

EAST ONTARIO.

The anniversary services in St. Andrew's church, Gananoque, will be held on Sunday, June 5th. The pulpit will be filled at both services by the Rev. A. Meldrum, of Cleveland, Ohio, who will also deliver a lecture the following evening.

The Women's Foreign Mission Society of the Presbytery of Lindsay held a convention in St. Andrew's Church, Beaverton, on Wednesday the 18th inst. There were three sessions, at 11 a.m., at 2 p.m., and an open meeting in the evening. An interesting programme had been prepared.

Rev. N. H. McGillivray, of St. John's church, Cornwall, has accepted a call to Taylor church, Montreal.

The Presbytery of Peterboro sustained the calls of Rev. D. B. Marsh, D.Sc., of Springville, to Beachburg, and Rev. James Skene, of Baltimore, to Havelock.

Rev. Jas. S. McMillan of London-derry, Ireland, preached both morning and evening in St. Andrew's church, Picton, Sunday, May 1st. Mr. McMillan is in hopes of delivering in Picton his lecture on missions in Ireland, before his return to the Old Land next month.

Alexander church, Brantford, the pulpit of which has been vacant since the death of the Rev. H. R. McCracken, has extended an invitation to Rev. D. T. McClintock, Grand Valley, Ont., to become pastor.

WESTERN ONTARIO.

The Presbytery of London held its regular meeting in First Church of which the Rev. John Gibson Inkster is pastor on Tuesday 3rd of May. The attendance was very good, especially the attendance of elders.

Rev. Jas. Rollins, B.A., of King St. Presbyterian Church, made a model moderator, and a large amount of business was carried through with despatch.

The call from Cahlachle in the Presbytery of Sarnia, to Rev. T. R. Shearer, B.A., of Melbourne, was accepted. The stipend is \$900 with manse, Glebe, and the usual holidays.

Rev. G. F. N. Atkinson, of Appin, is the interim moderator of the vacancy of Melbourne and Riverside. The pulpit will be declared vacant on the 29th inst.

Rev. L. H. Currie, of Forest, who was present was invited to sit and correspond.

Mr. Jas. F. Dyer, of London, and Mr. Isaac Langford, of Maple Grove, were appointed additional elder commissioners to the General Assembly.

The motion of Mr. Thos. Alexander, to overture the General Assembly to abolish the "Schemes" as applied to the missionary work of the church and to substitute a more appropriate word was carried unanimously.

On the invitation of Mr. Jelly it was agreed to hold the July meeting in Port Stanley. July is a most appropriate time to go to the lakeside.

The Hamilton Road congregation, London, is growing rapidly under the ministry of Rev. John Smith. A new \$10,000 church is to be built this year. The Presbytery granted the congregation's request to borrow \$6,000 for the work.

The Rev. F. Ballantyne applied for leave to retire owing to infirmity. His application was endorsed and forwarded to the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Committee.

Rev. W. H. Geddes, Alisa Craig, sought to have all regular meetings held in London in the future, but the movement did not prevail.

The Presbytery on motion of Dr. Ross, adopted a strong resolution of appreciation of the character, scholarship and services of Rev. Hector MacKay, B.A., the retiring minister of London Junction. At the same time a resolution of appreciation and regret at Mr. MacKay's leaving was received from the members and adherents of the congregation. Mr. MacKay was presented with a purse and an address at the farewell meeting in the church.

The Home Mission report was presented by Dr. McCrae and that Augmentation by Rev. Walter Moffatt.

The work at Knollwood Park in the Northern part of the city continues to prosper under the care of Rev. P. Nichol. There are now 100 in attendance at the S. S.

An appeal against the introduction of Psalm Selection into the Service of Praise by the Session of Dorchester was presented by Mr. John Gibson and Mrs. Gibson. The appeal was dismissed.

Another appeal by Mr. R. S. McMillan, of Dutton, against the action of the session of Knox Church in suspending him from the eldership was discussed at length. At last on motion of Dr. McCrae the matter was submitted to a larger committee for further consideration.

An overture anent some changes in connection with the special financial appeals that are being constantly made to the churches was presented by Mr. Inkster. It was adopted and forwarded to the Assembly.

