

and what is not utilized for hotel and cottages connected therewith will be for park purposes. Rev. Mr. McFarlane believes that the summer hotel will be a boon to Bible students, and besides no more desirable place could be chosen for spending a summer vacation.

Western Ontario.

Rev. J. W. Lintock preached in the Blenheim church at both services on Sunday.

Rev. W. A. Bradley, of Berlin, preached at Knox church, Mitchell, on Tuesday evening.

Rev. J. M. Nicol of Wallaceburg, occupied the pulpit in the Chatham church on the 16th.

Rev. W. E. Knowles returned to Chatham from Wallaceburg where he conducted services in the Presbyterian church.

On the 19th inst, Rev. G. Shearer, the secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance, met the united congregations of Stratford in Knox church.

Mr. J. A. McCrea was chairman of the annual Presbyterian conference of the Guelph Presbytery of the Presbyterian church, which was held in Knox church, Acton.

Last Sunday evening Rev. J. M. Nicol, of Knox church, Wallaceburg, exchanged pulpits with Rev. J. S. Cook of the Methodist church. Both sermons were on missions.

The six new elders of the Orillia church are: Melville Millar, Isaac Day, J. E. Dickson, H. M. Christie, James Johnston, and H. T. Blackstone. Four of the six new men were members of the Board of Management.

Last Sabbath the Presbyterian church at Christie was reopened. Rev. Mr. Fletcher preached at 11 a. m., and 7 p. m. On the following Monday evening a tea meeting was held at which a good programme was given.

An enjoyable and profitable missionary meeting was held on the 14th in the Ratho church. Mrs. Goldie of Avy gave an interesting and helpful talk on "Missions," taking as her two subjects, "Where am I?" and "Where is Thy Brother?"

Rev. Mungo Fraser, of Knox church, Hamilton, has signified his intention of resigning his charge, as his health has not sufficiently improved to allow him to go on with his work. Rev. Mr. McAlpine who has been supplying his pulpit, is considering a call from Owen Sound.

On the evening of the 14th instant a surprise party was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cruikshank, of Mooretown, by the congregation of St. Andrew's church. The gathering was for the purpose of saying good-bye to Mr. and Mrs. Cruikshank, who were presented with a farewell address and a beautiful set of carvers.

A congregational meeting was to be held in the Jubilee Presbyterian church, Bradford, on Monday evening last to decide upon extending a call to a minister. Six ministers who are willing to accept the charge of Stayner and Sunnidale have been heard since Mr. Campbell's departure and a choice was to be made from among them.

Miss Campbell, a returned missionary from Neemuch, India, occupied the pulpit at Esson, a week ago last Sabbath morning, and told in a touching, interesting, and lucid manner of some of the work in that portion of the missionary field, during the recent famine, which will doubtless strengthen the mission cause in that portion of the Master's vineyard.

Anniversary services were conducted at Chalmers church, London, on March 16th, two eloquent sermons being preached by Rev. E. W. Sawyers, of Brucefield. Rev. Walter Moffat, pastor of Chalmers church, occupied Mr. Sawyers' pulpit in Brucefield. The pulpit was beautifully decorated with palms and flowers. The congregations at both services were large.

At the meeting of the Stratford Presbytery a call was received from the congregations of Camlachie and Aberarder in favor of Rev. H. Cowan of Shakespeare. The call was signed by 118 communicants and 79 adherents and was accompanied by a guarantee of \$750 stipend, with the use of a manse. It was decided to leave the matter over until the meeting of the Presbytery at the Synod.

The young people of the Preston church entertained the older members of the congregation in the schoolroom of the church at a social. The first part of the evening was taken up with an address by the Rev. J. R. Johnston whose theme was "Does prohibition prohibit?" A programme followed and then refreshments brought a pleasant evening to a close.

