

which he had remained true. They were to preach Christ crucified, obey the call of God, and not to be a party to any church quarrel. The latter would explain why he had resigned. He thanked the congregation for their kindness to himself and family, and freely forgave any person who had attempted to harm him or his. During his sixteen years residence here many warm ties were made, and it would be strange if some enemies were not made also. He commended all to God, and trusted that all would meet in the Father's house above. He expected to return at times, and hoped to again preach in St. Paul's church.

Western Ontario.

Anniversary services will be held in Knox church, Embro, on Sunday, May 10th.

For the summer months, the Sunday School of the Wroxeter church will be held at 9:45 a.m. instead of as formerly in the afternoon.

Rev. R. A. Mitchell of Hanan, China, preached in Knox church, Hamilton, last Sunday morning. In the evening Rev. Mr. Henry preached the first of a series of sermons to young men.

Last Sabbath the pulpit of Wentworth church, Hamilton, was occupied in the morning by the pastor, Rev. A. McWilliams and in the evening by Mr. Thos. Galloway who spoke on "Individualism."

The London Presbyterian Young People's Convention will be held in St. Andrew's church, London, on May 11th at 2 p.m., and the presbytery will meet in the same place for business next day at 9 a.m.

Rev. M. P. Talling, of Toronto, occupied the pulpit of the new St. James' London, last Sunday morning and evening. Dr. Talling was pastor of the church before Mr. McGillivray, and he was welcomed very heartily by the congregation.

Rev. David Wardrope, Teeswater, seems to be renewing his youth. On April 12th he preached in Lucknow to a large congregation from the words, "Ye are Christs," an excellent and impressive sermon which was much enjoyed.

There was an unusually large congregation at the Rockwood church on Sunday evening when the Rev. H. A. McPherson, of Acton, filled the pulpit. Mr. James Gordon, of Knox College, preached in Acton.

Rev. Mr. Thynne, until recently the publisher of the Arthur Enterprise, may return to the ministry. He preached in the Thornedale church for two Sundays.

The new pipe organ in Knox church, Elora, was opened on Friday last, by Dr. Davis, organist of Knox church, Galt. It is a very fine instrument and cost about \$1,200.

Rev. R. J. Wilson, M.A., a recent graduate of Knox College, has been called to St. Andrew's congregation, Vancouver, B.C., to fill the pulpit rendered vacant by the resignation of Dr. MacLaren, who was appointed superintendent of Home Missions.

Rev. J. S. Henderson, of Carmel church, Hensall, left last week for Manitoba and the Pacific coast, where he intends remaining for a couple of months, during which time supply has been provided.

The congregation of Knox church, Woodstock, presented the pastor, Rev. Dr. McMullen, who has just completed 43 years of service in Woodstock, with a purse containing \$230, to enable him to take a vacation. The presentation took place at a reception tendered the lately appointed assistant pastor, R. S. Laidlaw, B.A.

Northern Ontario.

Next meeting of Whitby presbytery at Oshawa July 21st at 10 a.m.

Whitby presbytery regular meeting is opened with an address by one of the members. At the last meeting Rev. John Abraham gave an admirable address on Pulpit Prayer.

The congregation of Dunbarton which has for some time been receiving stated supply has decided to call a minister at an early date.

Mr. Eddie has arranged to visit all the congregations of Whitby presbytery in the interests of the Students Volunteer Movement.

The following are the commissioners to the General Assembly: Rev. J. A. McKeen, Orono; and Rev. R. M. Phalen, Blackstock, ministers; and Mr. James Munro, Port Parry; and Mr. Colin Philip, Brougham, elders.

Kingston.

The following notes were received too late for our last week's issue:

Last Sunday, owing to the temporary illness of Rev. M. MacGillivray, the Rev. Prof. Jordan preached in Chalmers' church in the morning, and Rev. Alfred Gandier, of Toronto, in the evening.

Mr. D. M. Solandt, one of the graduating class in Queens, has been invited to take charge of the First Congregational church, Kingston, for the ensuing six months.

The "Whig" says of Queen's Gaelic Yell, formulated in October, 1901, that it was originated by the late Donald Cameron, whose native tongue was the language said to have been spoken in Eden. "The Yell has stood the test of time and will assuredly last forever."

At Queen's University annual Convocation five honorary degrees were conferred as follows: D.D. on Rev. Alex. McLean, of Blyth; Rev. Arch. Duff, of Bradford, England; and Rev. Dr. W. Morison, of Ormstown, Que. LL.D. on Prof. B. E. Faram, of Cornell University, and Prof. Robertson, of Ottawa, Dominion Commissioner of Agriculture. All these degrees were most worthily conferred.

The baccalaureate sermon to the graduating class of Queen's this year was preached by Rev. Alfred Gandier, B.D., of St. James Square church, Toronto, himself a distinguished alumnus of the University. There was a large D.D. presiding. The subject of Mr. Gandier's discourse was Christian Optimism, his text being Romans 15: 13; "Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing that ye may abound in hope through the power of the Holy Ghost." There was nothing of morose value, he said, than a healthy optimism as to life. Without it, wealth and education were of little value; but with it all life service was worth while. The hopeful man sees untold possibilities in life. After dwelling upon Paul's hope which was based on God, on redemption and on the power of the Holy Ghost, the preacher concluded an able and forceful sermon by a few words to the graduates. He told them that their ambitions would be vain unless inspired by a love more than human; unless inspired not from without, but with the Holy Ghost from within. Let them be God-inspired men and women; then would they have a zeal that would not die, a hope imperishable, a vision that would not fade away; and forgetting the things that are behind they would press forward to the things that are before, to the prize of the high calling which is in Christ Jesus.

