

## Church News.

### In Canada.

Rev. Isaac Campbell, Ph.D., was appointed clerk of the Ottawa Presbytery at its last meeting.

It is stated that Rev. W. J. Clark, of London, will not accept the call to St. John's church, Hamilton.

Rev. J. D. EDGAR, M.A., has been inducted to the charge of the Presbyterian congregation at Cayuga.

Monkwood and Chesterville, Presbytery of Brockville, are making an earnest effort to secure as pastor Rev. John McL. Kellock.

The Presbyterians of Paris, Ont., have sold the Dumfries street church lot for \$855. Mr. George R. Crawford was the purchaser.

The Synod of the North-west, held its opening session on Wednesday of last week at Winnipeg. Rev. J. A. Carmichael, of Regina, was elected moderator.

The call of Knox Presbyterian church, South London, to Rev. W. A. J. Martin, of St. Paul's, Toronto, has been sustained by the Presbytery and ordered to be forwarded.

Rev. A. F. TULLY, son of Mr. Robert Tully, who has been pastor of Knox church, Mitchell, for thirteen years, has tendered his resignation, to take effect in the spring.

Rev. G. SEXTON, D.D., LL.D., preaches in Kemptonville and Oxford Mills on Sabbath, Nov. 25th, and lectures in the former place on Monday, 26th, and in the latter on Tuesday, 27th.

The Branchton Auxiliary W.F.M.S. held its thank-offering service in the church at Branchton, on Monday evening. Rev. Mr. Straachn, of Hespeler, delivered a lecture on his recent tour in Europe. The offering netted about \$15.

The Rev. R. S. G. Anderson, M.A., B.D., was translated from the charge of St. Helen's and East Ashfield, and formally inducted into the pastoral charge of the congregation of Wroxeter by the Presbytery of Maitland, on Thursday, Nov. 15th.

The reception tendered to Rev. and Mrs. Tolmie, on their return from their bridal tour, by the congregation of St. Andrew's church, Windsor, on Thursday night of last week, was of a very flattering nature. William McGregor, M.P., presided.

The Presbyterians of Tweed, Ont., worship in a beautiful, new church, which speaks volumes for their large-heartedness in erecting such a handsome and comfortable place of worship. They are now having applicants for to supply the pulpit before giving a call.

Rev. ARCHIBALD GUNN, of St. Andrew's, N.B., is a guest at the manse Chalmers' church, Woodstock, Ont. He is no little gun, says an exchange, for he stands 6ft. 6in. in his socks, and is a fine, stalwart, well proportioned man. He has many name-sakes in and around Woodstock, and he is at present engaged in collecting materials for a forthcoming history of the Gunn clan.

AGNES WILKIE, relict of the late James Panton, passed to her long home at the age of eighty-four years, at Oshawa, on Saturday, 10th inst. Deceased was the mother of Prof. Panton, of the Agricultural College, Guelph; Rev. J. Panton, Stratford, and Miss J. H. R. Panton, science teacher at the Oshawa High School. She was a life-long member of the Presbyterian church there and was beloved by a large circle of friends.

On Sabbath, Nov. 4th, the Rev. W. A. Hunter, M.A., of Erskine church, Toronto, conducted special services in the Ridgetown Presbyterian church. On Monday evening following a social meeting of the congregation was held. The congregation, through the efforts of their esteemed treasurer, Mr. James L. McKinlay, and the Ladies' Aid Society, has discharged the mortgage on the church. During the three years pastorate of the Rev. R. J. Hunter, the sum of \$4,400 has been applied to the mortgage. During his time one hundred and twenty new

members have been received by the session. Both pastor and people are to be congratulated on the result of three years work. Truly God's blessing has attended their efforts.

THE anniversary services of Chalmers' church, Richmond, Que., were held on Nov. 11th. They were conducted by Rev. W. R. Cruickshanks, B.A., Point St. Charles. On Monday the anniversary tea meeting was held in the basement of the church, after which a public meeting was held in the auditorium of the church when addresses were given by members of the Quebec Presbytery, the resident ministers and others.

THE W. F. M. S. of St. Andrew's church, Sunderland, held their thank-offering service on Monday evening the 12th inst., when a good programme, consisting of music, singing, speeches, dialogues, etc., was rendered. The speakers were Rev. J. W. Stewart (Methodist) Rev. E. J. Etherington (Church of England) and the pastor, Rev. Geo. MacKay. The collection amounted to \$32, which is much larger than at the last thank-offering service. There was a good attendance and great interest shown by the members of the congregation.

THE W.F.M.S. of Knox church, Galt, held their annual thank-offering services in the church on Wednesday afternoon last week, and notwithstanding the rough day there was a good attendance. Mrs. McQuesten, of Hamilton, gave a very able address on "Our duties and privileges as fellow workers with Christ." Mrs. W. W. Wilkinson sang an appropriate solo, and Misses Grove and McGregor sang a duet. Miss Cant and Miss Dixon read the Scripture selections. At the close of the service tea was served. The thank-offering amounted to \$52 with more promised yet to come in.

