

Rev. Dr. Lyle of Hamilton addressed the Central church Young Men's Union on "Reading" at their last meeting.

Rev. Walter Moffat, of London, delivered his popular lecture entitled "A Bicycle Tour Through the Highlands," in the Bridgeway church last Thursday evening. Lime-light views and music added interest to the lecture.

A missionary meeting under the auspices of the Young People's society was held in Komoka on Thursday evening. The programme consisted of an address by the Rev. A. J. McGillivray of London, on "Missionary Work," followed by missionary readings and recitations.

A successful service of Praise was held in Chalmers' church, Woodstock, on Tuesday evening. There was a chorus of twenty-five voices consisting of Chalmers' church choir under the leadership of Laurie H. Smith.

The members of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of St. Andrew's church, London, presented Mrs. Robert Johnston with a farewell address, and a case containing a silver and cut glass set, and a silver cake basket.

According to the conditions of the will of the late R. R. Fulton, which is now being entered for probate, the testator bequeaths towards the paying off of the debt upon Knox church, of which the deceased gentleman was an elder, the sum of \$2,000, no conditions whatever being imposed.

In a recent address Rev. J. W. MacMillan, St. Andrew's church, Winnipeg, deplored the partisanship that made a man put party before country. The remedy for corrupt politics he said was the church which went to the root of the matter and tried to elevate the character of the citizens.

Manitoba Presbyterian College has arranged for the extra-mural examination of ministers at distant points who are taking up post-graduate work. The arts and theological classes are running concurrently for the first time since the abrogation of the summer session.

Rev. C. H. Vessot of Point Aux Trembles near Montreal, preached in North Mornington church last Sabbath. Mr. Vessot has been appointed by the Presbytery of Montreal to visit the churches of Ontario for the purpose of raising funds to enlarge the college buildings at Point Aux Trembles, the managers being forced to turn away hundreds every year for want of sufficient accommodation.

The Anniversary services in the Hagersville church on Sunday were a decided success. The attendance both morning and evening was large, and the sermons delivered by the Rev. Alex. Grant, of St. Marys, were highly appreciated by all present. The choir rendered some excellent special music, and the church was decorated with flowers.

On Wednesday Nov. 18th, a meeting of the Sabbath school association of Ontario was held in the First Chatham church. Mrs. Mary Foster Bryner, of Peoria, Ill., International field worker; Rev. Geo. T. Webb, president and J. A. Jackson, secretary of the Sabbath School association, of Toronto, were present at the meetings and delivered addresses.

Rev. Robert McIntyre, of Tempo, preached anniversary sermons in the Hyde Park church on Sunday Nov. 15. On Monday evening the Ladies' Aid Society held their annual thank-offering meeting. Mrs. McMillan, of London, gave an interesting address on missions in the Northwest. Rev. R. McIntyre and Rev. W. A. Wyllie, the pastor also addressed the meeting.

The Presbytery of Paris met last week at Chalmers' church and was fairly well attended. The call extended to Rev. G. R. Fasken of St. Paul's church, Toronto, by the Paris Presbyterian church was sanctioned, and the subject will be dealt with later by the Presbytery of Toronto, within whose jurisdiction Rev. Mr. Fasken's present church is. Rev. Dr. McTavish, of Deseronto, convener of the general assembly's committees on young people's societies, addressed the Presbytery. At the conclusion of his address the Presbytery instructed the committee on Young People's Societies to proceed as soon as convenient with the organization of the Presbyterial Union.

#### Northern Ontario.

The Thank-offering meeting in connection with Knox Church Auxiliary, Beaverton, was held on the evening of Oct. 28th. A most interesting and instructive address, on the open doors in every heathen land to the entrance of

the gospel, and the scriptural way of giving was given by the Rev. J. M. Cameron of Meek. In the absence of the pastor Rev. A. C. Wishart, M. A., the Rev. Mr. Currie presided. Suitable music was rendered by the choir. The offering was \$46.

Rev. A. H. Scott, M. A. of Paris, Ont., conducted divine service in Depot Harbor last Sunday evening, and was much appreciated by the large congregation present.

Rev. P. Fleming of Maxwell preached in the Southampton church on Sunday. Mr. Fleming has accepted a call to Minto, Manitoba. His many friends wish him success in his new field of labor.

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed in the Depot Harbor church on Sunday for the first time since the induction of Rev. J. A. Miller, B. A. Thirty members united with the church, twenty-one of whom were received by certificate, and nine by confession of faith. This is the first time a minister has remained in charge of this field longer than six months, and the results are very encouraging.

#### Barrie Presbyterial.

The seventeenth annual meeting of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the Barrie Presbytery was held in Cellingwood church last week. On Tuesday morning the president gave an address, and Mrs. Filson of Bracebridge on Bible reading.

At the afternoon meeting which was largely attended, Miss McCaig read an address of welcome, and Mrs. Nettleton, of Penetang, responded. A discourse followed on Juvenile Mission Band Work.

A public meeting was held on Tuesday evening at which Rev. J. A. Cranston, M. A., presided. After praise and devotional exercises, the chairman gave a most interesting address. Rev. A. B. Winchester of Knox church, Toronto, was present and addressed the meeting on "The Chinese in British Columbia."

