

Ministers and Churches.

Ottawa.

Rev. Dr. Armstrong, Ph.D., D.D. is giving a series of Sunday evening sermons on Practical Aspects of Christian Life, in St. Paul's church.

- Oct. 9—On Gambling—Public and Private.
- " 16—On Drawing the Line.
- " 23—On the "How" of Habit.
- " 30—On the Christian Citizen and Honest Election.
- Nov. 6—On the Christian Gentleman.
- " 13—On the Duty of being interesting.
- " 20—On the "Supremacy of Woman" in the Church.
- " 27—On Good Men without the Church.
- Dec. 4—On Better Men within the Church.
- " 11—On the risks of Mid-Life.
- " 18—On Life's Glambours.

Rev. A. E. Mitchell, of Erskine church, addressed the members of the Woman's Foreign Missionary society at the annual thankoffering service at Dalhousie Mills last week.

Toronto.

On Sunday anniversary services were conducted in Deer Park church. The Board of Managers paid their popular pastor, the Rev. D. C. Hossack, M.A., LL.D., the compliment of asking that he preach the anniversary sermons, morning and evening himself.

The anniversary services in connection with St. Enoch's church were held on Sunday, Rev. J. Murray, B.D., of Erskine church, preached in the morning, and Rev. P. M. Macdonald, M.A., of Cowan Avenue Church, in the evening. On Monday evening the ladies of the church gave an "At Home" to the congregation.

On account of the anxiety caused by the reports of dangerous uprisings in Honan, China, Rev. Dr. MacKay, secretary of the Foreign Missionary Society, cabled asking if the missionaries were in danger. He received a cable reply, saying that all are safe. This will allay the fears of their many friends.

The Augmentation Committee, western section, at the meeting last week, considered the claims for the past six months, and passed on about \$13,500 for the different fields. That sum will exceed the estimates made last spring by about \$2,500. A number of new congregations were added to the list of augmented charges, so that the expenditure of the next half year will be still further increased.

The Executive of the Augmentation Committee was instructed to act in conjunction with the Executive of the Home Mission Committee in bringing into effect the increase of ministers' stipends, unanimously and emphatically declared advisable by the last General Assembly.

The Rev. William Frizzell, Ph. B., completed his twenty-second year as pastor of Queen street east Presbyterian church on Sunday last. At the time of Mr. Frizzell's induction the congregation was united with Chalmers' Church, Scarborough, and was known as Leslieville Mission. With the growth of the city eastward, the united congregation increased so rapidly that the city portion demanded the pastor's undivided attention. A separation took place, and from a membership of twenty-five the growth of the congregation has been such that at the present time the seating capacity is overtaxed. The Sunday school has also grown from 68 to fully 400. Notwithstanding the years of service, Mr. Frizzell is as vigorous to-day as he was at the beginning of his pastorate.

Western Ontario.

Ten thousand dollars is being spent on enlarging and improving First church, Seaforth; of which Rev. F. H. Larkin, B.A., is the pastor.

Rev. A. H. McGillivray of Chatham occupied the Dresden pulpit at both services on anniversary Sunday and preached two very eloquent sermons.

Rev. J. H. Ratcliffe of St. Catharines, preached in Erskine church, Hamilton, on Sunday evening with much acceptance.

Rev. Roy Van Wyck continues to preach at Sherman Avenue church, Hamilton, although he is carrying on his studies at Knox College, Toronto.

The anniversary services in connection with the Atwood church held on Sunday were very successful. The weather was all that could

be desired and the preacher for the occasion, Rev. E. H. Sawyers, of Brucefield, delivered two very eloquent and forcible sermons.

St. George's Church, London Junction, celebrated the ninth anniversary of its organization last Sunday. The preachers for the day were Rev. A. J. MacGillivray for the morning service, and Rev. J. G. Stuart for the evening, the pastor, Rev. Hector Mackay, exchanging with them for the occasion. The anniversary tea was held on Monday evening.

Rev. Mr. McAulay of Mitchell preached two able sermons in Avonbank on Sunday last, being the anniversary services of the Y.P.S.C.E. Rev. Thos. Wilson of Walkerton gave an illustrated lecture in the church on Wednesday evening.

On Oct. 16 the Presbyterians of Paris celebrated their anniversary, the Rev. A. B. Winchester of Toronto preaching able sermons to very large congregations. There was a record attendance at the tea and concert on Monday evening when the chairman of the managers announced that the proceeds of the anniversary were about \$500 and that recent additions to the ordinary revenue envelopes showed an increase of another \$500. Twelve elders are being added to the session to meet the increasing demands of the work. All money raised is by free will offering. The pastor of the church is the Rev. R. G. MacBeth, formerly of Winnipeg and Vancouver.

Rev. Dr. Dickson of Galt has received an important appointment as editor of the Provincial Union of Christian Endeavor for all the Evangelical churches of Ontario. Dr. Dickson held this position some years ago but relinquished the post. A tribute to his ability is the fact that he has urgently been called upon to resume the duties. Dr. Dickson will prepare articles for the Ontario press on subjects touching Christian Endeavor work. It is interesting to note that it will be 25 years on Friday that Dr. Dickson was inducted as pastor of Central church. The managers are arranging for a very fitting anniversary celebration, which will take place shortly. A prominent Canadian divine will preach.

Eastern Ontario.

Rev. M. H. Wilson, of Snake River, Ont., preached in Knox Church, Lancaster, on the two last Sabbaths.

