

Rev. Mr. Hutt, of Ingersoll, conducted the Sunday School anniversary services in the First Presbyterian church, St. Mary's, last Sunday. The annual entertainment on Monday evening was quite a success.

The induction of Rev. E. A. Henry, of Brandon, Man., as pastor of Knox church, Hamilton, will take place on 30th Dec. Rev. R. Martin will preside; Rev. S. H. Grey, Dundas, will preach; Rev. J. H. Ratcliffe, St. Catharines, will address the pastor, and Rev. Dr. Lyle the people.

The Bradford Witness says: The Rev. Mr. Mitchell, wife and child, have returned from China, where they have labored for seven years as missionaries. Mrs. Mitchell is a daughter of Mr. Wm. Hill, Bond Head, and was sent out as medical missionary by the Presbyterian Church. All friends join in a hearty welcome home.

The service of Praise given in St. Andrew's church, London, on the 17th inst was met by a crowded congregation. The pastor, Rev. Dr. Johnston, presided, and in the course of the evening took occasion to express the hope some time to hear Mr. Wheeler and his choir give a service of praise, in which they would sing the familiar simple hymns and the grand old Psalm tunes.

Anniversary services were held in the Hyde Park Presbyterian church last Sunday. Rev. Mr. Henderson, of Appin, preached to large congregations morning and evening. His remarks were earnest and very instructive. On Monday evening, despite the unfavorable state of the weather, a large audience gathered in the schoolroom, where an interesting programme was submitted.

The Presbytery of Guelph has adopted a recommendation of its Committee on Evangelistic services to the effect "that wherever possible, the first week of January be observed as a week of prayer, and that the special burden of our petitions be the deepening of the spiritual life of our people, and the salvation of the unsaved in our congregations."

Rev. Dr. Craw, late of Thorndale, in the Stratford Presbytery, was on Thursday evening of last week inducted into the pastorate of Haynes Avenue church, St. Catharines. Dr. Craw is a son of the late Rev. Mr. Craw, of Barrie, and from a manse that sent four sons into the ministry. The doctor has been eleven years in his late charge, Thorndale, where he did an excellent work.

In Guelph Presbytery the following resolution, moved by Mr. W. R. McIntosh, seconded by Dr. Wardrope, was adopted. The Presbytery desires, in view of the approaching vote on the Liquor Bill of 1902, to express its strong disapproval of the traffic in intoxicating liquors and its sympathy with the efforts put forth at the present time looking in the direction of the further restriction of the same, and would express its hope that the members of the churches within its bounds might see their way clear to make a protest against the evils of the treating system and the barroom by casting their votes in favor of the Bill on the day of polling.

The congregation of Chalmers church, Elora, has been celebrating its semi-jubilee. The Sabbath services were conducted by Rev. A. J. McGillivray, of London, a very large congregation attending. Tuesday evening an old-fashioned tea-meeting was held, supplemented by an entertainment, an audience that filled the church being present. The Rev. Mr. Horne occupied the chair, and in a few opening remarks reviewed the history of the church from its inception in 1877. Rev. Dr. Torrance, of Guelph, spoke at some length, followed by Rev. J. B. Mullan, of Fergus, in a brief but happy speech, and Rev. J. H. MacVicar. The Rev. A. L. Geggie, of Toronto, delivered his lecture on "Wit and Humor," a rare treat. The anniversary was the most successful in years, financially, the receipts being about three hundred dollars.

The re-opening services in connection with St. Andrew's church, Kippen, were held on Sunday and Monday evening last week. The Sunday services were conducted in the forenoon and evening by Rev. Mr. Tolmie, of Windsor, and in the afternoon by the Rev. Mr. Larkin, of Seaford. These services were largely attended, the church being crowded to its utmost capacity at each diet of worship by its most attentive and, apparently, deeply interested congregation. The tea-meeting on Monday was largely attended, notwithstanding the unfavorable weather. Rev. Mr. McLennan, the respected pastor, presided. Addresses were delivered by Revs. Messrs. Tolmie; Martin, of Exeter;

Henderson, of Hensall, and Anderson, of Goderich. The addresses were all of a high order, being both instructive and interesting, with an occasional spice of wit. The Sunday collections amounted to \$165, and the proceeds of the tea meeting, which was under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid of the congregation, footed up to an equal sum, making the entire proceeds of the re-opening ceremonies \$330. The re-opened church is alike creditable to the liberality and Christian zeal of the congregation.

The cordial relations subsisting between the Rev. S. Young and the Clifford congregation, after twenty-five years as pastor and people, was evidenced by the presentation recently of addresses expressive of affection and good-will to both Mr. and Mrs. Young. To the former, along with the address, was presented a costly fur-lined overcoat; and to the latter a well-filled purse. The address to Mrs. Young was signed by Alexander Drummond, Elder; Wm. R. Johnston, Manager; Mrs. J. R. Aitchison, W.F.M.S.; John R. Scott, S. S.; and J. R. Gray, Pres. Aid Society. In the course of his reply Mr. Young, among other good things, said: "Twenty-five years is a long time in these days of change and unrest. Much of the credit of being with you so long is due to the kind forbearing spirit manifested by you and others who have been taken from us or who have moved away from us." After bearing testimony to the high character of the members of Session, due to the wisdom of the congregation in electing them, Mr. Young went on to say, "I might be here permitted to mention that there were three elders when I came to you; one of them, Mr. David Hillhouse, has since been called to his reward. Mr. Donald Campbell and Mr. J. B. Robinson, the other two, are still with us here to-night. Mr. Campbell, though now an elder for 37 years, is still hale and hearty. He then unfolded the call given him by the congregation 25 years ago; and read out the three elders names that were first on the call. The call was signed by 72 members and 27 adherents. Twenty-nine of the members who then signed it are still on the communion roll and four of the 27 adherents are still in the congregation." It is the earnest desire of members and adherents that the relationship now subsisting for twenty-five years may long continue, and that Mr. Young's pastorate, fruitful in much good in the past, may be increasingly blessed in coming years.

