

Ministers and Churches.

Toronto.

Rev. Alexander McMillan, pastor of St. Enoch's church, has been temporarily added to the Knox College Faculty.

The annual thank-offering meeting of the Toronto Auxiliary of the McAll Mission in France was held at the residence of Dr. Howitt, Carlton street. Rev. Dr. Winchester occupied the chair and gave the thank-offering address. He said that he spoke through personal knowledge of the mission having been in close touch with a number of workers while in Paris. Letters and papers from France were read by Miss Caven and Miss Constance Henderson. The meeting was well attended, and the thank-offering was large.

The largest congregational meeting ever held in St. Paul's church assembled last week to consider what action should be taken in view of the call to their minister, Rev. G. R. Fasken, from the Paris church. The situation of the congregation and the importance of retaining Mr. Fasken were presented by representatives of both the session and the congregation. All the speakers were of one mind, and the congregation was unanimous in appointing a strong delegation to oppose as vigorously as possible the translation of their pastor before the Toronto Presbytery on Tuesday. The Paris church is one of the strongest and best equipped town congregations in Ontario and its pastorate has been vacant since the resignation of Rev. Edward Cockburn, only a few months ago.

Ottawa.

Mrs. D. M. Gordon, wife of the principal of Queen's University, was the guest of honor at a reception given on Saturday afternoon in the parlors of St. Andrew's church by the Ladies Aid Society. Many old friends of Mrs. Gordon were present and an enjoyable time was spent.

The Foreign mission work of the Presbyterian church in Central India was the subject of an illustrated lecture on Friday evening given in the Sunday School hall of Bank street church by Rev. Mr. Turnbull. The lecture was in aid of the Junior Mission Band.

Friday afternoon and evening next a Household Fair under the auspices of the Young People's Missionary Society will be held in St. Andrew's church Sunday school hall and parlors, for the purpose of rendering aid to Erskine church in its work among the boys of that neighborhood.

Western Ontario.

At the congregational meeting of First church Chatham, last week it was decided to extend a call to Rev. A. H. McGillivray of Newmarket. The stipend is to be \$1,400.

The Presbyterian Record for this month announces the resignation of the Rev. Gustav Munro, D. C., of the Ridgeway congregation. Mr. Munro was formerly pastor of Knox church, Embro.

Rev. A. J. Stuart, of Knox Church, London conducted pre-communion services at Westminster on Thursday. The congregations were large, and Mr. Stuart's sermons were much enjoyed. The communion services on Sunday were conducted by Dr. McCrae, the pastor.

Last Tuesday evening, Rev. R. Atkinson of Toronto delivered a lecture in the Bishopsgate church, Binfon, on "Life in India and China," which was illustrated with magic lantern views. He came at the request of the Foreign Mission Committee of the church. The object of the lecture is to make people better acquainted with the mission work in these distant lands.

Rev. R. E. Knowles of Galt preached for Dr. Lyle on Sunday and lectured in Central church, Hamilton, on "Secrets of Success of the Scotch" last week. He gave four secrets to explain their success in life, work, sentimentality, honestly hating sham, and their religion. Each point was well and clearly defined and illustrated with humorous sayings and anecdotes.

Rev. G. C. Patterson of Embro is suffering from a severe cold and was unable to preach on Sunday, so union services were held in Knox church in the morning and in the Congregational in the evening. Rev. Mr. Secord, the temporary pastor of the Congregational church,

preached at both services. Mr. Campbell of Baltimore assisted in the singing and was much appreciated.

Twenty years ago the Rev. Dr. Lyle of Hamilton who preached in Knox church on Sunday, occupied the same pulpit at the re-opening of the church, during Rev. Dr. Smith's pastorate. At the evening service he recalled this fact by saying: "You did me the honor of having me in Knox pulpit once before, and I have not forgotten it." There are few ministers in our church in Canada to-day who are more widely known as men of power than Dr. Lyle. He is an Ulster Irishman, who says what he thinks and says it fearlessly. His sermons on Sunday were very much enjoyed by the large congregations present.

Rev. N. C. McLennan of Kippen, and Mr. Moore, the caretaker of the church, were badly burned by the explosion of acetylene gas on Tuesday of last week. Several others were slightly injured. About a year ago the congregation of St. Andrew's church reconstructed their edifice, adding a handsome Sunday school room to the rear. It cost in the neighborhood of \$3,000. To-day it is a total wreck. When this new addition was made, an acetylene plant was installed in the basement and up to the present time had given excellent satisfaction. It is supposed that the explosion was caused by a leakage in the connections.

Rev. R. E. Knowles, of Galt, gave a lecture last week in Dundas on Abraham Lincoln. Speaking of Mr. Knowles the Dundas Banner says: Mr. Knowles has the faculty of investing even the most common-place facts of biography with such rare charm that he immediately secures the admiration of his audience. For nearly two hours he riveted their attention alternately to pity, laughter and amazement by his pathos, humor and eloquence. When at his best there is a majesty and impressiveness in his utterance, which suggests in a very marked degree the association of the poetic and spiritual. His eloquence passes in a flood, like a deep stream, masterful, solemn and untrifled. The lecture throughout was the graphic portrayal of a great man by a great man and was invested with the subtle magic which only the orator or scholar employs.

