

## Ministers and Churches.

### Eastern Ontario.

After a two months' absence, Rev. J. McP. Scott has resumed his pastorate duties in St. John's Church, Toronto. He occupied his own pulpit last Sunday.

The annual thanksgiving meeting of the Keene W. F. M. Auxiliary was held on Tuesday of last week, at a somewhat earlier date than in former years. The warm interest taken in the meeting was evidenced by the good attendance of the ladies. The chair was well filled by Rev. D. D. McDonald, who gave a suitable address, in which reference was made to the great and excellent work of the W. F. M. society in the 27 years of its existence. Mrs. W. B. Roger, President of the Peterboro Presbyterial, and Rev. Mr. Vuile, of Springfield, were the speakers for the occasion; nor was the audience disappointed. Both addresses were interesting and useful. The proceedings were varied by music and a recitation; the latter being given by Miss Renwick, who won golden opinions by her modest bearing and clear delivery. The Thank-Offering amounted to \$52.43, which it is expected will be considerably increased by the offerings of those who were not present. Under the inspiring presidency of Mrs. McDonald, the pastor's wife, aided by the hearty co-operation of many like-minded women, the auxiliary has almost doubled its membership during the past year. Last year the members contributed \$95; this year they have already on hand \$140, with still three months in which to work before close of the year. After the meeting members and friends adjourned to the spacious basement of the church, where a bountiful repast was served by the hospitable ladies of the congregation.

### Western Ontario.

Rev. P. A. McLeod, D. D. is confined to his room again we are sorry to say. We hope for a speedy recovery.

Interesting preparatory services were observed in Chalmers church, Woodstock, last week when nineteen new members were received.

Mr. Ketchum of Knox College, is conducting the services in Knox church during the absence of Rev. J. M. Nicol, B. D.

The missionary address given last week, in Knox church, Tavistock, by Rev. R. P. McKay, D.D., of Toronto was very much appreciated.

Rev. Dr. Johnston, of London, delivered his lecture, "John Knox, Scotland's Greatest Hero," at Blyth on Tuesday last. Rev. Dr. McLean occupied the chair.

The Rev. D. C. Hossack, M. A., L.L. B., of Deer Park, Toronto, preached in Knox church, Woodstock, at the Anniversary Services, last Sunday.

The pulpit of Geneva church, Chesley, was declared vacant on Sept. 6th by Rev. A. Leslie, of Elmwood, interim moderator of session, Rev. J. Paterson has accepted the call to Regina.

Rev. Dr. D. M. Gordon, principal of Queen's College, Kingston, conducted the sixtieth anniversary services of St. Andrew's church, London, last Sunday and preached both morning and evening.

A reception was given on Friday evening to Rev. Mr. Ketchum, who has supplied Rev. Dr. Battisby's pulpit in Chatham during the summer. He was presented with a purse of fifty dollars, as a slight token of esteem on behalf of the congregation.

Rev. F. J. Maxwell of Ripley conducted anniversary services in the Atwood church Sunday. He preached two very practical sermons to good sized congregations. A social meeting was held Monday evening.

At a union congregational meeting of Duff's church, McKillop, and Caven church, Winthrop, it was unanimously decided to extend a call to Rev. David Carswell, of Ayr, and formerly of Carberry, Manitoba.

The twentieth annual meeting of the Stratford Presbyterial society will be held in the First church, St. Marys, on October 6th and 7th. On Tuesday evening Rev. Dr. McKay of Toronto will give an address on "North West Mission Schools."

Rev. J. A. Clark, of Cowan Avenue church, Toronto, and a brother of Rev. W. J. Clark, of London has received a call to Knox church, Calgary. Mr. Clark has just returned from a

trip to the west, and while in Calgary was asked to accept the position. The pastorate has been vacant over a year.

Special services under the auspices of the W. F. M. S. were conducted in Avonbank last Sabbath by the Rev. W. K. Shearer of Drumbo. Rev. Dr. Baird of Manitoba College preached there on Sunday the 13th to a large congregation. Many were present from adjoining localities. The doctor is always appreciated in Avonbank.

Rev. Mr. MacWilliams, of the Wentworth church, Hamilton, preached at the preparatory services in Erskine church. There was a large attendance. Rev. R. Martin, the pastor, received into full communion four on profession of faith, and two by certificates.

Mr. George Rutherford, who has served Central church, Hamilton, for the past twenty-eight years as superintendent of the Sunday school, asked to be relieved from active duties as soon as a successor is appointed. While he was superintendent, schools were established at Erskine church and Walnut St. mission, and one is to be opened next month at the corner of Sherman Ave., and Barton St.

The induction of Rev. J. S. Henderson late of Hensall to the pastorate of St. Andrew's church, New Westminster took place on Tuesday of last week. The moderator of the Westminster Presbytery Mr. Hugh J. Robertson, presided, Rev. J. D. Gillam of Mission city preached the sermon and Rev. Thos. Oswald of Ladner addressed the people. Mr. Henderson is a man of recognized ability and will be a great acquisition to the west.

Rev. Dr. Smith of Bradford informed his people on Sunday evening that this was the jubilee year of the Bradford and Scotch Settlement congregations, 1853 being the year of their establishment as one charge. Dr. Smith suggests that some steps be taken towards liquidating the debt upon the church by at least one half.

### Northern Ontario.

The stone and brick work of the new church at Kilsyth was completed last week and will be ready for occupation very soon.

Arrangements have been made to celebrate the 14th anniversary of the opening of the Ardrea church, on the 27th and 28th instant. The Rev. J. H. White, M. A., of Uptergrove, will conduct worship on Sunday afternoon and Mr. Black, of Washago in the evening.

