

Ministers and Churches.

Toronto.

The Ministerial Association, at its meeting last week, declared itself in favor of the complete abolition of the bar, and the following resolution was unanimously passed: "Resolved, that in the judgment of this Presbyterian Ministerial Association no solution of the temperance problem will be adequate which stops short of the abolition of the bar."

The forty-first public meeting of the Knox College Students' Missionary Society was held last week, with Mr. Frank Yeigh in the chair. Rev. E. A. Henry, of Knox Church, Hamilton, who knows the needs of the Canadian west as few do, delivered an address on home missions in his habitual, forceful and inspiring way. Mr. J. L. Boyd also spoke on new men and new fields.

Rev. E. D. McLaren, D. D., Home Mission Secretary has just returned from a trip to the west. He states that the mission churches were never better supplied with preachers than for this winter. The rapid advance of settlers, which is away ahead of railway accommodation, makes it difficult for the churches to keep pace. There is a pressing need for better railway facilities and more branch lines. Between Calgary and Edmonton the settlement runs back thirty to fifty miles from the railway line.

The Robertson Auxiliary of the W. H. M. S. met in St. Enoch's Church Wednesday afternoon and were welcomed by the Rev. Alex. McMillan, pastor of the church. The president, Mrs. Bastedo, was in the chair and Mrs. Macpherson and Mrs. Moir conducted the opening exercises. A letter was read from Rev. R. G. Scott, who is working among the Galicians at Sifton, Man., asking for gifts of clothing, boots, etc. Mrs. Kipp of Erskine Church gave an interesting Bible reading upon the subject, "Thanksgiving." Mrs. Parsons of Knox Church, who has recently visited the Teulon Hospital, which is maintained by the Woman's society, gave a brief description of the buildings and spoke of the work of the two nurses, Miss Bell and Miss Davidson. At the close of the meeting Master Earnest McMillan gave an organ recital.

Ottawa.

Rev. J. W. H. Milne, preached in St. Andrew's church on Sunday evening.

The annual sermon of St. Andrew's society was preached on Sunday evening in Knox church by Rev. William McIntosh, chaplain of the society.

Dr. Herridge of St. Andrew's church, lectured before the Men's Association of that congregation on Wednesday evening of last week on John Milton. There was a very large attendance, and the literary effort was thoroughly appreciated by all present.

The regular monthly meeting of the Presbyterian Ministerial Association was held in the board room of Bank Street Presbyterian church. Rev. J. W. H. Milne presided. A paper prepared by Mr. A. S. Ross, of Westboro, on the Historical Development of the Old Testament Prophecy was read in his absence by Rev. D. M. McLeod, of Bilings' Bridge. Those present at the meeting were: Dr. Armstrong, Dr. Herridge, Dr. Ramsay, and Revs. J. White, J. McLaren, J. H. Turnbull, M. H. Scott, A. E. Mitchell, J. H. Milne, and D. M. McLeod.

A very largely attended reception to Rev. P. W. Anderson the newly inducted pastor of MacKay church, New Edinburgh, was given under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society. The building was decorated with flowers, flags, and bunting. Addresses were given by Dr. Moore, Mr. Lucas, M. H. Scott, Dr. Armstrong, Rev. Mr. Russell, Rev. Dr. Ramsay, Rev. Herbert Spencer and the musical part of the programme was given by the choir and others.

Rev. Mr. Anderson was called to the platform and introduced by Aid. Askwith. The pastor said that he came among them with a light heart because he felt they knew the work they were called upon to perform in the Lord's vineyard, and how to perform it, and with a strong determination to bend all his energies to the advancement of every line of the church work. Every member of the congregation was given an opportunity to meet their minister and shake hands with him after which refreshments were served by the ladies.

Montreal.

On Tuesday evening, the congregation of Taylor Church held a jubilation, at which their mortgage was burned. The church is rejoicing over its freedom from a heavy debt that has oppressed them for a long time. At this gathering they had with them a number of the old friends of the church, who assisted in its early and trying days. The Rev. O. Bennett, who was the former minister, and who was largely instrumental in the building of the new church, gave an address. A pleasant social evening was spent.

The Rev. J. G. Clark, the new pastor of Melville Church, Westmount, was tendered a reception on Thursday evening. The new pastor was introduced to the guests by Mrs. R. Thompson and the elders of the congregation. During the evening Mr. Clark was presented with a pulpit gown and cassock, the gift of the Ladies' Association. The presentation was made by Mrs. A. W. D. Howell, the president of the Association. In replying, Mr. Clark cordially thanked the ladies and congregation for their gift, and said he took it that their robing him meant that he was to get to work. The Rev. E. Scott, who was interim moderator during the vacancy at the church, was the recipient of a handsome travelling bag, Mr. A. M. Mackay making the presentation. Mr. Clark was also presented by Mr. Wells with a Hymnal from the choir. After the presentations refreshments were served. Several of the city ministers were present. Mr. Clark preached his inaugural sermons on Sunday.

Eastern Ontario.

The Rev. W. R. Johanson, B.A., Harwood, preached at both services in First church, Port Hope.

Rev. Wm. McDonald, B.A., of Hallville, preached his farewell sermon on Sunday morning to a very large audience, the church being packed to its utmost capacity. A farewell meeting was held on Monday evening when he was presented with a purse and an address.

The Auxiliary of the W. F. M. S. of North Lunenburg held their annual thank-offering meeting on Tuesday evening. Rev. N. H. McGillivray of Cornwall, gave an address and the collection amounted to \$19.

