

Ministers and Churches.

Ottawa.

At the Glebe and Bank street the pastors took the usual services.

Rev. Dr. Armstrong, of St. Paul's, preached at Maxville last Sunday, exchanging with Rev. James Cornack.

At the last communion in the Glebe church 26 new members were added to the membership, 21 on profession of faith, and 5 by certificate.

The pulpit of St. Andrew's church has been filled with much acceptance by Rev. Dr. Cameron, of Edinburgh, Scotland, for the past two Sundays.

Montreal.

The Witness of a recent date, says: Mrs. Chin Nom Sing, is the latest acquisition to Chinese society in Montreal. Her husband, Chin Sing, as he is usually called, is the faithful native assistant of Dr. Thomson, the Chinese missionary. Mrs. Chin Sing arrived in Montreal on Wednesday, much to the delight of her husband, who is also the proud father of little Tom Quong, a sturdy, fine-looking little chap of some six years of age. Chin Sing left China for Canada when little Tom Quong was three months old, so the reunion is a very happy one, all round.

Mrs. Chin Sing is quite a good-looking little lady, with the calm untroubled expression of Eastern women. A visitor who called yesterday at the St. Andrews Home, where she has been given a room until her husband can find a suitable house, found Mrs. Chin Sing a very pleasant hostess, who did the honors of her apartment graciously, in spite of the Canadian garments which seemed a bit out of harmony with her round olive face and satin smooth black hair, combed tightly back from her face into a not-unbecoming bun at the back of her head. She was wearing a blue muslin blouse with lace medallions, a dark skirt and leather belt, and bracelets, one of jade and the other of gold. She greeted her visitor with the pleasantest possible smiles, and ushered her to a chair beside a table whereon lay a Chinese Bible open. Mrs. Chin Sing and her visitor conversed amiably for some time in a code made up of smiles and nods, one or the other occasionally breaking the monotony with a little remark in an unknown tongue. The entrance of another visitor, Mrs. Sang Kee, whose ten years in Montreal has fitted her for the position of interpreter on such social occasions, opened up a medium for the interchange of compliments. Mrs. Chin Sing, in a graceful manner, presented a gorgeous yellow satin pencil case, embroidered in green and brown and six other colors by her own deft fingers, to her visitor, who reflected with some embarrassment that she might have been guilty of a breach of Chinese etiquette in not having prepared herself with a gift for her hostess.

Mrs. Chin Sing will assist her husband in his work in the mission.

Eastern Ontario.

Rev. K. McDonald, Williamstown, has resumed work after a brief vacation.

Rev. W. A. Lochead, of the Student Missionary movement, was in Almonte on Wednesday.

Rev. Dr. Moore, of Ottawa, preached in the Russell church on Sunday morning.

Rev. A. MacKenzie, of Douglas, has been granted leave of absence for three months.

Admaston and Bakeney in Lanark and Renfrew Presbytery have been declared vacant.

Rev. Mr. MacLean, of Oak Lake, Man., filled the pulpit of St. John's church, Brockville, last two Sundays.

In the absence of Rev. J. R. Conn, of Napanee, Rev. A. Macdonald will take his duties.

Rev. Mr. Sommerville, of Toronto, will occupy the Bradford Presbyterian pulpit in the absence of Rev. Dr. Smith on his holidays.

Rev. J. Ferguson Millar, late assistant pastor of St. Andrew's church, Amprior, left last week for his home in Millaront, Ont.

Rev. Messrs. A. G. Cameron, of Vars, and T. A. Sadler, of Russell, have returned from a pleasant visit to the Old Lands.

The Russell ladies' excursion to Rockcliffe, Ottawa, on Saturday was well patronized. The organ fund is the richer by some twenty dollars.

Next meeting of Lanark and Renfrew Presbytery will be held in St. Andrew's church, Carleton Place, on 20th October at 10:30 a. m.