On a recent Sabbath, Rev. D. Cameron of Oakville preached in his former charge, Lucknow. Though eighty years of age he is still hearty and though his sermons on John 3:16 was one hour and ten minutes long, yet he exhibited in such an interesting manner the precious truths of the gospel, as the grounds of his own hope for eternity which he is now consciously nearing, that the interest of the hearers was not only sustained, but also growing to the end. It was a great treat not only to those who eighteen years ago or more sat under his ministry but also to others. One lady of the latter said, "I wish I had that sermon in print, if I only had a pencil and paper I could have written a good part of it"; another young man who took notes of the sermons was afterwards speaking much of it, and seeking to communicate the precious truths to others. A laudable practice.

Eastern Ontario.

Rev. P. Fleming, of Maxwell, Ont. has accepted a call to the congregation of Minto, Manitoba.

The services in the First church, Brockville, on the 22nd inst. were conducted by Rev. A. H. McGillivray, M.A., of New Market.

Rev. R. A. Mitchell, returned missionary from Honan, China, gave an address in St. Andrew's church, Arnprior on Friday evening on his labors in that foreign field.

The morning service in the Maxville church on Sunday was conducted by Rev. D. Leitch, of St. Elmo. In the evening, Rev. Geo. Weir, B.A., of Avonmore preached.

On Tuesday evening, Rev. Thos. Bennett, District Secretary of the Bible Society, delivered his annual address in Knox church. He described the work of the Bible Society in all lands illustrated by a great number of stereopticon views.

Rev. A. A. Scott, who for twenty-five years has been pastor of Zion Presbyterian Church, Carleton Place, celebrated his twenty-fifth wedding anniversary last week by opening his house to the congregation on Thursday and Friday afternoons and evenings.

The annual thankoffering meeting of the Mission Band of St. Andrew's church was held on Tuesday evening. Rev. Mr. Wilson, of Smith's Falls, was present and delivered an excellent address, taking for his subject his mission work in Lake Superior district. Mr. Wilson is a fluent speaker, he was listened to with the greatest interest. Mr. Hamilton acted as chairman. After the programme refreshments were served by the ladies and a most enjoyable social hour was spent. The contribution taken was about \$38.

Northern Ontario.

Rev. Thomas Wilson, of Walkerton, preached at the anniversary services in Knox church, Kincardine, on Sunday.

Rev. J. H. White of Uptergrove preached, on Sunday, in Orillia to the "United Sons of Scotland."

The Rev. J. F. Smith, of Bradford, conducted service in Victoria Harbor on Lord's Day morning. His discourse, from Romans 1, 16, was much enjoyed.

The annual tea-meeting of the Newmarket church is announced to take place on Monday evening, Dec. 7th. Donald MacGregor, the great Scotch Baritone, will assist in the program.

On Sunday evening last the congregation of the Bradford church was addressed by Rev. Mr. Ledingham, returned missionary from India. Mr. Ledingham goes back to work on the 11th Dec.

Rev. L. W. Thorm, Flesherston, Moderator of Maxwell and Associated Churches, will be pleased to hear from ministers desiring to be heard by the vacant charge.

Anniversary services were held in Bethel church, East Normandy, on Sunday, December 6th. The Rev. W. G. Hanna, B. A., preached in the morning, and in the evening the pastor, Rev. John Gray Reid, preached.

A congregational meeting of Westminster church, Mount Forest, was held on Tuesday evening. Plans and specifications of the proposed new manse were submitted to the congregation, also the lowest tender, which was about \$700 in excess of the limit previously set by the congregation, namely \$3000. The plans had been prepared with that limit in view, but tenders had been unexpectedly high. After a full discussion of the matter a motion was carried referring the matter back to the Building Committee with instructions to so modify the plans as to bring them within the above limit.

Peterborough Notes.

Miss S. Cameron whose singing was so much appreciated has returned to Scotland.

Rev. Dr. Torrance preached a rousing home missionary sermon on Sunday morning last in St. Paul's church.

The addition of Miss Nellie Davies, soprano soloist, to the choir of St. Paul's church is a much appreciated acquisition. Mr. John Crane has been prevailed upon to again accept the position of organist, as successor to Mr. Wildgust who recently resigned to leave for the old land.

The new Presbyterian Mission in the south part of the town is progressing favorably. Rev. Dr. Torrance and Rev. J. A. Wilson of St. Paul's church take alternate services there, while the Sunday School is under the Superintendency of Sheriff Hall, one of St. Paul's elders.

Special services were held in St. Andrew's church on Sunday in honor of Scotland's patron saint, St. Andrew. Rev. Principal Gordon who was expected to preach was unavoidably absent, and Rev. J. G. Potter, the pastor, took the services.

Mrs. Mary Foster Bryner and Mr. J. A. Jackson visited Peterborough last week. Two very successful sessions were held. The meetings were well attended, and manifest interest was shown. Mrs. Bryner's addresses were certainly an inspiration.

An interdenominational Primary and Junior Union has been formed among the Sabbath School teachers of Peterborough. The officers are: President, Miss A. Williamson; Vice President, Mrs. Sherwood; Secretary-Treasurer, Miss I. Fisher. The first meeting is to be held on Tuesday of this week.