

Rev. D. Currie of Perth was in Smith's Falls on Monday of last week in his capacity as moderator of St. Paul's left vacant by the resignation of Rev. Mr. Nixon. The congregation decided to invite W. G. Wilson, B.A., a recent graduate of Knox College, to become their minister, and it is understood that he will accept.

The induction of Rev. J. R. Mann, late of Scotchtown, New York, into the pastorate of Sturgeon Falls and Cache Bay took place at Sturgeon Falls on Friday evening, April 3rd. Rev. G. L. Johnston presided, Rev. R. McNabb preached the sermon. Dr. Findlay addressed the minister, and Rev. John Garrioch addressed the people.

The Sunday schools and Young People's Societies of the Lanard and Renfrew presbytery held a convention in St. Andrew's church, Carleton Place, on Monday. The following papers were read and discussed: "How to improve our teachings in the Sunday School," by Mr. J. Allan, Perth; "The relation of the young people to the church," by Miss N. Beattie, Pembroke. The evening was given up to the Student Volunteer Movement, when Mr. S. W. Lochead, B. A., a representative of that movement, addressed the meeting.

A special meeting of the congregation of the First Church, Port Hope, was held in the church on the 9th instant to consider the calling of a pastor to fill the place of Rev. A. G. Sinclair, who will leave the congregation next June. There was large attendance of members and adherents, Rev. A. G. Sinclair presided. It was unanimously resolved to call Rev. H. Abraham, a recent graduate of Knox College. The invitation is being largely signed by the members and adherents of the church and will be forwarded to Mr. Abraham at once. The regular call will be re-signed and presented when the church has been declared vacant. Messrs. J. F. Clark and R. A. Mulholland were appointed a committee to wait on Mr. Abraham. It is understood that he will accept the call when it is formally presented to him.

At the request of the Presbytery of Glengarry, Rev. A. P. Ledingham of Central India, will give a series of missionary addresses as follows:

- April 22—Aultsville.
- 23—Woodlands.
- 24—Wales.
- 26—11 a. m.—St. John's, Cornwall.
- 26, 7 p. m.—Knox, Cornwall.
- 27—Lunenburg.
- 28—Newington.
- 29—Summerstown.
- 30—St. Andrew's, Lancaster.
- May 1—Knox, Lancaster.
- 3, 11 a. m.—St. Andrew's, Williams-town.
- 3, 7 p. m.—St. Andrew's, Martintown.
- 4—Apple Hill.
- 5—Aronmore.
- 6—Finch.
- 7—Alexandria.
- 8—Dalhousie Mills.
- 10, 11 a. m.—Moose Creek.
- 10, 3 p. m.—St. Elmo.
- 10, 7 p. m.—Maxville.
- 11—Dunvegan.
- 12—Kirk Hill.
- 13—Vankleek Hill.
- 14—Glen Sandfield.

Good Friday was a red-letter day in the annals of Knox church, Cornwall. In the evening the congregation held a social to celebrate the first anniversary of Mr. Robert Harkness' pastorate. There was a large attendance. Dr. Algire presided and spoke in a congratulatory strain of the pastor's work. Addresses were delivered by Hill Campbell, P. E. Campbell, J. P. Watson, J. F. Smart and A. McNaughton. Mr. P. E. Campbell chairman of board of managers stated that the mortgage which had been on the property since the building of the church 18 years ago has been paid, leaving the church free from debt. The pastor spoke at some length thanking the congregation for the kind expressions of good will voiced by the speakers and for cheerful support and co-operation he had received from them all during the year of his pastorate. Mrs. Binnie on behalf of the ladies of the congregation, then presented Mrs. Harkness with a purse of \$120, and in a few words expressed appreciation of the active interest she had taken in the various societies connected with the church. After spending some time in social intercourse a very pleasant evening closed.

### Western Ontario.

Rev. H. A. Macpherson, of Acton preached in Chalmers' church, Toronto, last Sunday.

A public meeting in the interest of French evangelization was held at Bridgen last week.

The Toronto Presbytery has nominated Rev. Dr. Fletcher for Moderator of the next General Assembly.

Rev. N. Lindsay, of Dresden, conducted the services in First church, Chatham, last Sabbath.

The Ladies' Aid of Westminster church, Mount Forest, gave a pleasant social in the church on Monday evening.

Rev. L. McLean, of Duntroon, preached at the re-opening services in the Singhampton church last Sunday. The sermons were much appreciated.

Rev. A. J. McGillivray, of New St. James', London, left last week for a visit to the Pacific Coast. He is to supply for several weeks in St. Andrew's Church, Vancouver, and also pay a visit to a brother who is settled in the State of Oregon. He expects to occupy his own pulpit again on the 24th of May.

The spring meeting of the Presbyterian Foreign Mission Committee will be held on Thursday, when reports for the General Assembly will be passed. It is probable that two additional appointments will be made to Honan, China. Reports from the mission fields are very encouraging.

A large number of the friends of Wentworth church, Hamilton, gathered in the Sunday School building to celebrate the seventh anniversary of the induction of their beloved pastor, Rev. A. MacWilliams. The school-room was decorated with ferns, palms and flowers. Addresses were presented to the pastor and his wife, and the evening passed very pleasantly.

