

OTTAWA.

Rev. R. A. Tundy, of Williamsburg, preached in Stawton church last Sunday.

Rev. James Cormack occupied the pulpit of St. Paul's church last Sunday.

Rev. Professor MacKenzie, of Montreal College, preached in Knox church last Sabbath.

The annual meeting of St. Paul's Auxiliary of the W. F. M. S. will be held in the evening on September 25th, when the election of officers will take place.

A well attended meeting of St. Andrew's Women's Foreign Missionary Society was held in the Sunday school hall. Being the first meeting of the season, there was no very definite work, although the members are preparing for the "Thank Offering" which takes place in October. The ladies enjoyed a visit from Mrs. Byrill, the president of the W. F. M. S. of Truro, Nova Scotia. Mrs. Byrill spoke a few words towards the close of the meeting, encouraging the society in its work and mentioning the work done by the branch in Truro, which is a very flourishing one, having over one hundred members.

The Girls' Own Club of Stewarton church has been reorganized for the winter. The following officers were elected: Supervisor, Miss Seymour; president, Miss Maud Ashe; vice-presidents, Miss Porter, Miss Victoria Little, Miss Alexander; secretary, Miss Mildred Holmes; treasurer, Miss Shirley Smith; organist, Miss Mildred Holmes. The conveners of the different committees are: Social committee, Miss Hardy; devotional, Miss Maud Ashe; literary, Miss White; missionary, Miss Irene Ashe. The motto of the club for the year is "Forward." The girls are preparing for an entertainment in the near future, which is entitled "Cinderella."

Rev. A. E. Mitchell and family have returned to Ottawa after spending the summer vacation at Ringwood and Hamilton.

Owing to the inclemency of the weather the garden party which was to have been held last week on the church lawn at McKay Street church was held in the Sunday school. The social was under the auspices of the Senior Mission Band, and the young ladies did everything possible to make the evening a success and succeeded admirably. The hall was prettily decorated with Chinese lanterns and bunting, and one of the prettiest features was the flower table, which was in charge of Miss Ethel Sherwood. The convener of the ice cream committee was Miss Jennie Slina, and of the candy committee, Miss Ethel Ferguson. Mr. Carson Kendall had charge of the door receipts, which amounted to twenty-two dollars. An impromptu programme was furnished during the evening.

Mrs. Gordon Wadsworth, the president, presided at the first meeting of the Glebe Church Ladies' Aid. The meeting was well attended and considerable business was done. The society is holding a Rummage Sale in By Ward Market hall beginning on the 13th of November and continuing until the 16th, and are ready to receive any contributions. The millinery contributions are asked to be sent to Mrs. Engrem, of 112 Patterson avenue, and the following ladies have been appointed to take charge of any others: Mrs. J. McAdam, 102 Third avenue, and Mrs. R. Calhoun, of 106 Patterson avenue. Anything for the rummage sale may be sent to the homes of these ladies, where they will be prepared for the sale. The Ladies' Aid is also planning a series of meetings solely for the women of the church, the first one of which will be held in the early part of October. The meetings will be more of a devotional than social character and it is expected they will prove quite popular.

Mrs. Alexander, the president, occupied the chair at the monthly meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of Knox church. Owing to the absence of several of the members from town and the illness of others, the meeting was a small one. A committee of several ladies was appointed to confer with the pastor in regard to the formation of a Young Ladies' Mission Band. The arrangements for the annual thank offering were left to the president and the executive. The clothing to be sent to British Columbia will in all probability be ready by the end of the month. A paper was prepared by Miss Kennedy on New Guinea and its missionary, James Chalmers. As Miss Kennedy was unable through illness to be present the paper was read by Miss Alison Kennedy.

The Ladies' Aid Society of Stewarton church have been unusually busy recently. They have held quite a number of meetings to arrange for their work at the Exhibition. Through the unfortunate fire which the church suffered not long ago they lost most of their kitchen utensils and dishes, consequently they have to replace most of them. They have now made arrangements to serve regular meals at the Exhibition, and, judging by last year's success, they expect to be very busy. The following committees have been appointed and are hard at work: Dining room committee, Mrs. Fitzsimmons and Mrs. McDonald; kitchen committee, Mrs. Graham, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Ogilvie; purchasing committee, Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Robb, Mrs. Woodburn and Mrs. Taylor. The executive officers of the society are: President, Miss Aitcheson; secretary, Mrs. Robb; treasurer, Mrs. Graham.

MONTREAL PRESBYTERY.

