

## WESTERN ONTARIO.

It is reported that Rev. G. F. N. Atkinson's state of health has compelled him to leave his charge of Appin and North Ekfrid for a short period of rest and recuperation.

At the recent meeting of the London Presbytery, permission was given the First Presbyterian church to moderate in a call to a minister as soon as it is ready to do so, and a special meeting will be held in the First church on the 21st of January, when it is expected a pastor will have been decided upon. The resignation of Rev. W. Leitch, of Delaware, was accepted. Mr. Leitch tendered his resignation on account of ill health, and wished to be relieved, if possible, by the end of December. Mr. Leitch has been in the ministry for 34 years, and the last 12 of these have been spent in labors at Delaware, where his efforts have met with great success. The news that he is about to retire will cause widespread regret. Rev. Mr. Argo was appointed moderator of the session to declare the pulpit vacant. Mr. Malcolm, of Dutton, presented a call from the congregation of Duff's church, Dunwich, and Tait's Corners, in favor of Mr. W. L. Nichol, B. A., of Westminster. The call which was unanimous, and hearty, was supported by commissioners from the congregations, among whom were Mr. J. G. Lethbridge, and Mr. J. J. McMillan. It was unanimously agreed that in the event of Mr. Nichol accepting the call, his ordination and induction take place in Duff's church on Thursday, Dec. 19, at 2 p.m. The moderator will preside. Rev. Dr. MacKay, of Cowal, will preach the sermon. Dr. McCrae will address the minister, and Dr. Barnett, the people.

The twenty-first annual meeting of Barrie Presbyterial W.P.M.S., held in Bradford, was well attended and the reports presented indicated progress in every direction. In the absence of the president, Mrs. R. N. Grant, of Orillia, Mrs. Cameron, of Allandale, took the chair, and gave the opening address. She spoke of what the society had been able to accomplish in the past twenty-one years, expressing gratitude to Him through whom they had been able to accomplish so much. Then pointed to the great work still to be done, and asking that prayer be made a stronger link in the chain, bade all resolve to do yet more in the coming years. The treasurer's report by Miss Thompson, Bradford, showed that Auxiliaries this year sent in \$2,119.37; Mission Bands, \$644.24; total, \$2,763.61; an increase over last year of \$90.26. The value of the articles sent to the Regina school amounted to \$578.98. The addresses of Miss Duncan, of Madore, India, Mrs. Copeland, of Collingwood, Mrs. Stevenson, Barrie, and Mrs. Dow, of Gravenhurst, were most helpful. Mrs. R. N. Grant took the chair at the Friday meeting and delivered an address. An invitation to hold the next annual meeting at Gravenhurst was accepted. The following officers were elected: honorary presidents, Mrs. Cameron, Allandale; Mrs. R. N. Grant, Orillia; president, Mrs. Copeland, Collingwood; vice-presidents, Mrs. Elliott, Midland; Mrs. Dow, Gravenhurst; Mrs. Campbell, Oro; Mrs. Bell, Stayner; Mrs. Morris, Bond Head; Treasurer, Miss B. Thompson, Bradford; recording-secretary, Miss Faris, Bradford; corresponding-secretary, Mrs. Garrett, Bradford; Mission Band secretaries, Mrs. Stevenson, Barrie.

A standing vote of thanks was given the retiring officers, after which Mrs. Elliott, moved, seconded by Mrs. Alexander, of North Bay, a hearty vote of thanks to the Bradford people, the choir, and all who assisted (Mr. Garrett, editor of the Witness, being particularly mentioned) for their warm hospitality and kindness to the delegates.

## EASTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. Mr. Dixon preached last Sunday afternoon at St. Andrew's Church, Tamworth.

The Avenue-road Presbyterians have commenced their regular services in the new church edifice.

Rev. Wm. Moore, B.A., of Braeside, will be inducted into the pastoral charge of Pickering and Brougham on Dec. 12th.

Rev. A. H. Scott addressed the Perth Model school last Friday afternoon on The Significance of the Imperial English.

The W. F. M. S. of the Appleton church held their annual thank-offering service last Sunday morning, when Rev. Mr. Monks, of Carleton Place, occupied the pulpit.

Rev. J. C. Wilson, B.A., has been appointed moderator of the Rockwood and Eden Mills churches during the vacancy caused by the resignation of Rev. J. T. Hall.

The anniversary services in connection with the Franktown Presbyterian church are fixed for the 15th and 16th instant. Rev. W. A. McIlroy, of Ottawa, is to be the preacher on this occasion.

Special services were held in the Presbyterian church, Millbrook. Rev. Wm. Cooper, B.A., Port Perry, preached. Monday evening an entertainment was held in connection with the burning of the mortgage.

Anniversary services in St. Paul's church, Bowmanville, were held Sunday, Dec. 8th. The Rev. Wm. Beattie, Cobourg, preached. The choir was assisted by Mrs. C. A. Cawker and Mr. Henry J. Knight.