The second call was from North Williamsburg and Winchester Springs to Rev. R. A. Lunday of Port Credit. This call was largely signed and strongly supported by five delegates from the congregation.

Rev. H. D. Leitch of St. Elmo gave his very interesting and instructive lecture on "People I Have Met and Do Not Wish to Meet Again," in the Gravel Hill church on Monday evening.

Rev. Wm. McDiarmid, minister at Hallville and Reid's Mills, in the Brockville Presbytery, has accepted a call to St. Andrew's church, Lanark, and entered on his duties Sunday.

A lecture on evolution will be given by Rev. Norman McLeod on Thursday, in the First Church lecture room, in aid of the Brockville Mission Band.

Rev. Alexander Laird, pastor of Cooke's church, Kingston, has tendered his resignation to take effect the second Sunday in January.

Rev. R. Radie, of Hintonburg, conducted the twenty-fifth anniversary services in the Patterson church, Bearbrook, on Sunday. The morning service was a memorial one, the remains of the late Miss Nancy McQuaig were laid to rest in the Patterson church cemetery. Miss McQuaig was one of the oldest residents of this community having reached the ripe old age of ninety-five. On Monday evening the anniversary social was held in the church.

The Brockville Presbytery met at Kemptville on Monday of last week. The meeting was held in the lecture hall of the Methodist church owing to the work of extending the Presbyterian church being in the hands of the workmen.

Rev. J. Chisholm, B.A., acted as moderator in the absence of Rev. C. H. Daly, B.A.

Two calls came before the court, one from Lanark to Rev. W. McDonald, B.A., of Hallville which was largely signed and supported by six commissioners from Lanark congregation. The call was sustained by the Presbytery and placed in Mr. McDonald's hands. It was accepted and Mr. McDonald preached his farewell sermon to his congregation on Sunday.

The Anniversary Services at Hilton were most successful. The sermons preached by

Rev. J. S. McMullen of Trenton, were received with great acceptance. Anniversary services were held last Sabbath at Bethany when Rev. R. H. Leitch of Belleville preached morning and evening. On Monday evening Mr. Leitch lectured on the subject "From Canada to Rome."

The Young People's Guild of St. Paul's church, Sydenham, held a very enjoyable and successful "Home mission rally" on the evening of Thanksgiving Day in the newly renovated church.

An interesting lecture on "Personal experiences in the mines in British Columbia" was given by Rev. J. W. Stephens of the Church of the Covenant, Toronto. The chairman for the evening was Rev. Frank C. Harper, B.D., the pastor of the congregation.

The annual thankoffering of the W. F. M. S. Newington, was held on Thursday Nov. 17th. Rev. W. C. McIntyre, B. A. of Woodlands, gave an address showing the necessity for world-wide evangelism, and how to obtain the power necessary for the work. The collection amounted to sixteen dollars.

The special services being conducted by the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches of Newington, were well attended this week, the churches being filled each evening. Rev. Mr. Lidstone preached Monday and Tuesday, Rev. Mr. Hughes, of Osnabuck Centre, Wednesday and Thursday, and Rev. D. N. Coburn on Friday.

In announcing the call by St. Andrew's church, Hamilton to the Rev. J. A. Wilson, of Peterborough, the Examiner, of that town says:

Rev. Mr. Wilson, during the time that he has been living in Peterborough, in his work in St. Paul's church, has made a great many friends, who will learn with deep regret of his contemplated change of residence. He has also been active in other work outside of that immediately connected with the church of which he was assistant pastor. For two years he was secretary of the Ministerial Association, in which capacity he rendered the association good service. Mr. Wilson was very popular with the young people of his church, and took a deep interest in the Young Men's Guild, which he has been instrumental in bringing to a high degree of success, and by the members of this organization his departure will also be a cause for regret.

On Monday evening of last week, a farewell gathering was held in the church, at Hallville to say good-bye to Rev. Wm. McDonald, M. A. B. D., who has accepted a call to Lanark. The meeting was presided over by Rev. Mr. Chisholm, of Kemptville, Moderator of Brockville Presbytery, and on the platform were a number of the ministers of the Presbytery and also Rev. Mr. Burke, Methodist minister of Hallville. After devotional exercises Mr. McDonald was presented with a purse from the Hallville congregation, and with one from Reid's Mills section of the charge; and with a travelling case by the Hallville church. Mrs. McDonald was given a handsome fern dish and salad bowl and an address by the "Willing Workers of the Hallville church." Mr. McDonald, who was deeply touched by the evidence of his people's love and respect, responded to the addresses after which each of the ministers present spoke a few words saying to the people that they too would miss Mr. McDonald both in Presbytery and in their personal relations with him.

Western Ontario.

Rev. Mr. Hamilton, of Dundas exchanged pulpits with Rev. Mr. Johnston of Preston on Sunday.

The annual Thanksgiving supper and lecture was held in Morefield on the 17th. Rev. J. B. Mullen, of Fergus, delivered his lecture on the subject of "Misfits."

Dr. Carmichael, King, preached a special sermon to the Sons of Scotland, on Sunday morning.

Rev. R. W. Ross, of Guelph, delivered a lecture on the Klondyke in Arthur, on Monday evening.

Rev. Dr. McLean, on November 6th, completed 39 years as pastor of St. Andrew's church in Blyth.

Rev. J. A. Wilson, who has accepted a call to St. Andrew's church, Hamilton, will be ordained and inducted on Tuesday, December 13th.

St. Andrew's church, Chatham, which during the past few weeks has been completely renovated, was reopened for divine service on Sunday.