

Monday evening last week the teachers and officers of Knox Church S. S., Woodstock, were hospitably entertained at the manse by Rev. Dr. and Mrs. McMullen. The occasion was the saying farewell to Miss Harvey and Miss Corbett, who for a number of years been most faithful and devoted Sabbath-school workers; and who are leaving the city for Toronto. Each was presented with an address expressive of the esteem in which they are held by the members of Knox church. A pleasant time was spent with music and conversation. Refreshments were served, and after devotional exercises all joined in singing "Blest be the Tie that Binds."

The anniversary services in Knox church, Embro were very largely attended. Rev. Prof. Ballantyne, of Knox College, Toronto, occupied the pulpit at both services. Every seat was taken in the body of the church on Sunday evening, and also in the large gallery. Prof. Ballantyne is a splendid speaker and he was heard to good advantage all over the large church. Monday evening the anniversary entertainment took place in Knox church and at 8.30 every seat in the large church was occupied. Rev. Mr. Patterson acted as chairman for the entertainment. Every person was pleased with the singing of Prof. Sherlock of Toronto. Other selections were given by the choir and by the Smith quartette. Prof. Ballantyne gave a very good description of his visit to the "Holy Land" some few years ago.

At the meeting of the Hamilton Presbytery Rev. John Young acted as Moderator and Rev. Mr. Hamilton as Clerk. The question of the resignation of Rev. Maugo Fraser, pastor of Knox church, was brought up. Messrs. McLaren, Wright, McPherson and McRae stated what had taken place at the congregational meeting the previous evening, and it was decided to accept the resignation of Dr. Fraser, who is to remain as pastor emeritus. Rev. Mr. Martin, of Erskine Church, was appointed interim moderator. The pulpit will be declared vacant on the first Sunday in June, when it is expected the Rev. Mr. McPherson, of Acton, will preach. The request that the Knox Church congregation be allowed to secure its own pulpit supply was not granted. The call to Rev. Mr. MacDonald, to the Presbyterian Church at Keene, was endorsed, as was also the call to the Rev. Mr. Janseun, who has been acting as missionary at the Locke Street Presbyterian Church. The call is to St. Catherine's Presbyterian Church.

Eastern Ontario.

The Rev. Dr. Bayne, of Pembroke, it is reported, will take a holiday of three months this summer.

Last Sunday the Rev. W. T. Willman, of Toronto, who is to take charge of Mill street church, Port Hope, for several months, occupied the pulpit both morning and evening.

Rev. Mr. Burch of Knox College, preached in the Woodville church last Sabbath week, and several wished to call him as their minister but he is already engaged to go to Winnipeg as an assistant to Rev. Dr. Duval. The Rev. G. A. McGlenan, of Jarvis, will preach in this church next Sabbath.

The Rev. George Yule was ordained and inducted into the pastorate of Springville and Bethany churches on Tuesday afternoon. At the same meeting the call from Horning's Mills to Rev. D. A. Hamilton of Havelock, was accepted. Mr. J. A. Wilson, a graduate of Knox College, and assistant to Dr. Torrance, was licensed.

Mr. J. H. Bruce, Missionary-elect to Honan, has spent the month of May visiting the congregations within the bounds of the Presbytery. Good reports come from every part of the Presbytery with reference to the practical character of the addresses, and the effective work of organization. Not a few Societies and churches have undertaken the support of some special worker in the Foreign Field.

At a special meeting of Kingston Presbytery held on the 20th of May, Mr. T. W. Goodwill and Mr. J. A. McConnell, who have just completed their course at Queen's College, were, after the usual examinations, duly licensed to preach the Gospel. Mr. Montgomery, who after taking an Arts course at Queen's, pursued his theological studies in Union Seminary, New York, was also licensed. The Rev. Mr. McPhail, of Picton, resigned his charge after ten years service in order to take work in the West; it was with regret that his congregation and his brethren of the Presbytery parted with him.

The Rev. W. H. Cram, B. D., accepted a call from Cobden, in the Lanark and Renfrew Presbytery.

Rev. J. H. Burnbull, M. A., of Bowmanville, preached in the Presbyterian church in Oshawa on Sunday morning of last week.

The members of Mississippi Lodge A. F. & A. M., Almonte, have invited Rev. Dr. Bayne, of Pembroke, to preach their anniversary services on June 22nd, and he has accepted. The Observer states that Rev. Dr. Bayne received similar invitations from Masonic organizations in other towns, but chose to accept the invitation from Almonte.

Fair-sized congregations assembled in Mill street church, Port Hope, last Sunday week, to hear the Rev. J. R. Mann, of Toronto, who preached two thoughtful and instructive sermons, which received an attentive and interesting hearing. In the morning the rev. gentleman's discourse was based on James 2: 17—"Even so faith, if it hath not works is dead, being alone." Faith is admittedly the prevailing principle of Christian life, and manifests itself in the life by good works. Faith and works in the life of the Christian can no more be separated than the tree and the fruit produced by it. The best of all these fruits is charity or love. There are two kinds of faith—faith that is mere intellectual belief exercised by the worldly man, and saving faith, or belief of the heart. "With the heart man believeth unto righteousness."

