

Special services, having for their object the deepening of the spiritual life, are now being held in Chalmers' Church, in this city. The pastor, Rev. G. C. Heine, B.A., has the meetings in charge.

On Friday, the 2nd of December, Rev. George D. Ireland, a graduate of Montreal College, and native of P.E.I., was inducted into the charge of St. Paul's Church, Woodstock, a congregation which shows its appreciation of its privileges in the generous treatment of its ministers and liberal support of ordinances.

Anniversary services were held in Taylor Church last Sunday, conducted in the morning by Principal Shaw, of the Methodist College, and in the evening by Prof. Ross, of the Presbyterian College. The sermons preached were suitable to the occasion; the attendance was good, and the collections, devoted to the reduction of the church debt, aggregated \$900.

At the last meeting of the Natural History Society the Rev. Robert Campbell, D.D., read an interesting paper upon "Golden Rods and Aspers," with special reference to those specimens which are found in the vicinity of Montreal. The paper was illustrated by the display of a large number of local specimens of the above-mentioned flowers, which the audience closely examined. Each of these was described by Dr. Campbell, who stated its name, characteristics and where it was found.

The very interesting gathering of the S.S. Superintendents and teachers, as well as of office bearers of the city schools, convened by Mr. David Morrice, and held in the parlors of Crescent street Church, has had an inspiring effect. The guests were received by Mr. Morrice, president, and Mr. Thomson, of Chalmers' Church, vice-president. Mr. Morrice in his usual manner spared no expense in having his room handsomely decorated with many of his most costly paintings and works of art. Short addresses on the best methods of carrying on Sabbath School work, and how to retain the older scholars, were delivered by Rev. Dr. Amerson, Rev. J. L. Lindsay, and Messrs. Burnie, S. S. Bain, C. W. Davis, A. C. Hutchinson and others; after which refreshments were served and a pleasant social hour was spent by those present.

EASTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. E. S. Logie, of Pakenham, has been preaching with acceptance in St. Andrew's Church, Smith's Falls.

Rev. Wm. Johnstone, of Milbrook, preached the preparatory services in the Presbyterian church, Springhill, very acceptably on Friday, 2nd inst.

St. Andrew's Church congregation, Williams-town, purpose holding a social on Monday evening, December 20th. The young people are preparing for an enjoyable night.

Rev. J. Walter Bennett occupied the pulpit in St. Andrew's Church, Almonte, on a recent Sunday, and preached two excellent sermons. The pastor, Rev. R. I. Hutcheon, was absent at Kingston, delivering a lecture in connection with Queen's University.

The Rev. Daniel Strachan, B.A., of Brockville, has been earning distinction as a lecturer. A few evenings ago he spoke to a large audience in the town hall, Perth, (Rev. D. Currie in the chair), on his experience among the negro population of the Southern States.

The concert given in Peterboro' by the choir of St. Paul's church, on the evening of the 8th inst., was a decided success, both as to solid musical merit and popular enjoyment. The program was contributed to by Miss Ina Fenwick and Mr. Harold Jarvis.

At the Thanksgiving night entertainment in St. John's Church, Rev. A. E. Mitchell, of Almonte, expressed his fear that his people no longer loved each other, as he had not married any of them for a week, but now it is announced that the young people evidently mean to make up for this, as no fewer than five weddings are announced to take place shortly.

An "Acquaintance Social" was recently held in St. Andrew's Church, Smith's Falls, under the auspices of the Young People's Society, for the purpose of making the many new members who have lately joined the church acquainted, and a pleasing programme was rendered. The serving of refreshments terminated a profitable gathering.

WESTERN ONTARIO.

The recent anniversary sermons of Allandale Presbyterian Church were preached by Rev. D. McLeod. The special offering in the morning amounted to \$119.00.

Rev. Dr. Wm. Chestnut, brother of Rev. J. Chestnut of Carleton, will visit the manse this week and occupy the pulpit of St. Paul's on the coming Sabbath.

