

EASTERN ONTARIO.

The regular meeting of Lanark and Renfrew Presbytery was held yesterday at Carleton Place.

The Presbyterians of Sydney Mines, N.S., have laid the corner stone of a new church, that will cost \$18,000.

Rev. T. H. Mitchell, B.D., of New St. James' church, London, who has been visiting friends in and about Stouffville, preached there on a recent Sunday.

Rev. W. Kannawin preached a sermon in Knox church, Cannington, Sunday evening in memory of the late Mrs. (Rev.) Martin.

Rev. Principal Gordon, of Queen's who has been visiting in Scotland for the past two months, has returned to Kingston, looking well after his outing.

The Rev. Dr. Johnston, of the American Presbyterian church, Montreal, has returned to the city, and occupied his own pulpit last Sunday at both services.

In the absence of Rev. D. W. Best, Mr. Cameron, of Hamilton, conducted services last Sunday week in St. Andrew's church, Beaverton.

Well attended union evangelistic services are being held in the Presbyterian church, Russell. The first meetings of the kind, the result is being watched with interest.

Rev. C. B. Ross, B.D., of Lachine, was the preacher in Knox church, Lancaster, last Sunday. The pastor, Rev. J. D. Mackenzie, is taking his holidays in Western Ontario.

On a recent Sunday evening the Rev. J. E. Ducloux and congregation of Valleyfield, attended the service of the Rev. W. Henderson in the Methodist church, on the occasion of the pastor preaching his farewell sermon.

Rev. N. M. Fee, of Alexander, Man., but formerly of the Presbyterian church, Merrickville, was visiting friends in Kemtville last week. He had charge of the union service in the Methodist church on Sunday.

Rev. James Wallace, pastor of St. Andrew's church, Lindsay, was in Arnprior a few days ago looking up old friends. This clever young clergyman was at one time assistant pastor of St. Andrew's church, Arnprior.

As to the origin and progress of the Rockwood Church, Mr. Alex. Burns furnishes a local contemporary with the following particulars:

In 1861 a few residents of Rockwood and vicinity petitioned the Guelph Presbytery to be erected into a station in connection with the congregation at Eden Mills. They began to worship in the old schoolhouse, now occupied by Mr. John Hill, but afterwards used the old temperance hall, recently converted into a dwelling by Mr. John Pasmore, until the erection of the present substantial church in 1867. In 1862 the two congregations called the Rev. James Thom, who remained with them until 1865. In 1867 there were 27 members with several adherents, and they asked for a separate organization, which was granted, and their first session consisted of Henry Tozland and Wm. Dryden. Mr. Dryden was appointed session clerk and representative elder. In 1868 the Rev. Edward Reeve was inducted as their pastor, and remained with them until 1874. In 1876 Rev. Donald Strachan was inducted as pastor, which position he filled with great acceptance. In 1897 he retired and was followed as pastor by the Rev. J. A. Cranston, M.A., in 1898. Mr. Cranston left in 1901, and was succeeded in 1902 by the present pastor Rev. J. T. Hall. In 1873 the communion roll was 41 and John Burns, Robert Dredge, and Wm. Torrance were added to the session. Since then the following names have been added: James Gordon, J. A. Armstrong, James Gray, John McQueen, and Robert Scott. The progress of this congregation has been gradual but steady. In 1869 the membership was 164.

WINNIPEG AND WEST.

Dev. Dr. Bryce, of Manitoba College, preached in Victoria, B.C., on a recent Sunday.

At a church opening at Glenella, Man., recently, Rev. Thurlow Fraser, B.D., of Portage la Prairie, was chairman of the social function; he and Mrs. Fraser sang a duet in the Chinese tongue, and Mrs. Fraser delighted the audience with her rendition of auld Scottish songs. Mr. Fraser will be remembered by many of our Eastern readers as for some time assistant minister of Bank street church, Ottawa, before going out to Formosa. Since his return to Canada he has been pastor of a large congregation at Portage la Prairie, Man., where he is doing excellent work.

At the induction of Rev. J. W. Inglis to the pastoral charge of Oakville church, the proceedings were presided over by Rev. Dr. Hogg. Rev. Mr. Jones, of St. John's church, Winnipeg, preached the sermon and Rev. R. J. Hay, of Norwood, addressed the congregation. Dr. Hogg besides presiding addressed the newly inducted pastor. After the service, refreshments were served by the ladies and an enjoyable time spent. W. O. Managhan, missionary at Salem, gave a very appropriate address. Rev. Mr. Inglis begins work under most favorable circumstances.

