

The presbytery received the call from Merivale and Westboro congregations in favor of Rev. A. G. Cameron, of Applehill, presbytery of Glengarry. The call was sustained and will be forwarded to the Presbytery of Calgary, asking for Mr. Cameron's decision; and if he accept the call for his transfer to the Ottawa presbytery, it will be two weeks before these negotiations can be completed. Provisional arrangements were made for Mr. Cameron's induction should he accept the call.

TORONTO.

At the fortnightly meeting of the Toronto Presbytery, held in Knox church yesterday, the call to the Rev. R. W. Cooper Mercer to West King street church, Laskay, was sustained and the induction will take place on Nov. 20. The moderator, Rev. J. C. Tubb, will preside. The sermon will be preached by Rev. J. M. Whitehaw, the order to the minister will be given by the Rev. W. Amos, and to the people by Rev. W. T. Back. Reid-avenue church will be opened on Nov. 25. In the morning Rev. W. G. Wallace, will preach in the afternoon R. Gombay, and in the evening Rev. Dr. Pidgeon. A mission will be opened at the corner of Pape avenue and Harcourt street, under the oversight of Rev. Mr. Murray, and four other members of the congregation. A mission will be opened in Lambton Mills at the corner of Lambton and Murray streets, and will be in charge of the young men of St. James' Square church. At the next meeting of the Presbytery the report of a new congregation in Rosedale will be submitted. Resolutions of congratulation to Rev. Dr. Milligan on the completion of his 30 years' pastorate in Old St. Andrews and to Rev. Mr. Frizell on his convalescent restoration to health, and of condolence with the family of Rev. James McCaul were adopted. The resignation of Rev. Dr. T.R. Robins from the pastorate of St. Mark's church was formally accepted. The presbytery expressed its satisfaction at the fact that the status of Cowan avenue was acknowledged as a duly accredited Presbyterian Church. Ever since the formation of the church, some 11 years ago, efforts have been made to secure this recognition, but unsuccessfully, owing to the fact that the church was established primarily by members from other Presbyterian churches in the neighborhood. Cowan avenue church has now a membership of nearly 500.

At the first annual meeting of the Toronto Presbyterian society in connection with the W.H.M.S. 27 auxiliaries reported, with receipts of \$998 with a quantity of supplies and aid furnished to hospitals and missions at various points in the west. Mrs. J. D. Walker was elected President, and Mrs. Frizell, Mrs. J. Nell, Mrs. John Gilchrist and Mrs. Leslie of Edin-ton, Vice-Presidents; Mrs. John A. Paterson Secretary, and Miss Jenn McMichael Treasurer. Two new officers were elected, a Supply Secretary, Mrs. J. Steele, and a "Pioneer" Secretary, Miss Christie Bell McGraw. At the noon hour a luncheon was provided by the St. Andrew's church people, at which the pastor, Rev. T. Crawford Brown, presided, and addresses were given by Rev. Dr. Somerville, Convener of the Home Mission Committee, and Rev. Dr. McLaren, Home Mission Secretary. After a Bible reading by Dr. Helen McMurphy and a synopsis of the reports by Mrs. Paterson in the afternoon, an address was given by Rev. Dr. Neil on missionary work in the Northwest. He spoke of the hospital work especially, which forms a large part of the home mission work. He told of the needs of the sixty or seventy thousand Doukhobors, and the seven thousand Donkows, and also of the needs of the young men in the mining districts, who without the help of the missionaries would be likely to drift into heathendom, and showed the bravery and the hardship of the missionaries by several anecdotes.

EASTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. Mr. Gregg, of Bathurst, occupied the pulpit in St. Paul Church, Kemptville, on a recent Sunday and preached two very earnest sermons.

Mr. W. M. Tait, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Tait, of Arnprior, is home from the west upon a furlough. For some time he has been engaged as a student missionary in one of the new provinces.

The Rev. D. Gordon, father of the Rev. C. W. Gordon (Ralph Connor), of Winnipeg, spent last week in Cornwall, the guest of Mr. James Dingwall. He has just returned from a visit to Scotland and was on his way to Hamilton, where he resides.

The new church of Chalk River (Rev. George D. Campbell, B. A., pastor), was opened for divine worship last Sunday. Rev. Dr. Campbell, of Perth, preaching in the morning, and Rev. Dr. Bayne, of Pembroke, in the evening. The social on Monday was well attended, and there were good addresses from a number of ministers and others.

The Ladies' Aid of Mill Street Church, Port Hope, report a good year's work. The sum of \$700.00 was raised. The furnishing of the new church will be undertaken by the members. The officers elected are: Hon. Pres., Mrs. Nelles; President, Mrs. John Elliott; Vice-presidents, Mrs. Fred Thomas; Mrs. John Wells; Secretary, Mrs. Arthur Marvin; Treasurer, Miss Babel Little.