Synod of Hamilton and London.

The Synod of Hamilton and London held its opening session in Knox church, Woodstock, on the evening of April 28th. The retiring moderator, Rev. Alex. Henderson, of Appin, preached an admirable sermon on the subject of selfishness. Then Rev. John Thompson, of Knox Church, Ayr, was unanimously chosen as his successor.

On Tuesday morning the first hour was spent in devotional exercises. The first business was the report of the memorial committee, which gave short sketches of the lives of ministers who have died since the last meeting of the Synod.

The committees were chosen as follows: Committee on bills, Rev. W. J. Day and James George, of Hamilton Presbytery; J. J. Brown and Dr. A. MacKay, of Paris Presbytery; J. G. Stuart and H. Hopkirk, of London; Dr. Munro and D. McMullen, of Chatham; R. W. Carlyle and G. McFarlane, of Stratford; E. H. Sawers and R. P. Bell, of Huron; J. McLennan, of Maitland; A. MacLaffy and J. Doherty, of Bruce. Committee on elders—Dr. W. A. MacKay and S. G. Livingston. Obituary notices—Dr. McMullen, W. M. Fleming, H. Currie.

A discussion arose in regard to a committee on probationers, and a motion to request the assembly to discontinue a committee and allow the Presbyteries to appoint their own probationers was carried by a small majority.

In the afternoon a discussion took place on the topic of how to make the pulpit a more efficient force. Rev. A. A. Graham, of Petrolia, Rev. W. J. Clark of London, Rev. Dr. Lyle, of Hamilton, Mr. W. N. Hessler, of Brantford, Rev. Dr. MacKay, of Woodstock, Rev. Dr. Munro, of Ridgeway, and Rev. Mr. Henderson of Appin, took part.

Rev. C. H. Vessot, of Montreal gave a stirring address on the work of French evangelization being prosecuted in the Province of Quebec, and

Rev. R. Aylward, of Parkhill, spoke briefly in reference to the good work being carried on by Mr. Vessot.

Admirable addresses on the subject of "Home and Foreign Missions" were delivered at the evening session before a representative audience. The question for discussion was introduced by Rev. Alex. Henderson, who presented the report of the augmentation fund committee. In seconding the resolution for the adoption of the report Dr. Lyle discussed the several phases of the statement in detail. Rev. E. D. McLaren, superintendent of the N. W. T. Missions then spoke; also Rev. Dr. Johnston of London, and Rev. W. A. J. Martin, of Brantford.

The sessions were concluded on Wednesday afternoon.

The Sabbath school report, which was presented by Rev. Mr. Pettigrew, of Glen Morris, showed that this department had held its own. It was recommended that more attention be given to the home work, to school grading, and to the teachers' training course.

Rev. Dr. Mackay of Woodstock, after reciting a number of the evils which arise from cigarette smoking, moved a resolution warning parents to put the young on their guard against the habit, and expressing the sympathy of the synod with the work of the W. C. T. U.

Rev. J. S. Hardie read an overture in regard to the Aged Ministers' Fund. The report, among other things, said that there shall be two funds, the one supported by the ministers as a whole for the benefit of aged ministers, and the other to be supported by the entire congregational contributions and to be purely a beneficiary fund for the benefit of all ministers, whether connected with the fund or not.

Rev. E. B. Horne, of Watford, read a paper on "The Newspaper Press and Ethical Progress" in which he denounced modern newspaper methods and regretted the influence which capital exerted over the ordinary journal. A discussion of musical interest, the consensus of opinion appearing to support the conclusion that Mr. Horne's idea for a newspaper was a commendable one, sound in theory but difficult to attain in the present age. Its practicability was questioned, the majority of the debaters holding that the readers themselves were responsible for the methods employed by the newspaper managements of to-day.

The session closed at five o'clock after the adoption of the usual votes of thanks and the delegates left for their respective homes entirely satisfied that the gathering would be productive of the very best results.

It was decided to hold the next annual Synod in the Central Church, Hamilton, in April, 1904.

Silver Jubilee.

For several years past the members and adherents of St. Andrew's congregation Gananque, have been preparing for an occasion which has never before been celebrated in that church in this town, the silver jubilee of their esteemed pastor, Rev. N. Gracey. On Friday evening, which marked the completion of his 25th year in charge of this congregation a large audience assembled in the lecture room of the church to extend congratulations and best wishes, and for nearly an hour both Mr. and Mrs. Gracey were kept busy meeting the many who came in, both old and young wishing their reverend pastor and his most estimable wife continued health and hoping that the former may long be spared to minister to the spiritual wants of the Presbyterian people in this town. An adjournment was then made to the church where visiting clergymen and others occupied places on the platform and each in his remarks made kindly reference to Mr. Gracey's long and successful pastorate here. During the evening he was presented with an address couched in the most touching terms, expressive of the good will of the congregation, and accompanied by a purse of gold as a slight token of the appreciation of his services. On Sunday anniversary sermons were delivered by Rev. Mr. Turnbull, of the West End Presbyterian church, Toronto, a son of an elder in the church at Thames Road and Kirkton, which was Mr. Gracey's first charge. Large numbers turned out both morning and evening, and all were delighted with the stirring and appreciative remarks delivered. Mr. and Mrs. Gracey leave about June 1st for a trip to British Columbia, when the former will attend a meeting of the general assembly of the Presbyterian church of Canada. St. Andrew's people wish them a safe and pleasant journey.