

WESTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. Norman MacKay has demitted his charge of Port Stanley.

Rev. W. S. Nichol preached in the Bradford church on the 8th instant.

Rev. S. B. Russell conducted services in Erskine church, Hamilton, on the 8th instant.

Rev. Dr. McCrae delivered a lecture in the Newbury church last Monday evening on Right and Left-Hearted People.

The Ladies' Aid of St. Andrew's church, Sault Ste. Marie, held their annual bazaar and supper last week.

The next meeting of the Presbytery of Bruce will be held at Paisley on the first Tuesday of March, at 11 a.m.

The services at Clanbrassil church were conducted on the 8th December by Mr. Overend, a Knox College student.

F. H. Kirkpatrick, Ph.B., of Toronto, recited "The Little Minister" in the Presbyterian lecture room on Tuesday evening last.

The anniversary services of the Avonbank church were held last Sunday, when Rev. A. McVicar, of Atwood, conducted the services.

A Christmas entertainment will be held in the Presbyterian church, East Seneca, on Thursday night, December 19th.

The ladies of the Presbyterian church, Drumbo, recently gave a banquet in honor of the men of St. Andrew, when speeches were made by Rev. Mr. Thomson and Reeve Lillioot.

Rev. D. B. Macdonald, of Haynes avenue church, St. Catharines, was seized a week ago with a serious paralytic stroke.

The ladies of the Mimico church gave an At Home in the church last Friday evening—a genuine old-time social evening—which was enjoyed by the whole congregation.

Dr. E. D. McLaren, of Toronto, superintendent of the Presbyterian Home Mission field, addressed the Men's Association of First church, Chatham, last Friday night, on Our National Ideals.

A meeting of the Young People's Society of Knox church, Embro, was held on the evening of the 8th December, when Mr. Hobson of Woodstock, gave a most interesting lecture on birds.

Rev. Dr. Smith, of St. Catharines, preached at Smithville on December 8th, and Rev. W. S. Wright, of St. Ann's, preached the preparatory sermon on Friday evening.

Dr. W. A. Parke, of Toronto University, delivered a lecture on The Northlands of Ontario before Knox church Guild, Woodstock, last Monday evening.

Rev. David James, who is supplying First Church, London, delivered a very interesting, profitable and timely lecture last week on the Chinese in San Francisco.

Anniversary services were held in Bethel Presbyterian church, Mt. Forest, last Sabbath by the Rev. A. T. Webster, Toronto. On Monday evening a Fowl Supper was given by the ladies of the congregation.

Mr. John Wanless, of Toronto, preached in the Mimico church on the 8th instant, his subject being Temperance. On the afternoon of the same day a grand union rally of the Sunday school children was held, addressed by Rev. H. N. Duckworth of Knox church.

Rev. R. A. Lundy, of Williamsburg, Brockville Presbytery, officiated in Westminster church, Mt. Forest, on Sabbath, December 8th. The Rev. W. H. Geddes, of Ailsa Craig, filled the pulpit last Sunday.

At the annual meeting of the W. F. M. S. of Woodland church the following officers were elected: Mrs. Smith, president; Mrs. Ross, vice-president; Mrs. Caulfield, treasurer; and Miss McEachern, secretary.

TORONTO.

At the annual meeting of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the Eglinton church the following officers were elected: Mrs. W. G. Back, president; Mrs. W. Dunnett, first vice-president; Mrs. Nisbet, second vice-president; Mrs. Urmy, secretary; Mrs. J. McLean, treasurer, and Mrs. Fenwick, Tidings secretary.

The dedication services of Runnymede Mission were held on the 8th instant in the new church building erected by the congregation of St. James' Square Presbyterian church at the corner of Louisa street and Murray avenue, in the township of York, just west of the Junction. Rev. Alfred Gaudier of St. James' Square church conducted the morning service. Rev. Dr. Pidgeon of Victoria Presbyterian church conducted the afternoon service, and Prof. McFadyen of Knox College preached in the evening. A social entertainment was held in the church the following evening, with R. B. Weatherall, B.A., of Knox College, in charge. About one and a half years ago St. James' Square church began mission work in the Runnymede district, which has become quite thickly populated during the last two years. This was a part of a general movement towards church extension by the Presbyterian churches of Toronto. Mr. R. B. Weatherall, a student at Knox College, was placed in charge of the mission, and the first services were held in a dwelling house. The congregation rapidly grew, and a room in the Elizabeth street school was secured for the mission work. This soon became inadequate, and the present new church was erected by St. James' Square congregation. The Sunday school work in particular has been very successful. The new church is a handsome structure with a seating capacity of three hundred, and cost in the neighborhood of \$5,000. The Runnymede congregation will furnish and support it.