On Tuesday evening of last week the Woman's Missionary Society of St. Andrew's church, Pakenham, held a most successful social meeting.

Rev. L. Beaton of Moose Creek, occupied the pulpit of the Avonbank Church on Sunday morning and evening.

Northern Ontario.

Rev. Mr. Smith of Oro, and Rev. Mr. Craw, conducted the service of the Lefroy Church, the last two Sunday evenings.

Rev. Jas. Buchanan, of Dundalk, lectured in Knox church, vestry, on the evening of the 20th inst. on his recent trip to the British Isles.

Rev. Dr. McRobbie, of Kemble, conducted anniversary services at Ridgerton on Sabbath the 16th inst.

The annual thankoffering service in connection with Knox Church, Beaverton, W.F.M.S. was held on Thursday evening last week. The Rev. A. C. Wishart, B.A., the pastor, gave a very able and instructive address on Missions. The attendance was very good. The thankoffering was \$16.00.

On Friday evening, the 14th, the Loring Sunday School held a concert in the Russell Hall, which was a decided success in every way. The proceeds amounted to \$26.00.

The congregation of St. Andrew's Church, Parry Sound, are holding a series of evangelistic meetings. Last week Rev. Dr. McTavish conducted the meetings until Friday night, when Rev. John Little, Evangelist for the Synods of Toronto and Kingston, took charge of the meetings. Rev. Mr. Little will continue the meetings throughout this week.

Two ladies representing the Leith and Annan Congregations, called at the manse one day last week with a handsome and well-filled purse for Mrs. Fraser, as a token of the regard and good wishes of her many friends on the approach of the twenty-fifth anniversary of her marriage on the 30th of this month. The secret had been so well kept that the present was a genuine surprise,

Anniversary services were held in Division street church, Owen Sound on Sabbath the 16th inst. when able sermons were preached by Rev. R. J. McAlpin, of Knox church, and Rev. G. Tuck of the First Methodist church in town. The local talent was much appreciated and tended towards the increasing of unity in the congregations.

Knox church, Owen Sound, passed its forty-fifth anniversary on the 2nd inst. when Rev. Robt. Martin, of Hamilton, preached appropriate and deeply interesting sermons to large congregations. On the following Tuesday evening the choir gave a song recital which was thoroughly enjoyed by a large and appreciative audience.

Rev. John Ross, of Brussels, exchanged pulpits with Rev. W. Farquharson and preached anniversary sermons at Durham on Sabbath 23 inst. On Monday evening Mr. Ross delivered an address on "John Bunyon, the immortal dreamer."

October 30, being the 25th anniversary of the marriage of Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Fraser, of Annan, the latter's numerous friends in the Annan and Leith congregations anticipating the event very pleasantly surprised her a few days ago by leaving at the manse in her absence a wellfilled purse as a token of their good wishes for many happy returns.

At a special meeting of Owen Sound Presbytery recently held the report of the committee appointed to make rearrangement of part of the field was adopted and was as follows: Holland Centre to be united with Desboro and Williamsford; Woodford to be united with Knox church, Sydenham; Daywood and Johnson to be worked as a mission field. The new arrangement came into effect on Sabbath the 24th inst. and will doubtless prove beneficial to this part of the field.

At the close of preparatory service in Chalmers church, Flesherston, on the 21st, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Sheppard, very highly esteemed members of the congregation who are removing to Toronto Junction were presented with a handsome music cabinet and an address which expressed the deep regret felt at their departure. Mr. and Mrs. Sheppard, who possess superior musical talents, rendered very highly appreciated service in leading the choir and the former was also a valuable member of the Managing board.

Communion was dispensed in Chalmers church Flesherston, and associate congregations on Sabbath last, when as a result of union evangelistic services conducted by Revs. A. H. Ranton and John Little twenty-six new members were received on profession of faith, twenty-three at Flesherston and three at Proton Station. Thirteen of the number are heads of families, one old gentleman, rejoicing in the knowledge of sins forgiven, being over 80 years of age. A large number have united with the sister churches. The special effort led to closer study of the word and has been a spiritual uplift in the community.

The Church at Scotch Settlement, which was closed for the past two months undergoing extensive repairs, was reopened for public worship on Sabbath, the 9th, by the Rev. Dr. R. P. MacKay, of Toronto. Although the day was somewhat gloomy large audiences greeted the Doctor at both services. The sermons were most appropriate, earnest and helpful, and it was remarked that the attention, especially in the evening, was so close that the stillness was almost felt. The subject in the morning was taken from Psalm 42, "The Lord our chief joy," and in the evening, "Putting on the Lord Jesus".

The lecture on "Picture Galleries" by the Rev. R. P. MacKay, on Monday evening, was a treat, and those who were present avowed that they would willingly go many times the distance in a much greater storm in order to hear the lecture again.

The pastor, Dr. Smith, asked for a collection of \$300, in order to make up the amount still necessary to cover the indebtedness, and between the collections on Sabbath and a special effort put forth on Monday, it is most gratifying to know that the church is opened free from debt. It is understood that the repairs, etc., including a fine new pipe organ, cost somewhat over \$700.

Honan Missionaries Safe.

Rev. R. P. MacKay, Secretary of the Presbyterian Foreign Missions, received a letter from Rev. Dr. Stimson, stating that, although there were a few rumors of uprising, the main point of interest was the heavy rains which had flooded the country, spoiling the wheat crop and creating havoc generally.