

Ministers and Churches.

Ottawa.

The new girl resident students of the Ottawa Ladies' College held a reception last Friday evening to the "old girl" students, the affair taking place in the assembly hall of the institution. There were over sixty ladies present, including Mrs. Grant Needham, the lady principal and the members of the teaching staff. The assembly hall was tastefully decorated with the red and white colors of the college and was fitted up in a pretty oriental fashion, divans and Chinese lanterns being used to marked effect. Games, and a musical programme, were much enjoyed.

The annual thankoffering meeting of St. Andrew's Auxiliary to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was held Tuesday afternoon and the thankoffering amounted to \$150. The dedicatory prayer was offered by Mrs. Levi Cranell, Miss Ross gave an interesting talk on Sir Launfal's vision, or the Spirit of True Almsgiving, and on resolution of Mrs. Perley and Mrs. Ahearn, it was decided to send a resolution of condolence to Miss Lee, of the Harmon school in the sad death of the late principal. The Auxiliary received a letter of sympathy in the loss it had sustained through her death, from Mrs. Hugh Campbell, Toronto, secretary of the general board. Miss Gibson read some extracts of missionary news, and it was reported that the box sent by the Ottawa Presbytery to Bertha school had been a very good one, containing 195 new quilts, numerous new blankets and a number of yards of unmade flannellette.

The annual thankoffering meeting of St. Paul's Auxiliary to the W.F.M.S., was held on Tuesday, with Mrs. Thorburn the president in the chair. There was a large attendance, and the offering amounted to about \$80.

Toronto.

Knox College is the first to get the machinery of student organization into working order. The Literary and Theological Society met on Tuesday evening, and appointed a committee to revise the constitution. The need of revision is not apparent to everyone, since the most successful period in the history of the society has been the last two years. Two years ago a revision was made, in which the name was changed from the Literary and Scientific Society to the Literary and Theological Society. The plan of work was altered to strictly theological lines. Recent books were synopsized, original essays written and questions of dogma and doctrine were debated. The attendance has always been large and the interest good. A still more successful session is, however, looked for this year. The Glee Club have reorganized and began practice at once under Dr. Anger. Three of last year's graduates and three undergraduates have left Knox for the Free Church College, in Glasgow, Scotland. Of these Mr. W. W. McLaren was President of the Missionary Society last year, when it attained its record membership and placed more missionaries in the home field than ever before. Mr. David Ritchie, who was better known outside of college circles as the golf expert who coached the champion Lyon than as a theologian, is also of the party. Two other undergraduates have gone to the McCormick Seminary in Chicago to complete their courses. One is Mr. T. A. Graham, who was General Secretary of the University Y.M.C.A. last year and a well-known athlete. Mr. T. A. Broadfoot, who came to Knox from Winnipeg a year ago, has returned to complete his course in theology in the Manitoba College. Mr. Myers, who came from Halifax at the same time, has also returned home, and will graduate in theology from Pine Hill College. The graduating class will not be diminished in numbers, however, as two new students have entered and fill the places left by Messrs Broadfoot and Myers. The total registration in Knox is below that of last year, but every room in the college is full, as numbers of students of University College, who are looking forward to a divinity course, live in the building.

At Parkdale church, Friday evening a meeting of the congregation was held to bid farewell to Rev. Dr. Wilkie, who has left for Gwalior, India, to take up his duties as an independent Presbyterian missionary. Mr. J. K. Macdonald occupied the chair and the speakers were Rev. Dr. McLeod, of Barrie; D. S. McKinnon, Rev. D. C. Hossack, and Rev. A. L. Geggie. All

of the speakers spoke in the highest terms of Dr. Wilkie. The reason for his going out as an independent missionary were given, and the charges laid against him at the assembly meeting were discussed and refuted. Rev. A. L. Geggie, in summing up his remarks, hoped that the mission at Gwalior would eventually be taken under the control of the Presbyterian church in Canada.

Dr. Wilkie spoke, and thanked the members of the congregation present for the kindness they had extended towards himself and his wife, and also for the purses of gold they had received to help them in their mission work.

Rev. Neil McPherson, of St. Paul's church, Hamilton, preached with great acceptance to large congregations in Old St. Andrew's church.

Western Ontario.

The congregation of Muir church intend holding their anniversary service Sunday evening next.

In St. Paul's church, Hamilton, Rev. Dr. A. T. Mowatt of Eskine Church, Montreal, conducted on Sunday Jubilee services.

Rev. A. M. Hamilton of Winterbourne, and Rev. Mr. Robertson of Puslinch, exchanged pulpits last Sunday.

Rev. E. A. McKenzie, B.D., of St. Matthew's church, Montreal, who conducted the services at Knox church on Sunday, gave an interesting and impressive address at the prayer meeting on Friday evening, in the lecture room of the church.

Bible students of London were pleased to have an opportunity of hearing Mr. W. R. Newell of the Moody Institute. He delivered his great address on "The Bible" in St. Andrew's Church on Tuesday evening. This was the first meeting of Mr. N. H. Camp's union Bible class, which was so popular last winter.

A very interesting lecture was given in St. Paul's church, Ingersoll, on Tuesday evening, by Dr. Margaret McKellar, returned missionary. Notwithstanding the disagreeable state of the weather a large number was present, the basement of the church being well filled.