A congregational meeting of the Melville Church, Fergus, was held recently when a report was submitted from the committee appointed to canvas for funds for which to instal a pipe-organ, showing gratifying success. Over \$2,000 will be available for this purpose and it was decided to get specifications from some of the best organ builders. The work will be proceeded with as soon as the contract is let. A report from the sheds committee was also submitted, showing that the \$400, which was short after the first canvass was made, had all been subscribed in the canvass, making the total subscribed for this purpose, over \$1,500, which will open them free of debt. Anniversary services in this church, will be held on the 8th of May, and a liberal collection will be asked for that day, with which to augment the general fund.

TORONTO.

The twentieth anniversary of Bonar Church, Toronto, and the nineteenth of the induction of its pastor, Rev. Alexander MacGillivray, were marked by largely-attended special services. Rev. Dr. Taylor, of Cooke's Church, occupied the pulpit in the morning, and the pastor preached in the evening. There was an attendance of 714 pupils at the Sunday school in the afternoon, when they were addressed by the Rev. Mr. Rodger, of East Toronto, and paid the first instalment of \$720 on their \$2,000 contribution to the building fund. A choir composed of 100 of the children rendered special music during the day.

AUTHORIZED VERSION REVISED

It is good news that there is a dignified movement for a conservative and acceptable revision of the Authorized Version of the Holy Scriptures. The promise and assurance are given that next year, 1911, being the three hundredth anniversary of the first issue of the Authorized Version, the Oxford Press, of England, is to put out what is to be known as the Commemorative Edition of the Bible, which is to be the Authorized Version with the simple changes from obsolete words and expressions to those that are in the current language of to-day, and with such changes in form as are rendered ab-

solutely necessary by the fullest knowledge of the sacred text. The arrangement and supervision are said to be intrusted to competent and trustworthy men.

It is a fact that what is generally known as the Revised Version is very greatly unsatisfactory, and yet, notwithstanding all objections, a concerted movement of certain men has been made to induce and compel its adoption. Various Church bodies have been urged and almost driven to declare their preference for this version. Publishers have used all possible efforts to secure the adoption of this version in the various churches. Our own General Assembly has been almost intimidated and browbeaten in the effort to compel the use of this version in its publications. Notwithstanding its obvious imperfections and the fact of its being copyrighted, the effort has been made to thrust it into the place so long held by the Authorized Version.

We are heartily glad to learn of this new movement. If the work is well and wisely done it will mean that the Authorized Version will hold its old place so securely that it can not be driven out. Its forms of utterance, so rich and beautiful, so dear to the hearts of the people, and so faithful and charming a transcription of the Word of God, will remain the popularly accepted version. It is far in advance of anything that has ever yet been given to us in our own language - a translation of the Holy Scriptures.

What is known as the Revised Version has dealt too brusquely with the sacred text. Instead of being scholarly in the highest degree it is now conceded by many competent scholars that the revisers were misled by faulty Greek manuscripts to depart from the most trustworthy standards. Its English is harsh and unsatisfactory. A bias toward immersionist ideas and a trend toward Unitarianism is apparent. It would be a great misfortune and peril to have it adopted as the universal popular version. Let it be relegated to the bookshelf, to be used for reference, for which purpose it is sometimes and somewhat useful. Let there, at least, be no precipitate adoption of it by our Church bodies as the text to be crowded into our Sabbath schools and homes.

We can afford to await the appearance of this promised Commemorative Edition. If it changes some of the expressions that were current in the earlier days, and gives us in conservative and scholarly wisdom the loved and familiar utterances and forms of the old Authorized Version it will come to stay for many a century.

THE CHRIST LIFE.

It calls for more real heroism to be true to Christ and His standards in our ordinary, every-day life, than to stand the test of physical martyrdom for Christ in a foreign missionary field. To be confronted with the opportunity of dying for our faith is a challenge that usually calls-out the best in us. Merely to face the opportunity of living for our faith, and that in what seem to us the commonplace, uninteresting circumstances of a humdrum home or business life, year after year with no great change in prospect, does not seem like a challenge to heroism at all. For this very reason it is the more of a challenge. Endurance is more heroic than a spurt; it takes endurance to live the Christ-life for thirty, forty, sixty years of uneventful service. Such a life honors Christ, and he honors such a life, as the most convincing evidence of the power of Christ that the world