

Ministers and Churches.

Western Ontario.

The ladies of Knox church Actonville, as usual, hold a supper on Thanksgiving evening.

The Rev. James Barber, B.A., of Arthur, occupied the pulpit last Sabbath.

Induction services will be held in the Innerkip church on Thursday of this week.

Rev. Dr. Dickson, Galt, returned home last week after having spent a pleasant five weeks' vacation in Scotland.

Rev. Mr. McCauley of Mitchell returned from his holiday trip to the coast last week, and was in his accustomed place on Sunday.

Last Sunday Rev. N. Lindsay preached at Dover Centre and Rev. Mr. Neely will occupy the Dresden pulpit.

Mr. C. M. Copeland, sec., of the Y.M.C.A. preached in Chalmers' church, Woodstock, on Sunday evening.

The Hamilton Presbytery will hold its next meeting in Knox church Hamilton on Nov. 3rd. at 10 a.m.

Rev. A. Henderson, a former pastor of the Atwood church, sent the directors of the public library in that village a donation of \$5.

Rev. W. G. Hanna and Rev. T. L. Kerruish of Mount Forest, exchanged pulpits last Sabbath morning, both preaching very acceptable.

Rev. H. McCullough, B.A., of Tavistock preached very acceptably last Sunday in the Dumbo church for the Rev. W. K. Shearer, B.A., who preached anniversary sermons in St. Marys.

Anniversary services were held in St. Andrew's church, Chatham Ont., last Sunday. Monday evening a very successful social meeting was held.

It is reported that Rev. Geo. Milne, pastor of Knox church, Ballinafad, on account of ill health, will give up his charge for the winter and go to a warmer climate. It is hoped that he may be much benefited by the trip.

The Children's Day Services held in Knox church, Ballinafad last Sabbath were very interesting. The children of the congregation showed creditably the results of special instruction for the occasion.

Rev. M. C. McLennan, of Kippen, preached the preparatory sermon in the Haxall church on Friday afternoon and Rev. E. H. Sawyer, of Brucefield, preached on Sunday the 20th, and administered the sacrament. Rev. J. A. Bawn, of Agincourt, preached last Sunday.

Rev. W. J. Clarke delivered his eloquent lecture "Savonarola," on Tuesday evening in the First church, London, the entertainment being under the auspices of the Women's Home Mission Circle of the church.

In St. Paul's church, Hamilton on Sunday evening Rev. Neil McPherson began his annual course of sermons. This winter it will be confined to the Parables of Christ. The sermons will be directed chiefly to young people. The first subject was "The Parable of the Sower."

Rev. Gustavus Munro, M. A., D. D., of Ridgetown, will conduct anniversary services at Rutherford church next Sabbath. He will preach in English at 3 p.m. and at 7:30 p.m. and in Gaelic at 11 a.m.

Anniversary services were held in the Lebanon church, Wallace, last Sabbath. Rev. J. H. Oliver of Listowel conducted the services. On Monday evening delivered his popular lecture on "The fight for the flag," or "How Britain Saved the World."

Anniversary services of the Bryanston church were held on Sabbath. Rev. K. W. Craw, of Vannack preached morning and evening. The Vannack choir singing at both services. On Monday evening Rev. Robert McIntyre, of Tempo delivered his lecture. "My Trip to the Old Country," when Bethel choir furnished the music.

In Chalmers church, Elora, on Sunday evening last Mr. A. W. Armstrong preached to the united Presbyterian congregations. On Monday afternoon, Mrs. Hart, of Guelph, addressed the annual thank offering meeting of the W.F.M.S. in Knox church, and the Mission Band. In the evening Mr. Armstrong addressed a meeting at Knox church in the interest of the student volunteer movement, and last evening also addressed one in Chalmers church. In the other churches the usual Sunday and mid-week services were held.

The Christian Endeavor convention of Ontario will be held in Stratford this week.

Among those expected to be present and take part in the proceedings are Dr. F. E. Clarke, the founder of the Endeavor movement; Rev. A. L. Geggie, Toronto; Rev. T. Albert Moore, Toronto; Dr. R. Johnston, London; Rev. R. J. Glassford, Guelph; Rev. E. R. Hutt, Ingersoll.

A meeting of the Ladies Aid Society of Chalmers' church Woodstock was held for the purpose of saying good-bye to Mrs. J. F. MacKay their late president who is moving to Toronto. Mrs. MacKay was presented with an address, and some Hanland china. Rev. Dr. MacKay responded for Mrs. MacKay.

The 15th anniversary of Knox church, Clifford was held last Sabbath, the Rev. W. S. Hanna, B.A., of Mount Forest preached morning and evening and addressed the Sabbath School children and parents in the afternoon. A tea-meeting was held on Monday evening when addresses were delivered by the Revs. T. Wilson, of Walkerton, T. D. McCullough, of Harriston and J. Mooney of Clifford. Guthrie church choir, of Harriston, furnished the music.

St. Andrews church, London held an "outlook" meeting in connection with the anniversary services of the church. Mr. C. McCallum presided and the speakers during the evening were: Messrs. C. R. Somerville, representing the session; F. G. Rumball, chairman of the board of managers, Walter Bell, president of the missionary association; R. A. Little, superintendent of the Sabbath school.

Mr. Somerville's remarks were directed towards everyone being prepared to make some sacrifice for the work of the church. Mr. Bell spoke in favor of the church's work in regard to missions.

One of the speeches that impressed the members was that of Mr. Little. He pointed out the need of the church in regard to its Sabbath schools. The school was as important as the church and should not be neglected. The present school was not large enough or well enough adapted for the Sabbath school work and he favored a liberal help from all the members. He advocated the early erection of a new building which he said was a necessity.

