

Ministers and Churches.

Our Toronto Letter.

Two of those called to vacant charges in Toronto Presbytery have been settled this week. The Rev. Malcolm MacKinnon was settled at Woodbridge on Tuesday of last week, as minister of Knox Church, Vaughan and Woodbridge. The charge is a most compact one, and should give a good account of itself under the vigorous ministry of Mr. MacKinnon.

Laskey and West King chose three times before they received the answer for which they hoped. They have an excellent man in Mr. J.H. Lemon, a graduate of Knox College, and one of last year's class. Mr. Lemon took an excellent place in his class work, and at the final examinations. He has a widely scattered field, and will have to drive about twenty miles every Sabbath, but that has not daunted him, and he enters with high aims upon his first field of service. He was ordained and inducted on Thursday of last week, at Laskey. The ordination sermon was preached by the Rev. W. G. Back, of Maple, the charge to the minister was delivered by the Rev. Walter Amos, of Aurora, who kindly took the place of the Rev. J. A. Turnbull, the Presbytery's appointee. The people were addressed by the Rev. Thomas McLachlan, who has acted as interim Moderator during the vacancy.

During the past week there have been special services in St. Paul's Church, Toronto. The three congregations of Bloor St., College St., and St. Paul's have united in these services. They are being continued in the College St. Church this week. Much benefit has resulted from the union of these three congregations in these special services. For a quarter of an hour every evening the members of the three Sessions met for prayer before the regular services began. Under these circumstances we do not wonder that the meetings were productive of a high spiritual life. One expects it when such united effort is possible. How much we miss by holding ourselves so much to ourselves!

The departure of the Rev. Jonathan Goforth to his field in Honan last week will be noted with deep satisfaction by many who long earnestly for the ingathering of the nations. Two of the members of that mission have gone in to the field and have resolved to stay there during the winter. The mission church at Chang to Fu is intact. A storm took the roof off, but the Chinese official sought out the workmen who had first built it, and commanded them to repair the building at the expense of the government. The property of the missionaries has been taken back again into their compound, and the attitude of the Chinese seems better than it has been for many months. The other members of the Honan Presbytery are anxiously awaiting the permission to take their passage back again, and enter upon their interrupted work.

Anniversary socials are not what they used to be. One was held in Toronto last week, and there was not a word of it in the papers, there was no announcement except from the pulpit of that congregation. There was no charge for admittance, there was not even an appeal from the pulpit for cakes and other stuff of that sort. The minister merely reminded the people of the social gathering, and asked all who could, especially the strangers to be there at half-past seven o'clock. About six hundred gathered before eight o'clock, and packed themselves into the church parlors. The minister acted in a most informal manner as Chairman and the members of the Choir furnished a short programme of music. Then all adjourned to the basement where tables, holding from four to forty were spread. The evening was a purely social evening, when those who are actively engaged in work sought out those who have not yet taken up work, and making themselves acquainted, tried to enlist the new-comers in some part of the work that is being carried on. That is the social as it should be. We mark with unmixed satisfaction the passing of the old-time social, where you paid to eat as much as possible, get as good a seat as possible, laugh as much as possible at the jokes of the speakers, who by the way were chosen for their ability to make fun, and then get home with as little trouble as possible. If any further steps were taken it was to find as much fault as possible with the arrangement and the running of the show.

In spite of the fact that we never lose an opportunity to say that we are one united Church in Canada, our work has a tendency to become sectional. Already there are those who say that

it is about time Manitoba were taking control of her own mission work. It has long been the custom to leave Quebec to bear the burden of the work among the French. We were glad to note the beginning of better things in our own Presbytery at its last meeting. The man chosen for Convener of the Committee in charge of French Evangelization was trained in Montreal, and has brought with him some of the enthusiasm of Montreal men for the work in that Province. He is not disposed to take what congregations may be disposed to spare after the greater Schemes have had their portion. He proposes to visit the different charges, to speak upon the work in Quebec, and to awaken a deeper interest in that phase of our united work. We hope he may be successful in persuading the congregations here that they are equally responsible with their Quebec brethren for carrying on the work among the French Catholic population.

Northern Ontario.

The Presbytery of Owen Sound will meet in Knox Church, Owen Sound on Dec. 3, at 10 a.m. Rev. W. R. Dickie of Orangeville, preached in Knox Church, Owen Sound, on Sunday last.

A call from Dover, Chatham Presbytery, to Rev. E. A. Neilly, of Hornings Mills, was read and will in due course be presented to him.

Maple Valley and Singhampton presented a call to Rev. G. S. Scott, late of Calary, which was accepted and the induction fixed for the 26th inst.

Rev. E. A. Wicher, of Claude, preached a special sermon to the Ingewood Good Templars who attended church in a body on Sabbath the 10th inst.

Rev. J. W. McMillan, B. A., of Lindsay, will lecture in Knox church, Cannington, on Thanksgiving evening on scenes from his recent bicycle tour of Europe.

The Session of Chalmers church, Flesherston, has put itself on record favouring the movement for special evangelistic services throughout the Presbytery of Orangeville.

A reception to Presbyterian students attending school in town was held on Tuesday evening in Division St. Hall, Owen Sound, by the Young People's Society.

Orangeville Presbyterian met in St. Andrew's church, Orangeville, on the 12th inst. There was a good attendance of members and the Moderator, Rev. G. McKay, of Charleston, was in the chair.

Mr. W. A. Laughlin, student of Montreal Presbyterian College, has been appointed by the Owen Sound Presbytery to the Mission field of Adamsville, Mar and Pike Bay, and entered upon his work there on the 17th inst.