REV. PAUL F. LANGILL, B.A., who has done good, faithful, acceptable service as missionary at Vernon, B.C., for about five years, has gone east for a change. Mr. Langill has held the office of convener of H. M. Com. since the foundation of Kamloops Presbytery and has spared no pains in the discharge of his duties. It is rumored that he intends settling somewhere in Ontario. Should he do this, Kamloops Presbytery will lose one of its most earnest devoted members. Success to the brother wherever he may be.—COM.

THE congregation of St. Andrew's church, Orangeville, held its annual harvest home on Tuesday evening, November 13th. The occasion was in every respect a success. Its most interesting feature, however, was an address by Rev. W. A. Hunter, of Erskine church, Toronto, on "Bible Study." Mr. Hunter was formerly pastor of St. Andrew's, and his success was such as to insure a large congregation whenever his name is announced. On this occasion he was met by a specially large congregation, and his address was of such character as to enlarge the place which he had already occupied in the heart and mind of the people.

THE Connecticut Valley Advertiser gives a long account of the centenary services of the building of the first church in East Haddam. From many circumstances connected with the place and congregation more than ordinary interest was attached to the celebration, the report of which makes valuable reading. The locality was settled by English Puritans from Haddam in Herefordshire, and the prevailing names are still those of that English county. The historical address, an admirable effort, was given by Rev. H. M. Parsons, D.D., of Knox church, Toronto, whose grand-uncle, Rev. Elijah Parsons, and father, Rev. Isaac Parsons, were for long periods ministers of the congregation. To the latter the congregation owed among other blessings a "Manual of Faith and Practice," compiled in the year 1843. Rev. Salmon McCall, a subsequent pastor, wrote of this book in terms worthy of reproduction. "Here," he wrote, "is not only a form of sound words, but one venerable for age, and invested with many hallowed associations. Goodly is the company of those, who in three generations and more have publicly and

solemnly assented to it. And here let me call your attention to the very valuable service which the late Mr. Parsons performed for this church in preparing the manual to which I have referred. . . . And I wish it might be the practice on the part of all the members to read over the articles of faith, the covenant, and the added exhortations and meditations before each communion. . . ."

ON Tuesday, November 6th, the Barrie Presbytery met in Esson church, Oro, and, after satisfactory ordination trials, on the part of Rev. A. F. Webster, proceeded to induct him into the pastoral charge of Esson and Willis churches. The Rev. J. Burton, B.D., preached on the occasion, the Rev. Dr. Gray acted as moderator, the Rev. Neil Campbell, B.A., addressed the minister, and Dr. R. N. Grant, the people on their respective duties. Mr. Webster was conducted to the western door of the church by Dr. Grant, and cordially welcomed by his people as they retired. Mr. Webster enters upon his duties with excellent prospects of work and success. His parish is about 16 miles long, and 7 wide, and contains as fine and hopeful elements as are to be found in any rural congregation.

THE Presbytery of Whitby met in P. Ler- ing for the induction of the Rev. Alex. McAuley, B.A., late of Woodville, Presbytery of Lindsay. There was a large congregation present. The moderator of Presbytery, Rev. J. Chisholm, B.A., presided. Rev. R. B. Smith preached an appropriate sermon; Rev. S. H. Eastman, B.A., addressed the newly inducted pastor, and Rev. John Abraham the people. After the induction service the ladies gave a social reception to the pastor and congregation in the lecture room of the church. Mr. McAuley begins his work in Pickering and Bringham under very favourable auspices. The ladies in the W.F.M.S. will be glad to know that Mrs. McAuley has been actively connected with this work, being president of the Lindsay Presbyterian Society.

JUBILEE services were held in Knox church, Ottawa, on Sabbath, 11th inst., when Rev. Dr. Wardrope, of Guelph, the first pastor, preached an eloquent sermon, in which he gave some very interesting reminiscences of his connection with it. The Free Press says: "The morning service was of a pleasant and joyous character, the singing being especially good. The sermon was delivered by the Rev. Dr. Wardrope, first pastor of the church. The venerable divine bears his weight of years well and preached an eloquent sermon. His delivery was of an easy character, and, with the exception that the voice is naturally a little weaker, he preaches with all his old time vigor and earnestness. He was listened to with rapt attention." The Rev. Dr. McLaren, the second pastor of the church, preached an eloquent sermon in the evening. There was a debt of \$15,000 on the church, and the munificent contributions previously made and the collections throughout the day completely wiped out the debt. Rev. Mr. Ballantyne, formerly of London, and son of Hon. Thos. Ballantyne, is now the popular pastor of this church.

AT a meeting of the Barrie Ministerial Association, the following resolution regarding the late Rev. Wm. McKee was recorded: "The Barrie and Allandale Ministerial Association desire to place on record their sense of the loss sustained by them in the removal by death of their esteemed friend and brother, the Rev. Wm. McKee, B.A. Mr. McKee, during the time of his residence in Barrie, took an active part in every movement for the improvement of the material and moral condition of the people. He was a faithful member of this Association, and contributed greatly to its interest and success by his regularity in attendance, his genial spirit and his valuable contributions to the subjects considered by it from time to time. Mr. McKee was a man of superior ability, and laboured for a number of years in the Gospel ministry, and we feel his loss to the Association and to the community to be a serious one. We take this our first opportunity of expressing our sincere sympathy with Mrs. McKee in her bereavement, and earnestly commend her for consolation to the love and grace of Our Father in Heaven."