Rev. Gillies Eadie of the Presbyterian volunteers' union for foreign missions, conducted the services at St. Andrew's church, Picton, last Sunday morning.

At Lanark and Renfrew Presbytery hearty sympathy was expressed for Rev. A. H. Macfarlane and family of Franktown in their affliction.

Plans for a new manse at Alexandria have been adopted, and Messrs. H. Munro, D. H. Watson, and John E. McRae were appointed a committee to superintend its erection.

Rev. G. C. McLean, formerly pastor of St. John's church, was in Almonte for a couple of days last week. He intends returning to Scotland shortly.

Miss J. Tanner entertained the ladies of St. Andrew's church W. F. M. S. at the manse, South Lancaster, on a recent afternoon when a pleasant and profitable time was spent.

Members of Lanark and Renfrew Presbytery are reminded to forward contributions for the Bathurst Manse to Rev. D. Currie, Perth as soon as possible.

At the last meeting of Lanark and Renfrew Presbytery much useful work was done. Rev. D. M. Buchanan was elected moderator; and Rev. John Hay was acting clerk.

St. John's church, Vancouver, B. C., has extended a unanimous call to Rev. R. Laird, M. A., pastor of the First Presbyterian church, Brockville. Mr. Laird is a graduate of Queen's and a popular preacher.

Rev. W. M. Martin, of Exeter, is visiting Beaverton, that charming summer resort on the eastern shore of Lake Simcoe, where he is the guest of his brother Rev. D. M. Martin, of Cannington.

Rev. Mr. Woodside of St. Andrew's, Carleton Place, is spending a month's holidays in the neighborhood of his old home in Quebec. Mrs. Woodside accompanies him. Mr. F. A. Robinson, student in Theology at Queen's occupies the pulpit in St. Andrew's meanwhile.

A unique wedding occurred on the outskirts of Renfrew recently. Thomas Williamson and Rachel Watson, both belonging to a gypsy camp in the neighborhood, were united in marriage. Rev. John Hay officiating.

Whitby Presbytery, at its recent meeting, passed a resolution expressing its sympathy with Rev. J. A. McKeen, Orono, in his recent illness, and expressing its pleasure and gratitude at his recovery. Next regular meeting in St. Andrew's church, Whitby, the 3rd Tuesday of October.

In response to a request from Barr's settlement for a re-arrangement of that field the Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew appointed the following committee to look into the whole matter and report: J. Hay, G. D. Bayne, J. Rattray, ministers, and J. Stewart and A. Johnston, elders.

The resignation of Rev. D. D. McLennan, of Apple Hill, having been accepted by the Presbytery he will preach farewell sermons next Sabbath. Rev. P. F. Langell, Martinstown, is interim moderator, and will preach the pulpit vacant on the 16th inst.

A meeting was held in the Carp church for the purpose of organizing a ladies' aid society. Mrs. E. P. Pearson was elected president, Mrs. K. H. McElroy vice-president, and Mrs. A. Pender secretary-treasurer. There was also a committee appointed. Under this management the society should prove a great success.

It is rather late to make mention of the successful anniversary services held a couple of weeks ago at Kinburn in connection with the induction of Rev. Mr. McGillivray, when Rev. A. E. Mitchell, of Erskine church, Ottawa preached to large congregations.

At a meeting of St. John's congregation, Corawall, the following committee were appointed to receive and deal with applications for filling the vacancy caused by the resignation of Rev. Dr. McNish: D. B. MacLennan, K. C., His Honor Judge Liddell, A. P. Ross and G. C. Colquhoun, representing the Board of Managers and C. H. Cline, James C. Macfarlane and J. Skelton, representing the congregation. Already several applications have been received. At the first meeting of the committee on Monday last, D. B. MacLennan, K. C., was appointed chairman and A. G. Watson secretary. On Sunday

last, the pulpit was filled by the Rev. B. D. Miller, of Hawkesbury.