The 15th anniversary of Knox church, Clifford, will be held on Sabbath next. The Rev. W. G. Hanna, B. A., of Mount Forest will preach morning and evening and address the Sabbath School children and parents in the afternoon. A social meeting will be held on Monday.

Rev. D. W. Best of Beaverton is spending a short vacation among friends in and around Peterborough. Mr. Jas. Donnell is supplying the pulpit of St. Andrew's during his absence.

"Rev. R. J. McAlpin was," says the Owen Sound Times of Friday last, "sadly startled last night by the receipt of a despatch announcing the death, as a result of a railway accident, of his brother, Mr. D. A. McAlpine. The tragedy occurred Wednesday night at Grand Forks, North Dakota, but no particulars were given. The remains are being forwarded to Toronto for interment. A widow and one child are left, who, with the mother and sisters and the esteemed pastor of Knox church will have the sincere sympathy of many in Owen Sound."

Knox church, Owen Sound, which has for a few weeks been undergoing renovation was last Sabbath week re-opened with appropriate services conducted by the pastor. The interior throughout has been neatly repainted, new carpet laid in the aisles, around the pulpit, and in the committee room in the basement which has been improved with two new windows giving better light. On Monday evening a largely attended and very enjoyable entertainment was held. The local talent was assisted by Miss Irving, elocutionist, Hamilton, who delighted the audience with her selections.

At a regular meeting of Owen Sound Presbytery on the 1st inst., an extract minute of the General Assembly was read granting the transfer of Rev. Mr. Mowat and the congregations of Meaford, etc., to the Presbytery of Owen Sound. An extract minute was also read from assembly granting leave to receive Rev. J. I. Manthorne, B. A., formerly a minister of the Baptist church. Mr. Manthorne answered the

prescribed questions satisfactorily, was given the right-hand of fellowship and his name was added to the roll of Presbytery. Mr. F. C. Harper, B.D., having accepted the call from St. Paul's, Sydenham, and Knox, St. Vincent, Presbytery decided to meet in St. Paul's on the 14th inst for his ordination and induction. Rev. Mr. Nelson to preside, Mr. Achison preach, Mr. Eastman to address the minister and Mr. Black the congregation. Rev. Mr. Matheson was appointed moderator for the ensuing six months.

The Saageen Presbytery, says the Durham Chronicle, met on the 9th inst., at Palmerston, the moderator Rev. Mr. Aull, fresh from the heather hills of Scotland, in the chair. At the request of Cedarville congregation that group of mission stations was raised to the status of an augmented charge and a grant of \$150 a year was asked from the Augmentation committee, the interim moderator being the Rev. J. Little of Holstein. The Home Mission Convenor reported that he had visited the stations at Mildmay and Ayton, and that they had agreed to raise a dollar from each station per week, thus reducing the amount needed from the Home Mission Committee by \$104 a year. The standing orders of Presbytery were revised by a committee, the convener of which was Rev. Mr. Dobson. In that connection it was agreed that, at least, at one meeting in the year an hour be given to discuss some practical or doctrinal question. The first in this series is to be a paper given by Rev. Mr. Farquharson at the December meeting, the subject assigned being the new book by Prof. McFadyen on "Modern Criticism and the Christian church."

Knox church, Owen Sound, has suffered a great loss by the removal to Berlin of Mr. W. R. McColl, who has for fourteen years been a prominent business man in Owen Sound. Referring to his removal the Times says: "During his residence here Mr. McColl has been actively identified with Knox church. For several years he was chairman of the Board of Managers and later an invaluable secretary-treasurer. It was therefore most fitting when several days ago the managing board and session visited Mr. and Mrs. McColl's Hill street residence, there Mr. Geo. Holmes read an address of appreciation of the merits of Mr. McColl as a public spirited citizen and active church worker after which Mr. K. Webster presented him with a valuable gold cane. The Ladies' Aid of Knox church also presented Mrs. McColl with an address, which was read by Mrs. C. R. Mitchell. The presentation of a cut glass fruit dish was then made by Mrs. Chalmers. Both Mr. and Mrs. McColl made suitable replies though taken altogether by surprise."

### Chatham Presbytery.

Chatham Presbytery met in St. Andrew's church, Chatham, on Sept. 8. Mr. Ross of Dawn was appointed moderator of Presbytery for six months. It was decided that Presbytery meet only four times a year instead of six. Standing committees for the year were appointed, the conveners being: Statistics, the Clerk; H. M., Dr. Battisby; Ch. L. and W., Mr. Keith; S. S., Mr. McGregor; Y. P. S., Mr. Radford; A. and I. M. F., Dr. Munro; Assg. Mr. Tolmie. The Rev. Mr. Knowles of Orillia being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Mr. Knowles, wishing to engage in mission work in the Yukon district, resigned the charge of First church, Chatham, and it was agreed that an adjourned meeting of Presbytery be held on the 15th inst., to deal with the matter. The clerk was instructed to recommend Messrs. A. A. Campbell of Price and Mr. H. Baker of Walkerton to the H. M. Committee.

A Commissioner was appointed to endeavor to unite Ridgetown and the Morpeth mission so that the latter might have regular religious services.

The Clerk was instructed to certify certain students to the senate of Knox college.

Mr. Robertson's resignation of the charge of Botany, McKay's Corners, and Kent Bridge was read. After commissioners from the charge had been heard expressing regret at the proposed departure of Mr. Robertson, and on his adherence to his resignation, it was on motion agreed that it be accepted to take effect on the 21st inst., and Dr. Munro of Ridgetown was appointed to act as interim moderator of the session. It was agreed to hold the next regular meeting in First church, Chatham.