

Ottawa.

The Ottawa Presbytery will meet in Bank street church on the first Tuesday in January.

The quarterly communion service was observed last Sunday morning in St. Andrew's church, Rev. Dr. Herridge officiating. Nine new members were received.

The opening services of the new Erskine church will be continued next Sunday. Rev. A. A. Cameron of the First Baptist church will preach in the morning and Rev. D. M. Ramsay of Knox church in the evening.

Rev. Dr. Moore attended a meeting of the Appleton W. F. M. S. and gave an address on missions, in which he explained the methods employed by Foreign Missions board in its work. Mrs. Andrew Wilson was elected president.

The Mission Board of Erskine Presbyterian church have elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. A. E. Mitchell; first vice-president, Miss Smith; second vice-president, Miss Sloan; treasurer, Miss Mackie.

The Ladies' Aid Society of Knox church voted \$10 to the Protestant hospital and \$5 each to the Home for Friendless Women and the Salvation Army Rescue Home at its last meeting. The ladies have also decided to do some sewing for the missionary society.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of St. Andrew's church, Mrs. Geo. Hay, president of the Presbyterian society gave an interesting address on mission work. Her subject was the "Work of the Bible Women in India." Mrs. Hutchison read extracts from the Missionary Tidings. The president, Miss Harmon, presided and there was a good attendance of members.

At St. Paul's church yesterday morning the interesting ceremony of the ordination of elders was held. Rev. Dr. Armstrong preached an instructive sermon on The Presbyterian Elder, His Ecclesiastical Position, His Qualifications and His Duties. The elders ordained and admitted to the session are W. A. Graham, Jos. McNab, Wm. McGiffin and Ernest J. Gallagher. After the ceremony the pastor and members of session extended to the newly ordained elders the right hand of fellowship.

Arrangements have been made for the week of prayer as follows: The union meetings will be held in Dominion church commencing Monday, January 6. Rev. Norman McLeod is to preside at the meetings and the ministers to preach the sermons were selected as follows: Monday, Rev. S. G. Bland; Tuesday, Rev. A. E. Mitchell; Wednesday, Rev. Ira Smith; Thursday, Rev. T. H. Jones; Friday, Rev. Dr. Armstrong. The usual exchange of pulpits, following the week of prayer, will be subject for mutual arrangement.

At the annual meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of Bank street church the following officers were elected: Honorary President, Mrs. J. Hardie; Hon. Vice-President, Mrs. T. Gardner; President, Mrs. D. B. Gardner; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Grant, Mrs. A. W. Ault and Mrs. J. Garland; Recording Secretary, Mrs. J. McBain; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. E. Young; Treasurer, Mrs. J. H. Dewar; Scattered Helpers Secretary, Mrs. J. A. Murphy; Organist, Miss M. Young; Superintendent of Mission Band, Mrs. Geggie.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of Knox church elected the following officers: President, Mrs. Alexander; Vice-President, Mrs. D. M. Ramsay and Mrs. Blackburn; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Davis; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. S. J. Jarvis; Treasurer, Miss Jamieson; Leaflet Secretary, Miss Gertrude McKay; Scattered Helpers Secretary, Miss L. Masson; Programme Committee, Mrs. Jarvis, Miss M. Masson and Miss Evans; Mrs. Alexander gave an address, and reports showing a considerable increase both in membership and contributions were submitted by the secretary and treasurer.

Last week Dr. Fletcher, of the Experimental Farm, gave an interesting address at the Ladies college on "Nature Study." Speaking of the common ignorance of nature, Dr. Fletcher said that the fear of snakes and spiders was quite irrational. There were no poisonous spiders in Canada, and only a few snakes that were not only harmless but beneficial. People are afraid of things they do not understand, and this is why we hear so often about people being eaten by wolves or babies being carried off by eagles. Dr. Fletcher has been investigating wolf stories

for twenty years without finding the slightest foundation for any of them. Dr. Fletcher illustrated his talk with collections of local insects and British Columbian trees and flowers; and also exhibited some paintings of flowers done by a young farmer in Manitoba who had never had any artistic training, but whose work was beautifully true to nature.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of St. Paul's church elected the following officers at its annual meeting: President, Mrs. Thornburn; Vice-presidents, Mrs. W. D. Armstrong and Mrs. Gallaher; Recording secretary, Miss Cummings; Corresponding secretary, Mrs. J. McNabb; Treasurer, Mrs. R. Brown; Superintendent of "Tidings," Miss Lindsay; Scattered Helpers' secretary, Mrs. J. D. Anderson; Executive committee, Mrs. C. H. Thornburn, Mrs. T. W. Anderson, Mrs. J. R. Hill and Mrs. W. G. Charleson. The reports showed the receipts of the year to have been \$178.68, and the membership was given as 50, with two new life members during the year, Mrs. James Lindsay and Mrs. J. R. Hill. Mrs. George Hay, president of the Ottawa Presbyterian Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, gave an interesting address during the evening.

