

Ministers and Churches.

Toronto.

The Rev. Joseph Hamilton of Mimico, author of "Our Own and Other Worlds," has been asked to contribute a sermon on the stars for the Christmas issue of the New York Christian Herald.

Rev. A. MacMillan, of St. Enoch's church is taking the work of Prof. Ballantyne in Knox College, during the latter's illness. Prof. Ballantyne is steadily improving and is expected to be at his post shortly.

A post-graduate conference in connection with the Alumni Association of Knox College, will begin on the 7th of next month, continuing until the 10th. Papers will be given by the following: Rev. Principal Caven, D.D., Prof. T. L. Walker of Toronto University, Rev. Dr. Gordon of Queens, Principal Sheraton, D.D., of Wycliffe, Rev. Prof. Clark, of Trinity, and a number of others.

There is pleasure in recording that the slight difference that took place between Prof. McPhedran and the third year "meds," is happily over. The whole affair was, after all, only a storm in a teacup. Sympathy and forbearance, when blended together, form a wonderful lubricant for preventing friction among the wheels of life—and nowhere are these elements more necessary than in the relation between professor and students.

Queen St. East church was crowded at both services on Sunday, when Rev. J. M. Cameron preached in connection with the twenty-sixth anniversary. The special offertory amounted to about \$250. The anniversary social and entertainment was held Monday evening, Judge Winchester presiding. Addresses were given by Rev. Mr. Cameron, Rev. A. Esler and others. There was also a musical and literary programme.

Rev. D. C. Hossack, pastor of Deer Park Presbyterian church, at the men's meeting in Association Hall yesterday afternoon: "The consciousness of sin is a hopeful sign; it is an evidence of the hold God has upon man. Every man has his own peculiar sin. Even a minister of the Gospel has his own particular temptation and weakness, which he is called upon to combat. The only hope is in instant surrender to God. There is such a thing as becoming saved in a moment for all time. The man who is determined to give up the drink habit does not try to wean himself away gradually; he renounces it wholly. Similarly should it be with all forms of sin. A right-about face is what is needed."

"The Practical Use of Theological Study" was the subject dealt with by the Rev. E. A. Hendry, of Hamilton, at last week's meeting of the Philosophical Society. Mr. Hendry showed how the ordinary man was benefited in everyday life by a knowledge of philosophy. Philosophy was not for the recreant alone, but for the worker as well, and helped a man to bear his burden and to perform his duties. It would be infinitely better if, instead of confining himself to the reading of newspapers and the ephemeral literature of the day, every man gave his attention to the lofty thoughts of the thinkers of the world who revealed to man his duty and destiny.

Rev. Alfred Gandier, in St. James' Square Presbyterian church: "It is a truth that no man either in Biblical or historical times has come before the world with a God-given message to impart who has not for a period sought retirement and privacy, that by self-communion, earnest mind-searching and introspection, he might be prepared to carry out his apportioned mission. From Moses and Elijah down to Buddha and Mahomet, has the principle been borne out. Moses spent 40 years of preparation in the wilderness. Elijah, we are told, went to Horeb, there to wrestle in prayer. Buddha and Mahomet both sought isolation. Of the Saviour's prayer and fasting of 40 days' duration we know and of the voluntary retirement of St. Paul, following close on his conversion."

Of Mr. Alexander Muir, Principal of one of our Public Schools, the St. Catharines Star, writes: "Than Mr. Muir no more earnest and patriotic Canadian ever breathed, and only a few of those who are known as 'statesmen' have rendered such practical and enduring service to this country as he has given. By giving to the Canadian people their national song, 'The Maple Leaf,' he did more to unite and harmonize the widely differing elements that exist in this young country than could be accom-

plished by years of political service. Although the burden of the years has had its effect upon the genial author, his voice is as clear and resonant, as strong and stirring as it was in his youthful days; his step is still sure and elastic and he has lost none of the fire and enthusiasm, the energy and determination that made him a leader among men in days gone by. He is a speaker of rare eloquence, and when he speaks on such a subject as that which will be his theme on Monday evening he sways his audience as he wills.

Ottawa.

Rev. Orr Bennett, of Almonte, lectured Monday evening in the Glebe Presbyterian church, taking as his subject, "Rome."

Rev. Dr. Armstrong of St. Paul's church and Rev. J. H. Turnbull, M.A., of Bank St. church, exchanged pulpits on Sunday morning.

Rev. Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Mitchell held a reception in the new Maase on Concession street. About 300 members of the congregation of Erskine church were present.

Rev. Dr. Herridge preached in Kingston on Sunday, and Rev. Dr. Gordon, principal of Queens University, took the services in St. Andrew's church, where he is always heartily welcomed.

An anniversary tea-meeting will be held in the Glebe church on Thursday evening, December 30. The choir of St. Andrew's church, and the Glebe orchestra will furnish the music.

The Glebe church will hold anniversary services Sunday November 20th. Rev. Norman McLeod of McKay church will preach in the morning, while the evening services will be conducted by Rev. R. Herbison.

The Ladies' Aid society of Mackay church gave a very enjoyable at home last week. The guests were welcomed on their arrival by the president of the society, Mrs. Ralph, and the vice-presidents, Mrs. MacLeod and Mrs. Elliott. Rev. Mr. MacLeod was present and assisted the ladies in entertaining their guests. Everything was very pleasant and very informal, and music was furnished during the evening by the Glebe orchestra.

