

Ministers and Churches.

Ottawa.

Rev. J. W. H. Milne and Rev. J. H. Turnbull exchanged pulpits last Sunday morning.

Rev. A. E. Mitchell, B. A., of Erskine church, is announced to preach the anniversary sermon for the I. O. O. F., in this city next Sunday morning.

Rev. Robert Herbison, for the past six years pastor of Stewarston Church, will close his pastorate next Sunday, when he will say farewell to the congregation. The Ladies' Aid society will tender him a social farewell on Monday evening.

Rev. J. W. H. Milne, of the Glebe church, will officiate at the Sunday morning services on the occasion of the Bethany church anniversary on May 8th and 9th. In the evening Rev. J. H. Turnbull will preach. The second day will be observed by a social in the church.

The members of the Ladies' Aid Society and the auxiliary to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, of Stewarston church, gave a very pleasant "at home" last week in honor of Miss McLean, who is leaving with her father for Japan. She was presented with an address and a fountain pen encased in filigree of silver, as a slight recognition of her services in the work of the church. Miss Mina Stewart read the address, the presentation being made by Mrs. Robb.

The Young People's Missionary society of St. Andrew's church entertained the young people of the congregation at a bright little at home in the church parlors last Thursday evening. The affair was rather informal and was much enjoyed by a large number who were present. The programme presented, consisted of a vocal solo by Miss Wylie; recitations of selections from "The Habitant." Mr. Henry: violin solo, Master Howard Ross: piano solo, Master Allan Ross: vocal solo, Miss Collins, and several quartettes by Messrs Barbour, Seymour, Allan and Greene. Refreshments were served at the conclusion of the programme.

Church union received the hearty and unanimous approval of the ministers of the Congregational, Presbyterian and Methodist churches in and around Ottawa, at a meeting in the Y. M. C. A. Saturday evening. Rev. J. W. H. Milne, of the Glebe church, presided, and as a result of the vote, the resolution embodying the sentiments of the meeting will be sent to the central committee in Toronto. Further a large meeting of the prominent and representative men of the three churches concerned will be held in the near future, the meeting to take the form of a grand dinner. All arrangements for the affair are in the hands of the following committee: Rev. J. W. H. Milne, Rev. H. I. Horsey and Rev. E. Thomas.

On Thursday evening of last week Rev. William McIntosh, pastor of First Congregational church, gave an address on church union before the Men's association of McLeod street Methodist church. The meeting was more largely attended than any other meeting yet held under the auspices of the association. This is most satisfactory, showing as it does that the subject of church union is a live subject in Ottawa. Mr. McIntosh, dwelt on the advantages, financial and spiritual, to be derived from church union. Union means strength, and it would also mean great internal economy. At the present time the church needs 3,000 men to do her work in the great Northwest, but there are so many denominations in Eastern Canada that the men are all needed here; but if church union were accomplished, the work here could be done by far fewer men, and good men could then be sent to the west. The difference in the doctrines of the church are gradually being overcome. He thought that church union would be brought about after the next general conference of the Methodist church, which takes place three years from now. A cordial vote of thanks was tendered Mr. McIntosh for his instructive address.

In the Sunday school hall of Knox church last Thursday evening, Rev. D. M. Ramsay, D. D., and Mrs. Ramsay were tendered a reception by the Ladies' Aid of the church, the occasion being the celebration of the conferring upon the pastor of the degree of Doctor of Divinity. The hall was crowded to the doors. All the Presbyterian ministers in the city were present, as were also a number of reverend gentlemen of other denominations. Mr. George Hay occupied

the chair. The feature of the evening was the presentation of the Doctor of Divinity hood to Dr. Ramsay, and of a beautiful bouquet of flowers to Mrs. Ramsay. After the opening hymn, The Coronation, Rev. J. W. H. Milne, of the Glebe Presbyterian church, led the gathering in prayer. The chairman, Mr. George Hay, then made a few remarks, congratulating Dr. Ramsay on attaining the distinguished honor of the degree of D. D. He then called upon Mrs. Northrop, who read the address and presented the pastor with a hood of beautiful workmanship. Miss Stalker presented the bouquet to Mrs. Ramsay. The presentation was made amidst great applause, and Dr. Ramsay was enthusiastically received when he rose to reply. In his speech, which was exceedingly happy and appropriate, Dr. Ramsay thanked the Ladies' Aid society and the members of the congregation at large for the kindly interest which they had always shown in Mrs. Ramsay and himself. He paid a high tribute to his wife saying that she was, to a large degree, responsible for any success which had come to him in life. An interesting feature of the ceremony of the conferring of the degree was the fact that it had been given by three old college chums. He hoped it would be a tie which would unite him closer to his congregation. Speeches of a congratulatory nature were delivered by Rev. Dr. Herridge, Rev. Dr. Armstrong, and Mr. R. J. Farrell, secretary of the Y. M. C. A. Rev. Dr. Herridge referred to the fact that Mrs. Ramsay was known to be a scholar of a high order, and said that he knew she had been able to assist her husband greatly in his many arduous duties.

