

WESTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. J. W. Mitchell, of Mitchell, is the new moderator of Stratford Presbytery.

The congregations of Dornoch and Rocky Saugeen are still looking for a minister.

Rev. Norman Lindsay, of Dresden, has been preaching in Knox church, Wallaceburg.

Rev. James Rollins, M.A., has been elected president of the London Ministerial Association.

The Uptergrove congregation does not yet appear ready to call. Another yet is to be heard.

Rev. Dr. Isaac Campbell, of Harrow, is called to Lucan. Stipend \$800 and two weeks' holidays.

Rev. D. C. MacGregor, M. A., of Orillia, will conduct anniversary services at Road Head next Sunday.

Rev. James Russell, Wolsley, Sask., was the preacher in Erskine church, Hamilton, on a recent Sunday.

Rev. E. A. Earchman, B. A., of Toronto, recently preached anniversary sermons in Knox church, Uptergrove.

Stratford Presbytery certifies Rev. McVannell to the Senate of Knox College on the usual conditions being complied with.

At the last communion in St. Andrew's church, Hamilton (Rev. J. A. Wilson, pastor) eighteen new members were received.

Rev. W. G. Wilson and Mrs. Wilson, St. Andrew's Guelph, have returned from a six weeks' trip to Victoria, B. C., Edmonton and other points.

Rev. J. W. Currie, M. A., of Blenheim, has resumed work after holidaying for several weeks at his old home, Nottawa, near the Georgian Bay.

Rev. T. J. Thompson, M. A., of St. Andrew's church, Stratford, formerly of Belleville, is called to Collingwood. Stipend \$1,700, manse and five weeks' holidays.

The induction of Rev. R. M. Phalen, of Hornby's Mills, to Markdale is set for 29th inst., at 7 p.m. Presbytery of Owen Sound will meet previously at 4.30 p.m.

Rev. R. Martin, B. D., of Stratford, on his return from a trans-Atlantic trip, received a warm welcome from the members of Knox church. A largely attended reception was tendered him, at which Dr. D. Smith presided.

Rev. R. E. Knowles, of Knox church, Galt, has resumed work after a holiday season spent across the Atlantic. Another book by the author of "St. Cuthbert's" will soon be in the hands of the reading public. It is sure of a cordial welcome.

On their return from the west Rev. D. N. Morden and family, of St. Marys were accorded a hearty welcome at a reception given them by the First church. Mr. F. G. Sanderson presided, and Mr. Ferguson McMaster read a cordially worded address.

An essay on Dr. Law's book, "The Tests of Life," read by Rev. J. H. Fritchard, of First church, Galt, before the Galt Ministerial, was received by the members with warm words of commendation, because of his able treatment of the subject.

Says the Sundridge Echo: Rev. Mr. Cochburn under the auspices of the Dominion Alliance last Sunday preached two masterly sermons in the Presbyterian church in the forenoon and in the Methodist church in the evening. He gave a brief history of the advance of the prohibitory movement, and gave instance after instance of business men who have changed their views in regard to local option.

At Barrie Presbytery Rev. L. McLean, Churchhill, was elected moderator for the ensuing six months; and it was agreed that the important matter of church union would be considered at a special meeting to be held the 8th of November. It was decided to hold a simultaneous evangelistic campaign throughout the whole Presbytery during the fall and winter. Rev. J. D. Byrnes, B.A., B.D., the new superintendent of missions in Northern Ontario was present and gave an address.

Rev. James Russell of Wolsley, Sask., has been visiting his brother, Rev. S. B. Russell of Erskine church.

Rev. F. Matheson, B. A., Chatsworth, Owen Sound Presbytery, has been translated to Embro, Paris Presbytery. The pulpit will be declared vacant on 16th October. Rev. N. T. C. MacKay, Keady, Ont., is interim moderator, and will be glad to hear from ministers available for call.

A new church building, suitable in every respect to the requirements of the Presbyterian congregation at Depot Harbor, to be known as the Child-erhose Memorial Church, was opened last Sunday by Rev. J. D. Byrnes, superintendent of missions in New Ontario, who preached appropriate sermons morning and evening. Rev. R. J. Craig, M.A., is the minister of this growing charge. A pleasant congregational "At Home" was held on Monday evening.

At the last meeting of Saugeen Presbytery it was decided to hold simultaneous evangelistic services in all the charges in the Presbytery during the first two weeks of January. Sessions are to select ministers from other Presbyteries to assist. Mr. R. H. Caulfield, Egremont, was recommended for Home Mission work and will probably receive an appointment to a field in the west. The next meeting will be held in Mount Forest in December, and will be a very important one, as it will be mainly devoted to a discussion of the question of union.

PARIS PRESBYTERY NOTES.

The Presbytery of Paris met in Zion Church, Brantford, on September 13th. Deep regret was expressed at the absence through illness of the pastor, Dr. Martin, and the Presbytery set to him a special letter of sympathy.

