

Ministers and Churches.

Montreal.

Exercises of much interest to both Chinese scholars and Christian workers took place on Sunday night towards the close of a well-attended session of Knox Chinese Sunday-school. Mr. Robertson, the superintendent, first introduced Mr. Mah Wing, of Vancouver, who is on the way to Jamaica for Christian service, who spoke an earnest Gospel message in Chinese. A good many years abroad, Mr. Wing has adopted Canadian costume even to removal of queue. A cousin and wife are both earnestly employed in Chinese missions in Victoria. He is now going out under Chinese missionary auspices to Jamaica, where the Chinese have made excellent permanent colonists under fair treatment. Mr. Thos. Vipond, having been seeking their spiritual welfare there, was able to give Mr. Wing valuable suggestions. Montreal is the distributing centre for Chinese in Eastern Canada, and those going to Jamaica and many other points are here passed on encouraged and helped by Christian workers and write back their thanks, with wishes at times for like opportunities at their destination, declaring that interest in them here is greater than in New York city, even. The next speaker was Mr. Sylvain Dayan, an ex-Roman Catholic, just returned from Canton and Annam, where he has been amongst that interesting and ancient people where are some 22,000,000 under French authority, with some 200,000 Cantonese. All the Gospel light they now have is offered them by Mr. Chas. Bonnet, British and Foreign Bible Society agent, whose life is threatened by the priests. Mr. and Mrs. Dayan were, for a while, the guests of the Rev. Dr. McKay, of Macao, and were some months there teaching in the Christian College. After some explanatory remarks in Chinese by Dr. Thomson, and a gospel song, the Rev. Mr. Fleck concluded with prayer in behalf of the workers and the urgent work.

Western Ontario.

Rev. J. F. Munroe, B.A., of Gladstone, preached in Knox church, Galt, on Sunday.

Rev. W. J. Clark, of London, preached last Sunday at St. Andrew's church, Winnipeg.

Rev. Mr. Bennett, of North Toronto, preached very acceptably in Knox church, Acton, the two last Sundays.

Rev. G. M. Dunn, of Whitechurch, Ont., preached two sermons in the Smithville church on Sunday last.

Rev. J. R. Gilchrist, B.A., of Waterloo, occupied the pulpit of the Hawkesville church on Sunday morning.

Rev. J. W. H. Milne, B.A., of Ottawa, preached in St. John's church, Hamilton, last Sunday at both services.

Rev. J.W. H. Milne, B.A. of Ottawa, formerly of Mansewood, preached in Boston church last Sunday morning and evening.

The Rev. John Rennie, of Sarnia, is supplying the pulpit at Wyoming during the absence of the pastor, Rev. W. G. Richardson.

Rev. M. L. Leitch, who has resigned from the pastorate of Knox church, Stratford, has been voted a retiring allowance of \$1,000 by the congregation.

Rev. John McKinnon, of the Presbytery of Sarnia, is to be transferred from West Williams to Pinkerton; Rev. Dr. McKee, of Bridgeton, is to be transferred to the Presbytery of Monroe, Mich.

Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Burkholder returned home last Friday from their holidays. They were given a hearty reception at the manse, where members of the congregation had assembled to greet their pastor and Mrs. Burkholder.

In the absence of the pastor, Rev. J. T. Hall, who is away on his holidays, J. W. Gordon, of Rockwood, occupied the pulpit on Sunday week. Mr. L. Cranston, who is preaching for Rev. Mr. Mann, of Eramosa, preached last Sabbath.

In London, last Sunday, Rev. R. A. Laidlaw, B.A., preached in the First church; Rev. Kenneth Barton, B.A., of Toronto, in St. Andrew's church; Rev. H. Mackay, B.A., of London Junction, in New St. James; and in King's, Mr. James Irwin took the morning service, and Rev. Dr. McCrae, of Westminster in the evening.