The ladies of St. Andrew's congregation, last week gave \$100 to the boys of Erskine church to equip a reading room. The money will be expended by the Boys' Guild which was organized at that time. The new society contains a membership of 130 boys over 12 years of age. About 400 people attended the inaugural meeting and the prospects are bright for a flourishing organization. The officers elected are: President, Gordon Watt; vice-president, Herman Lockyer; secretary, George Rice; treasurer, Alex. Stewart; councillors, George White, J. Charbonneau and William Fraser. Rooms will be set apart in the basement of the church and the boys will assemble there Tuesday and Thursday evenings. The executive committee will arrange programmes for the various meetings and on alternate weeks special entertainment will be provided for the younger members.

Before business was taken up Mr. W. J. Kissick entertained the gathering by presenting a series of lime light views. Songs were given by Mr. Harry Bennett, Rev. Mr. A. E. Mitchell, pastor of Erskine church, who was instrumental in organizing the men's guild a short time ago deserves equal credit for his work among the boys. He is pleased with the outcome of the first meeting.

Eastern Ontario.

Rev. Thos. Nixon, late of Smith's Falls, has received a call to Catham, Ont.

Knox Church, Milton, will hold a Scotch concert in the town hall on St. Andrews night, Nov. 30th.

There was no morning service in the Maxville Church on Sunday. In the evening, Rev. J. T. Daley of the Congregational church preached.

The Ladies Aid of St. Andrew's church, Picton will hold their annual Scotch social on St. Andrew's night, with Scotch programme and Scotch refreshments.

A sale of aprons and other useful and fancy articles will be held by the Ladies Aid of the First Port Hope church, on Thursday afternoon, Dec. 3rd.

Rev. Mr. Guy and Mrs. Guy were the recipients of a reception, an address and several handsome useful gifts from the congregation at McDonald's Corners on their return from their wedding trip.

The Thank-offering meeting of St. Andrew's, Carleton Place, W. F. M. S. was held in the lecture room of the church on Wednesday evening. Mrs. Craig, of Ottawa, a returned missionary from India, delivered an address.

The services in the First church, Brockville, on Sunday were conducted by Rev. A. H. McGillivray, M. A., of Newmarket.

There will be a sacred concert held in the church, St. Elmo, on Tuesday evening, Dec. 1st., when Mr. H. Ruthven Macdonald of Cooke's church, Toronto, and Mr. J. W. Hinchcliffe of Ottawa, will take part in the programme.

Rev. Thos. Bennett gave a lantern lecture illustrated with stereopticon views, at the annual meeting of the Lancaster Branch Bible Society, held in Knox church, Lancaster, on Tuesday evening.

At the annual meeting of the First Brockville church, Men's club, held last week, T. J. Storey was elected president, W. A. Lewis, vice-president, and G. A. Tennant sec'y-treas.

Rev. Dr. Ross, of Montreal, who has been acting pastor in the American Presbyterian church for a year, in addition to his college work, was last week presented by the ladies of the congregation with a case of cutlery and silver, a cut glass flower bowl and vase, and an Indian table cover of exquisite workmanship, together with a cheque.

On Tuesday evening a social for the young people was held in St. Andrew's church, Almonte. There was a short musical programme which consisted of a duet by Miss Greig and Mrs. MacFarlane, solos by Miss Greig, Rev. Orr Bennett and Dr. Oliver and also a reading by Mr. A. C. McPhail. Rev. Orr Bennett acted as chairman. Refreshments were served by the ladies of the congregation and the evening was much enjoyed by those present.

Western Ontario.

Rev. U. R. D. Sinclair has been appointed ordained missionary at Little Current.

An organ costing \$1,500 has been placed in Knox church, Midland.

Thirty-two new churches have been erected in the Northwest during the year.

The induction of the elders-elect of Knox church, London, took place last Sunday.

Paris Presbyterian W. F. M. S. reported that \$82,000 had been given to missions during the year.

The Manitoba and Northwest Synod has adopted the General Assembly overture in favour of the higher remuneration of missionaries.

Rev. A. J. MacGillivray, New St. James', London, has declined the call extended to him by St. Andrew's congregation, Sarnia.

Rev. J. Hgsie, of Ivan, gave a missionary address on Sunday evening last in Komoka under the auspices of the W. F. M. S.

At the London W. F. M. S. annual meeting the total receipts reported were \$2,784. The membership now stands at 1,525, an increase of 50 over last year.

In the Central church, Hamilton, the Rev. R. E. Knowles, B. A., Galt, preached Sunday morning and evening, and lectured on Monday evening.

The Rev. A. P. Ledingham, B. A., of Indore, Central India, preached in Bradford, Scotch Settlement, and St. John's Presbyterian churches last Sabbath.

Rev. A. J. MacGillivray, London, announced to his congregation on Sunday that he would remain in London, as previously stated through the newspapers.

Mr. Amos, a Knox College Student, preached in Knox church, Jarvis on Sunday morning. There was no service in the evening owing to the Methodist Anniversary services.

Rev. Dr. Johnston will preach the final sermon as pastor of St. Andrews church, London, next Sabbath, his induction into his new charge at Montreal will take place on Dec. 3rd.

Rev. Robert McIntyre, of Tempo, occupied the pulpit of the Komoka church on Sunday afternoon. The sermon was a very practical one, the text being taken from Numbers xxxii, verse 23.

The Young Men's Union held a successful entertainment last week in the school-room of Knox church, Hamilton. Rev. E. A. Henry, the pastor of the church, gave an address on "The Boy," which was most entertaining.