

WESTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. Dr. McCrae, of Westminster, will conduct thanksgiving services in the Essex church on Sunday Dec. 3rd.

Rev. Dr. Hutt, of Ingersoll, exchanged pulpits with Rev. Dr. Smith, of St. Catharines, last Sunday.

On the 30th inst., Rev. Donald Tait, M.A., late of Quebec, conducted services in Knox church, Galt.

Mr. Cunningham, of Knox College, Toronto, occupied the pulpit of the Presbyterian church of Shakespeare last Sunday week.

Rev. H. A. Macpherson, of Chalmers' church, Toronto, spent a day in Acton last week and received the cordial greeting of many former parishioners and friends.

Rev. J. G. Stuart, of Knox church, South London, and Rev. E. H. Savers, of Brucefield, last Sunday exchanged pulpits.

On leaving Sydenham for Pickering, Rev. F. C. Harper, B.D., was presented with a kindly worded address and a handsome gold watch.

Rev. J. J. Wright, B.A., lately of the Yukon, is doing excellent work for the Endowment scheme of Queen's University in Sarnia Presbytery.

At the recent communion in Knox church, Acton (Rev. J. C. Wilson, B.A., pastor) twelve new members were added to the roll.

Rev. J. M. Aull, of Palmerston, is moderator of the Drayton session during the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Tate.

Knox church, Galt, at a large congregational meeting last week, decided on securing an assistant for Rev. R. E. Knowles.

Lucknow Presbyterians recently placed \$2,000 on the collection plates, as a thank-offering towards reduction of the church debt.

At the County of Waterloo S. S. convention, Rev. Dr. Dickson, of Central church, Galt, was elected president; and Rev. S. O. Nixon, of Ayr, on the executive committee.

Rev. A. J. MacGillivray, pastor of St. James' church, London, says he will seriously consider the matter of a call from the congregation of St. John's church, Vancouver, B.C. The matter is to some before the Presbytery December 5th.

Rev. Mr. Young, of Clifford, preached in the Presbyterian church, Drayton, and announced to the congregation that their pastor, Rev. C. Tate, had received a call to a church in the West. This call has since been accepted by Mr. Tate.

The resignation of Rev. Dr. Eakin, of the pastorate of St. Andrew's Guelph, has been accepted, and the Presbytery of Guelph appointed Rev. Dr. Donald Strachan, of Guelph, moderator of session during the vacancy.

Rev. J. D. Edgar has been appointed to the charge of St. Andrew's Church, Hawkesville, for the ensuing six months.

The next meeting of Guelph Presbytery will be held in St. Andrew's Church, Guelph on 16th January next, at 10 a.m.

Interesting anniversary services were conducted at Horning's Mills and Primrose on a recent Sabbath by Rev. J. A. McConnell, of Creemore, who has just returned from an extended visit to the Pacific Coast, British Columbia and the New Provinces of the great west.

Rev. Dr. Ross, pastor of St. Andrew's church, London, delivered an address at the Baconian Club on "The Art of Public Speaking." The address was very greatly enjoyed and the speaker was tendered a hearty vote of thanks.

Rev. R. E. Knowles, of Galt, has been lecturing to the King street congregation, London, and incidentally telling his large audience how he came to write "St. Cuthbert's." He also explained many of the characters in the work, which was written to expound the doctrine that redemption is free to all.

The Rev. James Abrey, of London, conducted the services at Mull in the Chatham Presbytery on Sabbath November 12th to the evident profit and satisfaction of the congregation. Mr. Abrey is at present without a charge; churches with vacant pulpits would do well to "hear" Mr. Abrey, who is an interesting and profitable preacher—and a graduate of Queens.

The induction of Rev. Hugh Cowan as pastor of St. Paul's church, Kent Centre, Harwich, took place on the 22nd inst. Rev. Mr. McQuarrie, of Valetta, presided; Rev. Mr. Hare, of Botany, preached the sermon; Rev. Dr. Battisly, of Chatham, addressed the minister and Rev. Mr. Munro, of the people. The newly inducted minister has received a very hearty welcome, and enters on his work most hopefully.

Saugeen Presbytery held a pro re nata meeting in Palmerston on Monday, 20th inst. The transfer of the Rev. Crawford Tate from Moorefield to Okotoks, Alberta, was agreed to. On motion of Rev. W. G. Hanna, Mount Forest, and Rev. T. D. McCullough, Harriston, the sympathy of the Presbytery was extended to Mrs. Morrison, of Cedarville, in her trying affliction at the present time through the critical illness of her husband, the Rev. John Morrison.

A meeting of the congregation of St. Andrew's church, Sarnia, was held to take steps towards calling a pastor. The following gentlemen were appointed a committee on pulpit supply:—Messrs. W. A. Smart, Thos. Symington, T. F. Towers, J. Ross Geddes, R. Bruce, M. B. Proctor, M. Mackenzie, D. Millar, W. R. Genuilli, Wm. Karr, W. R. Paul and Jas. Watson. It was decided to erect a tablet to the memory of the late pastor, similar to the one placed in the church to the memory of the late Rev. Dr. Thompson, and a committee was appointed to complete arrangements.

