

WESTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. J. A. Wilson, Hamilton, commenced a series of sermons on the Parables in the morning in St. Andrew's church.

The communion service in Knox Mission was conducted by Rev. J. L. Campbell, of St. David's, moderator of the Presbytery of Hamilton.

Erskine church anniversary services at Hamilton were held Sunday. Rev. J. R. Dickson, Galt, filled the pulpit, and the evening sermon was specially for young men.

The congregations of Belwood and Mimosa at a joint meeting in Belwood on November 3rd tendered an unanimous call to the Rev. J. W. McLeod of Thorold.

Revival services have been held in Knox church, Listowel, this month under the charge of Rev. D. V. Mordey, B.A., of St. Mary's.

The services have been helpful and very well attended.

Flesherton, Eugenia and Preston congregations, vacant three months, have called Rev. J. A. Ross, B.A., of Essex. Orangeville Presbytery sustained the call on the 9th inst., and it is expected that Chatham Presbytery will consider it at an early date.

Rev. R. E. Knowles, the popular pastor of Knox church, Galt, has returned from a prolonged holiday in Europe and was warmly welcomed back. He preached two very interesting sermons last Sunday on conditions abroad, and was heard again by large congregations.

Rev. E. L. Pidgeon, pastor of Knox church, St. Thomas, received a letter the other day from Racine, Wisconsin, asking if he would consider a call that the Racine Presbyterians were prepared to make him. Mr. Pidgeon immediately notified the sender of the communication, declining to consider the call.

The anniversary of Knox church, Listowel, on Sunday last was favored with ideal weather and large congregations were present morning and evening. Rev. Thos. Mitchell, M.A., B.D., of New St. James' church, London, occupied the pulpit and delivered two able sermons. A special collection amounted to nearly \$300.

Anniversary services were held on Sunday in Knox church, Galt, and were largely attended. The pulpit was occupied by the pastor, Rev. Dr. Dickson, who delivered two eloquent discourses which were full of interest and appropriate to the occasion.

At the morning service the pastor preached from the text, "One generation shall praise Thy works to another and shall declare their mighty acts."—Ps. cxiv. 4.

The Psalm from which the text was taken, said the minister, was one of praise, honor and glory, and celebrated the mighty acts and the goodness of God. Praise of God's greatness was an important part of divine worship, as it tended to keep alive the thought of God and to bring Him nearer to men.

What had been accomplished by our forefathers through the power of the Almighty was an appropriate theme for an Anniversary Sunday.

The 18th anniversary of the opening of St. Paul's Church, Victoria West, B.C., was celebrated by special service on Sabbath the 31st October, conducted by the Rev. Dr. Whittier and the Rev. J. R. Robertson, which was followed on Tuesday evening by a very successful concert and social. On the 15th of March next, the Rev. D. MacRae, the minister of St. Paul's, will have entered on the 25th year of service which has eventuated in the organization of the three congregations of Knox Church, Sooke, St. Aiden's Cedar Hill, both in the vicinity of the city and St. Paul's, Victoria. Of the last named, Mr. MacRae has been in exclusive charge for the past 17 years. For some years past Mr. MacRae has held the position of seniority of service in the Synod of British Columbia.

RAYMOND, ALTA.

There is a neat Presbyterian church and a manse at Raymond. It is the only non-Mormon church here, so naturally it has a mixed congregation of people, formerly of various denominations. This almost union church has a difficult work to do. Rev. J. J. Cameron, M.A., is a forceful preacher and his sermons are above the average heard in small towns. Besides his work in Raymond he also preaches every Sunday afternoon at Stirling, and during the summer held a Bible class at one of the Japanese camps in the beet fields.

The church also has a successful Sunday school. The Young People's Society meets every Thursday evening, and its officers are arranging for some interesting meetings during the coming winter. The Ladies' Aid Society have proved their usefulness in times past and will continue to do so in the future. Rev. A. M. Gordon, now of Knox church, Lethbridge, was formerly a pastor here.

A new church is being built at New Stirling, a new town seven miles from Raymond. It will be opened and dedicated next month. This is the second church built during Rev. J. J. Cameron's pastorate.

DR. MILLIGAN'S RETURN.

After five months' absence in Edinburgh, Glasgow, Calcutta, the Orkney Islands, and other parts of Scotland, Dr. C. M. Milligan, pastor of Old St. Andrew's Church, Toronto, has returned to the city, and was welcomed by an immense congregation at Sunday morning service. Dr. Milligan is in better health than he has been for years. Overwork brought on nervous troubles, which necessitated a long holiday, but eminent physicians on both sides of the ocean are of the opinion that his illness is not in the least organic, and they see no obstacle to his speedy recovery.

