

Rev. E. R. Hutt, of Ingersoll, is preaching in the First Presbyterian Church, Brockville.

Rev. J. R. Gilchrist preached in the First Presbyterian Church, Port Hope, last Sunday.

Rev. Samuel Houston, M.A., pastor of Cooke's Church, Kingston, has left for Ireland. He will be absent three months.

Mr. McLaren, M.A., of Queen's, has been stationed at Silverwater by the Presbytery, and will take the field lately filled by Mr. Morden.

The Presbyterians of Brown's Corners have decided to abandon their old worshipping place for a new brick structure that will be erected this season.

Rev. Mr. Fairlie, of Lansdowne, accompanied by his daughter Annie, sailed for Scotland last week. They will be absent three months.

One of the prettiest spots on Princess street, Kingston, is St. Andrew's Kirk and lawn as it appears at present. The verdure of the grounds is refreshing to behold; the lawn is kept in fine taste, and everything appears neat and beautiful.

Mr. Robert Young, who has labored in the Presbyterian charges of Bath, Ernestown and Hay Bay for the past year, has decided to sever his connection with these congregations. His successor will be Mr. W. C. Cram, Carleton Place, a member of this year's graduation class in divinity at Queen's.

The Presbytery of Liverpool will meet this week to consider the call extended by St. Andrew's Church, Toronto, to Rev. Dr. Black, Birkenhead. The case of St. Andrew's will be presented by Dr. Munro Gibson and Dr. Robertson Nichol, of London. It is considered as almost certain that Rev. Dr. Black will accept the call.

Rev. P. M. Ross, D.D., of Montreal, delivered a highly entertaining and instructive lecture on "Scottish Life and Character," in the Presbyterian Church, Maxville, recently, to a large and appreciative audience. The chair was occupied by Rev. James Cormack. At the conclusion of the address a vote of thanks was tendered the speaker.

At one of the seditments of the Montreal and Ottawa Synod at Cornwall a deputation from the congregation of Knox Church appeared and congratulated their pastor, the Rev. James Hastie, on his being raised to the moderatorship of the Synod, and presented him with a very handsome gold-headed cane as a token of the high esteem in which he is held as a pastor. Mr. Hastie returned thanks in a graceful speech.

#### WESTERN ONTARIO

Rev. Dr. Hamilton, of Motherwell, is in the 42nd year of his ministry to the same congregation. He is widely known and greatly respected.

The members of Knox Church, Mitchell, will celebrate their fiftieth anniversary in June. It will be made an interesting as well as a historical event.

At the recent meeting of London Presbytery, a call to Rev. Mr. Geddes, of St. Catharines, was sustained, and the resignation of Rev. Dr. Sutherland as Presbytery clerk was reluctantly accepted.

Rev. W. A. J. Martin, on leaving Guelph, received many tokens of the esteem in which he is held by the people of Knox Church and the citizens generally.

The London Advertiser publishes the full text of Rev. Joseph Parker's Cromwellian sermon, which has been the target for so much adverse criticism in certain quarters.

Anniversary services were conducted in the Presbyterian Church, Lucknow, Ont., by the Rev. John Ross, B.A., of Melville Church, Brussels, last Sabbath morning and evening. Large and appreciative congregations were present. The evening congregation was especially large. The Rev. Mr. Leyrold, of the Methodist Church, and Rev. Mr. MacLennan, of South Kintess, kindly withdrew their services, and their people generally availed themselves of the opportunity of attending this service. Mr. Leyrold took part in the service. The contributions for the church building fund were commendably liberal. The services throughout were most edifying and impressive. Mr. Ross has more than local reputation as an able and powerful preacher of the Gospel. His clear intellectual grasp of the Word of God and spiritual presentation of the truth cannot fail to arrest attention, and his sympathetic manner finds access to hearts yet unremoved. From his ample resources of divine truth presented in plain logical method, there was refreshing food for mind and heart. The spiritual benefit derived from these services is the best testimony to the preacher's consecration to the Lord's service.

