

It is expected that the new Shakespeare church will be opened the end of December.

The first communion services under the new pastor were held in Acton last Sabbath. Rev. J. T. Hall, of Rockwood, preached an appropriate pre-communion sermon on Friday evening. On Sunday morning Rev. J. C. Wilson, B.A., preached, and during the service ten new members were added to the Church. At the evening service Rev. C. H. Vessot, of Montreal, an eloquent French Canadian, spoke earnest words respecting the French evangelization work.

The members of St. Andrew's congregation, Bayfield took possession of the manse last Thursday evening when Mr. D. McKenzie, one of the elders, read an address to the pastor, Rev. John McNeil, expressive of the congregation's appreciation of his labors among them, and presented him with a beautiful easy chair for his study. Mr. McNeil briefly thanked his parishioners for their kindly feeling towards him and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

In the school room of St. Andrew's church, London, on Monday night a large audience listened to Rev. Dr. Johnston's lecture on "John Knox." The chair was taken by Mr. C. R. Somerville, and among those who assisted in the evening's programme was Mrs. Chas. E. Wheeler, who sang "The Land of the Leal." Dr. Johnston outlined the different periods in the life of Knox, and showed in a most interesting way how much the church at large was indebted to him.

Carlisle congregation held the annual anniversary of the opening of their beautiful new church on Sunday and Monday, Oct. 18 and 19. Rev. A. Grant of St. Mary's was the preacher of the day, the pastor assisting in the services. He was greeted with large congregations, the church, morning and evening, being crowded to the doors. In the afternoon he gave one of his very practical and interesting talks to the parents, teachers and scholars of the Sabbath school. On Monday evening the congregation held a social gathering, which was also largely attended. Addresses were given by Rev. A. Grant and the neighboring ministers. The musical part of the programme was provided by Miss Grace L. Awrey, of the Conservatory of Music, Hamilton, and the Waterson Twin Quartette. The proceeds amounted to about \$200, and will be applied upon the church debt, which the congregation is endeavoring to clear off, a canvass, which was quite successful, having recently been made for that purpose. The pastor, Rev. W. T. Ellison, and his congregation are very pleased over the great success which has attended their efforts and are very hopeful for the future, as the work is being carried on very heartily and very harmoniously.

Northern Ontario.

Last Sunday evening Rev. Dr. Smith, of the Bradford church, preached the last of a series of sermons on the seven deadly sins mentioned in the bible.

Rev. J. Borland, B. D., Collingwood has moved into his new home on Maple street, two doors south of the church.

Rev. J. A. Cranston of Collingwood preached eloquent anniversary sermons in the Alliston church to large congregations.

Rev. S. Childerhose, B. A., of Parry Sound, and Rev. J. A. Miller, B. A., of Depot Harbor, exchanged pulpits on Sunday.

A very pleasing entertainment was given in Knox church, Owen Sound on Monday evening under the auspices of the Young People's Guild at which Mr. Jas. Shaw presided. Miss Jessie Irving of Hamilton recited, and Rev. R. J. McAlpine B. A. gave an address. The collection amounted to over \$40.

Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew.

The regular autumn meeting of this court was held in St. Andrew's church, Carleton Place, on Tuesday, the 20th inst. A large representation from north and south was present. The venerable clerk, Rev. Dr. Crombie, was in his place after an absence in Scotland of a number of months. After attention had been paid to the minutes and the roll, and the order of procedure, committees were appointed to examine session records. Next was presented a call from the congregation of Adamston to the Rev. D. H. Hodges, of Ancaster. The call having been supported by duly appointed representatives was sustained and forwarded to the Presbytery of

Hamilton. Provisional arrangement was made for the induction of Rev. Mr. Hodges in November in the event of his acceptance of the call and the requisite permission of the Hamilton Presbytery. The church schemes bearing upon home missions, augmentations, and aged ministers were brought before the Presbytery by Messrs. A. A. S. Ott, Hay and A. H. Scott and findings recorded as each scheme called for. Two special representatives from the Presbytery of Ottawa and Montreal were extended the courtesies of the court. One of these, Rev. J. W. Milne, addressed the Presbytery on the present encouraging position and claims of the Ottawa Ladies' College. The other Rev. Dr. Amaron, of Montreal, was advocate for the interests of French evangelization. From the General Assembly's commission on Queen's University was presented the lengthy outcome of their sittings in Kingston and a special committee of Presbytery was appointed to examine the finding and give their judgment upon the same to the next regular meeting of Presbytery.

The Theological classes, at Queens, are now in full swing, matriculation and supplemental examinations were held on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, October 20, 30 and 31st. On Monday evening, November 2nd, the usual opening convocation when results of examinations were announced and scholarships awarded. Mr. Callender, the newly appointed professor of Latin, Mr. Campbell, professor of French, and Dr. J. C. Cornell, the new dean of the medical faculty, were set down to take part in the evening's programme. A sufficient symbol that there is, as yet, no separation between theology and arts in Queens.

