

Ministers and Churches.

Toronto.

Rev. E. A. Wicher, of Claude, preached in Westminster church, Toronto, last Sunday.

Rev. Dr. McTavish conducted anniversary services in Knox church, Beckwith last Sabbath.

The Knox College Literary and Theological Society will hold an at-home on Friday evening December 12.

Rev. Prof. McLaren D. D., of Knox college, and Rev. Alex. Gilroy, of College church, conducted anniversary services in Chester church last Sunday. An effort is being made to wipe off the debt.

The Executive committee of the home missions met last week. Much routine work was put through. One feature of the meeting was the presence of the new General Secretary Dr. D. McLaren and the two synodical superintendents Dr. Carmichael and Dr. Herdman. These men have taken up the duty assigned to them with great confidence and energy.

The work in our North West has assumed dimensions that almost overpower and paralyze us. It is of vast importance that the English speaking people who are pouring into that country shall have the gospel preached to them, but perhaps a greater problem awaits us in the attempt to christianize and nationalize the foreign populations that are coming to us from all parts of the world. Great liberality, much self-sacrificing zeal and much prayer are called for from our church in carrying forward the mission.

(But for pressure on our space these notes would have appeared in an earlier issue of this paper.)

Manitoba Notes.

Rev. R. W. Craw, Kaslo, B. C., has accepted a call from Vernon, B. C.

Mr. Leslie has taken charge of the Presbyterian services at Headingly for the coming year.

Dr. Reid was re-appointed to carry on medical work in the Dauphin district and to continue school already begun.

A committee was appointed to investigate the condition of Doukhobors and Galicians and ascertain the way of educating them.

Rev. A. Hamilton, Bois-evean has been renewing old acquaintance at Whitewood and preached there one Sabbath during his holiday.

We note that Dr. McLaren was not permitted to leave Mount Pleasant without the warm expression of regret and tokens of esteem shown him by many of his congregation.

The synodical committee met in Knox church, Winnipeg on Tuesday evening last. Dr. Warden who was present recommended that more regular contributions be obtained to aid in home mission work.

The Rev. Mr. Farquharson, Pilot Mound, attended the home mission committee in Toronto. His pulpit was supplied by students from Manitoba college.

Mr. Alex. Dunn late of B. C., passed through Winnipeg on Thursday last en route to Princeton. It is understood he is taking a position on the staff of that institution.

Rev. Ledingham, of the Presbyterian church, has completed his summer term in Elkhorn; last Sunday evening, every available seat in the church being taken. This is Mr. Ledingham's second season at Elkhorn and his services have been much appreciated. He leaves to resume his studies at Manitoba college.

The Rev. W. B. Cumming, B. A., late of Nanaimo, who on September 2nd, was tendered a unanimous call to Knox church Carberry was formally inducted into the pastorate on the evening of October 1st. The congregation extended a royal welcome to its new pastor. In the absence of the Rev. Mr. Speers, the moderator of the Brandon presbytery, who was unable to be present, the Rev. T. C. Court, of Petrol, who has officiated as moderator, of the session, presided. The sermon of the evening was preached by the Rev. Mr. Loughheed, of Douglas, who took as his text the injunction "Go out into the highways and hedges and compel them to come in." The ordination service followed, and the Rev. M. Cumming

was formally welcomed into the Brandon presbytery by the moderator and members of presbytery present. It might be mentioned that the Rev. Mr. Cumming preached in Knox church on Sabbath September 9th, and received an unanimous call from the congregation on the following Monday, and the call was sustained and arrangements made for the induction service on the following Tuesday, making a record for rapidity in ecclesiastic procedure.

Mr. Horesci, our Hungarian missionary reported to the committee in his work around Whitewood. He preached in three places with an average of 35 families at each place. A report was also received from Mr. Hamilton who has been doing special work for the H. M. committee in Minnedosa Presbytery. It was also decided to recommend the assembly's committee to open an office for church purposes in Winnipeg, Mr. Gordon, Dr. Bryce, Dr. Carmichael and Mr. Farquharson were appointed to support the resolution.

Last week was an important one in the matter of prohibition in Manitoba. At a convention held in Winnipeg it was decided to organize and nominate out and out prohibitionists in the various provincial constituencies of Manitoba. Mr. Spence was further instructed to prosecute his work with vigor.

The following resolutions received the sanction of the convention:

- (1) Pledge candidates to support prohibition or place a prohibitionist in the field.
- (2) Publish a paper to further these interests.
- (3) Convention to be held and organization proceeded with at once.

The committee reported favorably on the extension of the freedom to women, but this was ruled out of order by Rev. Dr. Stewart who presided over the meeting.

