

WESTERN ONTARIO

A choir social was held in the Cayuga Presbyterian church on November 6th.

Rev. Mr. Craw, Ilderton, and Rev. Dr. Ross, of St. Andrew's, London, exchanged pulpits recently.

Rev. Principal Waller, D.D., preached in St. George's Church, West London, recently.

Rev. Mr. Glasford, of Guelph, gave a lecture in Knox Church, Culloden, on November 7th.

Rev. W. A. J. Martin, Brantford, occupied the pulpit of the First Church, London, last Sunday. Rev. W. J. Clark preached in Brantford.

Rev. Mr. Hunt of Ingersoll has been conducting services at Knox Church, Culloden, each evening at 7:30 p.m.

A union thanksgiving service was held in the Presbyterian church, Acton, when Rev. G. W. Barker, of the Methodist church, spoke on time thanksgiving.

Rev. T. Albert Moore spent Sunday November 5th holding meetings in Chatham in the interest of the Lord's Day Alliance.

Rev. W. A. Martin, of Zion church, Brantford, exchanged pulpits last Sunday with Rev. W. J. Clark of the First Presbyterian church, London.

It will be of interest to all Presbyterians to know that Judge McGillivray who succeeds Judge Nesbitt on the Supreme Court Bench is one of the elders of St. Andrew's Church, Toronto.

Rev. J. G. Reid, B.A., the lately appointed pastor of the Presbyterian work in Central Park and Cedar Cove, has taken up his residence at the latter place and is actively prosecuting the work at that point.

A meeting of the Home Mission Circle was held in the First Church, London, on Thursday night, last week, and was addressed by Miss Matilda Robinson, travelling secretary of the Women's Home Missionary Society.

Rev. Mr. Lindsay, of Dresden, and Rev. Dr. Battisby, of St. Andrew's Church, Chatham, exchanged pulpits on the 5th inst. The music in St. Andrew's was of a special nature, and was exceptionally good.

Rev. Dr. Neil of Toronto gave a most interesting lecture in Knox church, Woodstock, on the 29th of October, on a trip through Holland and Switzerland. Dr. Neil also preached anniversary sermons on the previous day.

Rev. A. Stewart, of Verchoyles and Culloden, preached in Chalmers' church, Guelph, on the 5th instant. His morning subject was the raising of Lazarus; and in the evening he preached a strong sermon on the elder brother of the prodigal son.

Mr. Sharrad, a student of Knox College, occupied the pulpit of New St. James' Church, London. Rev. Mr. McGillivray preached in Galt. Rev. Dr. Milligan, pastor of Old St. Andrew's Church, Toronto, will preach at the re-opening services of New St. James' Church on Nov. 10th. He will lecture in the church on the Monday evening following.

Rev. Dr. McKay, who has been for several months undergoing the rest-cure treatment in London, has recovered sufficiently to permit of his return to Woodstock. Dr. McKay is still in a weak condition.

His physicians say that he may recover to the extent that he will be able to get around, but he will probably never regain his accustomed vigor.

There was a very good turnout at the Scotch tea given at St. Andrew's church, Guelph, to celebrate Halloween, the school room being filled. Rev. H. Dickie presided, and contributed his full share to the pleasure of the evening. A good musical programme was first rendered, and a Scotch tea, with cakes, bannocks, etc., formed a palatable feature of the evening, and was much enjoyed.

Dr. Armstrong Black has been received into the English Presbyterian Church since his return to Britain. He was formerly a member of the United Presbyterian body.

Rev. Dr. Eakin of St. Andrew's church, Guelph, preached to the Masons of that city on Sunday evening the 1st instant upon the following words: "And upon the top of the pillars was hily-work." Special music was rendered, and at the close of the service the brethren marched to the lodge room where votes of thanks were passed to preacher, choir and managers.

The W. F. M. S. of the First London Church held its annual meeting for the election of officers recently, which resulted as follows: Honorary president, Mrs. (Rev.) W. J. Clark; president, Mrs. John Anderson; first vice-president, Mrs. Harry Benty; second vice-president, Mrs. John Cameron; third vice-president, Mrs. (Dr.) Hodge; fourth vice-president, Mrs. (Dr.) Arnott; secretary, Mrs. Raymond; assistant secretary, Mrs. Bruce; treasurer, Mrs. Shuttleworth; Tidings secretaries, Mrs. Layman and Mrs. Cheney; pianists, Mrs. W. C. Barron, Mrs. F. Stewart and Mrs. R. J. Lind.

On the 29th October a hanksiving service was held in Knox church, Hamilton, to mark the 37th anniversary of the Ancient Order of United Workmen. The Workmen assembled at their quarters on MacNab street south at 3 o'clock and marched from there by way of King and James street to the church, where the service was held at four o'clock. Rev. E. A. Henry preached a splendid sermon, in which he eulogized the principles of the society, and impressed most earnestly upon his hearers the fact that unselfishness was essential to earthly and future happiness. Another feature of the service was the special music by the choir.

