

## WESTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. A. L. Budge, of Hanover, has been preaching very acceptably at Mimosa.

Rev. J. C. Wilson, of Knox church, Acton, has commenced a series of services on "The Life of Paul in Ten Cities."

Rev. W. A. J. Martin, convener of the F. M. Committee, addressed the annual thankoffering meeting of the Hespeler W.F.M.S. last week.

After a pastorate of 32 years, Rev. Dr. Battisby, of St. Andrew's church, Chatham, has tendered his resignation on account of continued ill-health.

Rev. D. I. Ellison, of Paris, preached anniversary sermons in the Ratho church last Sunday week. Rev. J. A. Cragston, of Gobles, taking his services in Stanley street church.

Rev. John Thomson, M.A., of Ayr, attended a meeting of the Ministerial Association at Preston last week and delivered a very interesting address on Dr. John Watson, the preacher and author.

A successful social held in connection with Knox church, St. Mary's, realized a snug sum for the Anna Hudson mission fund. Rev. Nichol presided and Miss Aitken, Misses Gray, John Gray, Miss Hazel Robertson, Miss Irwin and Dr. Knox took part in the excellent programme which was presented.

In opening a series of evangelical services in the First Church, St. Mary's, the Rev. D. N. Morden delivered a strong message from the words: "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." Rev. G. A. Woodside, of Owen Sound, who took so effective a part in the Kootenay campaign of a few months ago, is helping Mr. Morden in the work.

Rev. John R. Kay was formally ordained and inducted into the charge of the Presbyterian church, Tara, on Friday evening of last week. There was a large attendance at the service. Rev. J. Rex Brown of Burgoyne addressed the pastor, and Rev. Mr. Atkinson of Chesley the people. Among others present was the new minister's father, Rev. John Kay, for some time minister of Deer Park church, Toronto, who is now living retired in Stratford.

A new Presbyterian church was dedicated on the 3rd instant in the picturesque neighborhood on the banks of the Magnetawan river, in the Highlands of Ontario, at a little nook called "Croft," by Rev. S. Childerose, Home Mission Superintendent for Northern Ontario. Rev. George Towner is the minister in charge. As the people are determined to have no debt, they are at present doing without suitable seats, using planks and benches. Men and women have worked hard to secure this church home, and turned out in large numbers for the opening services.

The sixth anniversary of the new Presbyterian church, Balderson, Ont., was held Oct. 3rd, and was one of the most successful in the history of the congregation. The Rev. W. T. B. Crombie, B.A., B.D., responded to the session's and congregation's invitation to grace the occasion with his presence.

A large congregation greeted him on both occasions, especially in the evening, when seats were placed in the aisles to accommodate the people of the congregation and their friends.

Mr. Crombie's sermons were characterized by lucid treatment, profound thought, logical reasoning and practical application. Mr. Crombie has been called to Elgin, etc., in the Montreal Presbytery, where his ability is bound to make itself felt. Possessing perhaps a minimum of that selfassertion, and bumpiness, he is not known in men of small calibre, he is not known in the church as he ought to be. However, he is still young and we shall expect now that he is likely to be more out in the open where his talents will be appreciated to hear of him later.

## BRUCE PRESBYTERIAL SOCIETY.

The twenty-second annual meeting of Bruce Presbyterian Society was held in the Presbyterian Church, Port Elgin, on Wednesday afternoon, September 22nd, 1909. The church was well filled, the president, Mrs. Norman Robertson, of Walkerton, occupied the chair. After devotional exercises the minutes of last meeting were received and adopted. Mrs. McLeod, the pastor's wife, then cordially welcomed the visiting delegates and Mrs. Galbraith, of Paisley, responded.

The reports of the secretaries and treasurer were read. The showing is a little below last year both in membership and contributions. This is owing in a great measure to removals, also in last year, in order to celebrate the coming of age of the Society, fifteen life members were added, there were none this year, and that would much more than account for the decrease in contributions. Notwithstanding the amount raised this year is upwards of \$1,000, last year it amounted to \$1,168. Five bales of children's clothing and three bales of adult second-hand clothing were sent to Crowesland, Reserve, Northwest, and one bale was sent to Toronto to be disposed of at that centre where most needed. Regular meetings have been held and the interest well sustained. Thankoffering and meetings for special prayer were observed. Five active members have been called to lay aside their labors and enter into rest. Our loss is their gain. Mrs. Boyd, of Chesley, offered the dedicating prayer.

The President's address was a loving appeal to all to reconsecrate their lives to work and live for Christ and the glory of God, asking afresh, "Lord what wilt Thou have me to do?" and also that He would give us the will to do it. She also spoke in grateful terms of our late President, Mrs. Johnston, whose presence was greatly missed.