The opening of Manitoba college for the present season took place with Principal Patrick presiding. The others of the faculty present were the Rev. Dr. Bryce, the Rev. Dr. Hart, J. S. Will, registrar, Dr. McInnis and A. Calhoun. Rev. Dr. Hart was the speaker of the evening, and "spoke of the thirty years during which he had been associated with the college, the only senior member of the staff being Dr. Bryce." He told of the work of organization and of the early efforts that were so abundantly rewarded in later years. He paid a glowing tribute to the first chairman of the Board of Management Hon. A. G. Bammatyne. He told of the starting of the institution in Kildonan 1874, of its subsequent removal to Winnipeg, where it was situated on Main street; of the removal to the grounds now occupied in 1882; and of the erection of the structure that is now its home, ten years later. He took up the different departments of the work and showed that they had grown and strengthened. There have been 315 arts graduates of whom 45 were ladies since inception. He paid a high tribute to the late Dr. King, Dr. Black and Dr. Robertson, each of whom had been steadfast supporters of the college. In conclusion, Dr. Hart spoke of the excellent work which the midsummer theological classes had done, which would be discontinued after ten years of work, and be included in the regular arts term. Before the meeting closed Principal Patrick introduced the new Professor who takes Mr. Clark's place during his absence, Mr. Colquhoun of Queen's University. The meeting closed with prayer.

Ottawa.

Thank offering meetings were held in St. Paul's, St. Andrew's, Knox and Bank street churches last week in connection with the W. F. M. S.

All the Ladies Aid Societies have joined together in the "jam scheme" asking each family to give one bottle of preserved fruit for use in Protestant hospital.

The Presbyterian Ministers Association took place on Monday of last week. Rev. D. M. Ramsay occupied the chair. A discussion on the Referendum and Prohibition took place. Rev. Dr. Armstrong was elected president, and Rev. A. E. Mitchell B. A., secretary for the ensuing year.

Rev. R. E. Knowles of Galt, Ont., a former pastor of the church will give a lecture in the Stewarston church on Monday, Oct. 27th. His subject will be "Three Months in Europe." He will also preach at the anniversary services on Sunday, October 26th.

In McKay street church, New Edinburgh, Rev. Norman McLeod referred to the growth of the church and the progress which it had made in the past year. He also referred to the bountiful harvest which has blessed the people and for which the greatest thanksgiving should be given.

Rev. Dr. Armstrong, in St. Paul's church chose for his text the verse: "The earth was made for man." This was very, very fittingly illustrated in the coal strike which had just come to a termination. The earth, he said, was made for the benefit of the whole human race and not for a few to grow rich upon while others went in want.

In Stewarston Presbyterian church Rev. R. Herbinson referred to the recent settlement of the coal strike as one of the greatest causes for thanksgiving. The restoration of peace in South Africa, the abundant harvest and the general prosperity of the country was also among the greatest reasons for thankfulness.

The Thanksgiving services were well attended. In St. Andrew's church Dr. Herridge referred to the settlement of the coal strike. He dwelt at some length on the question and showed what misery had been obviated by its opportune settlement, for which devoted thanks should ascend to the Almighty. Garrett's Harvest Cantata was sung by the choir, Mrs. Darnley Bently taking the solo.

Rev. D. M. Ramsay at Knox church took as his text, "Husbandsmen shall receive the first fruits of his work." He enumerated the restoration of the King's health, the good harvest, the declaration of peace and the general good health enjoyed by the people. The settlement of the coal strike was also referred to, in which connection he remarked that we should be thankful that Canadians were in no way connected with the trouble.

Rev. Dr. Moore in Bank street church spoke on the advantages to be gained by the use and observance of Thanksgiving and other public holidays, which brought life in closer contact with religion through special services, tended to strengthen domestic ties; served as a convenient time for cultivating and keeping alive family traditions and afforded a good opportunity for the creation and strengthening of an intellectual patriotism. The collection was in aid of the Protestant General Hospital.

Northern Ontario.

The Harvest Home of Zion church, Angus, is announced for the 27th inst.

Rev. and Mrs. Paton have been warmly welcomed on their arrival at Angus. The ladies of the congregation prepared a sumptuous repast in the dining room of the manse, where the pastor and his family were cordially received by many of the congregation. Mr. Paton has entered in his work cheered by the knowledge that he will have the hearty co-operation of the people, both at New Lowell and Angus.

The ordination of Messrs. James Atkins, James Smart and Dr. Dunn, who have been duly elected to the eldership of Beeton Presbyterian church, took place on the evening of the 30th ult., the pastor Rev. P. Nicol, officiating. An appropriate address was afterwards delivered by Rev. J. E. Smith, of Clover Hill.

The Stayner congregation having called the Rev. W. J. Allison, a graduate of Yale, the Presbytery of Barrie, at a meeting held at Stayner on the 6th ult., sustained the call and ordered it to be forwarded to Mr. Allison. Provisional arrangements for his induction on October 28th, should he accept was made as follows: Rev. J. Borland, to preach; Rev. Thos. Paton, to address the people; and Rev. J. A. McConnell, the minister.

A successful concert in aid of the Boys' Brigade of Knox church, Copper Cliff was held at the end of last month. The feature of the evening was the drill exercises of the boys themselves. Under the able leadership of Mr. F. Lee, the boys have attained to great proficiency in their drill. There are few congregations outside the cities who can show a more efficient or better equipped brigade than the mining town of Copper Cliff. The concert realised between \$20 and \$25, which sum has been set apart as part payments of the rifles, lately secured for the boys.