

Ministers and Churches.

OUR TORONTO LETTER.

The canvass for Century Fund contributions goes on quietly. In some of the larger and in some of the better organized congregations it has been completed, and many are reporting that the mark aimed at has been reached and passed. This is one of the most encouraging features of the work. This plan of raising one million dollars, which appalled many of our people at the first, is teaching them to estimate their resources properly.

Even now all classes are not joining in the movement. The ambitious estimate of its promoters has attracted the wealthy, and they are giving of their abundance; but the great sum, and possibly the publication of the sums given by one class, is deterring some who can give only out of very limited means. And this, in spite of the most strenuous effort on the part of those who are at the head of the movement, to avoid any such distinction. Were all classes to unite we should be nearer the two million than the one million mark in June 1901.

A proposal was made in the Presbytery that the Presbyterians of Toronto shall meet in one of the churches, once a week, at the 10 o'clock hour, for prayer, with special reference to the progress of the work in South Africa. It was a hard headed lawyer, too, who made the proposition, and urged it. The proposition was cordially endorsed, but remitted to the Toronto ministers, who will discuss it in their association, and doubtless take action upon it.

Another organization is seeking to establish one of its growing family in Toronto. A few women of an American city united to secure sufficient money to send one man, a confirmed drunkard, to the most approved cure for drunkards. They selected Ruly Institute and sent him there. They took his note by which he agreed to pay back in monthly instalments the amount raised, to place him in the institute. This was used to place a second man there, and so on. Mr. Dutcher, the National President of this Rescue work, is now in Toronto, seeking to organize a League here. If devised from any special cure the effort might be successful, but if attached to the Ruly Institute alone, the work will be more difficult.

Rev. William Patterson of Cooke's Church, will deliver his lecture entitled "Africa, the Bore and the War," in Westminster Presbyterian Church, Bloor street east on Friday evening. Mr. Patterson's faculty of description, coupled with his characteristic Irish humor, makes the lecture one of peculiar interest.

Mrs. A. D. Burns died at her residence, 13 Madison avenue, on Tuesday evening last, after a prolonged period of ill health. She was the widow of Rev. William Burns, who expired suddenly while conducting a funeral service at Galt about two years ago, and had suffered greatly from the shock occasioned by the loss of her husband. She leaves two daughters and three sons. Mrs. (Rev.) R. C. Tibb is one of the daughters, and of the sons one lives in Fiction and the others in the United States.

At a meeting held in Knox Church on Wednesday evening, a majority of the members of the congregation present decided in favor of the sale of the church site and of the removal to an up town location. After the result of the vote had been announced Mr. Mortimer Clark presented a resolution authorizing the trustees to lay before the congregation any offer not less than \$155,000, exclusive of building or fixtures, which might be received within six months. There was strong difference of opinion about the value of the land. One member considered it was worth \$210,000, but was opposed to naming a price, as it would morally bind the congregation to accept such a figure were it offered. After some confusion in taking the vote by a show of hands, the members rose and defeated the resolution by a small majority. The net result of the meet-

ing is that the trustees are open to receive offers, but before any price is accepted it must be ratified by the congregation.

EASTERN ONTARIO.

Mr. John Taggart of Queen's preached Sunday at Cooke's Church, Kingston.

Rev. R. Young preached in St. Andrew's Church, Carleton Place, on a recent Sunday.

Rev. Mr. Woodside, of Carleton Place, preached the anniversary sermons at Cedar Hill recently.

Rev. Mr. Mackie occupied the pulpit of St. Andrew's Church, Kingston, at both services last Sunday.

A lecture on "A tour through Palestine and the Holy Land" will be given by the Rev. D. McKenzie in the Presbyterian Church at Kirkwall.

Rev. Andrew S. Grant, B.D., formerly Presbyterian minister in the Klondike, preached in Knox Church, Morrisburg, on Sabbath evening.

A concert under the auspices of St. Paul's Church, Athens, is being arranged for and will be held in the high school hall, on Friday evening, Feb. 23rd.

Rev. R. McNair, formerly of Carleton Place, who has been acting as I.O.F. organizer in Scotland, has left for a trip to Egypt and Australia, accompanied by his wife.

Next Sabbath: Rev. Mr. Laird, of Brockville will conduct anniversary services in Calvin Church, Pembroke, and Rev. Dr. Bayne will preach in First Church, Brockville.

Rev. D. McLaren, of Alexandria, has been suffering from a severe attack of rheumatism. He has been absent from his pulpit for several weeks, but is expected to preach next month.

The anniversary service in connection with St. Andrew's Church, Kingston, will be held next Sunday. Principal Grant will preach in the morning, and the Rev. Mr. Lancelot in the evening.

Rev. O. Bennett, of Hawkesbury, was in Plantagenet Tuesday eve and lectured in the Presbyterian Church on the "Century Fund." The night being stormy the audience was not as large as it otherwise would have been.

The anniversary services of the Presbyterian Church, Havelock, were held on Sunday last by Rev. J. G. Potter, B.A., of Peterboro, and Rev. J. C. Bell of the town. On Monday evening the annual supper and entertainment was held in the church.

