

QUEBEC NOTES.

WESTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. T. J. Robinson accepts the call to Burns' church, Milverton.

Rev. W. W. Craw, M.A., Creemore, is called to Bolton and Nashville.

A call from Napier has been extended to the Rev. Mr. Stewart, of Detroit.

The congregation of Brigidon is still without a minister. Rev. T. Dodds, Sarnia, is moderator.

Rev. Dr. McCrae, Wilton Grove, has been preaching on "The Protestant View of the Real Presence."

The Rev. James Rollins, B. A., pastor of King street church, London, has accepted the call from St. Andrew's church, Peterboro.

A fine \$2,000 organ was recently opened in Melville church, Fergus, Rev. R. W. Craw, B.A., pastor. Rev. J. B. Mullan, lately minister of St. Andrew's church, gave an interesting address.

Rev. G. S. Milligan, M.A., of Flesherton, has gone on a month's vacation to his old home at St. John, N.B. In his absence his pulpits have been supplied by Mr. D. W. Spence, B.A., of Toronto, a recent graduate of Knox college.

Successful anniversary services were held in Knox church, Protton, on 15th ult., when Rev. L. W. Thom of Hawkesville, a former pastor, preached morning, afternoon and evening, when his inspiring and helpful gospel messages were listened to with deep interest by large congregations.

At last meeting of Sarnia Presbytery arrangements were made for the discussion of the basis of union at the December meeting. Messrs. Reid and McNair are to discuss doctrine; Graham and Moore, polity; H. Currie and J. A. Ross, law; N. A. Campbell and W. I. McLean, administration; and Hall and Dodds the ministry. Sarnia may see a storm that day, says our correspondent.

The congregations, Varna and Blake, in the Presbytery of Huron, have extended a call to Rev. Daniel Johnston, of English Settlement in the Presbytery of London. The matter will be dealt with at the December meeting of London Presbytery. There are already four vacant charges in the Presbytery of London—St. Andrews, Thamesford; Rev. John Munro, Kintore, moderator; Knox, Dutton; Rev. W. L. Nichol, B.A., Dutton, moderator; St. George, London Junction; Rev. W. Moffat, London, moderator; Appin and N. Ekrid, Rev. Geo. Weir, Glenoe, moderator.

The Rev. John Smith, who for more than a year and a half has been laboring as ordained missionary in the Hamilton Road Mission, London, was on the evening of the 15th inst., regularly inducted by the Presbytery of London as stated pastor. The Rev. Dr. James Ross, Moderator of Presbytery, presided. Rev. D. C. Stephens of Melbourne, preached the induction sermon from 1 Cor. 2:2: "I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified." Rev. Jas. Rollins addressed the minister, and, in the absence of Rev. J. G. Inkster, who had been appointed to the duty, Rev. Walter Moffat addressed the congregation.

The service was held in the Mission Hall, the fine new brick edifice close by not being quite ready for occupation.

It is stated that the financial profit of the Passion Play this year at Oberammergau was \$25,000. Without the spring rains and floods it would probably have reached half a million. There were 225,000 visitors during the season. A part of the profit is distributed to the players, but no large share goes to any one person. The bulk of the surplus is put into the village treasury of Oberammergau for civic improvements and the maintenance of a hospital.

With the thorough organization that the Temperance forces seem to have, and the aggressive spirit that is characterizing the movement, the probability is a considerable addition to the dry area of the Province of Ontario after May next.

The Ecclesiastical sky, from time to time, gets overcast, even dark in these regions, and fears possess the hearts of those interested in seeing that all congregations and missions are supplied with laborers.

Somewhat recently the congregations of Levis, Inverness, Sawyerville, and Leeds Village, were vacant, while another vacancy was on the near horizon. But the cloud puts on a silver lining, from time to time.

About twenty-nine years ago, Rev. Dr. Mathews and Rev. J. R. MacLeod visited what was then called Chaudiere (now Lake Megantic), and gave the few families there a separate organization. (The former now resides in London, as General Secretary of the great Alliance of the Presbyterian Churches of the world, and the latter, having completed more than thirty years of continued work within the Presbytery, is still rendering it varied services.) Twenty-seven years ago, it was resolved to build a church there, and after this long nurturing, the young child of those days attained in March last the status of assisted manhood; and a few months thereafter sought a minister, and found one in the person of Rev. J. R. Douglas, of the Presbytery of Truro—coming with the wisdom of the East as the first pastor of the congregation.

Levis which was declared vacant, only recently, in consequence of the appointment of Rev. J. A. Macfarlane as Synodical Superintendent by the General Assembly, took immediate steps to secure a minister, and succeeded happily having called and secured Rev. J. J. Wright, who is no stranger in this Synod, and who gave some time and labor in the great West.

Inverness has been vacant since early last Spring, but bids fair to be settled soon, having extended a hearty call to Rev. J. M. Miller, of White Lake, in the Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew. Both the congregation and Presbytery are hopeful of Mr. Miller's favorable response.

Leeds Village has also been scanning the ecclesiastical horizon, and looked far afield, even to the breezy West, and has just extended a call to Rev. J. J. L. Gourlay, of Egeeton, Alta, and expects to have a shepherd guiding the flock before many weeks elapse.