BARRIE PRESBYTERIAL W.F.M.S.

The nineteenth annual meeting of this Presbyterial was held in Barrie, the president, Mrs. R. N. Grant of Orillia, being in the chair. After the singing of a hymn Mrs. Allison of Stayner, conducted a very helpful Bible reading in which she pointed out that God searches the heart and that it is not so much the manner as the character of the women that He notices as well as the spirit in which their work is performed. Mrs. Allison also led the meeting in prayer.

The president followed with her annual address. After reviewing the work of the past year Mrs. Grant urged the societies to devote more time at their meetings to the earnest and prayerful study of the Word.

Reports from the different mission bands and auxiliaries in the Presbytery were presented, showing in most cases an increase in membership and in the amount of money contributed. The good work done by some of the small and outlying bands is worthy of special mention.

Mrs. Craw, late of Vernon, B.C., read a most excellent paper on "The Why and How of Foreign Mission Work." We cannot evade our personal responsibility in sending the Gospel to all the nations of the world. God is not respecter of persons and Christ died for the heathen as well as for us. Calvary has laid on us the burden of spreading the good news.

On Wednesday afternoon there was a very large attendance. Mrs. Dow of Gravenhurst gave a Scripture reading showing by references to different passages that the requisites to success in our work are conviction, obedience and enthusiasm. Mrs. Koffend of Orillia spoke on "Woman's Opportunity and Obligation." There never was a time when so many opportunities were open to women because the facilities for travel are better now than ever before and countries which have hitherto been closed to foreigners are now ready and waiting for the Gospel. Our obligations are because of the need. There

are 500,000,000 heathen women in the world today and no race can rise higher than its women.

Mrs. Griffith, who, with her husband, is home on furlough from Honan, China, was then introduced and gave a bright and practical address descriptive of their life and methods of work in China. A great deal of good is being done by those engaged in the work of the new hospital for women. This hospital is large and airy, with hardwood floors and a furnace moulded by the natives on the compound after a pattern from Canada. Many come to it now for treatment who formerly looked upon it and the doctors with suspicion. The dispensary is open every day and sometimes an opportunity presents itself for telling the people about Christ while they are waiting to be treated. Those in charge of this work feel, however, that from an evangelistic standpoint, not very much is accomplished in this way. Still they can only obey the command, "In the morning sow thy seed and in the evening withhold not thine hand." To those who have to remain in the hospital for a long period of time great and lasting spiritual good is imparted and many have left it taking with them the glad tidings to the other members of their families.

The "Children's Hour" was ably conducted by Mrs. Stevenson and the girls of the Juvenile Mission Band contributed largely to the pleasure of the afternoon. A discussion on Mission Band Work was led by Miss Moir and Mrs. Hay.

In the evening a public meeting was held at which Dr. McLeod presided and Rev. John Griffith gave an address on the work in Honan, China. Mr. Griffith described the people and the difficulties encountered by missionaries among them.

Thursday morning's session was opened by Mrs. Garrett of Bradford, who gave a Bible reading, followed by prayer.

The Presbyterial reports were read by Miss McConkey and Mrs. Stevenson of Barrie, Mrs. J. Playfair of Midland, Mrs. Alex. McNab of Orillia, and Miss R. Thompson of Bradford. Mrs. Playfair was given a standing vote of thanks for her services in the shipping of the Northwest supplies. Mrs. Campbell of Oro offered the dedicatory prayer and Mrs. J. J. Elliott, Midland, conducted the question drawer very satisfactorily.

In the afternoon Mrs. Cranston of Collingwood gave a helpful Scripture reading, and then Mrs. N. B. Johnston read an excellent paper on "Prayer." The busier the Saviour was when on earth the more time he took for prayer. Much can be accomplished by prayer. The rod in Moses' hand was a small thing, but what wonders the Lord caused to be wrought by it. The influence of a few minutes spent in prayer in the morning goes with one throughout the day. The conversion of the great Hudson Taylor is a good illustration of the power of prayer.

Mrs. Watt addressed a few closing words to the meeting which were most appropriate. She reminded us that we must take Christ with us into our work and that we cannot do without Him.

Mrs. Copeland of Collingwood closed the meeting with prayer for deeper consecration in our work.

The Presbyterian Society meets in Stayner next year. The officers for the coming year are: Honorary president, Mrs. Cameron, Allendale; president, Mrs. R. N. Grant, Orillia; 1st vice-president, Mrs. S. Pearsall, Oro; 2nd vice-president, Mrs. Copeland, Collingwood; 3rd vice-president, Mrs. J. J. Elliott, Midland; 4th vice-president, Mrs. A. McD. Haig, Jarratt's Corners; 5th vice-president, Mrs. Garrett, Bradford; treasurer, Miss B. Thompson, Bradford; recording secretary, Mrs. E. L. Brereton, Barrie; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Alex. McNab, Orillia; Mission Band secretary, Mrs. Stevenson, Barrie; tidings secretary, Miss McConkey, Barrie; secretary of supplies, Mrs. Playfair, Midland.