The new board of management of Stewarton Church held their first meeting Tuesday night and organized for the season's work. Mr. J. J. Campbell was re-elected chairman. The following members were present: Messrs. Campbell, Fitzsimmons, Taylor, Carruthers, Rankin, McKenzie and Low.

Rev. J. McD. Duncan, of Woodville, conducted the services in the Brooklin Church on Sunday afternoon. He gave a very spirited and interesting address on the Century Fund, and on Monday inaugurated the congregational canvass. The mark set for the Brooklin Church is \$250, and it is hoped this may be considerably exceeded.

Rev. J. B. McLaren, who has just completed the ninth year of his pastorate over the Columbus and Brooklin Presbyterian Churches, will occupy his own pulpit next Sunday. He has been absent for several weeks, working in the interest of the Century Fund, and has received much kindness and encouragement in all parts of the Presbytery of Whitby.

There was no service in the First Presbyterian Church, Brockville, last Sunday morning, in order to give the members of the congregation an opportunity of joining with St. John's in their opening service. In the evening the pastor, Rev. Mr. Laird preached a very able and eloquent discourse, basing his remarks on the words "Be not deceived, God is not mocked, for whatsoever a man soweth that shall he reap."

The Rev. John Hay, B.D., formerly of Cobourg, was inducted into the pastoral charge of St. Andrew's Church, Renfrew, on Thursday last. The

Rev. Dr. Bayne of Pembroke presided and the sermon was preached by Rev. Rolt, Young of Pakenham. Rev. Mr. Rattray of Eganville addressed the newly inducted minister and Rev. Mr. Harkness the people. In the evening a large number were present at the social gathering, presided over by Jas. Craig, Q.C. Addresses were given by representatives from the Baptist and Methodist congregations as well as by members of St. Andrew's.

The anniversary services in connection with the Cedar Hill Presbyterian Church took place on Sunday last, and were well attended. Rev. G. Woodside, of Carleton Place, preached most acceptably. The tea-meeting on Monday night drew out a large attendance, and the entertainment presented proved a most enjoyable one. Addresses of an interesting nature were delivered by Rev. Messrs. Mitchell, of Almonte, Conn. of Roschank, Rev. R. Young, pastor, presided as chairman. The Pakenham Presbyterian choir supplied music of a high order and Rev. Mr. Conn showed his versatility by rendering a vocal solo in good voice.

The annual meeting of St. Peter's Church, Madoc was held on Feb. 5. There was a large attendance and a commendable interest manifested. Rev. E. W. Mackay acted as secretary. Mr. R. Rollins, as chairman of the board of managers, presented the general financial report for the congregation for the ordinary church purposes and schemes. The total sum of \$1,581 for 1899 had been received, total from all sources \$2,082. The chairman of the manse building committee reported, the building and land cost a little over \$3000, and was fully provided for, the building being complete in every particular, and first class in all the arrangements.

St. John's Church Brockville, was opened on Sunday last, the Rev. Prof. Jordan, D.D., of Queen's College, being the preacher, assisted by Rev. Rolt. Laird, of the First Church, and Rev. D. Strachan, pastor of St. John's. In the afternoon Rev. Mr. Laird preached, the Rev. Dr. Ryckman conducting the opening services. Dr. Jordan was again heard in the evening, the sermon being a scholarly exposition of the 73 psalm. At all services the church was taxed to its utmost capacity. The new structure is well appointed in every respect, and is opened under most favorable circumstances.

A very fine congregation attended the opening services of St. Andrew's Church Mission, held in the Town Hall Lanark, on Sunday, 11th February. Able and impressive sermons were delivered morning and evening to an earnest and attentive congregation, by the Rev. A. A. Scott, of Carleton Place, Convener of the Home Mission Committee of the Lanark and Renfrew Presbytery. This mission is the outcome of the enquiry made by the Presbytery in January last, regarding the troubles in St. Andrew's Church Lanark, and the inaugural services bear testimony to the wisdom and judgement of the finding and deliverance of the Presbytery. A more united, eager and zealous congregation than that which opened the new Mission, would be hard to find. A good choir has been organized and an organ secured. Sunday School services will begin on the 18th Feb., and regular service morning and evening, will be continued in the Town Hall every Sunday.

There was a large assembly of theology alumni and their friends in Convocation Hall, Kingston, on Wednesday last. "The imagination and its relation to preaching" was the subject under discussion for two hours and a half. Rev. Dr. Milligan was the chief speaker, and he presented the case in excellent terms. The imagination with the preacher, as with the poet, he said, is that power which enables him to figure to himself those things which most rationally explain human life. It is the most practical power we have which takes in things earthly in their relation to the eternal. Dr. K. V. Rogers, Q.C., Rev. Dr. Jordan, Prof. Glover and R. G. L. Starr made remarks. Dr. Jordan declaring the cause of so much unsettlement in the churches is the lack of expository preaching from the pulpit. If there was more there would be less unsettlement and the life