

Church News.

In Canada.

THE Smith's Falls Presbyterians have raised \$7,000 to pay off an existing debt.

REV. WM. ROBERTSON, Hemmingford is still suffering from severe illness.

THE Ladies' Aid Society of Meaford, will give an entertainment in the interest of their organization this evening.

A UNION service of Presbyterians and Methodists was held on Thanksgiving Day at Meaford.

THE pulpits of the Courtright and Sombra congregations were declared vacant on the 19th inst., by Rev. J. C. McKee, Brigidon.

A THANKSGIVING social was held by the Presbyterians of Cobourg, which was most successful.

THE new church at Stirling was dedicated last Sunday. On Monday a meeting was held in connection with the event.

THE Church at French River, N. S., has been renovated and remodeled and greatly improved.

COOKE'S Church, Kingston, held an interesting Thanksgiving supper and concert, at which several of the ministers of the city attended.

THE Ladies' Aid Society of the Presbyterian church, Cardinal, presented Mr. MacArthur with \$50 to aid in furnishing the new manse.

THE McGill College Y.M.C.A., held a very successful Thanksgiving dinner on Thursday last, under the presidency of Mr. Frank Day, there being over 100 members present.

THE annual sale of the Ladies' Aid of Knox church, Morrisburg, will take place in the lecture room, on the afternoon and evening of Thursday, November 30th. The supper in connection with the same will be held from 5 to 7.30 p.m.

THE beautiful new church at Ferrona, N. S., of which Rev. A. Laird is the pastor, was opened on the 19th inst. Rev. Dr. MacLeod, Rev. R. Cumming, and Rev. J. F. Forbes, assisted in the services. The building is commodious, comfortable and of elegant appearance.

THE Presbyterian congregation of Dunbar, under the able management and assistance of the Rev. Mr. Stewart, met one day last week and repaired the church property, adding greatly to its appearance. The example is a good one for other property holders to follow.

THE Ladies' Aid Society of Blenheim, will celebrate St. Andrew's Day by a dinner and entertainment. There will be speeches by Rev. J. A. McDonald, St. Thomas, one of the rising men of the west; Rev. F. H. Larkin, of Chatham; and Rev. Dr. Jamieson. Rev. Mr. Beckett, of Thamesville, will preside as chairman.

REV. DR. BARCLAY, of St. Paul's Presbyterian church, Montreal, will conduct the anniversary services at Collogo St. Presbyterian church next Sabbath, December 3rd. As Dr. Barclay has but seldom addressed a Toronto congregation, doubtless, many will avail themselves of this opportunity of hearing him.

REV. DR. BATTISBY, of Chatham, delivered his lecture on the "Origin of Life," recently, in the Mechanics' Institute, Blenheim, before a select audience. He placed before the audience in simple language and with much force, the results of a careful study of the most learned scientists on this subject—Spencer, Huxley, Tyndall and Darwin—and pointed out large gaps which they have left unfilled—the beginning of life, the dawn of consciousness and the development of reason.

ANNIVERSARY services were held Sabbath, ion street church, Owen Sound, on in Division 12th inst. Rev. J. A. MacDonald, of St. Thomas, preached morning and evening. It was his first visit to the town in the north. The sermons at both services were most appropriate, and the people were delighted and edified. One enthusiastic auditor was heard to remark at the close of

the evening service, "That is a man who can think, and is not afraid to say what he thinks." The collection amounted to \$200.

REV. ROBERT WALLACE preached on Nov. 12th at Streetsville, where he studied under Rev. Wm. Rintoul during 1841. Several old people said that they remembered his connection with the church and Sabbath school in '41, and others remembered his preaching there since that time. The church was well filled in the morning, and although many of the people are farmers who do not usually attend in the evening, yet there was a large attendance, many of them being young people. Mr. Wallace enjoyed the day very much among old friends and bringing back to remembrance old times.

At the last meeting of the Toronto Presbytery a committee was appointed to deal with the proposed union of Ruth street and Bonar churches, last week. Rev. Dr. Parsons, chairman; Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, Rev. Wm. Frizzell, Rev. Mr. Hossack, Rev. Mr. Grant, of Toronto Junction; Rev. Dr. Carmichael, of King, and Thomas Yellowlees and J. Gibson, met the session and managers of Ruth street in the latter church. A pleasant discussion ensued. The committee were not in a position to recommend that anything should be done as a result of their investigations. On the part of the Ruth street congregation they found a strong feeling in favour of continuing their work separately. Several of those present thought that an improvement might be made by a change of location, but that will be a matter for the congregation to decide.

In the course of his Thanksgiving sermon on the 23rd, Rev. W. T. Herridge, speaking of the coming plebiscite on prohibition, said:—"We are temperate in our ideas, and in regard to the coming plebiscite, I do not know how far it will voice the sentiment of the people or how many of those who vote will take into account all that is involved in the matter. How far it should be the law for some to abstain from a certain privilege for the sake of others, is a matter that can best be determined by individual conscience. All I wish to say on the subject is this, that any attempt to make a moral issue of the question will be foolish and pernicious. There must not be any attempt at coercion by the followers of either side of those who are ready to think for themselves. There are more infallible tests than this of the genuineness of our Christianity."