In St. Andrew's church on Sunday evening, Rev. Dr. Herridge preached an inspiring sermon on "The Young Men of Canada." "Men that have an understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do," from First Chronicles, 12, 32, was chosen as the text. The assets of a nation, the preacher said, are the ideals of great men, past and present, not the mineral resources or other material wealth of the country. The mind is greater than matter, and a few good men are worth hordes of ignorant barbarians. "Canada for Canadians" as a national motto ought to be more than a mere selfish watchword, and it would be better for the country if the rising generation learned to read it "Canadians for Canada." Youth, enterprise and moral fervor are the future of the Dominion. The rigor of our Canadian climate evolves better men, physically and mentally, than is possible for the milder climates of the southern countries. One English poet has called Canada the "Lady of the Snows." It may not be pleasant for us to admit the truth of the description, though we know it to be true, and ought to be proud that it is. The great wealth of the country is now being discovered, and other nations are beginning to learn that ours is a great land. We should keep on the path that leads to development. We have no right to be ashamed of Canada or her prospects. Canada is just realizing her ideals, but we should remember that she can never get above her ideals. It lies with the young men of the country to make the ideals of their native land high and noble. There is no special rule of life; you can serve God as a lawyer, merchant, teacher or even as a politician. A man can be a Christian gentleman in any occupation. Occupation does to some extent affect character, but this character to a greater extent affects the occupation. The essential part is that there should be conscientious manhood behind all work. A youth in looking for an occupation should make his selection with care, taking into account his personal aptitude for the work and weighing carefully all other circumstances that would be likely to affect his efficiency. It means a great deal to the future of Canada if our young men refuse to believe in the mere utilitarian aspect of life.

Toronto.

The congregation of Knox church have adopted a resolution to be presented to the Presbytery, favoring the erection of a new church, and recommending that it be in the vicinity of Knox college. A portion of the proceeds of the sale of the old church would be used to erect a downtown collegiate charge. Rev. W. C. Winchester, who presided, stated that the constant agitation for a new church had seriously interfered with the work of the congregation, and a change to a more residential district was necessary.

The Knox College Summer School which proved such a gratifying and encouraging success last summer, will be held this year in

Knox College, from July 4 to 14. Among those to take part in the programme are: Prof. Tracy of Toronto University, Prof. McFadyen of Knox College, Prof. Kelly of Montreal, Rev. John McNichol of the Bible Training School, and Miss Adair, who did such excellent work last summer.

St. Giles' congregation has been cited to appear in their interests in connection with the call to their pastor, Rev. R. Atkinson, from Geneva Church, Chesley. The call is signed by 373 members and 174 adherents. The Presbytery of Toronto will consider the call at a special meeting, which will be held in Knox Church during the session of the Synod, about the middle of May.

Montreal.

Dr. Robert Johnston and J. C. Holden, of the American Presbyterian church in this city, will be commissioners to the American General Assembly which meets at Buffalo, N. Y. on May 19th.

Mr. George Wilson, who has been choirmaster and organist at Taylor church, has been presented with a handsome pair of gold sleeve links in slight appreciation of his valuable and faithful services.

Rev. John Scrimger, D. D., professor of Old and New Testament Exegesis at the Montreal Presbyterian college, was nominated to fill the vacant principalship at a meeting of the board of governors. The committee that went to Scotland in search of a likely candidate reported in favor of Dr. Scrimger. The nomination will come up before the General Assembly for ratification.

The sudden death on Sunday evening of Rev. Colin Duguid, pastor of Maisonneuve Church, under specially sad circumstance, was a painful surprise to relatives and friends. Mr. Duguid had conducted the morning service as usual and had made arrangements for several meetings during the week. A few minutes before the hour for evening worship the inmates of the house in which he boarded heard a pistol report, and on entering the minister's study found him still living with a revolver lying near. He expired on the way to the hospital. He had been advised by his physician to take a thorough rest, as he was in poor health; but the procuring cause of his sad ending is supposed to be revealed in a note left for a young lady in which he says: "Since receiving your letter I have nothing more to live for." Deceased was greatly esteemed throughout the circle of his acquaintance and was a great favourite with the congregation.

Eastern Ontario.

Rev. Orr Bennet, of St. Andrew's, Almonte, and Rev. Mr. Desson, of the Baptist church, exchanged pulpits on Sunday evening.

Rev. John Chisholm, of Kemptville, exchanged with Rev. J. E. Harty last Sunday evening. Both congregations heard good discourses and were pleased with the change.

Messrs. A. Johnson, Pembroke; Jas. Guthrie, Eganville; Dr. Brown, Clayton; and A. F. Campbell, White Lake; are the elders elected to General Assembly by Lanark and Renfrew Presbytery.

Rev. Dr. Bayne and Miss Bayne entertained the pastor's Bible Class in the Manse, Pembroke, on Thursday evening last. About seventy members of the class were present and a pleasant and profitable evening was enjoyed by all.

Several improvements have been made in Russell church. The seats for the choir have been placed behind the pulpit, a new platform has been erected, and the preachers desk has been moved forward, thus bringing him nearer the centre of the church, and making it much easier for him to address the congregation. The church is also to be newly carpeted.

At a meeting of the Presbytery of Brockville held on April 11, the call from First Church, Brockville to Rev. Norman Macleod, of MacKay church, Ottawa was sustained and provisional arrangements made for his induction. Messrs. D. Strachan, Jno. M. Gill, James Tennant, N. A. Lewis, and Sheriff Dana will represent the Session and Congregation before the Presbytery of Ottawa which is appointed to convene on the third of May next.

The death of Mr. Kenneth McGillivray, of Moose Creek, was announced last week. The deceased, who was one of the most highly esteemed residents of the county, had reached the great age of 101 years. He was born in Glenelg, Invernesshire, Scotland, and emigrated