Rev. M. McKinnon, of Hillsbury, called to Woodbridge, tendered his resignation as clerk of Presbytery and Rev. A. Shepherd, B. A. of Tarbert was elected his successor. Rev. J. W. Orr, of Mono Mills, tendered his resignation and his congregations will be cited to appear at the next meeting of the court.

For re-arrangement of the Hillsbury and Waldemar fields it is proposed to join Knox church, west Caledon, with Hillsbury and Price's Corners with Waldemar and discontinue The Maples. Revs. J. R. Bell, Laurel, N. Matheson, Caledon, and Mr. A. Smith, of Shelburne, were appointed to visit the congregations affected.

St. Andrew's congregation, Creemore, have decided to hold anniversary services on Dec. 22nd when a former highly esteemed pastor, Rev. Dr. McDonald, Quebec, is expected to preach morning, afternoon and evening. An old time tea-meeting will follow on Christmas night.

Proton Station congregation is prospering under the pastoral care of Rev. L. W. Thorne. A Christian Endeavor Society has been organized with officers as follows: President, Mrs. R. Neilson, Vice President, Mrs. P. Consley; Secretary, Mrs. A. Skelton; Cor-Sec. Mr. D. Blair; Treas. Miss M. Sherson.

The Mission Band in Erskine church, Melford, recently held their annual thanksgiving meeting when the funds of the Band were largely increased by the parents and friends who lent encouragement by turning out in goodly numbers. The children gave a bright and well rendered missionary programme after which an interesting talk on Indian work was given by Miss Marsh, who spent some years in mission work among the Indians on the Great Slave Lake.

The Feversham congregation, Rev. P. Fleming, pastor, gave a Fowl Supper on the evening of the 8th inst, which was a very gratifying success. A pleasing programme was rendered including interesting addresses by Mr. W. Johnston, Rev. Thos. Scott and Dr. Soffly. Mr. Jos. Ferguson ably filled the chair.

Rev. M. McKinnon, of Hillsbury, called to Woodbridge, was, before leaving for his new field, waited on at the manse by a large number his and Mrs. McKinnon's friends and presented them with a beautiful silver tea service, the tea pot of which was found to be lined with new bank notes. Reeve McLaughlin read an address which was feelingly replied to by Mr. and Mrs. McKinnon who thanked their many friends for their appreciated token of good-will.

Rev. James Hastie, for 18 years pastor of Knox Church, Cornwall, has said farewell amid the regrets of the congregation. Before leaving for Ototoks, Alberta, he was presented with a resolution from the board of managers expressive of the deep regret of the congregation at his removal from Cornwall, and their sympathy with Mrs. Hastie, whose illness, necessitating a change of climate, was the cause of their departure, and in conclusion wished them God-speed on their journey in their new western home. The resolution was accompanied with a cheque for \$150. Mr. Hastie replied in suitable terms.

The Flesherston Branch of the Upper Canada Bible Society held a Bible Society meeting in the Flesherston Methodist church on Sabbath evening the 17th inst, and can truly be said to have been the most successful meeting of the kind ever held in that village, thanks to the executive for the departure from the old custom of the week evening meeting when but a score or two could be induced to be present. It being a union service of the village churches a large congregation was present and heard the claims for support which the B. & F. B. Society have as they were clearly and forcibly presented by Mr. A. S. Van Dusen, president of the Branch, who presided, Rev. L. W. Thom, who dealt with statistics and the work of the parent Society in giving translations of the Scriptures and Rev. Iverson Wilson, who in the course of an eloquent address showed the influence the Bible has upon individual and national life. Mr. McLean, Baptist student, assisted in the service. The annual business meeting will be held Dec. 22nd when collectors will make their returns and officers will be elected for the ensuing year.

Sabbath the 10th inst., was anniversary day in St. Andrew's church, Orangeville, and the services which were most successful were conducted by the eloquent pastor of Dunn Avenue church Parkdale, Rev. A. L. Geggie, who exchanged pulpits with Rev. W. R. Dickie. Mr. Geggie's sermon in the morning from Col 3: 1-4 dealt with the facts and factors in Christian experience. His discourse in the evening based on Rom 12: 10, 11, was a powerful appeal for earnestness in religion concluding with an earnest appeal to the unsaved to get into the kingdom. The choir assisted by Miss Irvine and Mr. Thos. Wright tendered excellent service. On Monday evening the Ladies Aid gave an oyster supper and entertainment which notwithstanding unfavourable weather was largely attended the proceeds being upwards of \$100. The programme after the supper was taken charge of by the pastor and consisted of excellently rendered solos by Miss Caldwell and Mr. McDonald, anthems by the choir and a lecture on "Scottish Humor" by Rev. A. L. Geggie, who says The Banner "proved himself a capital entertainer and kept his audience deeply interested for the ninety minutes during which he spoke."

St Paul's church, Warton, has suffered a great loss by the removal to Walkerton of Sheriff Parke and family who have been highly esteemed and valuable members of the congregation. On the evening of the 8th inst., a large congregation assembled in the lecture room of the church to say "good-bye" to the departing friends and tangibly express their appreciation of the services rendered by Mrs. Parke, who was president of the Pastor's Aid and treasurer of the W. F. M. S. The pastor, Rev. S. A. Leach, occupied the chair and after the presentation by Mrs. (Rev.) Acheson and Mrs. Neibergal to Mrs. Parke of a very kindly worded address and beautiful chair from the ladies of St. Paul's, addresses appreciative of the services rendered the church by Mrs. Parke, Sheriff Parke and family were given by Messrs. A. J. Kyle, R. Watt, A. Chisholm, S. J. Cameron and C. Wicher. Pleasing solos were sung by Mr.