

Ministers and Churches.

Ottawa.

Rev. J. W. H. Milne has been appointed interim moderator of the Bank Street session. The resignation of Dr. Moore takes effect on the 31st Dec. next.

A permit for the erection of a manse in connection with Erskine Church has been granted. The manse will be built on the lot adjoining the church property, and will cost in the neighborhood of \$1,000. Work will be commenced immediately.

Rev. J. D. McPherson, a licentiate of the U. F. Church, and recently from Scotland, presented his papers and asked for work from the Ottawa Presbytery. His application and papers were referred to a committee to report at next meeting.

Officers for the Boys' Guild of Erskine church were elected last week as follows: President, George Rice; Vice-President, Harry Young; Recording Secretary, C. McInnes; Secretary-Treasurer, Alex. Stewart; Curator, W. Roche. The reading room will be supplied with an excellent stock of literature during the season.

There was a good attendance at last meeting of Ottawa Presbytery. Rev. Wm. Patterson, of Buckingham, the moderator this term, presides with dignity and efficiency. Business is not allowed to drag, and still every one who has anything to say gets a fair hearing.

Dr. Armstrong, in reporting from the Home Mission Committee of Ottawa Presbytery, recommended that Thurso, Lochaber Bay and the Gore be united and ministered to as one mission station, also that the Presbytery in view of the vast extent of the Home Mission work of our church; and in view as well of the large sum required by this Presbytery, urge upon ministers and members throughout our bounds the duty of securing as large contributions as possible for this scheme. These recommendations were heartily endorsed by the Presbytery.

Knox church endeavors held their semi-annual meeting last week, the president, Mr. T. E. Barrie in the chair. The receipts for the half year amounted to \$88. It was decided to support a native student in Formosa. Among the officers elected for the ensuing year were the following: Hon. President, Rev. D. M. Ramsay; President, Mr. E. McMartin; Vice-President, McCallister; Recording Secretary, Miss J. A. Brown; Treasurer, Miss Ida Swinburne; Convenor Prayer Meeting and Missionary Committee, T. C. Barry. At the conclusion of the business an enjoyable social evening was spent.

At the Ottawa Presbytery on Tuesday a discussion was held on the Aged and Infirm Ministers' fund, and the attention of the members of the presbytery was drawn to the importance of this fund. It was decided to hold a general discussion on it at the next meeting of the presbytery, same to be opened by Mr. J. R. Reid, who, we have no doubt, will treat the subject sympathetically, and at the same time in a business-like and practical manner. This is just one of the subjects that it is well should be committed to the care of an intelligent layman; and Mr. Reid is well qualified to bring it before the Presbytery in good shape for a useful finding.

A meeting of the Sabbath school superintendents and teachers of the Presbyterian churches of the city was held in Bank Street Sunday school hall on the evening of the 28th. Rev. J. W. H. Milne presided and there was a large attendance. The General Assembly some time ago drew up a course of instruction for teachers, dividing it into three subjects: Doctrine, Scripture and Principles of Teaching. This is the two year course of seven months each year. It was decided to take up the course and hold meetings monthly. Principals of teaching and doctrine will be taken up at these meetings. The study of doctrine will be conducted by the city ministers. The scriptural course will be taken up by each Sabbath school separately.

At the Ottawa Presbytery meeting the best part of the afternoon was devoted to a discussion on Sunday school work. Rev. J. W. H. Milne spoke on the Home Department, which, it is agreed, is now neglected. The home department is supposed to apply more particularly to children who are unable to attend Sunday school; by its arrangement they can be prepared for the

regular examinations the same as if they were enrolled in the Sunday school class. Rev. D. M. Ramsay spoke on the question of Teachers' Training which he characterized as an all important one. The advisability of holding a session of the Teachers' Training Institute in Ottawa during the winter was discussed, but no action taken.

The Ottawa Ministerial Association at a meeting in the Y. M. C. A. rooms on Monday endorsed the Ontario Liquor Act of 1901 as follows:

"Resolved that this Protestant Ministerial Association of the city of Ottawa and vicinity endorse the Ontario Liquor Act of 1902 as a progressive and helpful measure calculated to be of great benefit in abolishing the bar-room and saloon and checking the evil custom of 'treating.' 'We therefore call upon not only those in favor of total abstinence and prohibition, but all who while claiming the right to procure and use alcoholic beverages, a right which this measure does not antagonize—disapprove of the barroom and saloon and the social drinking coming out of these.'"

Western Ontario.

The thank offering in connection with the W. F. M. S. of St. Andrew's church, Guelph, amounted to \$50.

The recent meeting of the Stratford W. F. M., Presbyterial is said to have been the best in the history of this active organization.

The Presbyterians of Shakespeare intend shortly erecting a fine new church in a central location to take the place of the two churches now in existence.

Rev. A. E. Henry, of Brandon, Man., has been called to Knox church, Hamilton, in succession to Rev. Dr. Fraser, who recently resigned on account of ill-health. It is said Mr. Henry will accept.

Rev. J. J. Hastie, of Belgrave, acceptably occupied the pulpit of Seaford Church, on the 19th inst. The Expositor says: "Mr. Hastie is an excellent, practical preacher, and the Belgrave people are fortunate in having so able a man as their pastor."

The W. F. S. of Westminster church, Mount Forest, held their Thankoffering meeting on Tuesday afternoon. Rev. A. B. Winchester, of Knox church, Toronto, formerly missionary to China, and to the Chinese in British Columbia, gave the ladies a stirring address.