Northern Ontario.

Rev. J. A. Ferguson, B.A., of Eversley, has been called to Glenora.

The Rev. A. M. Currie, of Uptergrove, occupied the Presbyterian pulpit at Coldwater last Sabbath.

Rev. J. A. McFarlane, of Bristol, Que., has been visiting Pembroke and preached in Calvin church and the Baptist church last Sabbath. The rev. gentleman is always a welcome visitor in town, says the Observer.

Successful re-opening services were held in St. Andrew's church, Gibraltar, on Sunday and Monday of last week. Rev. J. A. Borland, B.D., occupying the pulpit. On Monday evening a tea meeting and literary entertainment was held and was attended by a very large number. After tea had been served in the schoolhouse an adjournment took place to the church where the literary portion of the programme was rendered. Mayor Hogg, of Collingwood, occupied the chair and made a short address. Speeches were also given by Rev. J. A. Cranston, B.D., Rev. Jas. Grant, B.A., and Rev. W. McLean, B.A., and music was contributed by the Collingwood Presbyterian choir. The proceeds of the evening amounted to nearly \$60, which will be devoted to paying for the improvements which have recently been made to the church. Under the pastorate of Mr. Borland, the congregations of St. Andrew's, Gibraltar and Banks have made steady progress. The work of the church has been well advanced, and to his untiring energy is largely due the present satisfactory condition of affairs.

Rev. Dr. Armstrong, of Thessalon, after eight years service to the congregation, enjoys in a high degree the respect and affection of his people. This was evidenced when recently to commemorate the close of the eight years pastorate the Dr. and Mrs. Armstrong invited the members and adherents of the congregation to an "At Home" in the manse. It was a bright event full of real pleasure to the large number who attended. During the course of the evening an address, expressive of the kindly feeling

subsisting between the congregation and Dr. and Mrs. Armstrong was read by Mr. James C. Cummings, while Alderman Thompson presented to Dr. Armstrong a handsome easy chair, and Mrs. James McAlpin conveyed to Mrs. Armstrong a bed cover of unique design, the handiwork of Miss Thompson, of Hillsburg, Ont., who has been an invalid for over twenty years and a very dear friend of the recipient. After the address had been read, and the presentations made, Dr. Armstrong in a neat reply of some fifteen minutes warmly expressed his thanks to those who had so kindly honored them. Refreshments and music followed; and a happy and enjoyable evening was spent by all present.

A very pleasant social was recently held in St. Andrew's church, Sault Ste Marie, to commemorate the twelfth anniversary of the induction of their esteemed pastor, the Rev. W. A. Duncan. After a brief review by the pastor of the history of the congregation during the past twelve years, the Rev. James Allen, M. A., pastor of the Central Methodist church, District chairman and President of the Toronto Conference, gave a stirring address on the Union of the Presbyterian and Methodist churches. The Rev. Mr. Kennedy of the First Presbyterian church, Sault Ste Marie, Mich, gave a humorous address sparkling with good advice in regard to church building, and concluded by extending hearty congratulations to both pastor and people. Mr. Henry Sutherland, Inspector of Agencies for the Imperial Life Insurance Co., was the next speaker. After extending hearty congratulations to his old college friend, Mr. Duncan, on the evidence of his successful pastorate of 12 years in this growing city, Mr. Sutherland emphasized the need of a new church. He said the class of people who were now coming to the place were and willing to pay for good church accommodation. The building committee had a big task before them, but if they undertake to build a good commodious church, the congregation would sustain them. Mr. John McKay, chairman of the building committee, was the last speaker. He stated that the subscription list was about \$5,000, a portion of which had already been expended. The congregation is strong and united, and the prospective new church in due time will become an accomplished reality.

Eastern Ontario.

Rev. N. H. McGillivray, of Carp, preached a useful and practical discourse at Kilmarnock, last Sunday evening, on "Seeing Ourselves as Other People see us."

Rev. Mr. Cram, of Cobden, has been exchanging with Rev. Mr. Rattray, of Eganville. Both congregations were pleased to hear the other minister.

The Rev. James Binnie, formerly pastor of the church at McDonald's Corners, was inducted in the Tweed church last Thursday. The new minister was cordially received by the people.

Rev. Joseph White, of Ottawa, has been preaching in St. John's church, Almonte, and will continue to supply the pulpit until the induction of Rev. Mr. Carrie of Uptergrove, who has accepted the call.

Rev. Prof. Ross, D.D., of Montreal College, has been delighting the Moose Creek folks with a lecture on the Scotch. A local correspondent writes: "Their houses, customs and even their superstitious characteristics were fully expounded by the Rev. Dr. while his fund of Scotch anecdotes made the lecture highly amusing as well as instructive."

Before leaving for their new field of labor, Rev. J. F. McFarlane, B. A., and his amiable wife were presented by the choir of the church at Heckston, and other friends, with an address accompanied by a well filled purse and a beautiful silver pitcher and tray. The presentation, which was followed by a banquet, took place at the residence of Mr. James Wood.

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