A call from Embro to Rev. Finlay Matheson, of Chatsworth, was sustained and ordered to be sent to the Presbytery of Owen Sound, commissioners being appointed to support it.

Leave was granted Charles Church, Woodstock, to erect a new church on a new site. It will cost \$35,000.

East Oxford Church (whose first pastor was the Rev. James Robertson, the superintendent) has been enlarged and a tablet is being erected there in memory of Dr. Robertson. Rev. R. G. MacBeth will represent the Presbytery on the occasion of the unveiling.

Rev. Andrew Allan, late of Glasgow, was inducted into the pastorate of St. Andrew's Brantford, at the evening sederunt. Mr. Allan, who has labored in South Africa, Australia, England and Scotland, was accorded a hearty welcome.

The Presbytery of Kingston met at Belleville on the 20th inst. The attendance was good from all parts of the Presbytery. The Report of Home Mission Committee showed that faithful work has been done in many of the fields. Special notice was taken of the excellent service rendered by Rev. J. M. Mitchell, who is now leaving manse after four years' work under very trying conditions.

Systematic giving has made progress during the past year; but the average giving per communicant in the whole church, has not been reached, and a special effort is to be made to meet the demands of the work. A call was received from Little Current, Algoma Presbytery. It is to be dealt with at a meeting at anan, missionary from India, briefly addressed the Presbytery. The most interesting item of the day's business, that on Church Union, was taken up at the evening sederunt. Principal Gordon, in an able speech, moved a resolution by Rev. H. Gracey. Dr. Mackie spoke strongly against Union under the conditions involved. The discussion lasted several hours. The prevailing opinion was that this is a question for the people, and that the members of the Church should have a full opportunity of expressing their judgment. The debate was adjourned till the March meeting of the Presbytery.

QUEBEC NOTES.

The Presbytery of Quebec, at their recent meeting, dissolved two pastoral ties by accepting the resignations of Revs. J. A. McFarlane, of Levis and Jas. Hastie, of Sawyerville. Representations were made by both congregations indicating their regret at such a step. Mr. Macfarlane was released because of his appointment by the General Assembly to the work of exploring, ministering to scattered families in destitute parts and superintending various of the church activities within the bounds of the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa. Mr. Hastie's resignation was accepted because of personal and family considerations that rendered the course necessary. Thus there are added two more vacancies to list which is already alarmingly large.

As an offset to these resignations, a call was submitted, for Lake Megantic addressed to Rev. J. R. Douglas, of Milford, N.S., which was sustained and forwarded to the Presbytery of Truro.

The Presbytery pledged themselves to put forth effort to aid in meeting the desire of the Committee on Augmentation to make the minimum stipend \$850 at least, and to aim at the \$900. Several congregations that were below the \$850 have come up themselves without aid.

Standing committees were appointed, of which the following are conveners: viz: Augmentation, Dr. Kellock; Home Missions, Mr. H. C. Sutherland; Moral and Social Reform, Mr. H. Carmichael; Y. P. S., Mr. P. D. Muir; French Evangelization, Dr. Love; Sabbath Schools, Mr. W. T. Mackenzie; Evangelism, Mr. J. C. Nicholson; Immigration, Mr. Wylie Clark.

All the ministers who were favored with having holidays are back and in harness—J. R. MacLeod from Sydney, C.B., and surrounding, Wylie C. Clark from Cap a L'Aigle; Dr. Love from Orchard Beach.

Everywhere throughout the bounds it is felt, if not always declared, that Father Vaughan, of congress fame, in many of his utterances, put the ninth commandment under great strain—yes to the breaking.

THE LATE DR. McDIARMID,

Donald McDiarmid, M.D., for many years Inspector of Public Schools for the County of Glengarry, reached the end of his earthly life, at his home in the village of Maxville, on the morning of Wednesday the seventh day of September inst. He had passed his seventieth birthday by about four months.

For the past six years Dr. Diarmid served as an elder of the Presbyterian church of Maxville, in which position he showed, as in all others, uprightness of character, kindness of disposition, and that mental grasp, which made him a much valued and valuable counsellor. Not given to change or love of novelty, he yet loyally and gracefully accepted the decision of the majority of his brethren, and assisted in carrying those decisions into effect.

The kindness and tenderness of his nature were felt and appreciated by every one with whom he held intimate relations. He left behind him immediate mourners, a widow, four sons and two daughters; but all who knew him are their fellow mourners.

HAMILTON.

Rev. J. A. Wilson of St. Andrew's church has returned after several weeks spent in touring the British Isles.

At the September meeting of Hamilton Presbytery held at St. Catharines two resignations were received—that of Rev. Dr. MacIntyre of Beamsville, and that of Rev. F. W. K. Harris of Chalmers and Barton churches. Rev. Dr. MacIntyre has been in the Beamsville charge for thirty-two years and has the esteem of everybody. Rev. Mr. Harris has made many friends during his short pastorate, but his strength was hardly equal to the energy required by the two charges.