

Eastern Ontario.

Rev. R. McNabb, late of Beachburg, has been preaching at Finch and Chrysler.

St. John and First church, Brockville, are holding largely attended union meetings.

Rev. G. J. Thompson, of Belleville, has been preaching with much acceptance at Picton, Ont.

The Presbyterians of Braside expect to have their church ready for opening by January 1st.

Rev. J. H. Turnbull, M. A., of Bowmanville, preached in St. Paul's church, Toronto, Nov. 24.

Rev. Murray Watson, lately of St. Lambert, Que., has been preaching in Knox church, Cornwall.

Rev. G. R. Fasken, of Toronto, conducted anniversary services in St. Paul's, Bowmanville, on the 24th ult.

The anniversary sermons preached by Rev. Dr. Herridge in St. Andrew's, Almonte, were greatly appreciated by those who heard them.

On the eve of his departure for Byng Inlet, Rev. J. L. Millar was presented with a purse containing one hundred and forty-five dollars, by friends in Finch and Chrysler.

The social held by the Lake Dore Presbyterians, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Macdonald, was quite successful; and the proceeds go to aid in the furnishing of the new Point church.

The following have been ordained and inducted into the eldership in the First Presbyterian church, Brockville, viz., E. A. Buckman, John MacLaren, Wm. Shearer, Nathaniel Gordon, Wm. Sutherland and H. S. Seaman.

The recent social in the Millbrook church, was a very pleasant evening for all present. The programme consisted of songs and reading, the orchestra assisting in programme; after which lunch was served, and the people all went home feeling happy.

Rev. Dr. Fraser Smith having received a call through the Foreign Mission Committee of the Presbyterian Church, the congregations of Bradford and Second West Gwillimbury are cited to appear in their interests at the next meeting of Presbytery to be held in Allandale on Dec. 10th.

A meeting of the Presbytery of Lindsay met in St. Andrew's church, Beaverton, on Friday evening last and was addressed by Miss Chase of Orillia. The meeting was largely attended by the ladies of both congregations, and was followed by a social tea given by the ladies of St. Andrew's.

The W. F. M. S. of St. Andrew's, Renfrew, held their thank offering on the last Sabbath of October. Dr. Bayne, of Pembroke, was the preacher for the day. His services were highly appreciated. The offering was very satisfactory, amounting to \$180, being a considerable increase over last year.

Rev. R. McNabb, of Beachburg, has preached his farewell sermons to his congregations after eighteen years of pastorate. Addresses were presented by his three congregations, Westmeath, Beachburg, and Perretton, and sums of money totalling \$275. He will reside in Pembroke for the winter.

The corner stone of the Presbyterian church at Rockland was laid on Thursday afternoon, Nov. 14th, by Mrs. W. C. Edwards. Rev. Thurlow Fraser, assistant minister of Bank Street Church, Ottawa, conducted the opening devotional exercises, and addresses were delivered by the Rev. Dr. Moore, of Ottawa, Rev. Mr. McIntyre, the pastor, and others.

Rev. Jas. A. Leitch, of Watson's Corners, has written a sketch of the old Dalhousie library. It is historical in character and gives an interesting account of the origin of the library away back in 1820. Mr. Leitch has taken no little trouble in collecting and arranging the facts and data in connection therewith, and hopes to revive an interest in library matters in Dalhousie.

Those who attended the W. F. M. S. meeting in Knox church Lancaster, Thanksgiving night, enjoyed attractive and well rendered programme. Rev. A. Graham acted as chairman. Rev. J. U. Tanner was the speaker, delivering an interesting and inspiring address along the lines of missionary enterprise. The musical programme included a duet by Mrs. A. S. McBean, and Miss T. M. Fraser, a solo by Mrs. McBean and several choruses by the church choir.

The collection of the annual thank offering meeting of the W. F. M. S. of St. Andrew's church, Almonte, amounted to \$33. The atten-

dance was large. After the opening exercises an anthem was sung by the choir, which was followed by an address by Rev. Mr. McLean, of St. John's church, who had as his theme the church as a fellow-worker with God. Rev. Mr. Hutchison emphasized the fact that a knowledge of the needs of the people of foreign lands was necessary as an incentive to liberal giving to missions.

The annual thank offering meeting of the W. F. M. S. of St. Andrew's church, Carleton Place, was held on Wednesday evening last. The chair was occupied by Mrs. A. W. Bell, in the absence of the president, who was ill. After opening exercises, Miss Gillies gave a Bible-reading which was prepared by Mrs. (Rev.) A. H. Macfarlane, of Frankton, on "Christian Service." This paper, like all of Mrs. Macfarlane's, bore the stamp of her careful and cultured nature. Mrs. Andrew Wilson, of Appleton, was the speaker of the evening. Her theme was "Thanksgiving." Her first and greatest reason of thanksgiving, in which are contained all others, was, "thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift." She beautifully unfolded Christ in the present life and followed God's great gift as He influenced and adorned all true relations of life. The collection amounted to \$200.00.

Western Ontario.

The Beeton church will be renovated at an expense of about \$300.

Re-opening services at the Georgetown Church will be held on Sunday, 8th Dec.

Rev. W. R. McIntosh, of Elora, has been preaching with much acceptance in Knox church, Stratford.

Rev. Mr. Ferguson occupied the pulpit of Knox church, Tavistock, last Sabbath in the absence of the pastor.

Rev. Mr. Glassford, of Chalmers church, Guelph, has commenced a series of sermons to young men. There is a large attendance.

The Presbyterians of Barford, held their church re-opening last Sunday. Rev. Mr. Martin, of Brantford officiated at the services.