Mr. Rumball, in a short address, remarked how fortunate the church was in regard to its financial condition, pointing out that the debt on the church was now only \$7,000. He thought that the members of St. Andrew's had reason to congratulate themselves on what had been accomplished in the last 60 years.

Eastern Ontario.

Rev. Mr. McAllister, a former pastor of the Peckwith church, will conduct anniversary services there.

Mr. Warren, of Elgin, occupied the pulpits at Morton and Lyndhurst churches, on Sunday very acceptably in Rev. J. A. McConnell's absence.

The anniversary services in connection with Knox church, Beckwith, are fixed for the first Sunday in October. Rev. Mr. McAllister, a former pastor, is to preach.

Rev. J. Turnbull of Ottawa, addressed a missionary meeting under the auspices of the Y. P. S. in St. Andrews church lecture-room Carleton Place on Wednesday evening last.

Rev. Bobt. Taggart has accepted a charge in the Ottawa Presbytery, and will proceed to his field at once. He will have three stations, but his headquarters will be at Aylwin, Que., where there is a good church and a manse.

A commission of presbytery has been appointed to visit the congregation of St. John's Pittsburg and Sand Hill churches on October 12th, in order to prepare for their union. Both churches are now in good condition. A hot-air coal furnace has been put in the manse at St. John's, paid from out of a second bequest of \$147 from the estate of the late Mrs. James Scott.

The re-opening services in connection with Melville church, Ashton, held on Sunday were a pronounced success. Rev. John Hay, B. D., preached at the morning and evening services and Rev. Mr. Robinson in the afternoon. On Monday evening the same gentlemen were present, as well as Rev. Alex. A. Scott, M. A., and Geo. A. Woodside, M. A., of Carleton Place, and Rev. Alex. H. McFarlane of Franktown. The choir of St. Andrew's rendered an excellent musical program, and recitations were given by Miss C. W. McEwen, Ashton, and Miss A. Brown, of Carleton Place. The receipts exceeded \$140.

The branches of the Upper Canada Bible Society in the Kingston district will again be visited by Rev. J. A. McDonald, B. A., Pittsburg. The free contributions to the society were increased by some \$50 last year. Pittsburg South leading with \$47.50 and the North branch giving \$29.00.

In connection with the great preparations for the suitable celebration of the centenary of the British and Foreign Bible Society, a deputation consisting of the Venerable Archbishop Madden, of Liverpool, and Rev. G. B. Benfield, of China, has been sent from England to address meetings in Canada. These gentlemen will address a meeting in Knox church, Perth on Friday evening October and of this week.

The Rev. Mr. McKellar, of Martintown, conducted services in Knox church, Lancaster on the 20th. A children's service was held last Sunday morning and Rev. Mr. Langill, of Martintown, occupied the pulpit in the evening.

The annual convention of the Stormont W. C. T. U., Newington church, on Tuesday September 22nd at which the following officers were elected: President—Mrs. Geo. Bigelow, Cornwall; Vice-President—Miss Katie Marjorison, Gravel Hill; Cor. Sec.—Mrs. D. P. McKinnon, Finch; Rec. Sec.—Mrs. D. D. McIntyre, Avonmore; Treasurer—Mrs. A. F. Dey, Finch;

Northern Ontario.

Mr. McKay of Creemore preached in Maple Valley while Rev. G. S. Scott, the pastor, took his holidays.

Last Sunday the services in the Gamebridge church, was conducted by Mr. Arnold, of Toronto, in the absence of the pastor, the Rev. A. C. Wishart.

The Maple Valley congregation are meeting with great success in collecting funds for the erection of a new church. Already about \$2,400 has been subscribed.

Mr. Spencer of Collingwood occupied the Banks pulpit here on the 13th instant, Rev. Jas. Borland being in Creemore. Mr. Spencer's sermon which was based on the parable of the wise man who built his house on the rock was much appreciated by the large congregations present. Last Sabbath the Banks pulpit was empty, but Gibraltar had service twice, morning and evening, when Rev. J. A. McConnell preached. The church has been in the hands of the painters for a few weeks and now looks as bright and fresh as possible.

Ottawa.

In Bank St. church, Rev. J. H. Turnbull preached to young men in the evening.

Children's Day was observed in nearly all our churches by holding special services.

The sacrament was observed at Erskine and the New Edinburgh churches on Sunday.

The Glebe church was beautifully decorated with grain and flowers for the childrens service.

Rev. E. A. Mitchell of Erskine church has commenced a series of sermons on the Pilgrim's Progress. His subject on Sunday evening being John Bunyan and his conversion.

Rev. W. D. Armstrong, M. A., D. D. is giving his people in the evenings some practical addresses on "A Wise Life." This course will last until Christmas.

Rev. A. E. Mitchell, of Erskine church, delivered an interesting address at Westboro last week before the Carleton Sabbath School association, on the subject of "A Peep Into the Sabbath Schools of New York."

Presbytery of Ottawa.

The meeting of the Presbytery of Ottawa which has been adjourned from September 1st was held on the 24th in Erskine church, Rev. R. Heribson, M. A., presided.

The principal business with which the Presbytery was called to deal was regarding the mission at Thurso, Lochaber and Gore. It was agreed that the field should be raised to the status of an augmented charge, and that a grant of \$250 per annum be asked from the time of settlement.

The Presbytery agreed to separate the Metcalfe from the Russell congregation. Both have been under one pastor, Rev. T. A. Sadler, who presented his resignation some time ago, owing to the work being too heavy. The congregation