

## WESTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. Mr. McMullen of Merrickville preached at Bradford last Sunday.

The Rev. Dr. Ross is home again and fully restored to health.

The Rev. T. R. Shearer has also so far recovered us to resume his pulpit ministry at Melbourne.

Rev. J. R. Black, editor of the Kingston News, preached in Knox Church, Perth, on Sunday, September 22.

Rev. Mr. Kipling of Harriston assisted at the communion service held last Sunday morning at Shakespeare.

Rev. W. F. Crawford of Chesterville has declined a call to the Presbyterian congregation at Cardinal.

Rev. R. S. Laidlaw, of Belleville, conducted anniversary services last Sunday in St. Paul's Church, Port Hope.

Preparations are under way for a grand jubilee service in the Russell church. The service will be held about Oct. 13th.

The annual thankoffering meeting of the ladies of the Drumbo church was held recently when a creditable amount was contributed.

Rev. Mr. Cameron, of Harriston, conducted preparatory services at Knox Church, Clifford, last Saturday afternoon.

Rev. Mr. Cochrane conducted anniversary services at Ratho last Sunday, and the Tyneskip Church services were omitted for that day.

The members of Court Lisgar, Canadian Order of Foresters, attended service at the Avondale Presbyterian church on Sunday morning, September 22.

Anniversary services were held in the Essan Township church last Sunday, when Rev. R. W. Crow, brother of the pastor, preached both morning and evening.

The pulpit of Westminster church, Mount Forest, will be preached vacant on October 20th. Rev. Mr. Hanna is to take up his new work on the first of November.

Rev. A. E. Hannahson, B. A., of Zorra, conducted services at St. Andrew's Church Stratford, on Sunday, September 22. Rev. T. J. Thomson conducted anniversary services in Zorra church.

Rev. Dr. Ross, of St. Andrew's church, London, conducted preparatory services for the First Presbyterian church last Friday evening, and held communion on Sunday morning.

The Rev. W. J. Clark of Westmount has been ministering in his former charge in London the past few weeks. The congregation of First church suffered a disappointment in the decline of their call to him.

The Rev. R. W. Leitch of Delaware and Cook's, who in his recent illness was at the point of death, has recovered sufficiently to resume his duties in part. He has tendered the resignation of his charge, not expecting to be able to overtake the whole work again.

During the month of August London was without a stated Presbyterian pastor. All are now returned from enjoyment of vacation and engaged, it is hoped with no less enjoyment, in their pastoral work. Congregations are also filling up by the return of many families from their usual summer outings.

At a special session of the Hamilton Presbytery at St. Catharines, the call of Rev. Thomas Paton, of Lucan, a former pastor, was sustained, and he will go to Merriton. The date of the induction was not set. Rev. Dr. Radcliffe, the interim moderator, will preside; Rev. Dr. Ross, Hamilton, will address the people; Dr. McDonald will address the minister, and Mr. Harper, of Drummond, will preach.

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Rev. Dr. Talling, of Toronto, preached in St. Paul's church, Peterboro, on Sunday, September 15.

Rev. Mr. McAuley, of Middleville, will give an illustrated lecture in Zion church, Carleton Place, on September 30th.

A harvest social was held recently in the town hall, Metcalfe, in aid of the Presbyterian church. A large audience enjoyed thoroughly the musical and literary programme provided.

Rev. J. McIlraith, of Balderson, occupied the pulpit of the Dalhousie congregation on Sunday, September 15th. Rev. J. A. McLean having been appointed to preach the Middleville pulpit vacant on that day.

At a meeting of Barrie Presbytery last week a call from Sarawak to Rev. D. H. Currie, of Hillsdale, was presented. Rev. P. Nicol of Tottenham and Rev. W. J. Newitt of Seven Bridge placed their resignations before the presbytery.

At a recent meeting of the Brockville Presbytery, at South Mountain, to consider the call extended by the Cardinal and Mainsville congregations to Rev. Mr. Crawford, of Chesterville, the latter was prevailed upon to remain at Chesterville, thus leaving Cardinal and Mainsville still without a pastor.

The committee of Glengarry Presbytery met in Avonmore on September 23, and completed arrangements for a series of S. S. Institutes to be conducted by the Rev. J. C. Robertson, B. D., as follows: Vankleek Hill, Oct. 8th, Maxville, Oct. 9th; Lancaster, Oct. 10th; Newington, Oct. 11th; Afternoon and evening sessions 2.30 and 7.30 p.m.