On March 15th and 22nd Rev. A. Mackay, Lucknow, preached in Philadelphia. In his absence his pulpit was supplied on the 15th by Mr. William MacKay, Knox College, who preached with much acceptance to the people. On March 22nd Rev. John Wilkie, M.A., D.D., had a great day in Lucknow when, besides addressing a mass meeting of the Sabbath School and friends at 3 o'clock, he conducted services morning and evening, each lasting two hours, which seemed short to the people.

On Monday evening, the elders of the church and their wives gathered at the First church Manse, Westminster, where Rev. Dr. McCrae, on behalf of the session, presented Mr. John V. Beattie with a beautiful Bible, handsomely engraved. Mr. Beattie is leaving for Moose-jaw, Assa., after having resided for a number of years in Westminster. For many years he has been an elder in the church. Addresses, showing the esteem in which Mr. Beattie is held by the community and the regret at losing so valuable a citizen and church member, were made by the pastor, by Rev. R. Laidlaw, B.A., of Knox College, Toronto, and by members of the congregation.

There was a fair attendance at Knox church Guelph, on Friday evening, when Rev. Alfred Fitzpatrick gave an address on the work of the reading camps in the lumbering districts. The lecture was illustrated by a number of stereoscopic views of scenes in the different camps. Mr. Fitzpatrick told how he had been led to the work by a search for a brother, who had been at length found in a mining camp, and from that time he had taken a deep interest in the work. He outlined his scheme, which is to have a separate building in the camp, in which are kept books and magazines and games such as checkers, crokinole, etc. There must be a separate room, as the building in which the men live is smoky and cheerless, and in fact does not afford space for the reading room. Some one must take charge of the room in each camp, and give instruction in different elementary school subjects. He pointed also to the good that had been accomplished by the more sanitary arrangements of the camps which had been introduced of late. At the conclusion of the lecture the thanks of the meeting were, on motion, tendered to Mr. Fitzpatrick by the chairman, Rev. R. W. Ross.

### The New Lieutenant-Governor.

The newly-appointed lieutenant-governor of Ontario, Mr. W. Mortimer Clark, K.C., is a

native of Aberdeen, Scotland, and was born May 24th, 1836, receiving also his early training in the land of his birth. His father was John Clark, founder of the Caledonian Bank, and for 28 years manager of the Scottish Provincial Insurance company. He studied law at Edinburgh University and came to Canada in 1859. Two years later he was admitted to the Canadian bar and was credited a K. C. by Sir Oliver Mowat's government in 1887. Mr. Clark has been a life-long Presbyterian and since 1880 has been chairman of the board of managers of Knox College, Toronto. He is also a senator of Toronto University, a member of the board of management of the Home for Incurables, and has also taken a prominent part in the Canadian Institute, the St. Andrew's Society and other local bodies. The appointment has come as a surprise to all who looked to see a man chosen from the active arena of politics. It is nevertheless regarded as a wise step on the part of the administration and will leave little room for fault finding among either Liberals or Conservatives, as under Mr. Clark's regime the constitution is certain of a fair and moderate interpretation.

### Montreal.

At St. Mary's church on Friday evening Mr. J. Burt Sutherland delivered an interesting lecture on the catacombs and chief sights of Rome.

### Manitoba Notes.

Easter has come and gone. Special services were held in the many churches of the west and great rejoicing is heard throughout the land, because the spring has opened so beautifully and brightly.

The thousands are crowding each other in their mad rush westward. Lots of rooms for all. But we cannot give you the best accommodation if you all come here at once.

Cards are out for the Assembly and preparations are being made by the commissioners to get the most out of this meeting of Assembly.

We write it not; Rev. Prof. Boyce, D.D., and Rev. Prof. Baird, D.D. Both are abundantly well deserving of the honor conferred on them by Knox College.

Dr. Wilkie's pamphlet has given us much instruction. We are glad to know of some things that are published and it throws light on many difficult situations and apt to be misinterpreted. As to it harming the Foreign finances, our church and our Foreign Mission Committee are all desirous of doing right and if mistakes have occurred are only anxious to right them, so the church will loyally support them.

Questions are being sent out by the S. S. Superintendent of Manitoba asking about "Child Conversion"—It is evident that the word Conversion is being mis-applied every day more and more. We do not want to convert children from praying, honoring their father and mother, regular attendance on the Sabbath School and regular services of the church. We do not want to convert them from scripture memorizing, learning the shorter catechism. A child who does these things and has been baptized in our church is a member of the church and we think the question of conversion of children at early age should be discontinued as harmful and tending to depress the morals of the child.

### SYNOD OF TORONTO AND KINGSTON.

The Synod of Toronto and Kingston will (D. V.) meet in Knox church, Toronto on Tuesday, 12th May, 1903, at 8 o'clock p. m., for business and for conference.

The Business Committee will meet at three o'clock p. m., in Knox church building, on 12th May 1903.

All papers to be brought before Synod, should be sent to the undersigned, on or before the 1st day of May, 1903.

All members, attending Synod are requested to procure Standard Certificates from the railway agents, from whom they buy their tickets.

The Standard Certificate is absolutely necessary to enable members to return home at reduced fares, and also to enable those members who reside outside of a radius of fifty miles of Toronto, to have their railway fares paid out of the Synod Fund.

JOHN GRAY,  
Synod Clerk,

Orillia, 13th April, 1903.