At the meeting of Stratford Presbytery held on the 18th instant, Mr. Graham presented a

call to Rev. M. Stewart, B. A., from Motherwell and Avonbank congregations, signed by 192 members and 42 adherents, and offering a stipend of \$850, besides a manse and two week's vacation. It was resolved that, providing Mr. Stewart accepted, the induction should take place on April 22nd, at Motherwell, Dr. Hamilton presiding, Mr. Cranston to preach, Mr. Leitch to address the minister, and Mr. Graham to address the people.

Rev. Dr. McCrae, of Westminster, lectured on the 17th inst to a good sized audience in St. Andrew's church, London. The lecture was under the auspices of the Outlook Mission Band. Dr. McCrae's subject was "Right and Left-Hearted People." In it he made a strong plea for the cultivation of the nobler spiritual qualities of manhood and womanhood. Dr. McCrae possesses the happy faculty of presenting the greatest truths in popular form. The lecture was greatly enjoyed. A short musical programme was also rendered.

The annual conference of Guelph Presbytery was held in Knox church, Acton, on March 16th and 17th. Reports were presented by all standing committees and were of great interest. The Young People's Society of the Presbytery has decided upon a Robertson memorial fund of \$200. The call from Rockwood and Eden Mills to Rev. J. T. Hall, of Bond Head, was presented by H. A. MacPherson, of Knox church Acton. The call was sustained and Mr. MacPherson was appointed to prosecute the call before Barrie Presbytery.

At the meeting of the Presbytery of Guelph held on the 18th of March a call was reported from the office-bearers and members of Rockwood and Eden Mills congregations to Mr. J. Hall in the Presbytery of Barrie, signed by 100 members and 7 adherents of the former, and 84 members and 9 adherents of the latter. The stipend, payable quarterly, is \$300 at Rockwood with manse, and \$300 at Eden Mills. Two weeks holidays are promised. The call was sustained and the Clerk instructed to forward it to the Presbytery of Barrie, with the request that they hold a special meeting to deal with it. Arrangements were made for Mr. Hall's induction in the event of his accepting the call, it being left to the Moderator and Clerk to fix the date.

Rev. Mr. Hardie presented the report re the arrangement of Milverton and Wellesley, Milbank and Crosshill churches at the meeting of Guelph Presbytery. He stated that the committee had visited all four fields, representative congregations being present. The committee made a full presentation of the case. It was resolved that Milverton and Milbank stand alone, and that Crosshill and Wellesley constitute a third charge, and that the changes be made on and after April 6. Mr. R. F. Cameron was appointed moderator of the new congregation of Wellesley and Crosshill. It was decided that Mr. Hardie should preach at both Milverton and Milbank on April 6, and state the action of Presbytery in the separation of these congregations. Rev. Mr. Pantou was appointed by Presbytery to preach in Lucan next Sunday and declare the pulpit vacant, and to hold a meeting of the people on Monday to discuss the situation.

Church Dedication at Cordova.

Cordova is a mining town recently sprung into existence. It is situated in Peterboro County, twelve miles northeast of Havelock. Regular continued services were first held by the Rev. Mr. Hamilton, of Havelock, in the spring of 1901. Since then the work has been carried on by two students, Mr. C. A. McRae, and Mr. S. H. Pickup. The first services were held in a private house. Shortly afterwards a tent was procured by the Home Mission Committee and utilised as a place of worship. On the approach of winter the tent had to be abandoned, and through the kindness of the manager of the mines a shaft house was offered for the holding of public worship until such times as the church in course of erection was completed.

The building of a new church was quite an undertaking, but thanks to the energy of Rev. Mr. Potter, Home Mission Convener; to the liberality of some of the congregations of the Presbytery, and to the enthusiasm of the people of Cordova, a fine structure is the result. The new church is capable of seating about 300, comfortable pews have been placed in it, also a furnace and electric light. The basement is large and commodious, and will be used as a reading room for the miners in the evening.