The Thankoffering at the Anniversary service of St. Peter's church, Madoc, (Rev. E. W. Mackay, pastor) at which the preacher was Rev. W. Beattie, of Cobourg, was a surprising success. As extensive repairs had been made on the church earlier in the year for which nearly \$200 was subscribed, it was feared this would interfere with the Anniversary offering to wipe out all debt. One member of the congregation however, offered to pay \$100 if \$100 were collected. The Thankoffering now amounts to considerably over \$400, so that the congregation now rejoice in the possession of their exceptionally valuable church property, entirely free from debt. An encouraging feature of the year's work throughout has been that the ordinary collections were larger than usual.

A meeting of Kingston Presbytery, was held in Zion Church on Tuesday to consider the resignation of Rev. J. D. Boyd, minister of that church. The matter of chief moment was of grave importance to Zion church: commissioners from the session, board of managers, and congregation all spoke in warmest terms of their attachments to Mr. Boyd, and of their high appreciation of the splendid services rendered by him for the past fifteen years, to the congregation, and that section of the city, conveyed their profound sympathy with their pastor in his uncertain state of health and urged the presbytery to take such steps, if at all possible, as would retain Mr. Boyd in the pastorate of the congregation. Rest and lightening of his labors they knew were imperative, and they would do their utmost themselves to enable their pastor to take some respite for a year, that he might regain his usual health. They knew how he had labored for their sake, and were apprehensive of the future if they lost him. The Presbytery cordially agreed with the people in the estimate put upon Mr. Boyd's work, and as to the desirability of his remaining with them, and expressed their willingness to share with them the responsibility of making arrangements by which Mr. Boyd would have a substantial holiday, and relief from part of his work for some time. After reviewing the situation and giving due weight to the urgent pressure by the Presbytery and the congregation, Mr. Boyd, to the great delight and relief of all, consented to withdraw his resignation and remain with Zion.

WESTERN ONTARIO.

Much regret is expressed at the reported serious illness of Rev. J. M. Ault, of Palmerston.

At the recent communion service in the Allandale church, nine new members were added to the roll.

On a recent Sunday, Rev. John Mc Innis, of Thamesville, exchanged with Rev. James Malcolm, of Dutton.

Rev. George Gilmore, of Blenheim, is holidaying in the Kawatha lakes region, where there is an abundance of game.

The Rev. D. Perrie, of Wingham, and the Rev. R. G. MacBeth, of Paris, exchanged pulpits on Nov. 4th, the occasion being the anniversary services at Wingham.

Despite the unfavorable weather the concert held under the auspices of the Dufferin church, Hagersville, was a grand success. The proceeds amounted to over \$85.

Rev. D. T. McClintoch, of Grand Valley, and Rev. Dr. Dickson, of Central Church, Galt, exchanged pulpits on a recent Sunday. Rev. Mr. McClintoch preached two admirable sermons in the Central church, which were heard with a great deal of interest and pleasure by two large congregations.

There are five vacancies in the Presbytery of Paris. They are as follows, with the interim moderators in each case: Ingersoll, Rev. Henry Dickie; Ayr, Rev. R. G. MacBeth; Embro, Rev. J. K. Shearer; Verschoyle, Rev. A. Brown; Delhi, Rev. A. Brown. The need for men seems about as pressing here as in the West.

In the absence of Rev. Mr. Wilson, who was preaching anniversary sermons at Cheltenham, Mr. Finlay, of Knox College, occupied the pulpit of Knox church, Acton, last Sunday and spoke very interestingly of the home missions of the church. Mr. Finlay was in the Northwest in mission work for several years and is well qualified to speak on this important subject.

At a recent meeting of the Galt Ministerial Association, Rev. J. B. Mullen, of Fergus, being present, was cordially invited to a seat as a corresponding member and added greatly to the interest of the meeting by his pleasant, witty and pertinent remarks. While Mr. Mullen shows the physical marks of years, yet his intellect is bright, keen and incisive and his great loving sympathetic hand is as fresh and warm as in the palm days of his youth. A paper which showed much research and careful preparation was read by Rev. J. D. Morrow, B.A., of Hespeler, on "Jeremiah, the Man and his Message," which was much enjoyed. The subject was then quite exhaustively discussed by the members. The meeting was a good and inspiring one.

The Presbytery of Paris met on November 6th in Knox church, Woodstock. One of the main features of the meeting was the celebration of Dr. McMullen's jubilee in the ministry. For the full fifty years the Doctor has served as an ordained minister, and for the last forty-seven years he has been in one congregation, he has passed the three score years and ten by five, yet his eye is not dim nor is his mental or physical vigor in any appreciable degree diminished. His spiritual fervor has grown with the years. But he seems to have preferred to retire when thus in the full enjoyment of his powers. The scenes in Presbytery were affecting as men who had been baptized by the Doctor appeared as delegates from his congregation. At the evening meeting everything was at high tide. Addresses were presented by the Presbytery, congregation, the city of Woodstock, the ministers of the city, etc. Dr. McMullen's reply was impressive and touching. He will continue to reside in the manse and has a good retiring allowance. It is expected that Mr. R. B. Cochrane, his successor, will be formally inducted in January next.