Missionary Ordained.

Tuesday of last week was a notable day in the history of Knox church, Stratford, when Mr. D. J. Davidson, B. B., who will be supported in the mission field by the congregation was ordained to the ministry. A special session of the Presbytery of Stratford was held for that purpose, and after transacting other business the ordination took place at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, the moderator, Rev. E. W. Pantton of Stratford presiding.

Rev. Dr. Hamilton of Stratford preached the sermon, Rev. R. P. McKay, D.D., Foreign Mission Secretary addressed the missionary, and Rev. T. A. Cosgrove, of St. Marys, the congregation.

In the evening a largely attended reception was given to Mr. and Mrs. Davidson, by the congregation. The pastor, Rev. M. L. Leitch, presided, and addresses were given by Rev. R. P. McKay, Rev. A. Hardie of Listowel, Rev. E. W. Pantton, and Rev. D. J. Davidson. Miss Grant, daughter of Rev. A. Grant of St. Marys and others sang solos.

Rev. D. J. Davidson, B. A., was born in North Gwillimbury township, County of York, thirty years ago, and was brought up on a farm. He received his higher education at the University of Toronto and Knox College, graduating in arts from the former in 1901, and from the latter in theology in 1903. For two years of his student life he took an active part in promoting the work of the Presbyterian Volunteer Union, which is affiliated with the general student volunteer movement for missions. Last week he was married to Miss Thomson of Scarborough, who accompanies him to the mission field. Mrs. Davidson is a graduate of the Women's Medical College, Toronto. They expect to leave for India in December.

The Bubonic Plague in China.

The recurrence of the bubonic plague every spring at Hong Kong, and the fact of its breaking out simultaneously at two or three unconnected neighborhoods led Sir Henry Blake, the Governor of the colony, to make experiments with the object of discovering the source of the disease.

A block of native houses containing several thousand inhabitants, which was certified as being free of the plague was selected for examination of vermin as the first step. The result was startling. Fleas, cockroaches and spiders were found to be unmistakably infected with the germs of the plague. The bite of these insects is sufficient to introduce the germ.

A further test revealed a more disturbing source of infection in samples of blood taken from many healthy inhabitants, which were forwarded to the bacteriological department. Plague germs were discovered in at least 5 per cent, of these samples. Thus in the hot season,

each of these was a probable centre of danger although there was no apparent contact with the disease.

To Central India.

Dr. James M. Watters, who has been for the past year house surgeon at the Hospital for Sick Children, and who, with Mrs. Watters left on Friday to engage in mission work in Central India, was tendered a farewell at the Central church, Toronto.

Rev. Dr. McTavish, pastor of the church, presided, and Rev. Prof McLaren delivered the designation prayer. The Bible of the Foreign Missionary Society was presented by Rev. Dr. Mackay, the Foreign Missionary Secretary. Mr. Robt. Kilgour presented Dr. and Mrs. Watters with a purse from the congregation. Addresses were delivered by Mr. H. W. Frost of the China Inland mission, Rev. J. W. Mitchell of Honan, China, and Rev. Alfred Gandier of St. James Square, church.

Mrs. Watters is a graduate of the nursing school of the Hospital for Sick Children.

Hamilton.

Knox Church Mission opened its rooms for young men last night and they will be open every evening hereafter. Games and good reading are provided, and all young men will be welcomed heartily.

Whitby Presbytery.

The presbytery met at Whitby on Tuesday, Oct. 20th. Rev. J. Hodges, Oshawa, was moderator and Rev. J. A. McKee, Orono, clerk. Rev. W. Cooper B. A., presented the statistical report showing marked progress during the year. Persons were appointed to visit the western part of the Presbytery and endeavor to effect re-arrangements of congregations. Arrangements were made for exchange of pulpits first Sabbath in December for bringing before congregations the missionary schemes of the church. A new manse has been erected at Port Perry and the congregation was congratulated on the enterprise shown.

Sunday in the West.

Rev. J. G. Shearer, Secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance in Canada, has just returned from a trip to the West, during which he visited nearly every part of Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba and Assiniboia. He attended conventions at Vancouver, Regina and Winnipeg. The meetings, he says, were the best in the history of the Sabbath Observance Movement in the West. He was particularly pleased with the strength of the sentiment in favor of Sunday observance in the prairie sections. As a result of the Privy Council's recent decision, the Sunday observance law in the Northwest were invalidated, and part of the law prohibited hunting and shooting on Sunday. To counteract this, the Government is introducing an amendment to the Game Act, making Sunday a close season all the year round.

As to the progress of the West, he said that Winnipeg was going ahead by leaps and bounds, and the same flourishing conditions were to be found in the lesser degree in all the other Western towns.

More than 12 societies are at work among the 12,000,000 inhabitants of Mexico, with these results: Ordained missionaries, 59; unordained missionaries, 105; total missionaries, 164; native missionaries, 407; total force, 571; Protestant congregations, 550; Protestant communicants, 20,000; Protestant adherents, 50,000.

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