Rev. Dr. Sutherland, of Fingal, leaves shortly for a trip to Europe.

Rev. J. S. Hardy, of Ayr, has been unanimously called to Knox Church, Listowel.

Rev. Dr. Milligan, Toronto, will lecture in Knox Church, South London, on the 26th, on "A Man's a Man for a That."

Rev. J. C. Tolmie, M.A., of Windsor, gave an address at a social and concert in Ridgetown recently. The sum of \$40 was realized.

Miss MacLaren, head of the Indian Girls' School at Birle, Man, addressed a meeting of the mission hands in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Sunday school, London, Friday afternoon. A good deal of interesting information was given those present.

Rev. W. A. J. Martin, the newly-inducted minister of Zion Presbyterian Church, Brantford, occupied the pulpit of the new charge for the first time last Sunday. There were large congregations at both services.

On leaving Guelph for Brantford, Rev. W. A. J. Martin was escorted by Rev. Mr. Mullan, Fergus; Dr. Torrance and Mr. J. A. McCrea, Guelph, representing the Guelph Presbytery and Knox Church, who were charged by the Presbytery with the duty of City to express their strong and cordial wishes for the success of the new pastor and for the prosperity of the Brantford Church.

Rev. W. A. J. Martin has been inducted to the charge of Zion Church, Brantford, so long ministered to by the late Rev. Dr. Cochrane. In the evening a public reception was given the new pastor. Addresses were also delivered by Rev. J. Schofield, for the Congregational Church; Rev. D. Hutchison, for the Baptist Church; Rev. R. M. Hamilton, for the Presbyterian Church; Rev. G. C. Paterson, M.A., for the Presbytery of Paris, and Rev. J. B. Mullen, for the Presbytery of Guelph. An address in reply was made by Rev. W. A. J. Martin.

Revelstoke, B.C., Mail:—The many friends of the Rev. T. and Mrs. Glassford will learn with no little regret that they are to leave Trail. Mr. Glassford has for the past two years ably discharged the duties of pastor of the Presbyterian Church, and during his short residence in Trail has made many warm admirers, who wish him every success in his new field. As a token of the high esteem in which Mrs. Glassford is held, her friends presented her with a neat little purse valued at \$50. On the night of their leaving the citizens turned out, headed by the band, and gave them a hearty send-off. Mr. Glassford, still further by an address by Col. Tappin, father of Trail, who presented Mr. and Mrs. Glassford with a well filled purse. Mr. and Mrs. Glassford left for the East, where they will in future reside. Mr. Glassford has been for many years ministering to the spiritual wants of the people of Kootenay, and his labors were always performed with a cheerfulness and directness that won him many friends. Mr. and Mrs. Glassford are now residing in

#### Synod of Montreal and Ottawa.

This Synod opened in Knox Church, Cornwall, on the afternoon of Tuesday of last week. A "quiet hour" was led by the Rev. Andrew Russell. After prayers had been offered by the Rev. K. McLennan, the Rev. Mr. Russell spoke briefly on the subject of divine guidance, and dwelt upon the necessity of a truly religious life. The Rev. Messrs. McDermid, Graham, Heine and Paterson led in prayer, and a hymn was sung. Then came an excellent paper by the Rev. Dr. Neil MacNish, Cornwall, on "Methods of Bible Study." This paper showed a thorough knowledge of the subject and careful preparation.

The Rev. J. R. McLeod, of Three Rivers, followed, and spoke briefly along the same strain followed by Dr. MacNish's paper. Dr. Patterson, Revs. A. Russell, McKay, McDonald, McLaren, and Prof. Ross, took part in the interesting discussion that followed, and Mr. J. R. Reid, an Ottawa elder, congratulated Dr. MacNish on his valuable paper. After a cordial vote of thanks to Dr. MacNish, the Synod adjourned till 8 p.m.

At eight o'clock the Synod resumed its sittings. The retiring Moderator, the Rev. George MacArthur, B.A., of Cardinal, took the chair and conducted public worship. He took as his text, I. Thess. ii. 5: "For our Gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance."

