

Ministers and Churches.

Ottawa.

Miss McLean of Aylmer, a returned missionary from Persia, gave an interesting address at the annual Thankoffering meeting of the auxiliary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society at Stewart church.

Toronto.

Dr. Armstrong Black has commenced a series of Sabbath evening lectures on "The imaginative thinkers of the nineteenth century; their contribution to religion."

At the annual meeting of Knox College Alumni Association the following officers were elected: Honorary President, Prof. W. McLaren; President, Rev. W. G. Wallace, D.D.; Vice-President, Rev. T. D. McCulloch, B.D.; Harrison; Secretary-Treasurer, Rev. M. P. Talling, Ph. D.; Executive Committee, Revs. H. A. Macpherson, D. F. Cameron, R. M. Hamilton, R. W. McIntosh, E. A. Henry; Programme Committee, Revs. T. R. Rogers (convenor), R. Martin, T. R. Robinson, Prof. McFadyen, S. H. Gray, R. W. Ross.

At the business meeting of Knox College Alumni Rev. Mr. Matheson of Caledon East, made a motion which was voted down, to admit press reporters to the meetings. Next year, should Mr. Matheson repeat his motion, it will likely carry.

The erection of a building for the new Caven Library will probably be commenced in the near future.

The Robertson Auxiliary of the Presbyterian W.H.M.S., held its first meeting after the vacation in Cooke's Church with 99 members present. Mrs. Bastedo, president, occupied the chair. Devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. Esler and Mrs. Dr. Talling. Miss Ingles spoke of the reason for the sentiments for the organization. Mrs. Long read a paper dealing with the needs of the Atlin Hospital and of the Teulon Hospital. Miss Mabel Davidson of Toronto, has recently been appointed assistant matron of Teulon Hospital, and a letter was read from Miss Bell, the matron, expressing her appreciation of this appointment. After a solo by Miss McCutcheon, the meeting was closed with prayer by Mrs. Miller.

The Presbytery of Toronto, at its meeting last week, passed the following resolution, moved by Principal Caven, which will be forwarded to the United Free Church of Scotland: "The Presbytery of Toronto desires to express its deep sympathy with the United Free Church of Scotland in the situation created by the recent decision of the House of Lords: In common with all their brethren of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, the presbytery rejoiced in the union of the Free Church of Scotland and the United Presbyterian Church in 1900, and would regard with sorrow anything which should interfere with the great work at home and abroad, which in the providence of God the United Free Church has been so successfully carrying forward. The prayer of the presbytery is that this work may not suffer in any of its departments; but that what has happened may be overruled, rather, for the increase of the zeal and efficiency in the service of Christ. The presbytery trusts that present difficulties shall soon be resolved in accordance with justice and equity, and with the full recognition of the autonomy with which the Church of Christ is endowed by its divine head, and which it can never compromise."

The ceremonies in connection with the turning of the first sod for the construction of the new St. Paul's Church at Bathurst-street and Barton-avenue, took place on Saturday afternoon. A large number of the congregation, with many prominent clergymen, gathered on the site east of the present church, and after an invocation by Rev. Dr. Gregg, a psalm was sung and the first sod turned by Mrs. John Wood, one of the charter members of the congregation, on behalf of the Women's Aid Society, with a spade specially manufactured for the occasion. The gathering then entered the church and a religious service was held. Rev. W. R. Fasken, B.A., pastor of the church, presided, and there were present: Principal Caven, Rev. Dr. Gilray, Rev. J. McP. Scott, Rev. Prof. Gregg, Rev. Dr. Wallace, Rev. Dr. Neal, Rev. Alex. McMillan, Rev. Dr. Parker, Rev. Dr. McTavish and J. Roy Van Wyck of Hamilton.

Rev. Dr. Caven made a short address, com-

gratulating the pastor and congregation. The day marked an event in the history of the church, and, while some congregations went ahead and erected structures that became a burden to themselves, he was sure that St. Paul's was justified in the step it had taken. He recited some incidents of his own career, and of the log and frame churches which were built at that time, with the difficulties which pastors then encountered. Building operations will begin at once on the new church, which it is estimated will cost \$30,000. The present building will be retained and utilized as a Sabbath School room.

Eastern Ontario.

A meeting of the congregation of Knox church, Cornwall, was held last week to consider the advisability of purchasing a Mause. There was a large attendance and it was unanimously decided to purchase a property. A committee consisting of the managers and session and five ladies was appointed to look up a desirable location and report to an adjourned meeting to be held on Monday evening.

Rev. H. E. Abraham, B.A., of First Church, Port Hope, preached in St. Paul's Church, Peterboro, on Friday evening, in connection with the preparatory service. His text was Luke 4: 18—"The spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor, etc." This was Mr. Abraham's first appearance in a Peterboro pulpit, and the impression made was a distinctly favorable one. At the close of the service, fifteen new members were received and were given the right hand of fellowship.

A large and enthusiastic meeting of the members and adherents of the First Church, Port Hope, was held on Monday evening, when it was unanimously decided to start a subscription list with the view of erecting a new church and Sunday school on their lot on Walton street. An energetic committee was appointed to canvas for subscriptions, and the congregation expect to erect an edifice in the near future that will be a credit to the town. Already one member has promised to donate \$1,000, and no doubt a number of others will follow his example.