Rev. Dr. Ross of London, gave an address on "Missions" at the last week night service, in connection with the Jubilee of St. Paul's church, Hamilton. Rev. W. A. J. Martin, of London, convenor of the Foreign Missions Committee, also spoke briefly explaining the reason St. Paul's missionary had not been announced to the congregation. Several men, he said, had been under appointment, but through unseen causes were unable to go. Inside of a year St. Paul's would have an active missionary, and, if possible, he would be a medical man as well.

By order of the Presbytery Rev. J. H. Ratcliffe preached in St. Paul's church, Hamilton in the morning and Erskine in the evening. Rev. Neil McPherson in Dundas; Rev. S. H. Gray, in St. John in the morning and in MacNab St. in the evening; Dr. Talling in Knox in the morning and in Central in the evening; Dr. Lyle in Locke Street in the evening, and Rev. H. McDermott in St. John in the evening; Dr. Fletcher in Barton church. The object of this exchange of pulpits was to bring the claims of the home missions and of augmentation before the people and to urge a more liberal support of these two important funds of the church.

If the Hamilton Presbytery gives its consent, Rev. Neil McPherson will sever his connection with St. Paul's Church, Hamilton, about the end of the month.

Mr. McPherson's departure will be deeply regretted not only by the members of his congregation but by citizens generally.

He has been pastor of St. Paul's Church for the past eight years, having come from Petrolia, where he had been for two years. Mr. McPherson has always looked upon St. Paul's as his first charge, and under his leadership the church has prospered. It stands to-day one of the leading churches of Canada.

Mr. McPherson is moderator of the Hamilton Presbytery and will have to call the presbytery together to consider his resignation.

Mr. McPherson will succeed, as pastor of the Tabernacle church, the late Rev. Dr. J. Cummings Smith, who died last July. Dr. Smith was a Canadian, and had been pastor of the Tabernacle church for eight years.

Eastern Ontario.

Rev. Dr. E. D. McLaren, General Secretary of Presbyterian Home Missions, will visit Glen-garry next week.

Arrangements have been made for him to deliver addresses in the following places.

Cornwall, St. John's Church, Oct. 23rd, at 11 a.m.

Martintown, St. Andrew's Church, Oct. 23rd, at 7 p.m.

Avonmore, Oct. 24th.

Moose Creek, Oct. 25th.

St. Elmo, Oct. 26th.

Lancaster, Knox Church, Oct. 27.

Williamstown, St. Andrew's Church, Oct. 28th.

Rev. J. J. Wright of the Yukon, a former pastor, gave a missionary address at the annual thankoffering meeting of the W. F. M. S. auxiliary of Lyn Church, on Thursday evening. The offering amounted to over \$50.00.

The North Lunenburg church, which has been in the hands of the renovators for some time, will be re-opened on Sunday. Rev. H. D. Leitch, of St. Elmo, will officiate at both services. On Monday evening Rev. Mr. Leitch will deliver his popular lecture on "People Whom I Have Met and Do Not Want to Meet Again."

Rev. O. Bonnet gave an address at the annual meeting of the Almonte auxiliary of the W.F.M.S. The evening was much enjoyed by those present and the collection amounted to \$50. A successful social gathering was held in St. Andrew's church Pakenham on Tuesday evening.

Northern Ontario.

The Aid Society of Knox Church, Beaverton, have arranged to hold an entertainment on the evening of Thanksgiving Day.

The Rev. H. Smith of Bradford, conducted the Victoria Harbor service on Sabbath morning. He preached an earnest discourse from Matthew v. 16.

In spite of a series of untoward circumstances the recital given by Knox Church choir, Owen Sound, on Tuesday evening in the church was very successful, and a substantial sum was realized.

Last Sabbath Dr. McTavish of Toronto, preached in St. Andrew's church, Parry Sound. His addresses were very impressive and greatly enjoyed by all present. During the week he has been conducting Bible readings each afternoon and preaching in the evenings. His addresses are expositions of the word of God as applied to everyday experiences of life. The attendance and interest in the services have been increasing every evening. On Wednesday evening the attendance was very good, and many were evidently deeply convicted. The services will be continued next week by Rev. John Little, evangelist of the synod of Toronto and Kingston. Mr. Little has special gifts for the work of an evangelist, and wherever he has engaged in work, whether as a pastor or as an evangelist, he has been greatly blessed in his work. Many will surely avail themselves of hearing him next week.

Jubilee of Rev. John Anderson at Tiverton, Ont.

On Oct. 11, a large number of members of the presbytery of Bruce assembled in the Presbyterian church at Tiverton, along with the congregation of which Mr. Anderson had been pastor for many years to celebrate the jubilee of his ordination to the ministry of the church. The warm place which Mr. Anderson occupies still in the hearts of many of the people was manifested by the assemblage that gathered to do him honor, in spite of the unfavorable state of the weather. The ladies as usual on such occasions provided refreshments in no stinted supply and after a pleasant social hour spent in partaking of the good things all repaired to the auditorium of the church to take part in the carrying out of a programme of music and congratulatory addresses. Rev. Dr. McQuarrie of North Bruce, and Rev. Mr. Tolmie of Southampton on behalf of the Presbytery presented Mr. Anderson with a beautifully illuminated address in which reference was made to the long and efficient service which Mr. Anderson had rendered to the church, and in which also was expressed the high esteem in which Mr. Anderson is held by his brethren. A number of letters were read from ministers residing in distant parts, and who were unable to be present, congratulating Mr. Anderson, and recalling many past associations in the early days of pioneer work in Canada. Among those were letters from Rev. Dr. Wardrope, in whose Sabbath School in Ottawa (then Bytown) Mr. Anderson had been a teacher