Ottawa and Vicinity.

Individual communion cups were used for the first time in the Dominion Methodist church here at a recent commemoration of the Lord's Supper.

Plans are being prepared for the school room of Erskine church. The new building will be of the most modern architecture and will be of solid stone. It will adjoin the mission hall, which the congregation are at present using. The mission hall will in future be used as a Sunday school hall. The new building will have a seating capacity of about seven hundred and will cost six or seven thousand dollars.

The last monthly meeting of the W.F.M. Auxiliary of Erskine Church was turned into a public missionary meeting with Miss C. McCuaig, president, in the chair. After devotional exercises Mrs. Younger read the minutes and Mrs. Anderson presented the financial statement The Rev. Mr. Mitchell gave a stirring address on Foreign Missions which will long be remembered by those who were present. He urged all the women who were not already members to connect themselves with the Auxiliary. The address was instructive and interesting. Facts and figures were given to show what each could do in what he termed "the greatest business enterprise of the world.' It is expected there will be large additions to the membership of this Auxiliary in the near future.

The recent entertainment under the auspices of the Stewarton Sunday School was, notwithstanding the unfavorable weather, quite a success. The programme was one of more than ordinary excellence and the audience showed its appreciation in no uncertain manner. Those who took part, especially in the cantata, "The Birthday of Hope," acquitted themselves creditably and were deservedly applauded. Mr. W. H. Fitzsimmons, superintendent of the school, presided. The proceeds will be devoted to the purchase of an organ for one of the class rooms. The committee that arranged for the successful affair was composed of Miss Jessie McCuaig, convener; Misses Flo Campbell, Grace Whyte, Nellie Aitchison, Jennie McCuaig and Mr. J. J. Campbell.

At last week's Ministerial Association—Rev. A. A. Cameron, presiding, a paper was read by Rev. Robert Herbison, in which he urged that the church pay more attention to men and that club life be copied and innocent amusements introduced in the large churches. A general discussion ensued, in which nearly all present took part. Very few agreed that the church should take up social work, while admitting that there might be improvement. They held that while there was much good outside the church, it was the church that was responsible for the good. The church should lay the foundation of truths, and clubs could be formed apart from the church which would be interdenominational and international, while if the church formed clubs the members of the different churches would become more exclusive and there would be less intermingling of men.

The teachers and Chinese scholars of Knox church held their annual festival on a recent evening. Refreshments and tea were served by the teachers, and then the pupils provided some entertainment in the form of music, readings and recitations. Some of the music was English and some Chinese. The most important number on the programme was the presentation of a watch and pin for fastening it to the school organist by five of the pupils. The address was read by Mr. John Macmillan and was signed by Lou Goey, Charlie Kim, Tom Wing Yu, Tom Sui Shek and Hum Shu. Then came the presentation of prizes. Tom Wing received a prize for the best English reading, Tom You Loy for the best writing, and Lou Goey for having been present fifty-two Sundays in the year. Prizes were also awarded to a number of others. In closing the proceedings, Mr. McLeod, the Superintendent, said: One of the difficulties they labored with, he said, was that the men were atraid to leave their laundries. There had been twenty cases of robbery since Christmas, and if such things had happened to white men in China it might have given rise to international complications. He also alluded to the competition of another school and said if they could only co-operate a great deal of good might be accomplished.

The following are the names of the new elders elect in Knox Church, Ayr: Douglas Lillico, John Goldie, Andrew Hall, John Gemmell, Geo. Smy and Wm. Currie.

Eastern Ontario.

The White Lake and Burnstown churches have called Rev. E. J. Shaw, of Vars, to be their pastor.

Rev. R. Laird, Brockville, is preaching a series of useful sermons to young men. The fifth was on Self Culture.

Mr. J. Burt Sutherland, of Montreal, lectured this week at Avonmore, on "A Tour in Ireland, Scotland and England."

Rev. Mr. Ferguson, Fitzroy Harbor, exchanged pulpits with Mr. McGillivray of Carp and Kinburn on Sunday last.

Mr. W. W. McLaren, a Queen's student, will be assistant to Rev. D. J. McLean, of Arnprior, during the summer months.

The Pembroke Standard says Rev. Mr. Hutcheon (at Pembroke last Sunday) "preached two sermons brimful of Christian thought and delivered in a very eloquent manner.

Mr. Donald McDonald, of the Hermitage, Sutton, has been visiting his son, Rev. N. A. McDonald, of Eldon. Mr. MacDonald is an old elder of the Sutton congregation and one of the pillars of the church.

Rev. Godfrey Shore, minister of the Portsmouth and Collins' Bay churches, died after a lingering illness on Sunday, aged 56. He came to Canada from England in 1880, and was minister at Lansdowne for a time. Deceased leaves a widow, but no family.

The Rev. Dr. Grant, Orillia, exchanged pulpits last Sunday week, with the Rev. J. W. McMillan, Lindsay. The Orillia Packet characterises Mr. McMilian's evening discourse as a particularly powerful appeal for foreign missions, based on "The field is the world."

Rev. J. A. Sinclair, with Mrs. Sinclair and the children, left yesterday afternoon, says the Carleton Place Herald, for their new home in Regina. Mr. Sinclair will at once assume his duties as Principal of the Indian Training School at Regina, to which he was recently appointed.

The Oddfellows of Carleton Place will celebrate their anniversary by giving an entertainment in their hall on the 26th instant, at which Past Grand Master Reid, representative elder of the Glebe Church, Ottawa, will be present and give an address; and on the forenoon of the 28th inst. they will attend service in Zion church where the annual anniversary sermon will be preached by the Rev. A. A. Scott, M. A.