Dr. Milligan took as his text, I Thessalonians, I. 11: "Remembering without ceasing, in the sight of our God and our Father, your work of faith, and labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ." The first part of the sermon was an historical outline of the epistle, from the time that Paul was driven from Philippi till he reached Corinth, and there heard from the lips of Timothy the fidelity of the Thessalonians in the face of severe persecution. "The words of the text are a fine description of what Christianity really is," said Dr. Milligan. "They represent the problem of every Church in every age. The text is also very suggestive of what the Gospel is by contrast. 'Your work of faith' means the employment that characterized their lives in every form. Formerly they lived from hand to mouth, that is by bread alone. Every man who lives without the Gospel is a hand-to-mouth man. The Gospel is a life, not a creed alone. All true visions of God and of the duties and privileges of life call on men to live strenuously, that is, translates them into a labor of love."

Dr. Milligan also referred to his enforced absence from the church and to the sadness it had caused him. He said his illness had not been of a paralytic nature, and he was sorry that such a rumor had saddened his congregation by attributing his illness to such a cause. The evening service was taken by Rev. W. H. Anderson of the Laymen's Missionary Movement. On the evening of October 24th Dr. Milligan will preach his 33rd anniversary sermon since coming into the pastorate of St. Andrew's Church.

Every ill has its antidote. Rheumatism, sciatica and nervous troubles have as nature's antidote the waters of the "St. Catharines Well." Visit St. Catharines, on main line of Grand Trunk Ry., and take a course of baths and you will find your youth renewed. Connected with the spring is "The Welland," a modern hotel with everything needed for comfort and complete rest.

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QUEEN'S ALUMNI CONFERENCE.

A programme of the Annual Alumni Conference of Queen's University is a proof of excellence. Certainly that of the Eighteenth Conference held last week within the walls of "dear old Queen's" was quite in keeping with this enviable reputation. This year the aid of few outsiders was called upon to make the Conference a success, so that the University has special reason for being proud of her sons and of the members of her staff. There was only one disappointment—the attendance. It may be asking too much to expect men, even within convenient reach of Kingston, to give four days to such a gathering at this busy season of the year. But surely, those who know really, time cannot be better spent than in attending such a series of meetings as those of the Conference; it is the best tonic a minister can take to brace him for his winter's work. The committee is pledged to make the attendance larger next year, but it can scarcely promise a better programme.

President James Wallace of Lindsay did not allow proceedings to lag and usually succeeded in stirring up a profitable discussion lest any of the precious minutes should be wasted. So well did he do his work that the Conference unanimously re-elected him to his high office, with Rev. John Hay of Renfrew as Vice-President, Rev. Prof. Wallace of Queen's as Secretary, and Rev. T. B. Burke, Kingston, Treasurer.

Only a few comments can be made on the various features of the programme. Monday evening Rev. S. P. Rose, D.D., addressed the Conference on "The Outlook for the Pulpit of Tomorrow"—an eloquent plea to maintain the highest ideal for the ministry. Prof. O. D. Skelton on Tuesday evening had as his subject "Industrial Insurance and the Working-man," and Prof. Morison, on Wednesday evening, "John Calvin, his Place in History and His Influence Upon Modern Thought." Thursday evening, Rev. C. J. L. Bates, M.A., a Queen's graduate, recently returned from Japan, made the missionary contribution, "Potent Forces in the Making of New Japan." Mention must also be made of Prof. Scott's paper on "Jesus and the Kingdom of God," and Prof. Cappon's, "The Pre-Raphaelite Movement and the Art of Millais."

The day seditrants were devoted for the most part to the discussion by the Alumni of their more special problems. In previous years these papers have been largely critical, analytic pieces of work. This year a move was made in a more positive and constructive direction. It was most gratifying to find such excellent work done by the men whose names were on the programme. From first to last a very high standard was maintained. Some of the subjects were as follows: "The Problem of Suffering in the O. T.," "The Problem of the Book of Job," "The Pre-Christian Belief in Immortality," and in the N. T. "The Development of the Idea of the Kingdom of God" and "The Development of the Title, Son of Man in the O. T. and N. T." Every member who contributed to the programme had only one testimony to bear, that they themselves derived the greatest benefit from their work and were determined to pursue their subject to a greater length.