

Ministers and Churches.

Ottawa.

At Bank Street church, Rev. Dr. Horridge occupied the pulpit in the morning. At the evening service Rev. J. H. Turnbull preached a sermon to young men.

The congregation of Bethany church, Hintonburg, were the guests of Mrs. Robert Eadie, at the manse, on Thanksgiving evening, and a very pleasant hour was spent.

The congregation on Thanksgiving Day was small compared with what it usually is on Sabbath, and when all the people are heard from the total sum will probably be considerably larger.

The thank-offering in St. Andrew's church on Thursday, in cash and written promises—amounted to \$957.10, only ten dollars of which were from outside the congregation. The money is to be appropriated to the debt fund, and this amount, with \$201 already in bank, totals \$1,158, which will make a serious inroad on the debt.

Toronto.

The friends of the Rev. J. M. Cameron, who for nearly a quarter of a century ministered in Toronto, took advantage of his presence in the city in connection with the anniversary services at St. John's church to show their regard to him. A public reception was tendered to him at St. John's Church on Monday evening.

The Ontario Sabbath School Association has arranged an extended series of meetings in the following cities and towns of the Province, from Nov. 20th to Dec. 6th: Brockville, Ottawa, Kingston, Belleville, Peterborough, East Toronto, Eglinton, St. Catharines, Guelph, Stratford, London, St. Thomas, Chatham and Windsor. The meetings will be addressed by Mr. J. A. Jackson, B.A., General Secretary of the association; by Mrs. Mary Foster Bryner, Peoria, Ill., field worker of the International Sunday School Association, and by leading workers in the various cities.

The second annual meeting of the Presbyterian Union of Toronto was held in Bloor Street Church last week. The chair was occupied by Mr. G. Tower Ferguson, the president. The speakers of the evening were Rev. John MacKay, B.A., pastor of Crescent Street Church, Montreal, and Rev. Principal Falconer, of Halifax Presbyterian College, Montreal. This year \$2,673 has been contributed through the union to assist near congregations, to plant a new mission at Royce Avenue, and to carry on deaconess work in the down town section of the city. The budget this year calls for \$7,000 for the further development of this work.

A paper by Rev. Principal Caven, severely criticising the decision of the House of Lords in the Scotch Church case, was the chief feature of the meeting of the General Ministerial Association.

Dr. Caven opened with a resume of the history of the two churches concerned, going back to the origin of the United Presbyterian Church in 1773. The two denominations were the United Free Church with 1,687 ministers and over 500,000 members, comprising nearly half the Presbyterians of Scotland, and the Free Church, or "Wee Kirk," of which there are only 20 ministers, nearly all in the Highlands.

The speaker said that the decision of the Lords was based upon simply a case of commercial trust, and whether this trust had been properly carried out by the Union at 1900. The argument went against the United Free Church on two points.

First, it was held that the trust had been violated. At this point the speaker criticised the views held by Lord Halsbury in taking the opinions of Dr. Chalmers uttered in sermons and addresses as constituting a trust. "Surely," he said, "anything legal ought to be in writing."

The Lords also held that the Church had changed its theology. Four Lords concurred with Lord Halsbury. Of the two against him, Lord James, apart from legal opinions, expressed the feeling that it would be well if the two parties got together and discussed the matter. Two Lords held that the decision would prevent churches having the right to revise their creeds or standards.

No one could see the outcome, but the larger body was anxious that there should be some negotiations as they have contributed the bulk of funds since 1863. Dr. Caven was of the opinion that the "Wee Frees" would prove unable to

fulfill the trust, and that Parliament would have to act. In the meantime, he feared that the religious life of Scotland would be sadly affected unless some plan for relief can be suggested.

Rev. Mr. Payne, General Superintendent of the Methodist Church in the Barbadoes, and Rev. Principal Falconer, of Halifax, were introduced.

Western Ontario.

Rev. C. H. Lowry of Hagersville preached at both services in Cayuga on Sunday.

Rev. W. E. Knowles, B.A., of Galt, gave a lecture in the Burford church, on Friday on "A Trip to Europe."

Rev. Mr. Cook gave an interesting address to the Chosen Friends in the Hespeler church Sunday afternoon.

The anniversary services at Ballinacree were held on Sunday. Rev. J. H. Cameron, Georgetown preached both morning and evening. The annual tea-meeting was held on Monday evening.

Union Thanksgiving services were held in Knox church, St. Marys'. Rev. A. McWilliams, pastor of the First church, preached an eloquent sermon appropriate to the occasion. Some of the clergymen of the other churches were present and assisted in the services.

The call of Rev. Wylie C. Clarke, B.D., Brampton, to Chalmers' church, Quebec, was sustained by the Toronto Presbytery, and he will be released from his present charge at the end of the present month.

Messrs. Crossley and Hunter at Erskine church have concluded the second week of their evangelistic services in Hamilton and next week they will hold services nightly in Zion Tabernacle.

Rev. Dr. Dickson, president of Waterloo branch of the Lord's Day Alliance, was notified Sunday morning that two Italians were at work in the C.P.R. station yard, Galt, laying track. Dr. Dickson at once communicated with Mayor Mundy and Chief Gorman and they had the work stopped.

On Sunday Rev. J. A. Ross, B.A., who has accepted a call to Essex Centre church, preached his farewell sermon, at Churchill at 10:30 a.m., and Stroud at 3 p.m. Mr. Ross's faithful pastorate of over twelve years was marked by a farewell gathering at Churchill on Monday evening, when Mr. Ross was presented with a valuable gold watch and chain.