Sawyerville, vacant for some months, with uplifted and anxious eyes, is looking out on the great field of the church, and would be glad to welcome a God-sent man; and such an one is truly needed in this important field. It is pleasant to chronicle these settlements and prospective settlements, but the joy is tempered with approaching vacancies. A special meeting of Presbytery has just been called to consider a call to Rev. Wylie C. Clark, who occupies one of the most prominent and important posts in the Presbytery—Chalmers' Church, Quebec.

A very urgent call from Knox Church, Saskatoon, has been forwarded for him, and both the Presbytery and congregation fear that this call has placed Mr. Clark under the lure of the West. And another vacancy is sure to come next month.

A campaign is on foot, under the guidance of the Committee on System Benevolence, having in view the adoption of the duplex envelope in every congregation, or at least weekly contributions for missions.

The annual Thankoffering meeting of Knox church, Paisley, auxiliary of the W.F.M.S. was held in the church on the 20th ult. The president, Mrs. (Rev.) G. C. Little, occupied the chair. The Sabbath school room was beautifully decorated with flowers for the occasion. An excellent programme was rendered, one of the most interesting features of which was a bright and thoughtful address by Miss B. Thynne, of Palmerston. The offering was the largest in many years, amounting to \$4. A delightful meeting, the best in the history of the society, was brought to a close with the serving of refreshments.

From a full report in the Orillia Packet it would appear that the first annual meeting of the Barrie Presbyterial W. H. M. Society was a marked success both as to attendance and as to the important business brought before it. Mrs. Cameron, of Allandale, presided. The Auxiliary reports were very encouraging. There were twenty Auxiliaries in connection with the Presbyterial Society, viz.: Allandale, Barrie, Coldwater, Coulson, Collingwood, Elmvale, Fesserton, Gravenhurst, Midland, Uptergrove, Lefroy, Midhurst, Waubaushe, Orillia, Black Bank and Alrie. Orillia reported 112 members, 16 life members, and receipts \$354. Mrs. A. McNabb, Orillia, gave a Scripture reading; Miss Spragge, nurse at WaKaw, gave an address; Miss Charr, spoke on the importance of Mission Band work; and Mrs. Grant Needham, in well chosen words, welcomed the delegates to Orillia. Greetings from the W. F. M. S. were presented by Mrs. R. N. Grant, Orillia, who said this was the age of women's work, and as women had received so much from the gospel, it was fitting that they should be foremost in this work. Women owe all to the gospel, and it was unbecoming to deny its blessings to our sisters. The Question Drawer was taken by Mrs. Harvey, and a most interesting and profitable half hour was spent. A well attended public meeting was held on Wednesday evening, Rev. D. C. MacGregor, pastor of the church, presiding. The greetings of Presbytery were ably presented by Rev. H. A. Berlis, of Victoria Harbor. The speaker of the evening was Dr. Kilpatrick, of Knox College, who sought to impress upon his hearers the message that the Christian and the believer is a man in debt. Our first charge is to pay our debt to God. The thoughts of Thanksgiving week confirm in us the debt we owe the Almighty. The New Testament rings with indebtedness and gratitude. Paul, Peter and John all called themselves debtors. God is in His heaven; how can we reach Him? Our debt is to everyone in this world who has not the Gospel. A Bible reading on "Service" was given by Mrs. W. S. Frost, who said we must give a cheerful willing service, a heart service, a service of consecration and love. The following officers were elected: Hon. President, Mrs. A. McNabb, Orillia; President, Mrs. E. B. Alport, Orillia; First Vice-President, Mrs. Cameron; Allandale; Second Vice-President, Mrs. J. A. Harvey, Coldwater; Third Vice-President, Mrs. Stevenson, Barrie; Fourth Vice-President, Mrs. Duff, Cookstown; Recording Secretary, Mrs. McKay, Elmvalle; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. W. M. Harvey, Orillia; Treasurer, Mrs. T. H. Grant, Orillia; Pioneer Secretary, Mrs. Sheppard, Midhurst; Secretary of supplies, Mrs. R. Moodie, Barrie. The president, Mrs. Alport, gave a stirring address, in which she urged the members to increased activity in the work, and those chosen to fill an office were asked to consider the call as from God, accept the position, and do their very best in it.

The 23rd annual meeting of the Sarnia Presbyterial of the M.F.M.S. was held in Mandaunin on the 9th and 10th inst. There were over 60 delegates in attendance. Among the good things provided was an address by Mrs. Davidson (returned missionary) on the work in India, one by the Rev. A. E. Armstrong on "Some Impressions of the World's Missionary Conference" and a paper by Mrs. Kanawin, of Strathroy, on the "Connection between the Spiritual and Practical in Our Work."

The reports showed an increase in contributions, one new auxiliary, two mission bands, an increase in the circulation of the F. M. Tidings.

Mrs. Nisbet, Sarnia, was re-elected president, with Miss Brebner, Sarnia, as secretary, and Miss Geddes, Strathroy as treasurer. It was agreed to hold the next meeting in Strathroy.