

Ministers and Churches.

OUR TORONTO LETTER.

The Alumni Conference at Queen's College, claimed some of the Toronto ministers last week. The old St. Andrew's people missed the usual evening lecture on the Book of Job, but Prof. Ballantyne was an excellent substitute.

Rev. J. Wilkie preached in Old St. Andrew's in the morning, and in Bloor st. in the evening. Mr. Wilkie always leaves one impressed with the idea that life for him can hold no work comparable to that of leading India to Christ. It does one good to meet a man so thoroughly in earnest, and so convinced of the paramount importance of his work.

Will Knox Church move up town, and to what point? More than one Board of Management is somewhat anxiously asking these questions. At least your congregation could give Knox pointers as to where she should not cast covetous eyes, and if all your counsels were heeded, the only remaining site would be an aerial one. But the old site is not sold yet.

St. James' Square session and congregation were last Sabbath cited to appear before Presbytery at its next meeting. Rumors are floating about connecting certain names with the prospective vacancy, but one well-informed tells us that the congregation has as yet no one in view. Much will depend upon the choice now made, and upon the speed with which a decision to choose is reached.

Close upon the announcement that our Methodist brethren had magnanimously given the second position in a common undertaking to a Presbyterian, comes the announcement that the Methodist brother who holds the first position has found richer pastures across the line. And some are uncharitable enough to ask,—"I wonder how long he has had that pasture pre-empted. I wonder how many never are contented to play second fiddle."

At the Presbyterian Ministerial meeting Rev. L. H. Jordan read a paper on "The Inner Mission of Germany." Rev. Joseph Hamilton of Mimico presided.

WESTERN ONTARIO.

Mrs. (Rev.) R. E. Knowles, accompanied by her daughter, Knox, leaves for the south on the 27th inst.

The Rev. Dr. James, of Paris, preached both morning and evening in the St. George Church last Sunday.

The choir of the First Church, London, will give a sacred concert in the Episcopal Church at St. Mary's shortly.

W. J. Macdonald and Frank C. Macdonald, B.A., sons of the Rev. D. B. Macdonald of Scarborough, will be appointed to the hospital corps of C. Battery.

Dr. Hamilton, of Motherwell, will preach in the Central Church on Sunday. Rev. Dr. Dickson conducting anniversary services in Dr. Hamilton's Church.

The Galt Ministerial Association met at Rev. Dr. King's. The Rev. R. E. Knowles was the essayist, and his subject, "The Working Church of the Twentieth Century."

Rev. W. J. Clark delivered a lecture on "Life's Essentials," at Zion Church, Brantford, Monday evening, which the Expositor refers to as "thoughtful, suggestive and brilliant."

Mr. W. G. Barron, of the London Conservatory of Music, assisted by soloists, elocutionists and a chorus of 35 voices, gave a grand concert in the Bethel Presbyterian Church, Proof Line road, before a large audience.

During the past week special religious services have been held nightly in Knox Church, London, and the attendance has been very gratifying. Revs. Messrs. Clark, McGillivray, Wilson and Stuart addressed the meetings.

The C. E. Society of Knox Church, Ayr, gave an enjoyable social on Monday evening last. On account of the unfavorable weather the attendance was small. The programme consisted of singing, reading, piano solos, etc.

Rev. H. A. McPherson, of Acton, conducted anniversary services in Monkman's Presbyterian Church on Sunday. The services were well attended. On Monday evening Mr. McPherson lectured on the subject, "The Music of Life."

Rev. Dr. McKay of Woodstock, is meeting with much success in his canvass for the Century Fund. Chatham and Windsor each contributed \$15,000, and Petrolia not far behind. Mr. John McDonald an old reformer of the latter place, subscribed \$500.00.

The Central Church congregation, Hamilton, has come to an amicable settlement of their difficulties. They have refused to accept the resignations of the managers, who have withdrawn them. It has been decided that the Board shall control all paid officials of the church with the exception of the minister.

A meeting of the Grimsby branch of the Lord's Day Alliance was held in the Presbyterian Church on Sunday evening. Rev. J. G. Shearer, Field Secretary gave an excellent address on the aims and work of the Alliance. Revs. Messrs. Smith and Brown, and Messrs. Woolverton, Forbes and Calder also spoke.

The annual meeting of the Guelph Presbytery was held in St. Andrew's Church, Guelph, beginning on 11 a.m. Wednesday. The meeting was favored this year with the presence of Miss Tolmie, of India, who has been through the famine, and Mr. Gault, of Formosa, who addresses an opening meeting on Wednesday evening.

The anniversary of Knox Church Sunday School Hamilton was held on Friday last and was a most successful meeting. Rev. Dr. Fraser was Chairman, and during the evening distributed prizes to the following for correct recitation of Shorter Catechism; Ella McConnell, May Truscott, Bessie Warmington and Harry Truscott.