Rev. A. B. Winchester, pastor of Knox church, Toronto, preached in Chalmers church, Guelph, on the occasion of the anniversary of the reopening of the church, following the alterations and improvements of a few years ago. There were large congregations, and they were deeply impressed by earnest and eloquent sermons. In the morning he spoke from Jesus' last words to His disciples: "As the Father has sent Me, even so I send you—"The text of the evening was I. Corinthians xvi, 13: "Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong."

On Sunday special services were held in the First church, Westminster at which Rev. Dr. McCrae, the pastor, preached in the morning and Rev. Dr. Ross, pastor of St. Andrew's church, London, in the evening. On Monday evening a reopening was held, when a number of addresses were given. The First church has been completely renovated and remodeled, and presents a greatly improved appearance. Besides being newly painted, a basement has been added to the edifice, and a furnace has been put in.

The handsome new pipe organ of St. Andrew's church Stratford is now installed, and the formal opening took place on Sunday. Rev. A. MacMillan of St. Enoch's Presbyterian church, Toronto, a recognized authority on music, preached at both services, and special music was given on the organ as well as by the choir. A recital was given on Monday evening, in which the choir and Mrs. Schaff took part, assisted by Mr. MacMillan's son, Ernest, who is only eleven years of age and rendered several selections on the organ. The new instrument presents a fine appearance encased in the recess built specially for it, and has been admired by all who have seen it.

Eastern Ontario.

Rev. Orr Bennett, of Almonte, gave an interesting address at the Thank-offering meeting of the Zion W. F. M. S., Carleton Place.

Rev. D. MacVicar of Finch, preached in Russell on the 13th instant.

Rev. Wm. McDonald of Mountain, has accepted a call to the united Lanark Village church.

Rev. Geo. D. Campbell of Chalk River, officiated at the morning and evening services in the Maxville Church on the 13th.

Rev. C. E. Gordon-Smith, Bancroft, and Mrs. Campbell, Belleville, were married on Tuesday, by Rev. A. H. Drumm, of John St. church, Belleville.

Rev. Jas. Woods, who is visiting his home at Metcalfe, occupied the pulpit in the Russell church last Sunday, preaching a very earnest sermon.

The Mission Band of St. Andrew's church, Almonte, held their annual thankoffering meeting on Friday evening, an address was given by Rev. Mr. Young of Pakenham. The offering was \$45.60.

Rev. Owen Riady, a Presbyterian minister of New Orleans, La., died on the 4th inst. He leaves a widow, a sister of Mr. Wm. Douglas of Brackley, and of the late Lachlin McCallum of Carleton Place.

A union Thanksgiving service was held in the First Church, Brockville. Rev. D. Strachan preached and the pastors of the Methodist, Presbyterian and Baptist churches assisted.

The annual Thanksgiving service was held in St. Andrew's church, Picton, on Sunday evening. The choir rendered two appropriate anthems. The pastor, the Rev. W. W. McLaren, preached a special sermon from the text, "The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places; yea, I have a goodly heritage," Psalm 16:6.

Rev. J. A. Wilson, assistant pastor of St. Paul's church, Peterborough, has been chosen by the congregation of St. Andrew's church, Hamilton, to succeed Rev. A. McWilliams, who went to St. Mary's some time ago. Mr. Wilson who graduated from Knox College three years ago, is young and unmarried. His stipend was fixed at \$1500 a year and he is to be given four weeks' holidays.

Anniversary services in St. Andrew's church, Appleton, were held on Sunday morning and evening. Rev. A. S. Ross, M.A., of Merivale, preached. A successful social gathering was held on Monday evening when addresses were given by Rev. A. E. Mitchell, B.A., of Ottawa; Rev. T. B. Conley, B.A., and Rev. G. A. Woodside, M.A., of Carleton Place; and Rev. A. M. Currie, of Almonte.

The congregation of Maxville, Ont., met on Monday evening to extend a call to a minister. Three names were before the congregation and on the second ballot the Rev. A. G. Cameron, of Ottawa, recently of Vars, Ont., was elected. It was decided to proceed with a call immediately. Rev. A. G. Cameron is a son of the late Rev. Hugh Cameron, formerly of Mountain. During the past summer he has been travelling and supplying in several pulpits. He occupied the pulpit of St. Paul's Church, Ottawa, while Rev. Dr. Armstrong was on vacation.

Northern Ontario.

Rev. Dr. Campbell of Dromore, occupied the pulpit of the Woodland church last Sabbath very acceptably in the absence of the pastor, Rev. George Kendall, who exchanged pulpits with him.

Anniversary services were conducted in Cookstown and Mansfield during the past two Sabbaths by Rev. J. A. McConnell and about \$200 was given as a free will offering for missions. Cookstown is in Barrie Presbytery and Mansfield is in Orangeville.

A call from Maxwell, Faversham and McIntyre in favor of Rev. Geo. Ballantyne was presented and sustained and provisional arrangement made for his induction at Maxwell on the 22nd inst. Rev. L. W. Thom to preside. Rev. T. D. McCintock to preach, Rev. J. G. Scott to address the people and Jas. Buchanan to address the minister.

Special services in commemoration of the fourteenth anniversary of the Rev. W. A. Duncan coming to the Soo to accept the pastorate of St. Andrew's church, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., were held on the 13th inst. The Rev. J. A. Kennedy of the Michigan Soo, preached morning and evening to large congregations. In the evening every available seat in the church platform and large numbers who wished to attend the services were unable to get into the building. Both of