

Eastern Ontario.

Rev. Mr. Hutchison, occupied Knox church pulpit, Vankleek Hill, on Sunday last.

Rev. J. U. Tanner, B. A., Lancaster, preached in Summerstown on Sabbath evening of last week.

Rev. J. Matheson, of Summerstown, and Mrs. Matheson have returned from Buffalo and other western cities.

Rev. W. H. Cram, M. A., B. D., of Harrow-smith, spent a few days in Carleton Place on his way to Ottawa and Montreal.

The entertainment in connection with Knox Church, Cannington, was a decided success. Receipts were about \$80.00. Rev. Prof. Ballantyne has been preaching in the church.

At the communion services in Zion Church, Carleton Place, on Sunday, six new members were added. Rev. Mr. McLean, Almonte's new pastor, conducted the preparatory service on Friday evening, and made a good impression on the congregation.

On Monday evening the sixth anniversary of the induction of Dr. MacTavish, as pastor of Deseronto Presbyterian church, was observed in that town. A social reunion of the congregation with an interesting programme and refreshments were in order.

A writ has been issued, says the Eastern Ontario Review, in the High Court of Justice by Mrs. Malvina MacLeod, widow of the late Rev. John MacLeod, against Malcolm McCuaig, Alex. McInnes, John Hunter, J. S. McIntosh, et al., claiming \$50,000 damages for the death of her husband, Rev. John MacLeod, who was killed by the falling of the walls of the church a year ago.

One of the authors of the recent mild sensation at Syracuse, Rev. D. C. Sanderson, Methodist minister, has been suspended awaiting the action of the conference. His companion, Rev. Mr. McAmmond of Perth, escaped with a reproof from the chairman. The Investigation Committee which went to Syracuse found the accounts by the ministers of their domes there in the main correct, but could not overlook the confessed indiscretions, especially those of Mr. Sanderson.

Rev. J. S. McIlraith, Balderson, left on Tuesday of last week for Manitoba on a holiday trip. He expects to be gone about a month. As his congregation are moving in the matter of church building he wishes to recuperate his health in order to do the part that falls to him in such a case. He has arranged for pulpit supply while away. Rev. D. M. Buchanan has kindly offered to attend to any emergencies during his absence, such as may be required in the case of deaths in the congregation.

The congregation of Knox Church, Vankleek Hill, is one of the best in Eastern Ontario, and is widely known for its liberality to all the schemes of the Church. The membership is about 400. The new church will seat 600; but 800 can be accommodated. It is a handsome, solid stone structure, well lighted, with furnishings in quartered oak of a durable character. The manse—a substantial modern brick building—adjoins the Church, and with it forms a very complete Church property. Mr. Thomson and the congregation are alike to be congratulated on this harmonious settlement; and a long, useful and happy pastorate, is anticipated.

Induction of Rev. Mr. Thomson.

The new and spacious Knox church, Vankleek Hill, was fairly well filled at the induction of Rev. Thomas G. Thomson on Monday last. Rev. J. L. Miller, Moderator of Glenagray Presbytery, presided and conducted the opening devotional exercises. Rev. L. Beaton, of Moose Creek, thereafter preached a practical discourse, founding his remarks on Matt. 23. Rev. Mr. Cormack, at the Moderator's request, narrated the steps leading up to the calling of Rev. T. G. Thomson; and the usual questions having been put and satisfactorily answered, Mr. Thomson was solemnly inducted into the pastorate, and was warmly welcomed by the members of Presbytery present. Rev. H. D. Leitch, of St. Elmo, in the unavoidable absence of Rev. D. D. McLennan, in suitable terms addressed the minister; and although delivered at a few minutes' notice it was full of helpful hints. The minister's work, he said, should be of a two-fold character—work in the pulpit and work outside the pulpit. Read the word diligently, faithfully. To be successful the minister must study. There are

geniuses who can preach without preparation; but they quickly wear out. School yourself to study early in the day; must have time for reading; preaching should not be sensational, but of such a character as will build the hearer up in his most holy faith. Outside the pulpit be an example to the flock; know your people in their homes; visit the sick; but above all visit the sorrowing. Instead of doing the work of ten men yourself make your people work. Do not put all your energy into one department of Church work; but see that the Sunday School, Prayer meeting and Christian Endeavor Society get each a fair proportion of your attention. Be out of your own pulpit as seldom as possible. Follow the guidance of God's spirit in all things, and thus yours will be a fruitful ministry to the people. Rev. Mr. Cormack's address to the people was brief, pointed and sympathetic, full of wholesome advice. At this stage of the proceedings, after a hymn had been sung, Mr. M. McCuaig, Session Clerk, in behalf of the congregation, read an affectionately worded address to Rev. Mr. Cormack, who had acted as Moderator during the vacancy, and presented that gentleman with a well-filled purse as a slight acknowledgement of his valued services to the people of Knox church during a specially trying period in their history as a congregation. Mr. Cormack thanked Mr. McCuaig and the congregation, in appropriate terms, saying that his intercourse with them during the year had placed them in his regard second only to his own people at Maxville. The Moderator then pronounced the benediction, when Mr. Cormack and Mr. McInnis conveyed the minister to the door where he was introduced to and welcomed by the people as they retired.

Ottawa.

Rev. Dr. Moore preached in the First Baptist church, Ottawa, Sunday morning.