Rev. J. Forrest Somerville, M.A., of Toronto, preached at both services in St. Andrew's church, Hamilton. He took as his evening text Num-

bers 10 : 29, and spoke on the Christian Church generally. He said that he did not think there was any denomination in Canada doing its best work, and expressed the opinion that the institutional church would be the church of the future, especially in the large cities.

At Knox church, Stratford, on Sunday morning, Rev. Dr. Hamilton declared the pulpit vacant. At the evening service Rev. David Dunsith preached a very able sermon from the text, "As an eagle stirreth up her nest, fluttereth over her young, spreadeth abroad her wings, taketh them, beareth them on her wings," Deuteronomy 32 : 11.

In Knox church, Galt, on Sunday, a message was read to the congregation from its absent pastor, Rev. R. E. Knowles, B.A., filled with tender regards and kindly solicitude. It is pleasing to learn that Mr. and Mrs. Knowles enjoyed a delightful passage across the Atlantic, and are receiving much benefit from their sojourn in the Old Land.

The adjourned meeting from July 26, of the Stratford Presbytery, convened to consider the call to Rev. Dr. McLeod, of Atwood, to Truro, N.S., was held in Knox church, and was well attended. Rev. Mr. McLaughlin, of Harrington, the moderator, occupied the chair. Mr. Robt. Wilson, of Truro, N.S., was present, representing that congregation, and Messrs. Little, McAllister, Cleland and Anderson of Atwood, were the committee representing the Atwood congregation. After due consideration of the call, it was sustained, and Rev. J. W. Cameron, of North Mornington, was appointed to announce the Atwood church vacant on the first Sunday of September.

Eastern Ontario.

Rev. Jas. Cormack preached his farewell sermon in Maxville on Sunday evening.

Rev. P. F. Langill and family, of Martintown, are spending a few weeks vacation at Hamilton's Island.

The Rev. D. L. Gordon, B.A., of Fernie, B. C., conducted the services both morning and evening last Sabbath, in Picton.

Rev. K. McDonald, of Wilhamstown, preached in St. Andrew's church, Perth, Sunday, Rev. A. H. Scott, M.A., being detained on account of his daughter's illness.

Rev. H. McKellar, of Burns' church, Martintown, was in Finch on Sunday, July 31, and occupied the pulpit of St. Luke's at both services.

Rev. D. N. Coburn, of Lunenburg and Newington, preached in St. Luke's church, Finch, last Sabbath morning and evening. In the afternoon, he took the service at Cryslar.

A meeting of the Presbytery of Brockville was held at Cardinal last week, Rev. Geo. McArthur presiding. A call from the congregations of Morton and Lyndhurst to Rev. John MacDonald of Kingston Presbytery, was presented and sustained. Rev. Mr. MacDonald accepts the call and the induction will take place on the second Tuesday in September, when Rev. Mr. Beckstedt will preach, Rev. D. Strachan will address the minister and Rev. Mr. Daly the people. The call from Stewarton church, Ottawa, to Rev. Mr. McLroy, of North Williamsburg, was taken up. The congregation was represented by Mr. Acheson and the Presbytery of Ottawa by Rev. Norman McLeod. Mr. McLroy accepted the call, and will be inducted to his new charge on September 2nd. Mr. Caldwell having declined the call from the congregation at Westport, Rev. D. Strachan was given power to moderate in a call to another minister as soon as the congregation is ready.

Northern Ontario.

Rev. A. R. Gregory, B.A., of Toronto preached in Knox church Beauvert last Sabbath.

The Rev. Dr. Robinson, of Knox College, Toronto, preached in Cook's church, Pefferlaw, last Sabbath.

Rev. Mr. Strangways, of Parry Sound, conducted service at Westport last Sabbath evening and at the close dispensed the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

At the recent anniversary services held in Parry Sound the offerings for the day amounted to the handsome sum of \$175.

