

Ministers and Churches.

Our Toronto Letter.

Special services have been held for some time past in Central Church, Toronto. Dr. McTavish, the pastor, has been assisted by the Rev. Wm. Meikle and by several of the other ministers of the city. The work has been largely among the young, but here some of the results have been most gratifying. Boys and young men, who had been thoughtless, and even flippant before, have come into close communion with Christ, and have come out for Him, and become His most earnest advocates. This latter feature, that which sent them out from communion with Christ to search for friends and companions, and bring them also to Jesus, has been most marked in certain instances.

The people of Central Church have chosen Mr. J. H. Bruce B. A., who has just graduated from Knox College, as an assistant to Dr. McTavish in his many labors. He will interest himself in the young people who are found in the Sabbath School but not in the church, or who may be found in both, but their parents are not found in either. He will relieve the pastor occasionally in the Wednesday evening services and on Sunday, and will seek to gather up those loose threads which a busy minister sees but finds himself unable to secure. And in it all he will be gathering information and experience that will be of incalculable benefit to himself in the after years.

The congregation showed its appreciation of their minister on Easter Sunday morning by placing a neatly tied packet in the vestry upon which they had written the minister's name. Opening it on his arrival there on Sunday morning, Dr. McTavish found a complete new set of pulpit robes. It was a most grateful recognition of him and his work; and minister and people were the better for the kindly act.

The visitor to Knox College this summer will miss the weather-beaten old fence that dated back some distance into the last century. Its place has been taken by a serviceable iron fence that adds much to the appearance of the College and grounds. The handsome gates at the main entrance are the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Mortimer Clark. Knox College owe much to the fostering care and generosity of these well-known friends. Much of their work for the College is done quietly, and few know the extent of their benefactions. Why should not more of the good Presbyterians of the city, to whom God has entrusted wealth, take a pride in our College, and unite to make it one of the most striking and beautiful features in Toronto. There is an ideal spot for a handsome fountain directly in front of the main entrance to the College.

The Rev. D. G. Cameron, of Burlington, under call to Mount Albert, in the Presbytery of Toronto, has signified his acceptance of the call. He will probably be inducted early in May. The induction will be preached by the Rev. W. G. Back of Maple, Dr. Carmichael will address the minister and Rev. J. C. Wilson will address the people.

Much interest has been created in Toronto Presbytery by the consideration of the Remit for the appointment of Synodical Secretaries for Sabbath Schools. The trend of the discussion has been away from the plan outlined in the Remit. Instead of appointing one in each Synod, who shall oversee the Sabbath Schools within it, there is a disposition to secure the appointment of one for two or more synods who shall look after the planting of schools in the newer parts of the Province. To this Missionary Sabbath School Superintendent there may be some objection on the part of the newer sections, where we have already a most efficient Missionary Superintendent. It may seem like an interference with what is part of his work, and he may even take it as a reflection upon his work there. We apprehend, however, that the present Superintendent is sufficiently experienced to avoid this danger. What shape the Remit will finally take when it appears before the Assembly for action it is just now difficult to determine.

The Assembly's Sabbath School Committee has spoken out clearly and very unanimously upon one point—that there shall be no deflection of the collections made on Children's Day to other than Sabbath School purposes. The Sabbath School Publications are now not only able to stand alone, but can give a helping hand, if need be. The money is no longer needed to assist that department. It is needed, however, to develop new Schools, and to provide good

equipment where that could not otherwise be obtained. We think the Committee is right in demanding that these gifts of the children should not be diverted, but used for special Sabbath School purposes for many years yet, until indeed every Sabbath School is thoroughly furnished with all that is needed for aggressive work.

Eastern Ontario.

Rev. A. G. Sinclair, Port Hope, is visiting friends in Nova Scotia.

Rev. George Weir, Avonmore, is recovering from his recent illness.

Rev. J. W. McLeod, Howick, Que., has been visiting relatives at Kirkhill.

The induction of Rev. Mr. Fuzzell took place at Athens on Tuesday, 16th inst.

Owing to the almost impassable condition of the roads there were no services at Kinburn last Sabbath.

Rev. Geo. Lang, of Wolfe Island, has been spending a day or two at the old homestead near Carleton Place.

Registrar McGregor preached in the White Lake and Burnstown churches last Sunday and will officiate again next Sunday.

Rev. W. M. Fee, pastor of the Presbyterian church, Merrickville, has resigned to take up home mission work in Manitoba.

The Christian Endeavor Society of Knox church, Roxborough, has presented to the new church collection plates of quarter cut oak and a pulpit bible.

Rev. W. S. Smith, Middleville, who has been suffering for the past month from a severe attack of pleurisy has recovered sufficiently to be able to resume pulpit work.

The Rev. Wm. White, a retired minister, died in Toronto in his 80th year. He was for many years settled at Peterboro, and was widely known in the Midland district.

Rev. W. M. Cruickshank, formerly of Point St. Charles, Montreal, very acceptably supplied the pulpit of the Vankloek Hill Presbyterian Church on April 1st and April 8th.

The Presbyterians of Franktown have decided to build a new church, and already almost \$3,000 has been subscribed. It will be of brick or stone and is estimated to cost \$5,000.

In the Presbyterian church, Prescott, on a recent Sunday, Rev. Dr. Stuart preached a sermon in memory of the late John Carruthers, who during his lifetime had been a most consistent member of the congregation, as well as prominent in public affairs.