Rev. Norman MacLeod, in Mackay Street church, and Rev. J. W. H. Milne in the Glebe church preached useful sermons having a distinctly patriotic flavor.

At the morning services in Knox Church, Rev. W. M. Ramsay preached a patriotic sermon; taking for his subject in the evening the Wisest of Kings and the King of Kings.

Rev. Dr. Herridge occupied the pulpit of St. Andrew's church, Ottawa, on Sunday, and preached on the subject, "The Firmament and the Waters." In the evening his subject was Aspirations.

In Bank Street Church, Rev. Mr. Fraser preached in the morning, and in the evening, Rev. Dr. Moore dealt in an able manner with the Present Position, Perils and Duties of Canada.

The service preparatory to the observance of the Lord's Supper was conducted by Rev. Dr. Armstrong in St. Paul's church on last Friday evening. Four names were added to the communion roll—two by certificate and two on profession of faith. There was a good attendance at the Communion on Sunday morning; and in the evening Dr. Armstrong preached a patriotic sermon, taking for his text the first verse of the 72nd Psalm.

Montreal.

At the meeting of Montreal Presbytery last week the moderator, Rev. Dr. Macdonald, of Dundee, Que., made reference to the recent sudden death of Rev. A. B. MacKay, D. D. "Some of us," he said, "were at the funeral, and the solemn tones of the organ of Crescent Street Church seem to be still sounding in our ears, and to-day a voice comes to us from his last resting place—one of the most beautiful spots on the face of this earth—"Be ye also ready, for in such an hour as ye think not, the Son of Man cometh."

According to a statement made by Rev. Dr. Campbell, agent of the Century Fund, who was present at last meeting of Montreal Presbytery, this Presbytery has subscribed \$61,363 to the common fund, of which \$43,445 is reported as having been paid to local treasurers, and \$40,304 of that amount received by the general treasurer up to June 25. To make up the deficit of \$25,000 this Presbytery is requested to do all it can to make some \$5,000 additional subscriptions. Fifty-five congregations in the Presbytery have contributed \$61,363, and Lord Strathcona has contributed \$10,000. Dr. Campbell was thanked for his statement. The Presby-

tery took action so that the required sum may be speedily raised; and sessions were urged to continue their special efforts for the deepening of spiritual life among their people in such ways as they may deem wise.

Dr. Ross reported for the home mission committee. All the mission fields have been fully supplied. Arrangements were made for winter supply.

British and Foreign Items.

Lady Mount Stephen has given £100 to Aberdeen Maternity Hospital.

Mr. Andrew Carnegie has offered £250 towards an organ for Greenock U. F. North Church.

Miss M' Naughton, Edinburgh, has been appointed lady superintendent of Kilmarnock Academy.

The Belgian Government is drawing up a Bill providing for the total suppression of Sunday newspapers.

A hazzar to wipe off a debt of £250 on the Established Church manse, Kinloch Rannoch, has realised £342.

New Zealand sent Great Britain 1,487,197 cwt. of mutton, valued at £2,657,450, in the course of last year.

It has been estimated that it will require 85 men working every day until 1947 to unearth the entire ruins of Pompeii.

Mr. Andrew Carnegie has offered £7500 to Rutherglen for a public library if the Free Libraries Act is adopted.

Lord Aberdeen has laid out a golf course and built a golf-house at Haddo House for the use of residents in the district.

Rev. A. Alexandar, M'Cheyne U. F. Church, Dundee, purposes accepting a call to St. Andrew's Church, Liverpool.

The new United Free Church, Edzell, was dedicated by Professor A. Martin, New College, Edinburgh, on the 29th ult.

Recently one day's receipts of Cattle in the Chicago market was 32,472 head. This is the largest single day's receipt's on record.

Mr. Andrew Carnegie has offered Johnstone £1000 towards a library, and Port Glasgow £1500 towards the organ for the Town Hall.

"Cawdor Castle by Moonlight" is the title of a picture by James D. Laing in the exhibition of the Scottish Royal Water-colour Society.

On the 3d inst, Inverness U. F. Presbytery removed the name of Rev. Murdo Mackenzie from their roll and declared his church vacant.

Eighteen hundred and seventy-four Sunday schools were organised in destitute places by the American Sunday School Union last year.

A bank exclusively for the patronage of negroes has been opened in Philadelphia. It is said to be the first of its kind ever started in the North.

Tighnabruich can boast of two natives whose combined ages represent 171 years. One of them goes about his daily labour as actively as he did sixty years ago.

Norway, Ireland and Spain have more blind people in relation to population than other European countries. Spain has 216 per 100,000, Norway 208, Ireland 111.

The Free Church of Scotland Defence Association has issued a circular appealing for funds to meet the expenditure incurred in the law suit with the United Free Church.

Ireland has one of the best agricultural years on record. There are signs that the English demand for Irish agricultural produce is going to increase greatly in the near future.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Barrie, it is authoritatively stated, have departed from their intention to visit America this month. The distinguished novelist will revisit his native "Thrums."

The Erskine United Free Church, Stirling, has been presented by two ladies of the congregation with two stained glass windows, which are to take the place of two behind the pulpit.

The church being built in Gorgie Road, Edinburgh, to the memory of the late Principal John Cairns, D.D., is nearing completion. It is estimated to cost £5,600, and will be seated for 820.

An Irish-American, who had acted as a scout for the Boers, and was known to have been one of the "Irish Brigade," had the audacity to make a claim for compensation before the Commission in London on the 13th ult.