

The Rev. Mr. Woodside, of St. Andrew's church, Carleton Place, will, on the first Sunday in January, preach from the original manuscript a sermon by the Rev. George Buchanan, first pastor of the Beckwith church, delivered by him in Perth, Scotland, in 1797, and repeated in Comrie, Beckwith, 4th January, 1824. The text is Romans 5, last clause of verse 19, "By the obedience of one shall many be made righteous."

At the annual thanksgiving meeting of St. John's, Almonte, the pastor, Rev. E. C. Mitchell, occupied the chair, and Rev. Stephen Young, who spent two years in the Northwest, described the hardships endured in preaching as many as four times in one day, driving forty miles to meet one day's appointments, and the dangers and trouble incurred in being caught in blizzards and in fording streams. The address was listened to with interest. The givings reached the handsome sum of \$42.10, the largest amount given in any one year.

Ottawa.

Rev. D. D. Miller, preached at both services at the Erskine church last Sabbath.

Rev. A. E. Mitchell, Almonte, has received a unanimous call from Erskine church, Ottawa, at a salary of \$1,000 per year.

Rev. Wm. Paterson, of Buckingham, conducted services at the Bank street church last Sabbath. Rev. Dr. Moore preached missionary sermons in the Buckingham church the same day. Quarterly communion service was held in the Gibe church last Sunday, and the Rev. Mr. Milne preached another of the series of sermons from the Pilgrim's Progress. He took for his subject "Pliable."

Rev. McLeod, of New Edinburgh Presbyterian church, Ottawa, has declined the call to the Second Fifth Avenue church in New York city. He was offered a salary of \$3,000, but Mr. McLeod announced last Sunday that he would not accept the call. The announcement gave great pleasure.

The anniversary services of St. Paul's church will be held next Sabbath. Rev. Prof. Ross, of the Presbyterian College, Montreal, will preach at both services on that day and will doubtless have large congregations. A social will be given in the school room on the following Monday evening.

At the Managers' meeting of the New Edinburgh church reports were presented that showed the congregation to be in a financial condition that was very satisfactory to its members. The secretary was authorized to correspond with the owner of property adjoining the manse, with regard to the purchase of a lot. The attendance at the meeting was the largest of the year, and great satisfaction was expressed by every one that Mr. MacLeod had decided to remain in Ottawa.

The Ottawa Presbytery held an adjourned meeting on Tuesday last week in Bank street church. Rev. D. M. Ramsay presided. The recommendation of the Century Fund Committee that December be observed as a month of prayer and that the sacrament of the Lord's Supper be administered on the first Sunday of the new year was endorsed. A recommendation from the French Evangelization Board in regard to a conference of French workers to be held at an early date was accepted; and the French evangelization committee, Rev. William Patterson, Buckingham, convener, was directed to arrange the time and place.

Rev. Dr. Armstrong preached a sermon to young Christians last Sunday in St. Paul's church. The church, he said, has need of the right kind of men. All men should be Christians, for that is the best type of man. A Christian man employed in the pursuits and callings of the world is what is needed. Do not live an aesthetic life as John the Baptist, but one of the world as Jesus Christ. Sheldon says play cricket but not football. I say play football and any game, but in a Christian spirit. Be a cheerful Christian, but do not put on cheerfulness any more than sanctimoniousness. Be a liberal Christian. A small, stingy soul can not be a Christian. Get hold of the spirit of stewardship and be a useful Christian.

Follow out the old Quaker's advice, "Do all the good you can, to all the people you can, all ways you can, and as long as you can."

An effort is being made to organize a cadet corps in the Presbyterian church, Cannington. It will be in charge of Capt. C. F. Bick.

One of the Boer women detained at Port Elizabeth boasts that she has killed three men of the Seaford Highlanders.

Montreal.

Last week's sale of goods in Taylor Church netted six hundred dollars.

The Rev. J. S. Shearer is in town, speaking for the Lord's Day Alliance.

The Rev. E. A. Mackenzie, of St. Mathew's church, has been lecturing at Farnham on "The Boer War." He also delivered the second lecture in the Caledonian Society's literary series taking as his subject "St. Columba."

The Presbytery met on Tuesday morning. The regular quarterly reports of committees constituted the greater part of the proceedings. Rev. E. Scott gave notice of motion to support Dr. Warden, of Toronto, for the moderatorship of the next general assembly.

At this week's meeting of the Ministerial Association the Rev. Robert Hopkin read a paper on "Poverty; its Causes and Cures." Mr. Hopkin's idea is that the single tax method contains the solution of the difficulty. Several members of the Association agreed with the essayist; others controverted his position.

Two recent papers, dealing with religious subjects, have given rise to considerable discussion and comment. One is an article on "Sabbath Observance," by J. Mowat Reid, which was contributed to the "Herald's" symposium on that subject, and being rejected, was published by the Gazette, and afterwards in pamphlet form. The article is a collection of anti-Sabbatarian views of leading church fathers and reformers. The other paper is one read before the Ministerial Association by Dr. J. Edgar Hill, of St. Andrew's church on "The Parousia," in which the second coming of Christ is made to consist in the operation of the Christian spirit in the betterment of the world. This view, which is by no means a new one, evoked no opposition when presented to the Association, but has evidently produced consternation even in distant parts.

Winnipeg and West.

Rev. J. M. Gray, of Selkirk, has resigned. Rev. A. G. Bell, Balmoral, was appointed to preach in the pulpit vacant and Rev. C. B. Pibladalo is to be interior moderator.