The King Street Church choir London, under the leadership of Mr. D. H. Dolbin, went to Tempo last night and furnished an excellent programme in the Presbyterian Church there, before a large and well-pleased audience. Supper was subsequently furnished for the choir members, and the evening was a pleasant one for entertainers and entertained.

Rev. Mr. MacWilliams, of Hamilton, preached in the Seaforth church last Sabbath, and will preach there again next Sabbath, administering the communion. Mr. MacWilliams is a graduate of the Seaforth Collegiate Institute, and does credit to his early training. He is an eloquent and able preacher, and his numerous friends were pleased to have this opportunity of listening to him.

Principal Cruickshanks, of the Brantford Ladies' College, has arranged a special course of lectures for the benefit of the pupils and patrons of that Institution. The one delivered on last Friday was by the Rev. D. V. Ross, M.A., on the subject of "Ancient Egyptian Literature," a topic which that gentleman from research and study is very well fitted to handle in an instructive and interesting manner.

The C.E. Society of the St. George Church has given expression to their sympathy with their pastor the Rev. D. Y. and Mrs. Ross in the death of their son Chester, by a very sympathetic and appropriate address, which had been handsomely engrossed in Toronto and neatly framed. This was quietly presented to Mr. and Mrs. Ross about a week ago adding another to the many tokens of regard and sympathy which have been received by them and so greatly appreciated.

Large congregations gathered in Erskine Church, Hamilton, on Sunday last to hear Rev. Geo. Booth, D.D., of Erie, Pa. In the morning the reverend gentleman spoke upon "Christ, the Ideal Help." The speaker illustrated his points aptly. In the evening "Hereditry and Environment" formed the subject of an earnest, impressive discourse. The text selected was, "Unto the pure, all things are

pure, but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure, but even their minds and conscience are defiled."

A special meeting of the Presbytery of London was held in the school room of the First Church to arrange for the induction of Rev. James Wilson, of Brammond Hill, as pastor of the Glenora Presbyterian Church. Rev. J. G. Stuart, of South London, presided. The induction was set for March 1 at 2 p.m., Rev. John Lloyd, of Crinan, to preside; Rev. Isaac McDonald, of Mosca, to preach; Rev. Dr. Johnston, city, to address the minister, and Rev. Robert Stewart, of Melbourne, to address the people. Mr. Wilson succeeds Rev. Mr. Ross, who has accepted a call to Guelph.

EASTERN ONTARIO.

The Rev. Mr. McKenzie of Roxton, Ont., has been appointed to the Presbyterian ministry at Scotstown.

The 15th annual meeting of the Brockville Presbyterian W.F.M.S. will be held at Spencerville on Monday and Tuesday, 25th and 27th Feb.

Rev. A.E. Mitchell, of Almonte, is popular with the young people. On Wednesday and Thursday of last week he married four couples.

The annual social of St. Paul's Church, Ottawa, was held on Thursday night; and on Friday night the annual Sunday School entertainment was held.

The Rev. Dr. Bayne, of Pembroke, and Rev. Mr. Laird, of the First Presbyterian church, Brockville, exchanged pulpits last Sabbath.

Rev. R. Haddon, of Watford, has been conducting anniversary services in Stewart church, Courtright. He also lectured on Jack Canuck and His Friends.

Rev. A. S. Grant, B.D., conducted service in the N. Williamstown Church on Sunday. On Wednesday evening he gave a lecture on the Klondyke, where he has spent two years.

A full rehearsal of Rebekah was held recently in Knox Church, Ottawa. The concert will be held in Knox Church on Thursday night, March 1st. Miss Jennie Andrews will be the soprano soloist.

On leaving Moore Creek for Scotstown, Que., Rev. Mr. Mackenzie was presented with a kindly worded address along with a well filled purse by the people who had reluctantly agreed to his resignation.

Rev. A. A. Scott instituted a new mission station at Lanark recently holding the services in the Town Hall. Rev. Dr. Crombie of Smith's Falls, occupying the pulpit in Zion Church, Carleton Place, in the pastors absence.

Anniversary services of Zion Church Carleton Place are announced for Sunday, when Rev. R.P. McKay, M.A., of Toronto, is to preach and special music will be rendered by the choir. On Monday evening a meeting will be held in the church, to be addressed by Rev. Mr. McKay, the local ministers taking part and a musical programme to be rendered by the choir. A silver collection will be taken.

Last Sabbath Rev. J. B. McLaren, of Columbus, preached in the Presbyterian Church, Orono and in Kendal. At the close of the service in the morning the Elders and Managers agreed to set before the congregation the sum of four hundred dollars as the amount they should endeavor to give, and as there is no debt on the church property, this should all go to the common fund. The Elders and Manager at Kendal, at the close of the afternoon service, agreed that they should aim at raising \$125, and arranged for a canvass of the congregation.

The Presbyterial Society.—The annual convention of the Presbyterial Society, which includes all the W.F.M.S. Societies in the Lanark and Renfrew Presbytery, was held in Amprior last week. Several interesting and instructive papers were read and the meeting was a most successful one. The