Mr. John Forin, of Belleville, died on Saturday at the home of his son-in-law, the Rev. Dr. Campbell, Victoria, B. C. He was seventy-five years of age. Mr. Forin was held in the highest esteem by all who were intimate with him. He was a member of John street congregation, Belleville, and took an intelligent interest in all matters pertaining to the welfare of the Church. Surviving him are a widow, three sons and four daughters. They are Mrs. (Rev.) Campbell, Mrs. Fell, of Victoria, B. C.; Mrs. John MacLaren, of Brockville; Mrs. (Rev.) D. McLaren, Alexandria; Dr. A. Forin, Nelson, B. C., Judge John Forin, New Westminster, B. C., and Mr. Peter McL. Forin, Rossland B. C.

Northern Ontario.

The Rev. J. J. Elliott, of Midland, occupied the Presbyterian pulpit at Jarratt's Corners, last Sabbath week.

A fine pipe organ has been ordered for the Barrie church, of which Rev. Dr. McLeod has long been the able and faithful pastor.

The Rev. Dr. Findlay, Superintendent of Presbyterian missions in Algoma, has presented an oil painting of the late Private J. H. Findlay, who was killed in South Africa, to the Barrie Collegiate Institute. The portrait will be hung in the school building.

A large congregation gathered at the Union church, Victoria Harbor, on Sabbath morning to hear the Rev. J. W. Penman preach his farewell discourse, he having fulfilled his mission there. The local correspondent of The Orillia Packet says, "his many friends here are sorry to part with him, for he has faithfully done his duty."

Our usually well informed contemporary, The Ontario Packet, is slightly astray in saying that the late Dr. James Ferguson learned the art of printing under Mr. C. Blackett Robinson, in the office of the Beaverton Packet. It was in the office of The Canadian Post, not The Packet, which was a prior publication owned by Mr. Wm. Hillam.

The mission at Depot Harbor is growing steadily. Rev. J. H. White, M. A. who has had charge of the field during the winter months, is leaving for Coppercliff, and he will be succeeded by Mr. W. M. Carr, a student of Knox College. Mr. White has made many friends while at Deport Harbor, who very much regret his departure. A Ladies Aid has been organized, with the following officers: President, Mrs. C. W. Macdonald; vice-president, Mrs. R. Fair; secretary, Mrs. W. G. MacDonald; treasurer, Miss Meredith. A committee will be appointed later.

Miss Rutherford, a returned missionary from China, gave a most vivid pourtrayal of the siege of Peking, in the Orillia Presbyterian schoolroom on a recent evening. Her address gave some idea of the strain upon the handful of foreigners cooped up in the British Legation, who arose each morning with the consciousness that that day might be their last. So heavy and incessant was the rifle fire at times, that for hours together it was impossible to carry on conversation. This was particularly the case on the last two days before the arrival of the relieving force.

Last Sunday marked the commencement of the seventh year of Rev. Dr. Johnston's labors in St. Andrew's Church, London. Referring to this fact in a sermon, which he said was half for himself and half for his congregation, he expressed the hope that with each succeeding year he might become more helpful to his congregation. He had endeavored at all times to avoid sensationalism, and at the same time to speak the truth as he saw it.

Montreal Presbyterian College.

The closing exercises of the Presbyterian College, Montreal, were held in the Morrice Hall on Wednesday evening of last week, Rev. Principal McVicar presiding. There was a full attendance of ministers, professors, students and friends of the college. Rev. Archibald Bowman, M.A., read a Scripture lesson and offered prayer; and thereafter the prizes, scholarships and degrees of B.D. and D.D. were conferred. Mr. H. H. Turner, B.A., B.D., winner of the gold medal, and the William J. Morrice $500 travelling fellowship, read his valedictory, after which Dr. MacVicar presented the diplomas to the ten graduates of the year, as follows: Messrs. F. J. Anderson, A. G. Cameron, J. D. Campbell, S. Lundie, B.A., G. C. MacLean, E. L. Pidgeon, W. O. Rothney, G. W. Thom, H. H. Turner, B.A., B.D., and George Yule.

The degree of D.D. was conferred on Rev. W. M. Tuffts, M.A., B.D., Rev. G. Munro, M.A., of Ridgetown; Rev. Principal Miekie, Indore, India; and on Rev. A. J. Mowatt, minister of Erskine church, Montreal.

From the ripe experience of a thirty-five years ministry Dr. Mowatt addressed suitable words of advice and encouragement to the graduating class. He always read his sermons, he said, since one time when he broke down in the middle of a memorized sermon, but he advised them not to read if they could do otherwise. If they wished for success they must remember that, from the world's point of view, St. Paul was a dismal failure.

Principal MacVicar, in bringing the proceedings to a close, said that ninety-four volumes were added to the library during the past session, thirty-four of which were the gift of Mr. David Morrice, chairman of the board of management. The William J. Morrice travelling fellowship has been awarded this session for the first time. The generosity of the founder and the benefits which he thus confers upon our college and country have been suitably characterized by Mr. Croil, whose words I cordially endorse. In this connection I cannot but think that there are other large-hearted members and adherents of our church who will render similar aid to the cause of theological education. The openings for such munificence are varied and inviting. We would hail with delight and gratitude, for example, the endowment of additional fellowships and scholarships, and more ample provision for training in sacred rhetoric and elocution. Were funds available we should greatly enrich the already valuable contents of our library, and could readily secure the services of eminent men from other colleges to deliver special courses of lectures. Possibly some of our friends are thinking of these things and may meet our wishes in the near future. He also acknowledged the receipt of $1,400 from Mrs. Peter Redpath, of the Manor House, Chiselhurst, England, for the endowment of The Peter Redpath Scholarship, in memory of her late husband.