read by Rev. J. Rennie, stated that 26 mission fields, embracing 87 preaching stations had been supplied during the past summer. Rev. A. Findlay gave an interesting report of his visit to Michipicoten, an entirely new field, where mission work had been begun with very encouraging prospects by Mr. W. G. Wilson, student. A letter was read from Rev. Dr. Campbell, general agent of the Century Fund, regretting his inability to be present at this meeting. Action, however, was cordially taken in the matter, and the Presbytery was divided into ten groups with a Convener for each, in order that a canvas for subscriptions may be made in due time.