

Ministers and Churches.

Ottawa.

The choir of St. Paul's church will hold a sacred concert on Thursday evening, April 7th.

Rev. J. W. H. Milne, last Sunday evening, discoursed on the Life of Joseph.

Rev. Dr. Herridge of St. Andrew's, has returned for a week's visit to Atlantic city. He occupied his own pulpit last Sunday.

Rev. Dr. Armstrong, having returned from attending the meeting of the Home Mission Committee in Toronto, preached morning and evening in St. Paul's.

Rev. M.H. Scott, of Zion church, Hull, holds a memorial service at Bristol next Sunday, for the Rev. J. D. Morrison, to convey the sympathy of the Presbytery to that congregation.

In Erskine Church, Rev. A. E. Mitchell, speaking on the words "Ask and ye shall receive" said: "If Christians would go down on their knees in the right spirit, the liquor question and every other public question could be settled in twenty-four hours, and we would no longer be a laughing stock for the country. The trouble was Christians were not prepared to give up what stood between them and God, viz.: sin. God will not hear prayer where there is sin of any sort. Christians are too fond of their own pleasures, too unready to meet the conditions of answered prayer, viz.: a life of service."

Despite the disagreeable weather a fair sized audience assembled in St. Paul's church school room to hear Rev. J. O. Bennett's lecture. A visit to Rome, under the auspices of the Westminster guild. Mr. Bennett carried his appreciative audience through the great courts and edifices of the Eternal City, visiting St. Peter's, the Vatican and other places, giving a general and concise description of the vast proportions, marvelous architectural beauties, and artistic gardens of the historic structures. He very ably described the Coliseum and other ruins, and brought to mind the slaughter of the early Christians which took place in that arena. He also depicted the dwellings and mode of living of the inhabitants of to-day, and humorous little incidents of travel also added to the interest of the evening. The lecture was illustrated by aid of numerous charts and large views. Rev. Dr. Armstrong was in the chair and heartily thanked Mr. Bennett on behalf of the audience for his instructive evening's entertainment.

At the special meeting of Presbytery the resignation of Rev. R. Herbison, of St. Andrew's church, was accepted; and Rev. Dr. Moore was appointed interim moderator of Session. Messrs. J. B. Halkett, James J. Campbell and G. W. Robb members of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church session, tendered their resignations on Saturday. It is understood that this step is taken on account of the dispute in connection with the resignation of the pastor, Rev. R. Herbison. At the congregational meeting on Wednesday evening of last week, a deputation was appointed representing the congregation, to attend the Presbytery meeting on Thursday last and to urge that the resignation of Mr. Herbison be not accepted. The session had a representative at the meeting of the Presbytery under instructions to vote against the reconsideration of the resignation. It would look from the present indications as if the majority of the congregation and the session have opposite views in the matter. On Friday, April 8, a congregational meeting will be held, when the vacancies will be filled and the matter fully discussed.

Toronto.

The Toronto Presbytery of the W.F.M.S., reported to Presbytery a total of \$6,869 71, an increase of \$313.14 contributed for the work of foreign missions this year. The clerk was instructed to convey to the association the congratulations of the Presbytery.

The Augmentation committee of Toronto Presbytery recommended the following grants for the year beginning April 1:—Eglinton and Bethesda, \$150; Kew Beach, \$170; Fairbank and Fisherville, \$225; St. Mark's \$150; Mimico, \$4 until matter is settled. Mount Albert reported that it would henceforth stand alone without further assistance from the Augmentation Committee. The Presbytery congratulated the congregation, which undertakes to pay its ministers \$800 per annum.

Union Presbyterians services were held in Knox church, Cornwall, on Sunday morning and in St. John's in the evening. Rev. N. H. McGillivray preached at both services.

On Monday before seventy-five of the members of the Toronto Ministerial Association, Rev. Dr. Milligan, of Old St. Andrew's church, declared himself in favor of the organic union of the Presbyterian, Methodist and Congregational bodies. His subject was "The Trend of Theological Thinking To-day." Dr. Milligan said that he thought he would live to see this union.

At the recent conference of city members of the executive committee of the provincial council of the Dominion temperance alliance the attitude of the Ontario government on the liquor question was thoroughly discussed. There was but one opinion expressed, namely that the government should grant what was asked by the Alliance. Those present were unanimous in their expressions that the proposition submitted by Premier Ross to abolish the bars was a step in the right direction, but it was not considered to go far enough.

The Summer school that was conducted so successfully at Knox College last July is to be opened again this year from July 4th to 14th at Knox College. The Executive has secured the services of Dr. F. W. Kelly of Montreal, Dr. F. Tracey, of Toronto University, and Miss Mary Adair (primary specialist), of the Philadelphia Normal School, for the teacher training department. Those who attended the lecture of Miss Adair and Dr. Tracey last year will look forward with delight to their classes in the coming summer. Dr. Kelly is an educationist of high standing, and is filling a number of engagements at other Summer schools. A strong committee has the arrangements now in hand. Chairman, Rev. J. McP. Scott, 20 Simpson avenue, Toronto; Secretary-treasurer, Rev. R. M. Hamilton, Weston, Ont., For all information apply to the secretary.

Eastern Ontario.

On Sabbath week Rev. Mr. Weir of Avonmore preached for Mr. Langill at Martintown.

Rev. D. M. Buchanan, of St. Andrew's, Lanark, and Rev. Mr. Wallace, of Middleville, exchanged stations last Sabbath week.