The Anniversary services will be held on Sunday, October 16th, at Newtonville. The Rev. H. E. Abraham of Port Hope, will preach, and on Monday evening the annual entertainment will take place.

St. Andrew's church, Picton, celebrated its 66th anniversary with special Sunday services. Rev. Principal Gordon of Queen's University preached two fine sermons to large congregations. On Monday evening a very successful social gathering was held.

On Sept. 25th the Rev. Prof. MacLaren of Knox College, Toronto, preached both morning and evening in St. Andrew's Church, Buckingham, Que., the occasion being, the re-opening of that beautiful edifice, after having been enlarged, re-carpeted and re-tinted. This congregation has also erected a fine new manse costing over \$400. Rev. Mr. Patterson, the much esteemed pastor, is to be congratulated upon the progress which this congregation has made during his six year's pastorate among them.

Last Friday evening the members and friends of the Presbyterian Church, Casselman, met at the home of Mr. R. R. McLeod, to say farewell to their pastor, Rev. H. S. Lee, B.A. A pleasant social evening was spent together and Mr. Lee was presented with a beautiful oak writing desk, accompanied by an address expressing appreciation of himself and his work and regret at his departure. Mr. Lee leaves in a few days for Grandmere, Que.

Western Ontario.

The tenth anniversary services of the Paris church will be conducted by the Rev. A.B. Winchester of Toronto, on Oct. 16th.

A congregational meeting of the Linwood church is announced for next Tuesday to decide whether the church shall remain an augmented charge or go on the home mission list.

The mid-week service of the series that are being given to commemorate the jubilee of St. Paul's church, Hamilton, was the occasion of an exceptionally large gathering. Rev. A. Logan Geggie, of Parkdale, Toronto, was the speaker, and during the short time that his interesting and eloquent sermon was being delivered he held the closest attention of his hearers.

Rev. A. H. MacGillivray, B.A., of the First Presbyterian Church, Chatham, in a recent sermon, made an earnest plea for higher ideals in our public life, deplored iniquity and immorality in our public life; and prayed that corruption and scandal might be removed from our province. He urged his hearers not to become so narrowed by partisan spirit as to weaken their efforts for the good of the country. Righteousness was for the individual, and it was the duty of every Christian to seek earnestly and faithfully to do his part in elevating public life and public morals.

The anniversary sermons preached a couple of weeks ago in St. Andrew's Church, Chatham, by Rev. J. A. Martin of Brantford, were greatly enjoyed by all privileged to hear them. The subject of the morning discourse was "Our fellowship with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ." Towards the close of his sermon and as bearing upon the loving, longing tenderness of the heart of God for His creatures and our power to sympathize with and enter into that love, Mr. Martin remarked that the heathen world with its myriads amounts to nothing to us except in so far as we realize their value in the sight of their preciousness to the heart of our God. The thousands we seek to serve and save in our home mission work, the preacher remarked, are nothing to me if I do not know that they are dear to the Father and to his Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. The anniversary concert on Monday evening was of a high order, and should have attracted a much larger audience. Rev. Dr. Battyning took Mr. Martin's services in First church, Brantford.

Rev. McGillivray, of St. James, London, preached suitable anniversary sermons in Alma church, St. Thomas, two weeks ago. The attendance was large and the discourses were most edifying. The "At Home" given by the Ladies Aid on Monday evening was in celebration of the fifth anniversary of the induction of Rev. H. W. Reade, M.A., the present pastor, who now finds the congregation free of debt, and otherwise in a most encouraging condition, thanks to his own earnest efforts and his people's hearty co-operation. The programme was varied, interesting, and instructive. Mr. J. A. Forsyth presided with efficiency. Rev. Mr. Drummond spoke aptly of the value of attentive hearing in the producing of good preaching, and gave a warning against the habit of expressing confidence in a preacher's orthodoxy by quietly sleeping during service. The choir reflected credit on themselves by their singing. The playing of Misses Smith, Busby, and Sanders was much enjoyed. The ladies served refreshments. The pastor in closing the programme, alluded to the work which had been accomplished during their past five years, and outlined an advanced work for the coming years.

Northern Ontario.

The attendance at the last meeting of the Barrie Presbytery was large. Rev. Geo. I. Crow, moderator, presided.

A call to Rev. R. J. S. Burnett of Alliston, by the congregations of Victoria Harbor, Moonstone and Vasey was presented and sustained by the Presbytery. The induction will take place on the 27th.

The agreement of translation of Rev. D. H. Currie from Manitowaning to Hillsdale by the Algoma Presbytery was received and arrangements were made for his induction which will take place towards the end of the month.

A commission composed of Revs. J. Ross of Churchill, McLeod of Barrie, Elliott of Midland, and Mr. J. Duff of Cookstown were appointed to rearrange the Alliston and Cookstown charges and report at the next meeting.

Encouraging Home Mission reports were received and a number of students were certified to the different colleges.

The Rev. W. A. Wyllie, minister at Coldwater and Waubesa, and more recently of London, Ontario, was inducted into the pastoral charge of St. Andrew's church, Kamsloops, B.C., on September 20th. Mr. Wyllie went west last summer, and Mrs. Wyllie and children will join him this month.

Knox College Opening.

The formal opening of the sixty-first session of Knox College, Toronto, took place in the college chapel, when Rev. Dr. Robertson lectured on "The Theology of Creation." Principal Caven presided, and stated in his introductory remarks that 725 men had graduated from Knox College