

WESTERN ONTARIO.

The Hamilton Presbytery has decided to nominate Rev. Dr. Lyle, of that city, for election as moderator of the General Assembly.

Rev. Walter Moffat, of Chalmers' church, London, has been confined to the house for a couple of weeks as the result of an accident, but he is now recovering.

Rev. D. Anderson, pastor of Knox church, Burlington, received word from Warton last week that he had been unanimously called to St. Paul's Presbyterian church in that place.

Special evangelistic services are to be held in the Muir church from the 19th to the 30th of November, on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday evenings. A number of ministers within the Presbytery will assist at these services.

Rev. J. D. Morrow, of Hespler, and Rev. J. B. Mullen, of Fergus, exchanged pulpits a week ago last Sabbath. On Monday evening Mr. Mullen gave an address on "An Evening With the Old Flag," which was thoroughly enjoyed by the large audience.

The ladies of Woodbridge church lately presented the Rev. Mr. Fenwick and Miss Clark, his relative, who is his housekeeper, each with two very nice quilts. Truly spoke the Scotchman when he said, "Eh, but it's a rare grand thing to be weel liket be the lasses!"

It was arranged after the funeral of the late Rev. J. M. Aull, that Rev. G. Reid should conduct services in Palmerston church last Sunday; Rev. R. McCullough next Sunday; and Rev. W. G. Hanna, who was appointed moderator of session, should declare the pulpit vacant on the third Sabbath.

Rev. Dr. Watson, who for forty-five years has been a missionary in Egypt, representing the United Presbyterian church of America, occupied the pulpit in the United Presbyterian church, Galt, on the 11th instant, and his address on the condition of the four millions of inhabitants of the Valley of the Nile was heard with uncommon interest.

The congregation of King street church, London, recently made a handsome presentation to Miss Maggie Mowat, for the past three years soloist of the choir, on the eve of her departure to spend a year in Winnipeg. Rev. James Rollins made the presentation on behalf of his people.

The anniversary services of the First Presbyterian church, Westminster, were held Sunday. Rev. Dr. McCrae preached in the morning and Rev. Thomas H. Mitchell, B.D., of new St. James' church, London, in the evening. At the social gathering on Monday evening Rev. James Rollins, B.A., of King St. Presbyterian church, lectured on "A Prince of the Sea."

The ordination and induction of Rev. Isaac H. Woods, B.A., to the pastorate of Knox church, Tavistock, will take place on Tuesday, Nov. 27th, at 2.30 p.m. The sermon will be preached by Rev. Mr. Thompson, of St. Andrew's church, Stratford. Rev. H. Kippen of Harrington will address the minister and Rev. Mr. McLaren, of Shakespeare, will address the congregation. In the evening an old time tea meeting will be held and a first class programme is being prepared.

The closing sederunt of the Manitoba Presbyterian Synod, was marked by the acceptance of an overture from Winnipeg Presbytery of unusual moment. It calls for the formation of a society similar to the deaconesses of the Methodist Church to engage in dispensing charity, nursing and the performance of similar duties. The Synod heartily endorsed the project and will transmit it to the General Assembly for action. The committee was also continued to devise ways and means of enlisting more desirable candidates for the ministry and missionary work.

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Rev. Robert Eadie, of the Hintonburgh church, preached last Sunday in St. Paul's church, Kemptville.

The annual meeting of the Ladies' Aid of the Mill street church, Port Hope, was held last week. There was a large attendance. The reports for the past year were read. During the year the society has gained in numbers and strength financially, and the coming year promises to be better than ever before. Two hundred dollars were raised and a balance carried forward. The work connected with fitting up the new church which is to be built this fall or early in the spring, will be undertaken.

A union service was held in the Presbyterian church, Maxville, on Sunday, November 11th. Mr. McLennan, who has been conducting a series of meetings during the last few weeks, was in charge of the meeting, being assisted by Revs. R. McKav, J. Pirie and J. T. Daley. The outlook is indeed bright as already quite a number have decided to accept Christ as their Saviour. During the previous week Rev. Mr. Curry, of Montreal spent a couple of days assisting Mr. McLennan in his work.

There were no services in the Methodist and Baptist churches in Vank-leek Hill on Wednesday evening, Nov. 7th, but instead the two congregations met in the basement of the Presbyterian church to join with their congregation in a union service. The pastor, Rev. T. G. Thompson, presided over the meeting, and Rev. Lewis Conlev, Mr. W. E. McKilloan and Mr. Alex. McInnes took part in the opening devotional exercises. The event of the evening was an able and admirable address from Rev. W. J. Pady, pastor of the Baptist church, who gave a very interesting report of the Ontario Sunday School Association recently held in the city of Kingston. The services throughout were much appreciated and enjoyed by the large audience present.