The pastoral work in Zion Church, Brantford, will be conducted for some time by Rev. F. O. Nichol, late of Sarnia.

Rev. Dr. Abraham, of Burlington, spoke in the Baptist church recently on the work of the Bible Society in foreign fields.

Rev. A. Y. Hartley, who is to be settled as pastor at Turbutt Presbytery, of Algoma, was for a number of years pastor at Bluevale, Ont.

Rev. W. J. Clark, of London, lectured in Knox Church, Woodstock, on Friday evening, 9th inst. His subject was: "With Fire and Sword in the Sudan."

About 220 members and sixty adherents signed the call which Price's Corners and Hillsburg Presbyterian churches recently extended to the Rev. M. McKinnon, of Fenelon Falls.

Meaford congregation is prospering greatly under the pastoral care of Rev. S. H. Eastman, B.A. The fine new school-room will supply a want felt by the congregation for many years.

The Rev. J. M. Aull, of Palmerston, has been preaching in the Central Church, Galt, and the press of the town characterises his pulpit efforts as "impressive, practical and highly useful."

Rev. Dr. Murray, of Kincardine, has been nominated by the Presbytery of Maitland as Moderator of the General Assembly. Dr. Murray has had a long and successful pastorate in Kincardine.

The call from Kintore Presbytery, of London, to Rev. Jno. Lindsay, of Collingwood Mountain, and a graduate of the Presbyterian College, Montreal, will be dealt with by the Barrie Presbytery at its meeting on the 13th inst.

The anniversary services at Cheltenham, Rev. S. O. Nixon, pastor, were conducted by Rev. Dr. McGee, of Collingwood. There were overflowing congregations, and the offerings at all the services amounted to nearly \$200.

There was a large congregation at the memorial service held in memory of the late George Stewart in the Presbyterian Church, Fiesherston, on Sabbath morning last. The pastor, Rev. L. W. Thom, preached an appropriate sermon from John 14:2-4.

The Rev. Wm. Cooper, B.A., of Listowel, has resigned for the purpose of continuing his studies at Edinburgh, and in accepting the resignation, the Stratford Presbytery appointed Rev. P. O. McLeod, of Attwood, Moderator of Session.

The Rev. W. A. Mackenzie, recently pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Brockville, is reported to have accepted a call to a large congregation in Iowa, U.S.A. By the way, the Rev. Dr. Mackenzie, of St. Stephen's, N.B., has been preaching in this vacant pulpit.

On Friday evening of last week, one of the best entertainments ever held in St. Mary's was given in the First Presbyterian Church when an organ recital and sacred concert was held. The church was well filled by an appreciative audience, and the entertainment was successful in every respect.

The collections at the Presbyterian Church, Ottawa, during the past two Sundays in aid of the building fund have amounted to two thousand four hundred dollars. There is now no obstacle in the way of their having a new church; and arrangements are being made for building in the spring.

Rev. T. L. Robertson, of the Presbyterian Church, Merriton, is soliciting subscriptions for the building of a new church to replace the old one destroyed by the tornado. The object is a most deserving one, and we are glad to learn that the rev. gentleman has thus far been very successful in his collections.

A parlor concert was given at the residence of Hon. J. T. Garrow, G.D., recently, under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid of Knox Church. A good programme was presented, but it is to be regretted that more were not present to hear it. This was the first of a number of parlor entertainments to be given during the winter by the ladies of Knox Church.

The Presbytery of Sarnia met at Alvinston on Tuesday, December 8th. The day previous the Young People's Presbytery held their convention. The following were some of the topics on the programme: Praise an important factor in the worship of God, Rev. A. L. Budge; The Mission of the Y.P.S.C. E. in the world. Is it being fulfilled? Miss Maud Cameron; Missions, What the Young People may do for them, Miss McCrue; The Missionary Idea in the Old Testament, Rev. W. G. Jordan, B.A.; The Influence of the Holy Spirit, Rev. J. Thompson, D.D.

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