Rev. Dr. M. P. Talling, B.A., Toronto, who has been supplying St. Paul's Presbyterian pulpit in Peterboro' for several weeks, lectured in that city on the Destiny of Japan the other evening, and the lecture was highly praised.

Rev. J. H. Bruce, returned missionary from Honan, China, preached both morning and evening in Knox church, Perth, last Sunday. Mr. Bruce is making a strong appeal for more men to join the mission staff to which he belongs.

Rev. Norman MacLeod has been granted six months' leave of absence by the congregation of the First Presbyterian Church, Brockville, to permit of his taking an extended and much needed holiday trip. He expects to leave early in February for points in Europe, the British Isles, Egypt and the Holy Lands.

The children of the Presbyterian Sunday school, Monkland, will present the cantata, "Getting Ahead of Santa Claus," in McGillivray's Hall, Monkland, on Monday evening, Dec. 23. There will also be a Christmas tree, with well loaded branches. The Presbyterian Sunday School of Gravel Hill will hold their Christmas entertainment a week later, on Monday evening, Dec. 30. Their cantata is entitled "Santa Has the Grip," and their Christmas tree will not have empty branches either.

Rev. Dr. MacLaren, formerly of Vancouver and now General Secretary of Home Missions, preached in St. John's church, Brockville, on the 1st instant, taking as his subject the question of how to assimilate the flood of immigration coming to our land and how the churches are trying to do it. In the evening Dr. MacLaren preached in First church, and in the afternoon addressed the Men's Bible class of St. John's church.

The first Sunday of the month was Children's Day at St. Paul's church, Port Hope, and Rev. Mr. Abraham addressed his sermon in the morning especially to children. Children from the Sabbath school, under Miss Clark's efficient leadership, took the place of the choir and led the service of praise. A very pretty

duet, "Rock of Ages," was sung by Misses Jean Clark and Palma Cochrane, and the hymn and chorus, "There's a Friend for Little Children," by S. S. choir.

On the 5th December, Rev. Robert Pogue, late assistant pastor of Bethany Tabernacle, Philadelphia, was inducted into the pastorate of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Peterboro', in succession to Dr. Torrance, pastor for thirty-one years. Rev. Dr. Marsh, Springfield, was Moderator. Rev. D. A. Thomson, Secretary of the Presbytery, preached the induction sermon; Rev. Wm. Johnston, Millbrook, charged the minister, and Rev. Dr. Talling, Toronto, by invitation, addressed the congregation. Rev. Mr. Pogue will be only the third pastor of St. Paul's since its building in 1859.

The sixty-first anniversary of the founding of Cooke's church, Kingston, was observed on Sabbath, Dec. 1st. The preacher on the occasion was the Rev. Alex. Esler, M.A., of Cooke's church, Toronto, and his clear and forcible expositions of Bible truth were much enjoyed by the large congregations which listened to him. The managers had asked for \$100, and over \$150 was placed upon the plates. The congregation, under the leadership of Rev. Dr. MacTavish, is well organized and is becoming more and more a centre of religious activity. Students and other young people constitute an increasing element in the congregation, and their talents are not allowed to lie dormant.

On Thursday evening, November 28th, Rev. W. J. Knox was inducted into the pastorate of Calvin church, Pembroke. Rev. D. N. Coburn conducted the opening devotional exercises and preached the sermon. Rev. Dr. Campbell, clerk of the Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew, gave a brief statement of the steps taken by the Presbytery and congregation which led up to the call being extended to and accepted by Rev. Mr. Knox. The moderator of the Presbytery, Rev. Dr. Hay, then put the customary questions to Rev. Mr. Knox, who answered them in a satisfactory manner, and, after a few seconds spent in silent prayer, he duly inducted Mr. Knox as the minister of Calvin church, and the new minister was extended the right hand of fellowship by the members of the Presbytery. Rev. T. W. Goodwill, of Cobden, delivered the charge to the newly inducted minister, and Rev. John Hay, of Renfrew, the charge to the congregation. A purse and address were then presented to Dr. Campbell as a token of the congregation's appreciation of his services as interim moderator since the vacancy occurred by the translation of Dr. Bayne to Sudbury. A reception is to be given by the church to their new pastor and his wife on Monday evening, December 16th.

## A CORRECTION.

Rev. James Taylor, of Chelms, Que., sends us the following correction:—

Editor Dominion Presbyterian: In your issue of the 13th inst., under "Church Work," you give a report of an address delivered by me upon our Church's work in the Gatineau Valley. You make me say, "In the counties of Wright, Labelle and Pontiac there are 1,370 Presbyterians." This is not correct.

According to the census of 1901, the number of Presbyterians in these three counties is 6,614, made up as follows:—  
1,370 in Labelle.  
2,261 in Pontiac.  
2,983 in Wright.

The total population of these three counties,—the northern portion of the Presbytery of Ottawa,—is 101,453, of which 21,834 are Protestants and 79,619 are Romanists.

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