On Wednesday morning the most interesting feature was the presentation of Presbyterial reports, all of which were satisfactory. On Wednesday-afternoon, a lively discussion took place on "Presbyterial Visitation" and "Best Literature Helps for Auxiliary Meetings."

#### Thank-Offering Meeting.

The Thank-offering meeting of St. Paul's Auxiliary of Smith's Falls was held in the school room on Oct. 14th at 2.30, with about 40 ladies present. Although the President had not been able to secure anyone to address the meeting, no pains had been spared to provide an interesting program and make the school room attractive. It has recently been renovated, and looked very bright. The table was daintily draped and vases of flowers added their cheerful welcome to all present. After the opening hymn was sung all joined in a responsive bible reading followed by prayer by the President, Miss F. T. Frost. The minutes of the September meeting was read and approved, followed by the Treasurer's statement which showed 68 members on roll and \$59.42 collected to date. After singing hymn 424, an interesting review of the work for the year was given by the President. He referred feelingly to the loss which the society has felt in the death of two of its members and closed with an earnest invitation to all to attend the meetings when possible and unite with the members.

Several very interesting letters from Miss Dr. O'Hara of Dhar, Central India, was read by Miss Shields. At the suggestion of the President that we should express to Miss O'Hara our deep interest in her, and sympathy with her in her work, it was moved by Mrs. Clark, seconded by Mrs. Foster that the Secretary should send greetings from this society.—Carried.

As Dr. O'Hara is a native of this locality and has relatives and personal friends here our societies are unusually interested in her. A paper written by Mrs. Grant of Toronto on Responsibility was read by Mrs. Whitcourt. This was followed by a little story which Mrs. Baird had told to the W. C. T. U., and she was asked to repeat it for us. It showed the value of fidelity in doing what might seem to be monotonous or unattractive work. Hymn 427 was then sung and a leaflet entitled "The Woman who Gave Herself" was read by Miss Jessie Clark.

The collection amounted to \$66.20 and quite a number of quotations and causes for thankful-

ness were enclosed and these were read by the Secretary.

The consecration prayer was given by Miss Shields and the closing hymn 608.

A social hour was then spent very pleasantly when tea which had been provided by the executive was served. And so ended in spite of the fact that we had no outside talent a very successful Thank-offering meeting.

#### Celebrates His Long Pastorate.

The anniversary services of St. Andrew's church, Sault Ste. Marie, were held on Sabbath last. There was a large attendance in the morning, and in the evening the seating capacity of the church was taxed to the utmost by Rev. Alex. Urquhart, Ph. D., the eloquent pastor of Escanaba, Michigan. Dr. Urquhart was formerly settled in Brandon, Man. His able and eloquent discourses were highly appreciated. At the anniversary social on Monday evening, interesting and edifying addresses were given. Rev. F. Tapscott, of the First Baptist Church congratulated the pastor on his long and successful pastorate, and the congregation on their solidarity. He esteemed highly both the pastor and the congregation for their work's sake, and concluded an excellent address by wishing that the tie formed so happily 13 years ago in the early days of his own ministry might long continue. Dr. Urquhart expressed his great pleasure in being present at the anniversary of the induction of his esteemed college friend, Rev. Mr. Duncan. He spoke of the sacred relation of the tie which binds pastor and people; of the great influence which a sympathetic congregation has in drawing out the noblest qualities of the Christian minister, and that the work of the church was co-operative; all were to be workers. He was pleased to know that peace, harmony and prosperity had prevailed during the past years of their congregational history, and emphasized the need of a new church, suggesting the following method of raising the funds. If 200 people would contribute 10 cents each per day for five days a week, a new church costing at least \$20,000 would be erected and paid for in four years. He hoped to be invited to take part in the opening of the new church in the near future. The pastor being called upon, stated that of the 124 members 13 years ago, but 30 remained; that the members of the original session were all gone; that during the 13 years an average of 60 members were added annually, yet by death and removals, the membership now stands at 340. He thanked the speakers for their kind words, and the congregation for their uniform kindness to him and his family, and hoped that in the near future they would rejoice together in a new church.

Mr. L. A. Green, B.A., principal of the High school, made an excellent chairman. He stated that the various organizations of the congregation were doing a good work, and hoped that all would enter upon the duties of this new year in their congregational history with renewed energy. Excellent music was provided by Mrs. Murray and the choir; Miss Light gave two humorous recitations, and the ladies of the congregation supplied bountiful refreshments. Regrets were expressed for the absence of Rev. Dr. Stone through illness, and of the Rev. Mr. Hart of the Central Methodist church who was out of town.

At the morning service Mr. Edward Mackay, of the firm of Mackay Bros., dry goods merchants, and Mr. J. R. Brown, High school master, were inducted into the eldership, and Mr. D. K. Mills, of the firm of Simpson & Rowland, and Mr. Joseph Pinch, grocer, Queen street, were ordained and inducted into the eldership of St. Andrew's congregation.

#### Tobacco and Liquor Habits.

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A country parson, writing to "The Times," says that as he objects to war, he will refuse to pay the tax to maintain the army and navy, and is prepared to be sold up.