Rev. Donald B. Macdonald, of St. Andrews Ladies college, Toronto, was the preacher in the First Presbyterian church, Port Hope, last Sunday, and Rev. W. McWilliams, M. A., of Toronto, formerly of Mill street church, will preach the following Sunday, April 21st.

Rev. G. Loughheed, of Cobden and Osceola, preached with much acceptance in the Almonte Presbyterian churches on a recent Sunday—in St. John's at the a.m. service, and in St. Andrew's in the evening. Rev. Mr. Hutcheon occupied St. John's pulpit Sunday evening.

Twenty-four new names were added to the membership roll of St. Andrews, Carleton Place, on Sunday, an unusually large number at one communion. At the preparatory service on Friday evening, Rev. Mr. Currie of Perth, preached. The attendance at the communion was the largest in the history of the congregation.

Western Ontario.

The ministers of Hamilton have arranged for an exchange of pulpits.

Rev. D. G. Cameron, late of Strabane, has received an unanimous call to Mount Albert.

Rev. Mr. Straith, of Inverkip, and Rev. Mr. Johnston, Preston, exchanged pulpits on a recent Sunday.

Rev. J. A. MacLean, M. A., Toronto, very acceptably filled the pulpit of Bayfield church on the 7th and 14th inst.

Rev. T. G. Thomson, Hamilton, has been preaching at Bayfield to the evident pleasure of his former parishioners there.

Rev. Dr. Smith and his session have decided to hold a series of Evangelistic services in Brauford church, previous to the communion on May 5th. It is expected that Rev. Dr. McTavish, of Toronto, and Rev. N. Russell, of India, will assist the pastor.

Quebec.

Rev. J. Goforth addressed congregations at Three Rivers and Quebec recently.

Rev. J. M. Callan, M. A., late of Metis, was inducted to St. Andrew's Levis, on the 4th April.

Rev. C. E. Gordonsmith has been appointed to Grand Metis, and enters on the work there immediately.

The congregation of Marshboro, thro' the resignation of Rev. N. Mackay, has become vacant. The Rev. D. MacLeod, M. A., Whitwick P. O., is moderator. For this congregation gaelic is indispensable.

The Rev. R. Whillans, Bryson, was recently given a very pleasant surprise when a number of his friends among all denominations assembled at his residence and presented him with an address and a most timely and useful present, in the shape of a new top buggy and harness. The address was read by Mr. George Carswell, of Calumet Island, and Mr. Whillans expressed his delight and surprise in suitable terms. Mr. Whillans is held in high esteem, not only by his own people but by the whole community, and this presentation is an evidence of that esteem.

The children of the St. Andrew's church Sabbath school, Backing am, held an entertainment in the Crystal hall on Monday evening, of last week, which was largely attended by the parents and friends of the scholars. The programme was a varied one and the pupils performed their parts in a way that gave great pleasure to the spectators and reflected great credit on Mrs. Wm. Patterson, who had the difficult duty of training the young people. In the course of the evening Rev. Mr. Patterson presented to the deserving members of the Sabbath school the prizes won by them during the year.

On the occasion of the tenth anniversary of the induction of Rev. J. E. Duclos, B. A., Valleyfield, a social was given by the ladies of the congregation, and after the refreshments had been disposed of a pleasant programme of music and addresses was presented. Mr. James Wattie made an excellent chairman; and Miss Rowie, of Athelstone, Miss Lange, Miss Jamieson, Mr. Phillips and Messrs. Marriott and Barlett, contributed most efficiently to the musical entertainment of those present. A well filled purse was then presented by Mr. Wattie on behalf of the congregation to Mr. Duclos and his wife as a token of their esteem and appreciation of their labors among them during the past ten years. "It is not only for the money that this purse contains that I feel grateful to you, said Mr. Duclos, in acknowledging the kindness of his people, but especially for the kind spirit in which this gift has been conceived." The Rev. Mr. Whillans, of North Georgetown, was called upon to address the meeting. After congratulating the congregation on the handsome gift given to their pastor, he mentioned the fact that out of the three men who assisted at the induction of the Rev. J. E. Duclos ten years ago, he was the only one that remained, the two others, Mr. Boyd, Benharmon, and Mr. McKerracher, of English River (Howick), had gone to their place of rest and repose. He then continued and said: "Mr. Duclos possesses all the necessary qualifications for the position of pastor of such a congregation as this one. You have here two races, representing English and French. Mr. Duclos stands as a representative of the two nationalities, for he speaks both languages with equal perfection. He typifies and symbolizes the unity which every patriot hopes to see realized in this country, and which will be realized notwithstanding the efforts of certain unscrupulous journalists and demagogues." Of Mr. Duclos and his partner in life the correspondent of the Montreal Witness says: "Mr. Duclos is a powerful speaker. His discourses are always interesting and helpful. They have been the means of elevating the moral tone of the community and of comforting many an individual. Mrs. Duclos is a daughter of the late Dr. E. Purvis, of Portage du Fort, and is a graduate of the Ontario Ladies' College. She is a born eloquist and possesses high literary talents. She takes an active part in the work of the congregation, and has proven herself competent to fill the position she holds in the church." THE DOMINION PRESBYTERIAN extends hearty congratulations to the Valleyfield pastor on the happy relations existing between him and his people, and trust that many such anniversaries may yet be celebrated by them.

The annual report of St. Paul's Church, Ormstown, is an interesting and business like document. The session takes advantage of the open-