Home Mission work is being pushed forward with vigor in Peterboro' Presbytery. In March the church at Cordova Gold Mines was opened, and now two more churches are to be re-opened next month. The church at Knoxville, 7 miles north of Port Hope, has been out of use for some years, but the community has rallied, and the edifice has been renovated and will be opened by public worship, conducted by the Rev. Wm. Beattie on June 8th. On Monday night following, there will be the re-opening social. On June 18th the Rev. J. G. Shearer, brother of the Missionary in charge of these two appointments, will officiate at the opening of Oakhill church. This church was also out of use for some years but during the past year has been well filled every Sabbath. The people are to be congratulated on the devotion and zeal manifested in repairing these places of worship.

The many friends of Rev. W. S. Smith, Presbyterian minister at the village of Middleville, were shocked to hear of his sudden death of heart disease at his home at Middleville last Friday week. Mr. Smith attended a political picnic at McDonald's Corners the day previous, and he complained to a few of his friends of feeling unwell. After the picnic he drove home and retired for the night. At six next morning Mrs. Smith was shocked to find her husband dead. Deceased was of Scotch descent and was born in Dundee, Scotland, fifty-five years ago. He came to Canada and studied for the ministry. For a time he was stationed at Centreville, near the town of Napanee, but twelve years ago moved to Middleville to become Presbyterian minister, and has since resided there. Deceased was a nephew of the late Rev. Dr. Smith, of Queen's College staff, Kingston, and is survived by a wife, three daughters and one son. The remains were sent to Shannonville, near Belleville, for burial.

Northern Ontario.

Mr. Brown, a student of Montreal College, has charge of the work at Killaloe and neighborhood, and has already won the cordial co-operation of the people. Madawaska, Whitney, &c., are looked after by Mr. D. M. Reid from Queen's. At both Killaloe and Madawaska neat churches have been erected, and in addition to the Sabbath services and week day meetings, well attended Sabbath Schools are carried on at both places.

In St. Andrew's church, Parry Sound, last Sunday evening Rev. J. Childerborn, B. A., conducted a memorial service for the late Principal Grant. The attendance was large and the preacher dealt with his subject in a sympathetic and comprehensive manner. Special reference was made to the Principal's deeply religious views which were the basis of his courage, unselfishness, enthusiasm and unceasing labours in Church and State. The tribute paid to him as an educationalist was just and discriminating.

The Presbytery of Quebec will meet in Sherbrooke, 1st July next.

Ottawa.

Rev. Dr. Herridge at the morning service in St. Andrew's church, Sunday, announced that he had decided to decline the call which he had received from the congregation of Fernald Presbyterian church, London, England. Dr. Herridge stated that since he was first invited to become pastor of St. Andrew's church 18 years ago the congregation had changed. At that time there were 273 members. Fifty of these had died, he said, fifty had moved away and fifty had withdrawn from the church. Others had joined the church and he stated that he desired to ascertain how the present congregation felt. Not alone from his congregation has the desire been expressed that he would remain but he had received letters from friends and clergymen, Protestants and Roman Catholics, expressing the hope that he would not go to England. In view of all these he had after due deliberation decided to decline the call.

The report to the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa on Church Life and Work made the following recommendations which were adopted.

1. That pastors be recommended to discover the families in their congregations that have no form of worship in their homes and diligently endeavor to help them to adopt such a form as may well be within their reach.

2. That while the office bearers and members of the Church be recommended to continue all legitimate effort to secure local prohibition when there is any hope of enforcing it, the Synod would also advise them to give special attention to the work of instructing both young and old in the Christian privilege of total abstinence and to reclaiming and helping towards a better life, the victims of intemperance.

3. That Sessions be advised to acquaint themselves thoroughly with the condition of people around them by house to house visitation or otherwise and make special efforts to evangelize the unchurched households and individuals that may be found; and that they make special efforts to revive the active interest of the young men of the families belonging to other congregations in Christian life and service.

4. That pastors be advised to warn their people against depriving their servants of the rest and privileges of the Sabbath day by social parties or unnecessary work on that day; and against countenancing or taking part in public games or other sports on the Sabbath; and that they urge upon members of their congregations who spend their holidays at summer resorts, the duty of Sabbath observance and Church attendance.

5. That the Synod express its cordial sympathy with the Lord's Day Alliance.

Among the recommendations from the Sabbath School Committee adopted by the Synod were the following:

That Presbyteries elect their S. S. Conveners as early in the working year as possible, and that they be continued in office for at least three years, and that their expenses for postage &c. be paid.

That while not discouraging giving to any worldly objects yet we believe it wise to impress upon Schools the advisability of contributing more largely to the Missionary Schemes of our own Church.

That the Synod commends for use in Sabbath Schools and families the series of lesson helps and illustrated papers now provided by our own Church as for their being excellent assistance in the study of the Scriptures, and as calculated also to interest the young in their own Church and to further an intelligent Christian patriotism.

That the General Assembly's Sabbath School Committee be urged to take the necessary steps to provide without further delay, suitable helps for the 1,100 children and young people of our French speaking Sabbath Schools.

Quebec.

The Presbytery of Quebec's ministerial commissioners to the General Assembly are: Revs. D. Tait, E. MacQueen, J. M. Whitelaw, Dr. Kellock, J. R. MacLeod, A. T. Love, P. Boudreau.

Rev. J. R. MacLeod, of Three Rivers, on his return from Synod received warm congratulations from his own people and others, upon his election to the honorable position of Clerk by the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa.

Rev. J. R. MacLeod, of Three Rivers, preached with acceptance in Chalmers' Church, Quebec, on Sunday the 18th May, morning and evening; and at the morning service baptized the infant son of Rev. D. Tait.