The Seaford Expositor writes in high terms of Rev. Mr. Eakin, of Guelph, who is to conduct anniversary services in the Seaford church on the 15th inst.

The concert given in the Preston church turned out to be a grand success. The church was completely filled, netting a good sum, which goes to the choir fund.

Rev. W. E. Knowles attended the last meeting of Orangeville Presbytery as representative of Chatham Presbytery to support the call from Dover congregation to Rev. A. E. Neilly.

Communion services were held last Sabbath at First and King Street Presbyterian Churches, London, by their pastors. Seventeen and twenty-five new members were received respectively.

The anniversary services held last Sunday in Chalmers church, Elora, were well attended. The lecture on Monday evening by the Rev. Alex. McMillan, of Toronto, on "Scottish Covenanters" was highly appreciated by the large number of people present.

Arrangements for the erection of a new Presbyterian church in Bayfield are being made. Subscriptions to the amount of seventeen hundred dollars have been secured. Tenders will be asked for at once, and building will be commenced as soon as spring opens.

Rev. Dr. McCrae has been lecturing at Knox Church, London, on "To Give and to Get." The reverend gentleman dealt ably with his subject, and much interest was manifested by his listeners. The gist of the lecture was that as a man gives, so shall he receive. A cordial vote of thanks was passed to the lecturer.

A very pleasant evening was spent at the Tempo manse, Nov. 22, when Mrs. (Rev.) MacIntyre entertained the young people of the missionary society of Tempo Church. After a pleasing programme had been rendered, refreshments were served, and at an early hour the young people returned to their home.

The Galt Reformer says: The greater part of the material for the Knox church organ improvement is here and the workmen are also here. They'll be busy all this week getting that big musical apparatus into shape, and it is not likely that it will be finished for the Sunday services. Several of the new pipes are 16 feet high and a foot or so in diameter, while others are the size of a walking cane.

The moderator of the General Assembly, Rev. Dr. Wardlaw, was in Hamilton last Sunday, and conducted services in three of the city churches. He preached in St. Paul's in the morning, addressed Wentworth Sunday School in the afternoon, preached and conducted an ordination and induction of elders in Knox Church at night.

The Rev. J. MacLaren has had many tokens of the affectionate good-will of his Blenheim charge in leaving that place for Lachute. On the evening of the 19th ult. a largely attended meeting was held in the school room of the church, but the room proving too small an adjournment was made to the auditorium of the church. A pleasing musical programme was the prelude to the presentation of kindly worded address read by Mr. C. L. Von Gunten in behalf of the congregation, when a purse of over \$100 was given to Mr. MacLaren. Mrs. John Laird, on behalf of the ladies, presented a fine silk dress and a purse of \$25 to Mrs. MacLaren. A touching address by Rev. MacLaren followed, giving a short resume of his labors in this field wherein so many pleasant days had been spent. On Wednesday last at a social evening spent at Guilds they presented Mr. and Mrs. MacLaren with a purse of \$41, as a token of their kindly feelings to the departing ones.

Quebec.

Rev. W. J. Clark, of the First Church, London, has been elected vice-president of the Knox College alumni.

At the last meeting of the Galt Ministerial Association Rev. Dr. Dickson read an able paper on "The Kingdom of God."

Rev. Jos. White, of Ottawa, occupied the pulpit of the Aylmer church, last Sunday; and by appointment of Presbytery preached the pulpit vacant.

The additions to the sessions of Knox church, Hamilton are: Messrs. Charles P. Moore, F. W. Brennen, Wm. Anderson, Charles Philp, Ronald McRae and T. W. Laird.

Rev. Mr. Scott, of Hull, preached Sunday morning from the 5th chapter of Corinthians; and the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed at this service. It was announced that the annual thanks offering amounted to \$93.

Barrie Presbyterian W. F. M. S.

At the annual meeting of this Society held in Gravenhurst, the following were elected officers for the ensuing year: Honorary President, Mrs. Cameron, Allandale; President, Mrs. R. N. Grant, Orillia; 1st Vice, Mrs. Fraser Smith, Bradford; 2nd Vice, Mrs. Dow, Gravenhurst; 3rd Vice, Mrs. Foote, Collingwood; 4th Vice, Mrs. Stewart, Victoria Harbor; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Needham, Orillia; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Hall, Bond Head; Literature Secretary, Miss McConnell, Barrie; Mission Band Secretary, Mrs. Stevenson, Barrie; Secretary of Supplies, Mrs. Playford, Midland; Treasurer, Miss Thompson, Bradford. From the report of the Secretary, Mrs. J. Needham, we make the following extracts: "Again the time has come when it is our duty to look back upon the work done during the past year, and this suggests another and farther glance backwards at this opportune moment. When nine years ago we met as a Presbyterial Society in your town, and on which occasion we were given a very warm welcome, while some of the excellent women who then officiated your society 'have crossed the bourne from which none can return,' these are those who were active in the furtherance of this society's work, for love's sake who are with us to-day. For this keeping and leading we are thankful to an all-seeing Providence. During all these intervening years prosperity has attended us, work has gone on uninterruptedly, and zeal remains unabated. At our sixth annual meeting nine years ago, we heard reported 30 branches; membership, 616, and contributions, \$1,180. At the close of our fifteenth year our number of organizations has doubled to 60, with a membership of 1,251, also doubled, and \$1,625.21 in contributions. It will thus be seen how the work has been nobly taken hold of by the women of our Presbytery."

"Let no man despair of God's mercies to forgive him, unless he be sure that his sins be greater than God's mercies. It is impossible for that man to despair who remembers that his Helper is omnipotent."