The induction of the Rev. Dr. Welsh and the Rev. A. R. Gordon as professors of the Montreal Presbyterian College will take place on Tuesday evening, Oct. 15, when Dr. Welsh will deliver the opening address of the session. The Rev. Dr. Barclay will preside, and the Rev. Dr. Robert Campbell will deliver the charge.

This decision was reached at the last meeting of the Presbytery of Montreal.

A letter was also read from the secretary-treasurer of the Union Church at Murray Bay, enclosing, as he has done for some years past, a sum of \$108, contributed by the attendants at that church for the Ministers' Holiday Fund of the Presbyterian Church, and stating that a similar sum had been sent to the Bishop of Quebec.

The report of the Augmentation Committee was submitted by the Rev. Dr. Morison, and it pointed out that there must be a specified advance on the part of self-sustaining congregations during the present year. It seemed to the committee that an advance of twenty percent over last year's giving was necessary to carry out the idea of the General Assembly. It recommended that the subject be given special prominence at the annual missionary meetings. The report was adopted.

The Rev. Professor Mackenzie submitted the report on French and Italian mission work. Every department, it stated, was showing signs of new life. At Montreal East the work of the Rev. R. P. Ducloux among the French and Belgians had been encouraging. The Italian Mission in Montreal had a membership of about forty, and an attendance at the Sunday services of between fifty and sixty. There was at present a debt of nearly twelve thousand dollars on the premises, and the hope was expressed that the Presbyterians of the city would give generous help in clearing it off.

The report was adopted.

Rev. Prof. Mackenzie preached last Sabbath in St. Andrew's Church, Westmount.

TORONTO AND VICINITY.

The members of the Grafton Presbyterian church have passed a resolution unanimously asking their minister, Rev. C. S. Lord, B.D., under call to Fenelon Falls, to remain with them. The call will be disposed of at the meeting of the Presbytery of Peterborough on September 24.

Although the congregation of the Davenport-road Presbyterian church is only two years old and the church building only a little over a year old, yet the managers are forced to enlarge the seating capacity, and for that purpose plans are in course of preparation for an entirely new building. The new structure will be 90x60 feet, and will be erected on the vacant lot adjoining the Sunday schoolroom of the present church.

At the congregational meeting of the Eglinton Presbyterian church, held last week, a unanimous call was extended to the Rev. W. D. Back to become the pastor of the Eglinton and Bethesda congregation at a stipend of \$1,100 a year. The meeting was presided over by the moderator, the Rev. Dr. Neal of the Westminster Presbyterian church, Toronto. The call will come before the presbytery for ratification on Tuesday, Oct. 1.

Old St. Andrew's church, Toronto, which was given over to the decorators during the vacation, was reopened on Sabbath, September 8th. It presents a bright and attractive appearance, the tinting being quiet but rich in character, and the whole auditorium being recarpeted. Dr. Milligan was greeted by a fine congregation on his first appearance after his annual trip to Scotland, and chose the suggestive text: "Behold I am making all things new."

In connection with the work at the Davenport-road Presbyterian church, arrangements are about completed for the formation of a "Seekers' Bible class." This is somewhat of a new departure in that it gives enquirers an opportunity to discuss in a home-like conversational way the plan of salvation and also affords Christians an occasion to become proficient in personal work methods. It is expected that the class will meet every Saturday evening at 8 o'clock.

BERLIN CHURCH OPENING.

The new church erected by St. Andrew's congregation, Berlin, was opened on the 8th of September. Two of the former pastors of the church assisted the present pastor, Rev. W. A. Bradley; Rev. Donald Tait, of Teeswater, preaching in the morning, and Rev. A. B. Winchester, of Knox church, Toronto, in the evening.

The new church home, which will seat between 900 and 1,000 people, represents a cost of about \$30,000, exclusive of the lot. It is built in the Tudor Gothic style of architecture and is a decided acquisition to the public buildings of Berlin. A fine new organ has been installed and the Ladies' Aid have already paid over \$600 on the organ fund, that amount having been raised this year.

St. Andrew's has now a membership of 300 and 160 families have church connection. Eight years ago when Rev. Mr. Bradley went there there were only 60 families and a membership of 130.

Rev. Dr. Wardrope, the venerable pastor emeritus of Chalmers' church, Guelph, last Sunday morning assisted Rev. Mr. Glassford, and administered the communion to the congregation. Notwithstanding his 89 years he spoke very clearly and effectively and the hearers were deeply touched by his presence and address. In the afternoon he conducted services at Mosbora.