The choir of Knox church, Stratford, largely augmented by singers from different choirs of the city, presented Jammoneau's celebrated sacred cantata, "Jonah," at Knox church last Thursday evening in the presence of a large assemblage, drawn from most of the city churches.

Rev. W. E. Hassard, B.A., B.D., secretary of the Canadian Bible Society, preached in the Presbyterian church last Sunday morning and in the Baptist church in the evening. On Monday evening Mr. Hassard gave an address on the work of the Bible Society in St. James' Sunday school, illustrated by lantern views showing the work of the society's colporteurs in all parts of the world.

The W. F. M. S. of Westminster church, Mt. Forest, at their annual meeting elected the following officers for 1908: President, Mrs. A. Filshie; vice-presidents, Mrs. R. A. Fraser, Mrs. J. Duff Morrison, Mrs. A. Ray; secretary, Mrs. J. McTaggart; treasurer, Mrs. A. W. Wright; Leaflet secretary-treasurer, Mrs. M. O. Macgregor; librarian, Mrs. John Connor; treasurer of general fund, Mrs. J. S. Giles.

An enjoyable evening was spent at the home of Mr. James Roland, Hamilton, on Friday, December 6, when Mr. Roland entertained two of the classes of Knox church Sunday school, Miss Renwick's and Mr. Moore's. The first part of the evening was spent in games, after which Mr. Moore presented Mrs. Roland with a gold-headed umbrella, he being the oldest member in the class, the latter responding in a few well-chosen words. Later in the evening refreshments were served.

Anniversary services were held in the Avonbank church on Sunday, December 8th. The sermons were preached by Rev. J. W. McIntosh, of Mitchell. Tea was served in the basement of the church on Monday evening, and Revs. D. N. Morden and M. Nichol, B.A., of St. Mary's, delivered short addresses. The Classic City quartette assisted in the musical part of the programme.

Rev. James Foote was ordained and inducted into the pastoral charge of North Bruce and St. Andrew's on November 28th. The call was very unanimous, and Mr. Foote enters upon his pastoral duties with the full sympathy of the people, and, under the blessing of God, with bright prospects of success.

Anniversary services were held in St. Andrew's church, Hamilton, on the 8th instant, when Rev. W. R. McIntosh, of Elora, preached at both services. On Monday evening the anniversary tea and social were held in the school room. Rev. Mr. McIntosh and Rev. Dr. Nelson, of Knox church, gave addresses, and some good music was also on the programme.

Rev. R. W. Leitch of Deleware, after a twelve years' indefatigable and acceptable ministerial labor has resigned through permanently broken health. It is believed he will ask leave of the General Assembly to retire with annuity. It is over thirty years since he began his ministry. A movement is now afoot to make some re-arrangement of congregations that all may be efficiently served with ordinances without killing the ministers. The charge will be declared vacant after New Year. Rev. Jas. Argo, Ivan, P.Q., will be interim moderator.

The First Presbyterian church, Galt, was filled to overflowing when Rev. H. J. Pritchard, formerly of Brantford, was inducted as pastor of the church. The services were impressive, inspiring and intensely interesting. The large congregation was composed of members of Knox and Central church members. Rev. R. E. Knowles in opening the services announced that Mr. Pritchard had been regularly called, and requested anyone knowing just cause or reason why he should not be inducted, to declare himself before the Presbytery, then in session. Rev. W. G. Wilson, of Guelph, who preached the sermon, took his text from the 47th chapter of Ezekiel and part of the 9th verse, "And everything shall live whither the river cometh." Rev. W. Ross, of Guelph, put the requisite questions to Rev. Mr. Pritchard, and after Dr. Torrance had offered an inspiring induction prayer, Rev. H. J. Pritchard was declared to be duly inducted as pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Galt. Rev. W. A. Bradley, of Berlin, addressed the minister, and Rev. R. E. Knowles the congregation.

On Tuesday evening a congregational tea and reception to Rev. and Mrs. H. J. Pritchard was held in the First Presbyterian church. Tea was served by the ladies of the congregation from six to eight o'clock. The basement had been very prettily decorated and the tables were adorned with candles and an abundance of carnations, and presented a beautiful appearance. At eight o'clock all present adjourned to the auditorium of the church, where a public reception was held. The proceedings opened with the singing of "Old Hundred" and prayer by Rev. James McCrae, of Metz. The speakers of the evening were: Rev. Dr. Dickson, Mr. Cole, Y.M.C.A. secretary; Rev. Pettigrew, Glen Morris; Dr. Antliff, Hon. James Young, Rev. J. B. Mullen, Hon. MacLachlan, Mayor Thomson, Rev. D. James, Rev. R. E. Knowles made an excellent chairman. Since the church has had no pastor, Mr. Knowles has acted as Moderator of the session, and he was presented with an appreciative address and several pieces of silver. He made an appreciative reply, referring to his friendly relations with the congregation, which he was almost sorry, to sever.