The opening services of the new Erskine church took place last Sunday and were of a most encouraging character. Able sermons were preached morning and evening by Rev. Dr. Ross of the Presbyterian college, Montreal. Rev. Jos. White, who had charge of the Erskine congregation when it was first organized, assisted in the service in the morning, and Rev. Dr. Moore of Bank Street church in the evening service. The congregations were so large that the available seating accommodation of the church was taxed to the utmost. At the afternoon service the church was crowded to the doors. Rev. Mr. Mitchell conducted the devotional exercises. Rev. Dr. Ross gave an address on the Law of Happiness, and Rev. Dr. Armstrong one on Courage. Both were helpful and instructive. Mr. Thomas Bowman, the superintendent, presided. Hundreds were turned away from the church in the evening on account of the lack of accommodation. The aisles were filled with chairs and a number stood up during the entire service. Rev. Dr. Ross took as his text Solomon ii., 16. His hearers he said, had in their new church a splendid and enlarged opportunity of responding to the divine love. He emphasized the love that God had for the world and said that the conversion of men depended upon themselves. Dr. Ross dwelt upon the influence that Christ extended over mankind. Jesus was a powerful factor in the councils of all nations. The collections at the services were in aid of the building and amounted to \$250. The good music was an attractive feature of all the services. Miss Ketchum presided capably at the piano. In the morning Mrs. Ketchum sang There is a City Bright, and the choir then I was Glad. In the evening Mrs. McJanet sang These Are They, from the cantata The Holy City. The choir rendered Shelley's King of Love, the solos being taken by Mrs. J. Young and Miss Workman. Mrs. Ketchum was the efficient choir-leader.

Western Ontario.

The Norwich Sabbath School has just added 225 new books to the library.

Rev. W. M. Haig has been appointed moderator of the Milverton Session.

The Rev. Alex. Wilson, of Newbury, preached in the Blenheim Church last Sunday.

Rev. R. W. Dickie, of Orangeville, has received a unanimous call to Knox Church, Owen Sound.

The Rev. Mr. Pettigrew, of Glen Morris, occupied the pulpit of the St. George church last Sunday.

Rev. Mr. McKay, of Lucknow, occupied the pulpit in Melville church last Sabbath. Rev. Mr. Ross was in Lucknow.

Rev. Dr. Smith, of Bradford, has declined accepting the oversight of Chinese missions in British Columbia, at which his people are greatly rejoiced.

At the Knox College Alumni Conference last week Rev. D. Y. Ross, M. A., of S. George, read a thoughtful paper on "Our Lord's Teaching Concerning Men."

Rev. Dr. McLaren, of Knox College, preached anniversary sermons in the Woodbridge Church, last Sunday. There were liberal offerings in aid of the building fund.

The call from Burlington to Rev. D. Anderson, of Milverton, has been sustained, and his induction has been fixed for the 22nd Dec. The stipend promised is \$800, with four weeks holidays.

Rev. Dr. Johnston, of St. Andrew's, London, and Rev. Alex. Esler, of Cooke's, Toronto, exchanged pulpits last Sunday. Dr. Johnston addressed a large audience in Massey Hall on Sunday afternoon.

The Rev. Dr. Dickson, of Galt, is appealing for books and magazines for the 500 lumber camps of our Northern Country. Anyone having spare books can not do better than send them to Dr. Dickson, Galt.

Mrs. Atkinson, wife of Rev. Robert Atkinson of St. Giles' Church, Toronto, received a telegram intimating that her sister, Mrs. (Dr.) Sutherland of Springhill, N. S., had died suddenly. Mrs. Atkinson's father and mother also died during the past summer. The sympathy of a large circle of friends will be extended to Mr. and Mrs. Atkinson in their bereavement.

The W. F. M. Society of Central Church, Caledon, (Charleston,) held their annual Thank-offering meeting on Nov. 24th. An instructive address was given by the Rev. H. Matheson, of Caledon East. The offering amounted to \$43. The amount raised by the ladies during the year by voluntary giving is \$74., besides a box of clothing valued at \$29. The Society has had a very encouraging year.

One of the events of the past week was the splendid reopening services in the Presbyterian Church, Georgetown. Large congregations, including many from other churches, and from out-of-town points, were present both morning and evening. The sermons by Rev. R. W. Ross, M. A., of Guelph, were appropriate, eloquent and very able discourses. The congregation is to be congratulated upon the splendid appearance and general equipment of their reconstructed place of worship.

The child of the Galt Knox church manse is a pretty, precocious youngster, of about two years of age, and a great favourite with the congregation. The friends of the Sabbath School held an entertainment a few evenings ago, and the Reformer tells us that "little Miss Elizabeth Ellis Knox Knowles 'elocuted' in a very charming manner. Then she was catechized. 'Who is the bestest man?' she was asked. 'My dear daddy,' she cried. 'But are you sure?' She pondered a while. 'I hae ma doots,' she said at last."

Northern Ontario.

Rev. C. D. Campbell has resigned his charge at Stayner and Sarnia and Corners.

Rev. Dr. Isaac Campbell has been called to Penetanguishene. Stipend offered, \$800.

The congregation of Penetanguishene and Weybridge has asked to be removed from the list of Augmented congregations.

The name of W. H. Ness, lately minister of Bass River and Portapique Presbytery of Truro, now resident at Stroud, was placed on the appendix to the Roll of Barrie Presbytery at his request on presentation of Presbyterian Certificate.

In the Presbytery of Barrie Mr. Rollins reported for Augmentation Committee and asked "that a Committee be appointed to consider the possibility of having manse erected in our augmented fields, as also in those fields where Ordained Missionaries were regularly employed." Messrs. Rollins, Skene and Cranston were appointed this Committee.

At last meeting of Barrie Presbytery Dr. Grant addressed the Court, calling attention to the fact that Mr. Burnett would soon complete a quarter Century pastorate at Aliston, and moved that a Committee be appointed to draw up a suitable minute, which shall be engrossed in the Presbytery minutes, also that the Moderator of Presbytery be appointed to be present with this minute at any meeting the Congregation of Aliston may hold in recognition of this interesting event. Agreed to; Drs. Findlay, McLeod, Grant and the Clerk were appointed as the Committee in this connection.

Rev. E. Scott, the able editor of the Presbyterian Record, has been elected moderator of the metropolitan Presbytery of Montreal.