At the recent semi-jubilee anniversary services of the King Street Chu. ch, London, the pastor, Rev. Thomas Wilson, gave an interesting review of the congregation's history. Of the members who saw the small beginning of the church twenty-five years ago there are now only two remaining—Mr. William Brown and Mrs. Burkhart. The late Rev. Mr. Gordon, of Crumlin, started the cause in May 1873, and at the first service there were only seven present, now they have a commodious church seated for 500, with a membership of 374. Mr. Wilson, who has been pastor for six years, is doing excellent work.

The Bradford Auxiliary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada held their annual Thanksgiving meeting on Thursday evening of last week and it was in all respects a great success. The Rev. A. Logan Geggie, of Toronto, was present and delivered a most interesting and stirring address on "Sacrifice." It was pointed out that only in so far as the individual Christian is willing to give not only of the means which God has given him, but also his very life if need be to save his fellowmen, is he following in the footsteps of his Lord and Saviour, "Who loved us and gave himself for us." If we allow the thought of what Christ has done for us to take full possession of our lives, then to spend and be spent for others will become our ruling passion. The offering amounted to \$26.75.

Eastern Ontario.

The Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Martin of Cannington, have been visiting friends in Lindsay.

The Rev. R. V. McKibbin, of Loring, occupied the pulpit in Pownessan on Sunday last very acceptably.

Rev. John Garraoch, has been transferred by the North Bay Presbytery from Mattawa to Warren.

Rev. R. Young, of St. Andrew's church, Pakenham, preached Sunday morning and evening in St. John's church, Almonte.

Rev. J. H. Turnbull, M. A., visited Campbellford last week and gave an address in the Presbyterian church.

Rev. H. D. Leitch, of St. Elmo, and Rev. T. G. Thompson, of Vankleek Hill, exchanged pulpits on the 26th ult.

Rev. A. C. Wishart, B. A., Beaverton, preached a thanksgiving sermon in the Presbyterian church, Orillia, Monday evening. The attendance was large.

Rev. J. S. Logie, of Winchester, has returned from his western trip. He went as far west as Calgary, where he left Mrs. Logie with a sick sister.

Rev. Fraser, of Uxbridge, preached anniversary sermons at Eldon on the 26th ult.; and Rev. McDonald, of Lorneville, took the services at Uxbridge.

Rev. T. G. Thomson, of Vankleek Hill, conducted Thanksgiving services in St. Paul's church, Hawkesbury, on Thursday evening of last week.

In Melville church, Eganville, on Sunday morning the congregation was addressed by Mr. D. McElroy, of Carp, the agent of the British and Foreign Bible Society.

The woodville congregation have unanimously called Rev. H. McPherson, of Ac. on. This pulpit has been vacant since the resignation of Rev. J. McD. Duncan at the beginning of the year.

Dr. R. P. McKay, Foreign Mission Secretary, Toronto, conducted anniversary services in the Brighton church last Sabbath. The attendance was large, and the sermons preached were most edifying.

The Rev. J. W. MacLean, of Kirkhill, Ont., has been called to Strathalbin, P. E. I.; and, having accepted of the call the Presbytery of Glenagry agreed to relieve him from his charge after 30th inst. Rev. T. G. Thomson, of Vankleek Hill, will be interim moderator of Kirk Hill. He will also declare the pulpit vacant on 7th December.

At the recent meeting of Glenagry Presbytery leave was granted Rev. Mr. Harkness to moderate in a call to a minister at Aultsville; and also to Rev. J. Coburn to discharge the same duty for Woodlands, when these congregations are ready.

The Carp auxiliary to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society held a special Thanksgiving meeting recently, when Rev. Norman H. McGillivray, the pastor, gave a very interesting address on "John Knox." As the weather was unfavorable, the attendance was small. The thankoffering amounted to about \$17.

The Rev. Malcolm McLeod, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, Marsboro. Que, and Miss Catherine McLeod, trained nurse, of Hartford, Conn., daughter of J. D. McLeod, Esq., Caledonia, were married on Tuesday last, at the home of the bride. The ceremony took place at one o'clock and was performed by the Rev. K. A. Gollan, pastor of the Kenyon Presbyterian Church, in the presence of the members of the family circle.

Knox church manse, Lancaster, was the scene of a large and happy gathering on Monday evening of last week. It being the 10th anniversary of the pastor's marriage, the occasion was pleasantly marked by the congregating of upwards of 125 members of both the fair and sterner sex. A feature worthy of mention was the fact that the gathering was not wholly composed of members and adherents of the congregation, but a number from St. Joseph's, St. Andrew's and the Methodist congregations were present to show their marked esteem for Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Graham and family. Articles too numerous to mention (useful as well as ornamental), and a well-filled purse were left at the manse to substantially commemorate the event. In the presentation, Rev. J. U. Tanner, B. A., acted as spokesman in a happy speech, which was replied to by Mr. Graham in an appreciative strain.

The members of Knox church Camden VIII, and the whole congregation are in high glee over the re-opening of their church. Services were held on Sunday, Oct. 19th. In the morning the church was filled with a large and attentive congregation, the people of St. Andrew's Tamworth, worshipping with them. Rev. M. McGillivray, M. A., preached two powerful and instructive sermons which were very much enjoyed by the congregation. The Rev. Mr. Weatherill preached in the afternoon, and the pastor, the Rev. J. K. Murray, gave the dedicatory prayer. On Monday evening, Oct. 20th, one of the best and most successful ever held in the