It is announced that the newly organized Ladies Aid Society of the Carp church will shortly hold a lawn social on the spacious grounds of "Elmwood," the pleasant home of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Gourlay. It is also expected that Rev. Norman McLeod, the popular pastor of MacKay church, Ottawa, will lecture on the occasion. Should the weather prove suitable a most enjoyable season may be anticipated.

At Lanark and Renfrew Presbytery Rev. A. A. Scott presented the Home Mission Report, and its various items were considered and adopted. Deputations were appointed to visit the various fields as follows: (1) Alice, G. D. Bayne; (2) Bathurst, A. A. Scott; (3) Calabogie, E. D. Shaw; (4), Chalk River, M. D. M. Blakely; (5), Killarney, J. Rattray; (6), Lanark, D. Currie; (7), Scotland, J. Hay. The convener was empowered to present the claims for the current six months and also to secure supply for the winter when it is needed.

The death is announced of Rev. Peter Watson, of Williamstown. The Rev. gentleman, who had reached the age of 76 years, had been in feeble health for some time. He was held in very high esteem in the community, and his warm hearted, genial disposition won for him the affectionate regard of all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance. Mr. Watson was a native of Inverness, Scotland. He was ordained and inducted to the charge of St. Andrew's church, Williamstown, on the 21st September, 1856, at the age of twenty-nine years. He succeeded the Rev. John MacKenzie, who was the successor of the Rev. John Botham, the first Presbyterian clergyman in Upper Canada, having commenced his labours here in 1787. Mr. Watson ministered to the congregation of St. Andrew's church continuously from his induction in 1856 until a few years ago, preaching in English and Gaelic. He was greatly beloved and respected by the people of Williamstown and throughout the district. The funeral took place on Tuesday to St. Andrew's church and cemetery, Williamstown, there being a large assemblage of people from all parts of the country to pay a last tribute of respect. The service was conducted by the Rev. A. Givaa, assisted by the Revs. K. McDonald, J. S. Burnet, John Matheson, P. F. Langill, Liddell, Tanner and Graham. The pall-bearers were Messrs D. J. McGregor, Capt. H. A. Cameron, A. J. Sullivan, A. A. Dunlop, D. A. Dickson and Wm. Macpherson. Honorary pall-bearers: James Dingwall, Thos. McDonald, Geo. H. MacGillivray, John A. McDonald, Thos. Heenan, and Dr. Falkner. The surviving members of the family are Dr. Neil Watson, of Red Lake Falls, Minn.; George Watson, of Fergus, Ont., and Miss Lizzie Watson, of Montreal. All were present at the funeral. A brother survives in the person of Rev. David Watson, D. D., who was minister of St. Andrew's church, Beaverton, for over 40 years. He resigned the pastorate some four years ago.

The Rev. Dr. McNish, in taking leave of St. John's congregation, Corawall, after a pastorate of thirty-five years, preached a very appropriate sermon from the words: "Finally, brethren, farewell!" In the course of his remarks he said: "I am to-day to take farewell of this congregation, as its minister for some thirty-five years. Thirty-five years form a large portion of a lifetime, and no one can live over so many years without seeing many changes, and without learning many solemn lessons, and without perceiving that the words of the Hebrew Psalmist continue to gain deeper meaning and solemnity: 'We spend our years as a tale that is told.' Who among us, as he allows his thoughts to travel over thirty years or more, does not realize that time is on the wing, and so important are the incidents of our life that we cannot call up any distinctive feature whereby we can even in thought separate one year from another. It seldom happens in Canada now that any minister is for thirty or thirty-five years minister of the same congregation. Much can be advanced in favor of long pastorates, for time is needed to enable ministers and members of the same congregation to know each other intimately and to have that confidence in each other which conduces largely to the growth and development of religion. The call which was extended to me in 1868 contained the names of 81 communicants and cards of 7 adherents—88 in all. The names of 6 elders were adhibited to the call, all of whom have been dead for several years. Forty-five of those who signed the call