The organ purchased by Knox church, Regina, from the managers of Knox church, Winnipeg, is giving unmixed satisfaction. The Leader says: The organ recital in Knox church was a treat of a nature which the people of Regina have not had the pleasure of enjoying in the past, and the opportunity for hearing the new pine organ played by a master hand was taken advantage of by a large number of people, the body of the church being well filled with a most appreciative audience. The numbers played by Mr. W. Lynnwood Farnam were selected not only to prove pleasing to the audience but also in order to show the range, power and beauty of tone of the new organ, and it is safe to say that the congregation of Knox church are better pleased than ever with their purchase. The organ when in Knox church, Winnipeg, was generally conceded to be one of the sweetest toned instruments in that city.

Mr. Harold Brown, organist of St. John's church, Moncton, N.B., has been appointed organist and musical director at St. Andrew's church, Montreal, in succession to Mr. F. H. Blair, who goes to St. Paul's church in the same city.

A MORE EXCELLENT WAY.

Editor Dominion Presbyterian: In my grandfather's volume of Wesley's discourses on Our Lord's Sermon on the Mount, the following passage is marked: "This is worth a volume of sermons." Love rejoiceth not in iniquity, common as this is, even among those who name the name of Christ; who scruple not to rejoice over their enemy when he falleth either into affliction or error, or sin. Indeed how hardly can they avoid this, who are jealously attached to any party? How difficult is it for them not to be pleased with any fault which they discover in those of the opposite party? With any either real or supposed blemish, either in their principles or practice? What warm defender of any cause is clear of these? Yea, who is so calm as to be altogether free? Who does not rejoice when his adversary makes a false step, which he thinks will advance his own cause? Only a man of love. He alone weeps over the sin or folly of his enemy, takes no pleasure in hearing or repeating it but rather desires that it may be forgotten for ever.

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TORONTO.

Building permit has been issued for the construction of the Avenue road Presbyterian Church, to cost \$45,000.

In accepting the invitation to take part at the conference, Mr. Stezle is anxious to reach the people, and will speak about his work at a gathering in Cooke's church on the evening of Thursday, September 27.

The marriage took place on Wednesday of Miss Margaret Smith MacKay, only daughter of Rev. R. P. MacKay, D.D., General Foreign Missionary Secretary of the Presbyterian Church, to Rev. Andrew Thomson of Owen Sound, a Knox graduate of this year. They will leave in a few days for a mission field in Honan, China.

The opening services in connection with the new Dovercourt Presbyterian Church, corner of Dovercourt road and Hephourne street, will take place on the 9th of September, when Rev. A. B. Meldrum, D.D., of the Old Stone Church, Cleveland, will preach morning and evening, and Rev. Dr. John Potts in the afternoon.

A special series of Sunday evening sermons, under the general head of "The Message of Jesus to the Men of Today," will be begun shortly in Bloor Street Presbyterian Church, of which Rev. Dr. W. G. Wallace is pastor. The preachers will include Rev. Principal MacLaren, Rev. Prof. Kilpatrick, Rev. James A. Macdonald and Rev. Prof. Kennedy, each man taking a special sub-topic.

A new school will be established in Toronto, to be known as the Margaret Eaton School of Literature and Expression, a charter having been granted by the Ontario Government. The head office of the company will be in Toronto, and provisional directors are: Rev. N. Burwash, Timothy Eaton, Margaret Proctor Burwash, Emma Scott Raff, Margaret Wilson Eaton, J. C. Eaton, and Harry McGee. The board of directors is composed of well known Methodists.

The Knox College Conference, from September 24 to 27, promises interesting features, not only for the alumni, but for the citizens generally. In addition to papers and addresses by professors and graduates of the college, several others will contribute to the programme. Rev. Prof. G. L. Robinson of Chicago, formerly of Knox College, will read papers before the conference and also give a public address in Bloor Street Presbyterian Church. Perhaps one of the most interesting parts will be taken by Charles Stezle of Chicago. He is the Superintendent of Church and Labor in the American Presbyterian Church, and has accomplished great things in many of the large cities across the line.

Northfield may well congratulate itself on the close of its twenty-fourth conference for Christian Workers which, in numbers, the interest manifested, and the enthusiasm evolved, has certainly surpassed all others, says The Christian Work. The conference is notable in two ways—in the sub-conference on pastoral evangelism and in the presence in Northfield of great Bible teachers both from at home and abroad. In the work of the conference the dominating figures apart from Mr. W. R. Moody, who presided, were Dr. G. Campbell Morgan, of London; Dr. Johnston Ross, of Cambridge; and Dr. John A. Hutton, of Newcastle-on-Tyne. Dr. Morgan continued the series of lectures begun by him two years ago on the Pentateuch. He will also lecture daily during September on Job. Dr. Ross will likewise be at the post-conference addresses and will supplement Dr. Morgan, speaking on St. John. On the educational side the conference has shown its usual widespread interest, taking up the work of Hampton Institute and similar schools. The missionary tone has been unusually high at the sunset meetings on Round Top.