Rev. Mr. Camp, of Nebraska, who is holidaying with his parents in Toronto, preached in the Bradford church on Sunday evening last. His

subject was Abraham's faith, particularly as manifested in his business relations.

Induction at North Easthope.

A very interesting ceremony was the induction, by the Stratford Presbytery, of Rev. Andrew Edington, to the pastorate of the North Easthope and Hampstead congregations at the North Easthope church Tuesday afternoon.

The moderator, Rev. A. G. McLaughlin, of Harrington, was in the chair, and the church was well filled.

After the singing of a hymn, Rev. W. A. Bradley, of Berlin, a former North Easthope boy, read part of Titus 2. Then followed prayer by Rev. R. P. Cameron, of Georgetown, the predecessor of Mr. Edington.

The induction sermon was preached by Rev. Robt. Stewart, of Motherwell. His text was "In the morning, therefore, ye shall be brought according to your tribes: and it shall be that the tribe which the Lord taketh shall come according to the families thereof; and the family which the Lord shall take come by households; and the household which the Lord shall take shall come man to man," Titus 2 : 14.

Rev. H. Cowan, of Shakespear, stated that the call to Mr. Edington had been unanimous on the first vote.

The induction ceremony was performed by the moderator, Rev. A. G. McLaughlin. Rev. J.W. Cameron, of North Mornington, addressed the pastor, and the Rev. N. D. McKinnon, of Milverton, the congregation.

Among those present were Rev. Messrs. W. M. Haig, Millbank; J. D. Ferguson, Brookdale; A. McAuley, Mitchell; A. Aubrey, Monkton; H. Cowan, Shakespear; and Rev. Dr. Hamilton, Stratford. The elders present were: Messrs. Munro, Milverton; W. K. Vier, Millbank; D. Murray, Harrington; A. McCallum, Shakespear, and D. Forbes, North Easthope.

Rev. Andrew Edington was born in Haldimand county in June, 1860. In younger days he worked at various times around his home, and in 1881 went west, where he spent about ten years, part of which time he served with the Northwest Mounted Police, and two years at mission work among the Indians. By hard work he succeeded in gaining a fair education and spent a year in the Manitoba College, Winnipeg. He returned east and spent three years at Knox College, Toronto, graduating from there in 1895. Since that time he has spent two years doing mission work at Neche, N.D., and the past six years at Wyeale.

It might be interesting to note that Mr. Edington is only the fourth pastor of this congregation. Rev. Mr. Allen was first in charge, having taken the pastorate fifty years ago and continued in that capacity for about thirty years. Next came Rev. A. Stewart, now of London, who was pastor for twenty years. For the past eight years, Rev. R. F. Cameron was pastor.

Interview With Principal Caven.

Principal Caven returned to Toronto about ten days ago after an absence of six weeks in the old country. The Principal's health seems to have considerably improved as the result of the change. "I believe the trip has done me good," was the way Dr. Caven put it himself. "but I have been energizing a good deal since I left Toronto, and the voyage was somewhat trying owing to my inability to sleep, consequently I feel very tired."

Discussing the proceedings of the Council of the Alliance of Presbyterian and Reformed Churches over which he presided at Liverpool, Principal Caven drew attention to the fact that the Council was not like the General Assemblies of the several Presbyterian churches; its power was purely advisory and moral, not legislative to any extent. A number of most interesting and important papers were read, dealing with doctrinal, ecclesiastical and missionary subjects, and embracing all social questions affecting morals and religion. Following the papers came short, rapid speeches, for the most part confined to five minutes, on the theme discussed.

Higher Criticism.

"I could hardly say that there was any one topic which distinctly took precedence," said the Principal. "The present state of criticism of the New Testament and Old Testament brought out an interesting debate. There were differences of opinion, but the tone was excellent throughout. There was nothing like recrimination or any desire to suppress freedom of discussion, and whatever differences emerged, all were agreed in regarding the Scriptures as the Word of God and as the rule of faith and practice. Of