Rev. H. J. McDiarmid, after an eight years' successful pastorate at St. Lambert, has accepted the unanimous call tendered him from Bathurst and South Sherbrooke, and will be inducted at Bathurst next Friday evening. A farewell social was given Mr. and Mrs. McDiarmid at St. Lambert, when they were each presented with an envelope well filled with money.

Rev. Mr. Milne, of the Glebe Church, Ottawa, conducted anniversary services at Beckwith on September 22. On Monday evening the annual social was held, when the musical programme was furnished by the choir of St. Andrew's church, and the local clergymen delivered addresses. Tea was served in the town hall by the ladies. The proceeds were large and go toward the building fund.

There is a vigorous movement just now in the city of London to have the street cars operated on Sabbath days. The advocates are circulating a petition requesting the city council to submit a by-law to this effect, which it is said has received thousands of signatures. Should the by-law be submitted to the electors we shall have an opportunity of discovering what weight the fourth commandment has upon the consciences of the Christian people of the city.

The Guild of Knox church, Woodstock, is arranging for a series of lectures on literary and scientific subjects during the coming winter, commencing about the end of next month. The names of such men as J. W. Bengough, cartoonist and writer, of Toronto; Rev. J. A. McDonald, editor of the Globe; Dr. Parkes, of the Geological Department of the Dominion civil service; Dr. Wallace, of the English Department of Toronto University; Dr. Cleaver and Prof. Kilpatrick, all men well known in educational and literary circles, give evidence of the excellence of the lecture course.

Rev. R. McCullough, of Innerkip, preached in Knox church, Woodstock, last Sunday.

## NOTES FROM THE WEST.

The Presbytery of Victoria held its half-yearly meeting in St. Andrew's Church, Nanaimo, on the 17th September. Rev. J. M. Millar presiding. As usual the greater part of the Presbytery's time and attention was devoted to the consideration of the report on Home Missions and Augmentation for the past six months, which with one or two exceptions were found to be very satisfactory. The Presbytery occupies about six fields in which there is no service by any other church. The Presbytery placed on record its appreciation of the faithful services of Rev. J. S. Ross who withdraws after two years' charge of Denman and Union Bay. The following are the convenors of the standing committees: Home Missions and Augmentation, Leslie Clay, B.A., Victoria; Foreign Missions, Dr. J. Campbell, Victoria; Statistics and Finance, D. MacRae, Victoria; Sabbath Schools, Joseph McCoy, M.A., Victoria; Young People's Societies, D. McGillivray, M.A., Cumberland; Church Life and Work, J. M. Millar, B.D., Nanaimo; Systematic Giving, Thos. Menzies, Sandwick; Temperance and Moral Reform, J. M. Millar, B.D., Nanaimo. The next meeting will be held in St. Andrew's Church, Victoria, on the call of the Moderator.

Regina Presbytery met last week at Moose Jaw, with Rev. Alex. McGregor as Moderator. About 20 persons attended. The business which came before the gathering was very considerable, indicating the rapid growth of Presbyterianism in this part of the province. Besides the appointment of the various standing committee reports were received from the 46 mission fields of the Presbytery and the four augmented congregations. Certificates were also issued to a number of students who desire to attend college. A call from Condie to Rev. P. Nasmith, who has been supplying that congregation temporarily was sustained and the arrangements were made for the induction ceremony. Rev. Walter Ross will preside, and Rev. E. A. Henry will preach. The addresses to the people and minister will be delivered by Revs. W. Wilson and Wm. Patterson respectively. Halcarras extended a call to Rev. W. Wilson of Balgonie, but as he intimated that he would decline it no action was taken. A request from Regina to organize a second church was granted. The next meeting will be held in Regina.

In the absence of Rev. Dr. Dickie, who was conducting anniversary services at Glencoe on September 15, Rev. George Weir, B.A., of that place, conducted the services in Chalmers church, Woodstock. He preached two excellent sermons of a very inspiring and helpful nature, both morning and evening efforts being followed very attentively by the large congregations present.

Meeting the Immigrant.—The Presbytery of Quebec has put its hand to this work, and its importance is felt to be such that there can be no going back. Mr. J. A. Macfarlane, in the early weeks of navigation, and Dr. A. Paterson later, did excellent work in this department during the present season. Two churches in Quebec alone contributed \$100 for the item of printing, which was a great aid to the chaplains in their work.

A year ago the Presbytery resolved to print and distribute the Minutes and keep the Record in print. This has worked well. Among other advantages, about an hour is saved, inasmuch as the minutes are not now read. The clerk has received numerous compliments on the neatness of the form in which the Minutes are presented.