Dedicatory services were held morning and evening on March 9, and were conducted by the Rev. A. C. Reeves, of Campbellford, moderator of the Presbytery of Peterboro. In the afternoon an open meeting was held, when short addresses were delivered by Revs. Potter, Hamilton and Reeves.

At the three services on Sunday the church was filled.

A tea and concert were held the following Monday with very gratifying results. Mr. D. G. Kerr, manager of the mines, acted as chairman. The Rev. D. A. Hamilton, of Havelock, gave a witty and inspiring address, in which he told of the beginning of the work in Cordova. Musical selections were furnished by the Cordova male quartette, assisted by musicians and singers from Peterboro, Campbellford, Marmora and Millbrook.

The prospects are bright for the church, which is intended to be a church for the community irrespective of denominational leanings.

The Whitelaw Case.

In view of the inaccurate and incomplete reports published regarding the action of the Presbytery of Quebec in connection with this case, the clerk of the Presbytery has been authorized to furnish the following correct statement to the newspapers:

1. That the Presbytery exonerate the Rev. J. M. Whitelaw of all guilt in the loss of two hundred dollars sent by him to the Rev. Dr. Warden on the evening of Dec. 6, 1899. Vote, 10 to 6.

Against this decision the Rev. J. R. MacLeod protested for leave to complain to the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa. In this protest and complaint the Rev. Messrs. D. Tait H. C. Sutherland, E. G. Walker, D. McColl and Mr. P. Johnston joined.

2. That the Rev. J. M. Whitelaw erred seriously in judgment in advising the Kinnear family to pay the \$200, but exonerates him from the charges of endeavoring to extort the sum of \$200 from James Kinnear, jr. Vote, 11 to 5.

Against the decision also, the Rev. J. R. MacLeod protested for leave to complain to the Synod, and was joined by the Rev. Messrs. H. C. Sutherland, E. G. Walker, D. McColl and Mr. J. Johnston.

3. The Presbytery sees no sufficient reason to charge Mr. Whitelaw with falsehood. Vote, 12 to 4.

Against this decision the Rev. H. C. Sutherland protested for leave to complain to the Synod, and was joined by the Rev. Messrs. E. G. Walker, D. McColl, and Mr. P. Johnston.

4. With reference to the note for \$5,300 in view of the conflicting nature of the evidence, the Presbytery finds it impossible to arrive at all the facts, but finds that the Rev. Mr. Whitelaw acted unwisely in accepting such a note, even assuming that it was given to him in good faith and for the purpose alleged. Vote, 12 to 4.

At this stage the Rev. Mr. Whitelaw made the following confession: "I wish to express my deepest regret to my brethren of the Presbytery for my action in taking the promissory note referred to the Kinnear Mills case."

5. The Presbytery considers it its duty to express its disapproval of the action of the Rev. Mr. Whitelaw in dealing in stocks on margin. Mr. Whitelaw probably did this without realizing the gravity of his action and with honest intention, but the Presbytery considers it improper for ministers to take part in such transactions. Carried unanimously.

J. R. MACLEOD,
Presbytery Clerk.

At the recent meeting of the Montreal Presbytery a unanimous call was presented to Rev. Thos. Corbett from Rockburn and Gore. The stipend guaranteed is \$750, with use of manse. The call is signed by 100 members. The clerk read the ministerial certificate of Mr. Corbett from the Presbytery of Miramichi. This was received, and his name ordered to be put on the roll of Presbytery. It was then agreed to sustain the call and place it in Mr. Corbett's hands. Having signified his desire to accept, arrangements were made for his induction on Monday, March 24.

I rejoice that Croskery's Eastern Balm has appeared. It has been used in the manse, for coughs and colds, where it has done all its discoverer claimed it would do; and it has wrought cures in the Ottawa Valley that are simply surprising. Rev. A. H. Scott, M.A., St. Andrew's manse, Perth, Ont. For sale by all dealers, and by the proprietor, John Croskery, Perth, Ont.