Rev. K. Gollan read a full and very interesting report to Glengarry Presbytery on Church Life and Work.

In Glengarry Presbytery, a committee, consisting of A. N. Cheney, D. J. McMillan, and J. McIntosh, were appointed to consider the remit of the Augmentation Committee re minimum salary and report to Presbytery in May.

Rev. P. F. Langill of Martintown occupied the pulpit in the Gravel Hill church on Sunday. The five minute's talk to the children before the regular sermon was listened to very attentively and will not soon be forgotten by the little ones.

A number of the Presbyterian choir, Apple Hill, entertained their friends to some beautiful music, vocal and instrumental, on Saturday last. Mr. Grant and Miss McLeod and Mr. McRae were especially applauded.

Glengarry Presbytery unanimously approved the Assembly's remit on the enlargement of the Powers of Synods as sent down to presbyteries, and further is disposed to regard with favour any scheme looking to the unifying of the church's work.

Rev. John Moore, of St. Andrew's church, Seymour East, was recently waited on by his people and presented with an appreciative address, accompanied by gifts to the value of \$100. Mrs. Moore was also presented with a purse of \$30.

Mrs. (Dr.) Grant of Orillia has been appointed a delegate to represent the Womans' Foreign Mission Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada at the Womans' International Conference on Foreign Missions which meets in Liverpool at the same time as the Pan-Presbyterian Council. It would have been difficult to make a better selection.

The Express says: The annual report of Knox church, Beaverton and Gamebridge is just out and is a flattering one, showing the most prosperous year in the history of the church. Amount of money raised last year amounted to the handsome sum of \$3,539.81 and missionary purposes \$920.00. Beaverton and Gamebridge congregations are to be congratulated on having for a pastor a man so energetic as Rev. Mr. Wishart.

Rev. D. C. Hossack and Rev. Thos. Eakin have been elected by the Knox College Alumni to represent that association on the College Senate.

Rev. J. B. Fraser, of Uxbridge, occupied the pulpit of First church, Brockville, last Sunday. His text in the morning was Matthew xxv. 25: "I was afraid and went and hid thy talent in the earth," and in the evening the words of Christ to the rich man, "One thing thou lackest."

At a meeting of Glengarry Presbytery held on 22nd inst., the following resolution was adopted: "Whereas Rev. P. M. McEachern having accepted a call from Kirkhill in this Presbytery, being their minister of Glamis and having been translated by the Presbytery of Bruce to this Presbytery failed to appear for induction on the day appointed, sending instead a telegram saying—Am for to resign appointment of Kirkhill, shall for ward reasons at once. This Presbytery having given due consideration to the reasons forwarded, find—(1) That these reasons are not satisfactory. (2) That the action of Mr. McEachern in this matter, ignoring the authority of both Presbyteries, and tending, as it does, to bring religion into contempt, is deserving of severe censure."

Western Ontario.

Mr. A. S. Kerr, B.A., a Knox college graduate will succeed Rev. R. S. Laidlaw as assistant to Rev. Dr. McMullen of Woodstock, on 1st May.

Certificates for repeating the shorter Catechism has been granted to Wm. H. McCaulay, John Irvine McCaulay and Janet Ann McDougall, of Knox Church, Harriston.

Mr. Campbell was appointed on Committee for Bills and Overtures for Assembly; and Messrs. Hanna and Hamilton on Bills and Overtures for Synod by Saugeen Presbytery.

Rev. R. F. Cameron, who is severing his connection with the Hampstead church, preached his farewell sermon last Sunday. Mr. Cameron's departure causes deep regret among the people of this community, where he has been successfully laboring for the past seven years.

Rev. John MacKay, of Crescent church, Montreal, preached anniversary sermons in Central Church, Hamilton, last Sunday. Young, able, scholarly and popular, Mr. MacKay delighted and instructed large congregations at both services.

The Rev. J. Little reported to Saugeen Presbytery that successful evangelistic services had been held in several congregations; and that ministers of Presbytery assisted in these meetings.

At Saugeen Presbytery Rev. Messrs. Farquharson and Little and Mr. A. McPherson were appointed to visit Cedarville, Esplan and Kingscote to consult them regarding the transference of Kingscote to the Orangeville Presbytery.

The Rev. W. Edmison, of Rothsay, was appointed Moderator of Saugeen Presbytery for next year; and the following were elected Commissioners to Assembly: Ministers—Messrs. Campbell, McCullough and Farquharson, with the elders, from the congregations of Holstein, North Luther and Knox Church, Harriston.

Rev. W. G. Hanna reported to Saugeen Presbytery on remit on powers of Synods. The Rev. J. L. Campbell gave in his report as Convener of the Sunday School Committee; the Rev. Mr. Cameron the report on Church life and work; and the Rev. Farquharson the Home Mission report, all which were received and adopted. The last intimated that Mr. Stevenson was appointed to Milimay and Aylton for the summer; and that the Committee had asked for a grant of \$150 for Cedarville for next year from the H. M. C.

The scholars and teachers of Knox church Sabbath school, Embra, visited the House of Refuge on Saturday afternoon, and gave an entertainment for the inmates of the home, treating them to oranges and candies. The young people enjoyed their excursion to the home and also reported many amusing remarks of the inmates. One old lady at first refused to listen to the entertainment, stating that she knew they were all Presbyterians, and that she was a Methodist. Rev. G. C. Patterson accompanied the young people and conducted a short service.