On Saturday morning last Kenneth McKay, sr., a faithful elder of South Side Presbyterian church, Toronto, passed peacefully to his rest. He had not been well for some days, but felt unusually well on Saturday morning, so that his sudden demise was a shock to the family. Service was conducted at his late residence, 247 King street east, on Monday, and a very large cortege accompanied the remains to the Necropolis. A memorial service was held in South Side church, Sabbath morning, when the pastor, Rev. J. G. Potter, made special reference to the loss both session and congregation had sustained by the removal of one whose life had been so exemplary in every way. Mr. McKay was a native of Ross-shire, Scotland, and for many years was a brass finisher, lately, however, he carried on a wall paper and fancy goods establishment, which will still be conducted by the family. He leaves a widow and seven children to mourn the loss, while here, of a loving husband and a kind father.

A SERIES of evangelistic services were conducted in St. Paul's Presbyterian church, Thornbury, for four consecutive weeks, ending Friday, the 3rd day of November. Rev. Dr. McTavish, of Toronto, Dr. McTae, of Collingwood, and Mr. Knox, of Banks, assisted the pastor, Rev. J. L. Simpson. Their assistance was greatly appreciated by the congregation and community. The meetings were largely attended each evening, and the greatest work of grace ever experienced in these parts was carried on, resulting in about fifty conversions. It was also a season of deep spiritual quickening to the members of the congregation. The afternoon meeting for believers conducted by Dr. McTavish were exceedingly edifying and precious, and will be long remembered

by the many attendants as the most helpful and blessed seasons of grace ever enjoyed. The communion of the Lord's Supper was dispensed on Sabbath last to the largest body of communicants assembled in the history of the congregation, forty-seven being added that day to its membership, viz.: three by certificate and forty-four on profession of faith. A communicants' class had been conducted by the pastor during the intervening weeks, which was well attended. On Monday evening forty-five of the new members met at the residence of the pastor, and after tea spent a pleasant evening in forming more fully the acquaintance of each other in their new relationship as the children of God. It was truly enjoyable to see the Christ-like spirit manifested, giving us to realize the beauty of that Scripture, "Ye are all one in Christ Jesus." After singing a few of Sankey's hymns the meeting closed with devotional exercises.

Presbytery of Orangeville.

THE Presbytery of Orangeville met Nov. 14th, at Orangeville, Mr. Elliott, moderator, in the chair. Mr. Hossack, of Toronto, being present, was asked to correspond. Communion was received on behalf of Mr. W. J. Patterson, of Shelburne session, and Mr. David Neary, of Laurel session. Mr. Felstead, catechist, was appointed to St. Andrew's, Proton, and Proton Station till the end of March. On motion of Mr. Farquharson, seconded by Mr. Campbell, the moderator was requested to convey to Mr. McKittrick an expression of the Presbytery's sincere sympathy with him in his great trial of affliction through the death of his son, Herbert S. McKittrick, late of Tarsus Institute, Syria. Mr. Bell reported a recent Presbyterial conference on the state of religion, and recommended that the following subject be discussed, viz.: 1st, Family Religion, to be introduced by Messrs. Farquharson and Hughes. 2nd, Amusements, to be introduced by Messrs. McRobbie and Steele. As the Women's Foreign Missionary Society purpose occupying the evening of our next meeting of Presbytery, said conference will not be held until the March meeting. Dr. McRobbie reported that he had moderated in a call at Horning's Mills and Primrose in favor of Rev. A. E. Neilly, of Sunderland, in the Presbytery of Lindsay. The call was signed by 123 members and 43 adherents. There is a promise of \$850 stipend to be paid half yearly. Messrs. Brown and Oliver supported the call and stated that it was unanimous. The call was sustained and Dr. McRobbie appointed to prosecute it before the Presbytery of Lindsay. Provisional arrangements were made for Mr. Neilly's induction at Horning's Mills. Dr. McRobbie to preside, Mr. McKenzie to preach, Mr. Wells to address the minister, and Mr. Harrison the people. Mr. Bell suggested a more suitable arrangement of stations in North Erin and East Garafraxa with a view to save supplement. Mr. Elliott was requested to consult his sessions and report. The Presbytery proceeded to the induction of Mr. McKenzie to the pastoral charge of the congregation of Orangeville, Mr. Fowle presiding. In the absence of Mr. Harrison, on account of a funeral, the moderator asked Dr. McRobbie to preach, after which he regularly inducted Mr. McKenzie. Mr. Elliott suitably addressed the minister, and Mr. Farquharson the people. Mr. Crozier and Mr. Spaulo accompanied Mr. McKenzie to the side of the platform where he was introduced to the people. The Presbytery decided to hold its next regular meeting in Orangeville on the second Tuesday of January at 10.30 a.m.—H. CROZIER, Clerk.

Indore Missionary College Fund.

RECEIVED this week up to Nov. 23rd from Mrs. A. N. Campbell, Exbridge, \$10; "An Unknown Friend," \$1. Amount now in hand, \$57.43. Thirty eight additional envelopes have gone out.

* If the friend who sent me that dollar would kindly let me have the name I would be much obliged. I would not publish it, but would like to have it.—A R.