The sermon over, the Moderator constituted the Synod by solemn prayer; the roll was held as read, and after Mr. MacArthur had thanked the members for their kindness to

him during his occupancy of the chair, he asked the Synod to elect his successor. Then in felicitous terms Dr. MacNish moved; seconded by Dr. Kellock, of Richmond, Que., that Rev. James Hunter be elected Moderator. This was carried unanimously.

After taking the chair the new Moderator rose and thanked the Synod for the honor it had bestowed on him, and he craved the forbearance and assistance of his brethren that the work of the Synod may, by the power of the Spirit, be carried to a successful issue.

On motion of Dr. MacNish, seconded by Mr. Walker Paul, the ex-Moderator was thanked for his conduct in the chair, as well as for the excellent sermon he had just delivered. The sedentary was then closed with the benediction.

On the Synod resuming on Wednesday, evening, Dr. Torrance Fraser presented the report of the Sabbath School Committee.

It shows a total of 376 schools within the Synod last year, 337 of which reported. The results reached by the report were not particularly encouraging. The average attendance of the scholars for 1898 was 16,649, a decrease, as compared with 1897, of 1,113; average attending church was 20,171, a decrease, as compared with the previous year, of 1,867. The report recommended the use of the Assembly "Home Study Series of Helps" as far as possible, and that the Assembly be "respectfully asked to modify the present complicated forms of statistics," as producing "apparently doubtful results."

Rev. Dr. Armstrong reported in behalf of the Ottawa Ladies' College, which had made decided advance during the year in development of the staff, in attendance and in finances. Mrs. Anna Ross has been appointed lady superintendent and will act as house mother and teacher in Scripture. The college is amply provided with all that is necessary to give a first-class education and prepare young ladies, especially for that greatest of all professions—the queen of the home. The report was cordially received, and the Synod commended the college to Presbyterian families within the bounds.

On invitation conveyed by Rev. A. H. Scott, of Perth, it was agreed to hold the next meeting of Synod in that town.

Dr. Armstrong presented from the Presbytery of Ottawa an overture praying that the General Assembly would create an executive committee of assembly which would be able with full power to act for the Church in emergencies. It was agreed to adopt and transmit the overture to the General Assembly.

In the absence of the Rev. Dr. Scrimger, Mr. Dewey presented the report on Ecclesiastical co-operation. It was agreed to receive the report and to express the satisfaction of the Synod at the good understanding that exists with the Methodist Conference as to the conduct of the mission work within the bounds so as to avoid unnecessary duplication of religious agencies in western fields. Mr. Dewey also presented a report on the report on Protestant education in the Province of Quebec. The standard of education for teachers has been raised, but the salaries in the country districts are too small to secure a good permanent staff of teachers. The report was adopted and the convener thanked for his diligence.

On Thursday morning the first and most important item of business was the report on Church Life and Work, presented by the Convener, Rev. James Hastie. This we hope to give our readers in full next week. At the afternoon sedentary Rev. Prof. Ross, D.D., led the Synod in a conference on "Worship," and the Rev. A. H. Scott, of Perth, gave a paper on the "Preaching of the Word."

Rev. Dr. Robertson, superintendent of missions in the Northwest, who was present, in a characteristic address, appealed for largely increased givings for home mission wants. "To keep out the heathenism of the Western States, and to keep our sons noble and true men," he said, "we must preach the Gospel. Our home church must be made strong if it is to do good foreign work."

At the afternoon sedentary Rev. Dr. MacNish occupied the chair during the temporary absence of the Moderator, and read a memorial from the Prisoners' Aid Society. It was agreed to receive the memorial, to acknowledge its receipt, and to express sympathy with the object of the society.

Rev. W. H. Scott, of Hull, presented the report of the Lumberman's mission. This mission distributes religious literature, through the agents of the Bible Society, to some of our missionaries and ministers throughout all the great lumber camps. It also sends literature to the sailors, prisons and refugees. This work costs little beyond the purchase of the literature, as all the work of distribution is done

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