Rev. Dr. Gilbert B. Wilson was inducted into the pastoral of Augustan Church, Winnipeg. Rev. John Hogg, moderator, presided; Principal Patrick preached the sermon; Prof. Baird recited the steps taken towards filling the pulpit; and Rev. James Caswell addressed the new pastor in suitable terms, the settlement is a harmonious one in every way, and the young minister commences his work with every prospect of a happy and fruitful ministry.

On Monday evening of last week Prof. Baird presided over a most enjoyable social gathering met to welcome the young minister of Augustan church. Dainty refreshments and a musical programme of considerable merit were features of the social; but the main interest centered about the speeches. Rev. C. B. Pibladalo spoke for the Presbytery; Rev. Mr. Armstrong, Methodist, for the churches of the city and Rev. Prof. Kilpatrick for his colleagues of Manitoba College. Altogether Dr. Wilson received a very hearty welcome—one that cannot fail to make him feel quite at home among his new surroundings.

Maritime Provinces.

Rev. T. Cumming, Scotsburn, N. S., was presented with a handsome fur coat by the members of his congregation.

Rev. A. W. Thompson, of Conna, Trinidad, will spend his furlough in Canada. He expects to be home by Christmas.

The annual thank-offering meeting of the W. F. M. S. was held in Erskine church, Holly village. Addresses were given by Rev. R. G. Strathie, Truro, and Rev. A. Ross, Acadia Mines, who took "Corea" as his subject.

The Presbytery of Lunenburg cordially approves of the recommendations from the Century Fund Committee in re the spiritual aspect of the Century movement and all the congregations are requested to hold a communion service on the first Sabbath of 1901.

Miss Blackadder left Halifax, says the Presbyterian Witness, last week for Trinidad, to resume her work at Tacarigua. She came home for rest, of course; but like Dr. Morton and the other missionaries, her rest was to address societies and congregations and schools almost every day in the week. Notwithstanding her numerous engagements she recovered health and vigor very rapidly and she proceeds on her journey in excellent health.

British and Foreign Items.

The coming Australian wheat harvest promises to be largest ever recorded.

Rev. Dr. Angus has been appointed Moderator of Arbroath and Forfar United Presbytery.

Lawson Memorial United Free Church, Selkirk, will introduce a pipe organ, at a cost of £900.

The five choirs of the Free Churches in Galashiel have united to form a choir of over 100 voices.

The question whether Oban or Dunoon will be the county town of Argyllshire will be a burning one ere long.

A Dundee minister is of opinion that the Established Church is burdened with collections for church purposes.

It is noted that more society weddings take place in London on the Saturday than on any other day in the week.

Rev. Kenneth Cameron, Knockbain, has received a bursary of £22 10s. at the United Free Church College, Aberdeen.

Rev. Andrew Patterson, late of Dunfermline, has been appointed assistant in the United Free East Church congregation, Inverness.

The Queen's Indian Secretary, Hafiz Abdul Karim, has returned to Windsor Castle after a year's holiday, which he spent in India.

Sir William Muir is about to retire from the Principality of the University, which he has held since the death of the late Sir Alex Grant in 1885.

The bounds of the United Free Presbytery of Stirling and Dunblane extend from Clackmannan on the one side to Gartmore on the other, and from Larbert to Lochearnhead.

Rev. James Christie, Carlisle, has been selected for nomination as Moderator of next Synod of the English Presbyterian church. Mr. Christie is a native of the "Lang Toun."

Only three congregations in Glasgow are adherents to the Free Church remnant: Hope street Gaelic, Duke street Gaelic and Chilton street. One other congregation is undecided.

The position of affairs in Bracadale, on the west side of Skye is serious. Rev. Duncan Fraser has joined the United Church, but a great portion of the congregation and the missionary are anti-Unionists.

The church in Ireland has met with a distinct and notable loss by the unexpected death of Rev. James Cargin, minister of First Derry. Mr. Cargin preached to large audiences in St. Enock's, Belfast, on Sunday week. A chill on that day was followed by pneumonia, and he passed away on Thursday last.

The Free Church congregation of Ferintosh, Ross-shire, has resolved to stand by the Free Church of 1843. Mr. Munro, the pastor, who was opposed to the union, suggests that were the United Church to make concessions to the minority, his position might be altered. He disapproves of the action of the anti-Union brethren who are agitating other congregations than their own.

An agreement has been come to between the Moderators of the Established General Assembly to nominate Rev. James Mitchell, D. D., of South Leith, as the next Moderator of the Assembly. Dr. Mitchell was ordained in 1855, and previous to his ministry in Leith held an appointment gifted by the Crown in Peterhead. He has been for some years convener of the Assembly's Continental Committee, and has served in several continental chaplaincies. Last winter he did so at Cairo.

At a crowded meeting held in Inverness to express approval of and rejoicing at the Union, Rev. Dr. Mair, ex-Moderator of the U. F. Synod, said he never heard one brother on the Union Committee make any statement that could be twisted into the supposition that he was moved by the motive of politics or Disestablishment. Dr. W. Ross Taylor, ex-Moderator of the Free Church, expressed the belief that there was a mistaking of the plan of union for the basis of union. No new basis had been made. Sheriff Guthrie, in appealing to Rev. Murdoch Mackenzie to work for unity, said he believed Mr. Mackenzie still had one of the greatest opportunities that any Scotchman ever had of rendering a great service to his country. He had a feeling that any man who could avert disunity in the Highlands would render to his country as great a service, as a patriot and as a Christian, as any man was ever called upon to render.