A solo "Just for today" was sung very sweetly by Mrs. McGillyvray. On motion of Mrs. McLennan of Tiverton, and Mrs. Bell, of Walkerton, it was decided that 50 per member per annum be set aside as a fund to defray expenses of Presbyterian President, in visiting auxiliaries and Mission Bands, and the expenses of President, Secretary or any other delegate sent by the Presbyterian Society to the annual meeting.

A number of questions sent by the Board of the W.F.M.S. re the proposed plan of work were considered and answered.

At this point in the proceedings it was announced that Mrs. Goforth had just arrived and the audience arose to welcome her. Mrs. Goforth gave two excellent addresses. In the afternoon she spoke more particularly of her personal work in China and in the evening on the recent revival there. Her addresses were wonderful tributes to the power of prayer, consecration, and of simple faith in the promise: "My grace is sufficient for thee" when our will is made subservient to God's will and we obey His call. They made a deep and profound impression.

Mrs. Wilson, of Walkerton, gave an excellent address on Mission Band work. It was greatly to be regretted that owing to lack of time she was only able to touch on a few of the more important points.

Mrs. McLennan, of Tiverton, who was to have given the closing words, had time only to say a very few. She said the world was divided into two parts. Those who go ahead and do something and those who sit still and say "Why don't they do it some other way?" To which class do you belong?

Tea was served in the basement and a social time enjoyed. In the evening, Rev. Mr. McNab, of Underwood, occupied the chair and gave a short address. Mrs. Goforth again addressed the meeting, and excellent music was furnished by the choir. This meeting was voted by all as one of the most successful that Bruce Presbyterian has ever held. A spirit of love and good will prevailed.

This report was mislaid, hence its late appearance.—Ed. D. P.

## HAMILTON.

Rev. D. R. Drummond is preaching a series of sermons on the early Genesis narratives.

Rev. A. T. Barnard preached in St. Andrew's church on Sabbath, Oct. 10th. Mr. Wilson was in Strathroy that day for anniversary services.

Rev. W. H. Sedgewick's subjects in Central church last Sunday were "The Magna Charta of Childhood," and "The Ethics of Anger."

Rev. S. B. Russell and Rev. D. R. Drummond were the preachers at the 6th anniversary of Westminster church, celebrated on Sunday.

The Highlanders attended divine service at MacNab street church on Sunday, the 10th inst. Rev. Mr. Ketchen preached.

## BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

Confucianists are soon to erect a \$100,000 building in New York City.

Eleven hundred Hindus entered the post of Seattle, Washington, last year.

The thirteenth decennial census of the United States will require only about 65,000 enumerators.

Illinois Wesleyan university has received from the Carnegie fund \$8,000 for a new science building.

At the recent Leipzig celebration, Sir Archibald Geikie, the well-known geologist, received a doctor's degree.

Southern France was visited by heavy storms accompanied by earth shocks doing great damage to property.

There are said to be over forty growing towns in Oklahoma which have no organized religious work of any kind.

The total cost for the new church for Dunning U.F. congregation, \$21,000, has all been contributed by members and friends.

The loss of life resulting from the West Indian hurricane which swept Louisiana and Mississippi is estimated at one hundred.

Of the 65,000 Spanish-speaking Mexicans in southern California not more than a thousand are in touch with any Protestant church.

There was a birth on Alise Craig the other day which is rather an unusual thing on Paddy's Milestone. The first birth was chronicled 20 years ago.

The deposed Sultan of Turkey is reported seriously ill and not expected to live many weeks. The opinion is expressed that Abdul Hamid was insane long before his dethronement.

A correspondent states that Scottish manufacturers of linen goods are enjoying a boom, the adjustment of the United States tariff having brought out a large weight of orders for shipment westward.

The total output of eighteen months' work at the Austrian Government mines was about one gramme (15.5 grains) of pure radium. There does not appear to be any immediate prospect of a glut in the radium market.

Liverpool incendiaries are reported to have emulated Samson's exploit with the foxes by tying a torch to a cat's tail, pushing the animal through a hole in a wall, and thus setting fire to a cotton warehouse.

The British government is organizing a university at Hong Kong to include medicine and technology, and the Germans are to contribute \$160,000 for a university building at Kiao-Shan and \$50,000 annually for the support of this institution in the Orient.

One of the great tunnels of the world is being built through the Andes in South America. It will be five miles long, and the highest great tunnel in the world—12,000 feet above sea level. It will connect Chile and Bolivia.

Rev. A. Morrison, of Kirkhill, preached the preparatory sermons in English and Gaelic in the Maxwell church on Saturday afternoon, conducting communion service in the same place on Sabbath morning.