The Boys' Progress Guild of St. Paul's church, Bowmanville, held a very successful social evening in the school room on Nov. 7th. Douglas McDonald presiding. The boys of the Guild to the number of twenty-one sang two choruses: The Land of the Maple, and Old Folks at Home. Hardy Nichols gave a piano solo. Mr. A. E. McLaughlin gave two numbers on the violin. Miss Armour's readings, and vocal solos by Miss Emery and Miss Bertha Tamblin, and a piano solo by Miss Freeland were much enjoyed and enthusiastically encored. Rev. Hugh Munroe, B.A. pastor, spoke briefly on the work of the Guild. After the programme Clarence Sharpe moved and Alex. Jones seconded a vote of thanks to all who had assisted in the entertainment. A social hour was then spent, the ladies of the church serving refreshments in great variety and ample abundance.

Newtonville Presbyterians celebrated their 50th anniversary on Nov. 11th and 12th, and were greeted by large crowds both days. On Monday evening a fowl supper was served, after which an entertainment was given and many were unable to gain admission. The programme consisted of songs, recitations and addresses. As a rule the addresses are looked upon by many as the dry part of the programme but such was not the case on Monday evening. The addresses were brief and bright and thoroughly enjoyed. The Rev. R. B. Nelles, pastor of the Mill Street Presbyterian Church, Port Hope, was present, and by the way, this reverend gentleman is very popular in Newtonville. The large crowd were all anxious to hear his address and when he was called upon, he certainly upheld his reputation of being a clever and interesting speaker. A large sum was realized and the services were the most successful in the history of the church.

HAMILTON.

Word has been received that Rev. Dr. Torrey cannot come to Hamilton next January. The drill hall could not be secured, and he wrote that he did not care to preach in the churches.

The induction of Rev. S. B. Nelson, D.D., of Rochester, as pastor of Knox church, was held last week and a large congregation was present to witness the important ceremony. Rev. Dr. Fletcher was the moderator. The sermon was preached by Rev. W. H. Sedgewick. Rev. Mr. Anderson, Burlington, gave the charge to the minister, and Rev. John Muir, Grimsby, addressed the congregation.

The call to Rev. Dr. Marsh, of Hamilton, from the congregation of Springfield and Bethany, was considered at a special meeting of the Presbytery of Peterboro'. It was unanimously sustained, and arrangements were made to have the induction take place on Thursday evening, Nov. 22nd. Rev. Dr. Marsh has decided to accept the call, and Hamilton will soon lose a citizen whose work in the interest of science has made his name prominent all over Canada. Dr. Marsh, while a deep student of science, and an ardent lover of astronomy, in which he is one of Canada's foremost authorities, is an earnest Christian and a progressive citizen. He will be missed in Hamilton, not only in astronomical circles and as president of the Hamilton Astronomical Society, but in all the Protestant churches, for he was ever ready to assist in any church work.

At the meeting of the Presbytery last week, Sir Thomas Taylor read an overture recommending that the striking committee appointed to confer with the they now are, so that a better class of men can be secured than is possible under the present arrangement. The overture will be forwarded to the General Assembly. A call to Rev. D. B. Macdonald, late of Scarborough, to Haines Avenue Church, St. Catharines, and Port Robinson, was sustained. The stipend will be \$1000. A call from Locke Street and Barton congregation to Rev. Thomas McLaughlin, of Bolton, was presented by Rev. D. R. Drummond. These congregations will unite and pay a stipend of \$776. The call was sustained. The Presbytery will ask for a grant of \$300 from the augmentation fund to increase the stipend to \$1000. The Presbytery gave its permission to the congregation of Locke street church to use some of the money subscribed for building a new church to put the old building in good repair. Rev. John Young read the report of the committee appointed to confer with the congregations of Crowland and Port Colborne with a view to uniting them. Crowland is at present supplied by Welland and the work there has become too heavy for the minister. It was decided that Rev. Mr. Currie of Port Colborne should take charge of Crowland after January, and that his stipend should be increased from \$700 to \$1000. Crowland will give \$225, and \$100 will be given from the augmentation fund. Ancaster and Alberton will be left in charge of Rev. Mr. Gray of Dundas to supply them, and the mission of Blackheath and East Seneca will be in charge of Rev. Dr. Wallace. Rev. D. A. McKerscher accepted a call to Lyndoch, and will be inducted and ordained on November 20. The treasurer's report showed that the commissioners' fund to the General Assembly had a balance of \$281.87, and the Synod and Presbytery fund a deficit of \$149.23. That amount will be borrowed from the commissioners' fund.

Rev. Mr. Shearer, of Drumbo, occupied the pulpit of the Embury church on Sunday, November 11th, and his sermons were very much enjoyed and appreciated. He read a communication from the Paris Presbytery declaring the pulpit vacant.