The Presbyterian church at Shakespear was crowded on the evening of the 29th October, the occasion being the farewell sermon of Rev. H. Cowan. On the following evening the congregation assembled to say goodbye to Mr. and Mrs. Cowan. A short program was rendered, and addresses to Mr. and Mrs. Cowan were then read, and they were presented with a gold watch and chain and well filled purse and a case of sterling silver ware, the last being the gift of the Ladies' Aid Society to Mrs. Cowan. Mr. Cowan replied for himself and Mrs. Cowan. After this supper was announced and a social hour was spent. The congregation are most regretful at losing so faithful and efficient a pastor.

Anniversary services were held in Central church, Galt, on Sunday November 5th, marking the close of twenty-six years' pastorate of Rev. Dr. Dickson. Very large congregations listened to two thoughtful and practical discourses by Rev. Prof. Robertson, D.D., of Knox College and the choir rendered special music morning and evening. Dr. Robertson chose as his text in the morning, Eccl. v. 8: "Whosoever breaketh a hedge a serpent shall bite him." For his evening theme Dr. Robertson chose the parable of the prodigal son, taking for his text the last clause of the 12th verse of Luke XV: "He divided unto them his living," building upon this theme a practical and interesting gospel discourse. Both of Dr. Robertson's sermons were much appreciated.

Rev. Dr. Kilpatrick, professor of systematic theology in Knox College, Toronto, was the preacher at the anniversary services of the First Presbyterian Church on Sabbath. Dr. Kilpatrick is one of the strong men in the Presbyterian Church in Canada. He has already greatly commended himself by his excellent work on the staff of Manitoba College, where he not only was beloved by his students, but did an enormous amount of work in the pulpits of Manitoba and further west. Since coming to Ontario, his inaugural lecture and other public appearances have shown plainly that Knox College is to be congratulated on this accession to its staff, and that the churches through the Province who have the opportunity of hearing him preach are privileged.

The old time tea-meeting held recently in the Presbyterian church at Hespeler was a great success. Tea was served in the school room from 6 to 8 o'clock. The tables were bountifully provided for and beautifully arranged by the ladies. The program began at 8.30, with Rev. J. D. Morrow in the chair. The first selection was given by the double male quartette of Central Church, Galt. Then the Rev. Dr. Torrance, clerk of the Guelph Presbytery, the only minister living who, fifty years ago, addressed the people on a similar occasion, was called upon and in a spirited speech rehearsed the history of the congregation and proved to all that he had not lost his old time vigor and his forceful manner as speaker. Mr. McCutcheon, of Galt, gave an exceptionally fine solo. A practical address was given by Rev. Mr. Htmilton on "The Need of the Age."

The regular monthly meeting of the Chatham Ministerial association was held at the home of the secretary, Rev. F. E. Malott, with the president, Rev. Dr. Battisby, in the chair. Other ministers present were Revs. W. L. Rutledge, J. W. Hodgins and Dr. Hannon. Rev. W. L. Rutledge gave an interesting sketch of a sermon he had preached from Heb. 2:10. Among several subjects that were discussed was the matter of children running from school to school. It is to be deplored that there is so much laxity in this regard. In the opinion of the association it would aid materially in the moral and spiritual development of our boys and girls if they were kept by their parents at their own Sunday school and church. The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity rectory, when Rev. J. W. Hodgins will give a sermon outline.

Anniversary services were held on Sabbath last in Erskine Church, Hamilton, and were attended by very large congregations. The pulpit was occupied by Professor John Edgar McFadyen, of Knox College, Toronto, a celebrated writer on the literature of the old testament. In the evening he gave a masterly interpretation of the book of Job, which he characterized as absolutely the greatest book ever written. Certainly it had added charms to the congregation after Prof. McFadyen's discourse. The choir under the leadership of Dr. C. L. M. Harris, rendered a number of excellent selections. The male quartette also contributed a fine number at the evening service, "Lead, Kindly Light." On Monday evening the services were continued in the church. Rev. S. B. Russell presided and addresses were given by Rev. S. W. Falls, Gore street Methodist Church, Rev. E. A. Henry, B.A., of Knox Church, and Rev. James Anthony, B.D., of Waterdown. A musical programme was given under the direction of Dr. C. L. M. Harris, organist and choir leader.

Rev. E. A. Henry preached a sermon on the Rights of the Child, in Knox Church, Hamilton, which everyone who has to do with the bringing up of children could profit by. In opening he pointed out the right of every child to have good parents. The training of the child should be begun in its grand-parents. Every child had the right to be well born. He deprecated artificial manners in the child and spoke of the value of the kindergarten. The restless activity of child life; the questionings of the child, its ready acceptance of information imparted by its parents or elders were things that should be carefully considered in its training. Its religion was simple trust in a heavenly father. The practical religion of home and school were its best guide. The child's right to respect and to a good home were also dealt with; also its right to self-development and all that tends to its development in the sphere for which its nature fits it; and the right of discipline; the right to be directed heavenward. The richest heritage parents can give, he said, is a happy childhood wisely directed by home influences; and a life developed under the influence of love,