

Ministers and Churches.

Toronto.

The committee having charge of the work in connection with the hospital at Atlin have appointed Miss Kate McTavish, who was head nurse at the Home for Incurables, Toronto, for ten years, and two years assistant Superintendent in the Vancouver hospital; and Miss Kate Smith, who had charge of the Woman's Hospital, New Westminster, B. C., to fill the places of the nurses who have resigned. Any subscriptions towards the work may be sent to Mrs. MacLennan, 10 Murray street, Toronto.

Ottawa.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was observed at the Glebe church last Sabbath.

Rev. Dr. Armstrong preached on "The Ethics of the Coal Strike" in St. Paul's church on Sabbath evening.

Communion service was held in Knox church on Sabbath at which 217 participated. Three new members were received.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be dispensed in Stewarthon church next Sunday at the forenoon service. Preparatory service on Friday evening, commencing at 8 o'clock.

Tuesday evening, the 14th instant, the choir of Stewarthon church will give a concert for which it has been preparing for the past few weeks. Some of the best local talent have kindly consented to assist, and there is every indication that the concert will be alike successful and enjoyable. Admission—Adults 25 cents; Children 15 cents.

The anniversary services of Stewarthon church will be held on Sunday, the 26th instant, when Rev. R. E. Knowles, B. A., Galt, will preach. On the following evening, the 27th, Mr. Knowles will lecture in the church on "Three Months in Europe." We are glad to note that Stewarthon remembers its first minister and that he has not forgotten his first charge. His many Ottawa friends will be glad to see him.

At a meeting of the Ministerial Association held on Tuesday in the Y.M.C.A., Rev. Dr. Rose presided. Members present: Revs. Messrs. Cameron, Milne, McRitchie, Mitchell, McIntosh, Bland, McLeod of Billing's Bridge, and Ramsay. Rev. G. S. Clendinning, of Elgin, President Provincial Christian Endeavor Union, was present. Rev. Mr. Thomas of Nepean, and Rev. Mr. Moir of Manotick, were introduced, as new members. The program committee made a report which after amendment, was adopted. Messrs. Cameron and Bland will present a resolution at the November meeting in regard to the Referendum. After this is disposed of, the present spiritual condition will be discussed. Rev. J. S. B. Tingle, representative of the Free Church of England will be given an opportunity to speak to the Association at a special meeting. Arrangements will also be made for him to address a public meeting in the central part of the city. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Rev. D. M. Ramsay; Vice Pres., Rev. Mr. Bland; Sec. Treas., Rev. Mr. Heribson.

Eastern Ontario.

Rev. R. Harkness was in Woodlands last Sunday, and Rev. J. Currie preached in Knox church, Cornwall, in the morning, and Rev. Mr. Sincennes in the evening.

The anniversary services in connection with Knox church, Black's Corners, will be held next Sunday, when Rev. Dr. McTavish, of Toronto, is to preach. The following evening a social will be held. Addresses will be delivered by Dr. McTavish and the local clergymen.

Communion will be dispensed in Knox church, Lancaster, on Sunday, Oct. 15. Preparatory services are being held each evening of the present week. Besides the resident clergymen the following ministers have been and are occupying the pulpit: Rev. H. Leitch of St. Elmo, Rev. R. Harkness of Cornwall, and Rev. J. McLean of Kirkhill.

Dr. McClure of the Canadian Presbyterian Mission in Honan, delivered an address in Knox church, Cornwall, on Wednesday of last week under the auspices of the Kin's Daughters Mission Band. Dr. McClure spoke of the splendid day in which the Chinese converts had won their ground through the Boxer troubles, when they had been persecuted even to death,

and had cleared themselves forever from the charge of being "rice Christians." He also told of the journey of himself and his colleagues back to their mission after the re-establishment of order and of their reception by the converts who survived the fierce trial; then spoke of the magnitude of the work, medical as well as spiritual, and closed with an appeal for more men for the field.

The ladies of the First church auxiliary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Brockville, have every reason to congratulate themselves on the success of their annual thank-offering meeting held in the Sunday School hall on Oct. 2nd, and it was one of the most successful ever held under the auspices of that energetic organization. There was a large representation of the ladies of the congregation present, also many representatives from sister auxiliaries. The secretary's report setting forth what had been accomplished during the year, was read. It was a most gratifying and encouraging statement. The address of the evening was given by Mrs. Dowsley, of Prescott, who has ably filled the position of president of the Brockville Presbyterian for the past nine years. Her remarks were most inspiring, as she told of what was being accomplished by the W. F. M. S. Mrs. Dowsley has frequently addressed the auxiliaries of Brockville, but she was never heard to better advantage than at this meeting. Rev. Mr. Laird, pastor of the church, gave an inspiring address, which was much appreciated. The president announced that the thank-offering for the evening amounted to \$120, the best in the history of the auxiliary. The meeting proper was closed with the pronouncing of the benediction by Rev. Mr. Laird. Refreshments were then served and a most enjoyable hour was spent in a social way.

Western Ontario.

Rev. W. J. Clarke, of London, conducted anniversary services at Division street church, Owen Sound, last Sunday.

Rev. E. D. MacLaren, D.D., will visit his old congregation at Brampton next Sabbath, and will preach anniversary sermons.

Zion church, Scarboro, having been thoroughly repaired and renovated, was re-opened on Sept. 14, Dr. R. P. MacKay officiating at both services.

A most enjoyable evening was spent by the choir and Sunday School teachers of Blenheim church at the residence of the Rev. Mr. Gilmore on Tuesday night last week.

The "Silver Jubilee" services of King street church, London, were held on Sunday and Monday evening last week. The pastor, Rev. Thomas Wilson, preached in the morning, and Rev. W. J. Clarke in the evening.

Rev. Prof. Ballantyne, of Knox College, preached at New St. James' church, London, Sept. 28th, and was heard with attention by good congregations, notwithstanding the unpropitious condition of the weather.

A meeting of an interesting nature was held in Knox church, Guelph, on Monday, 29th inst., it being the third anniversary of the induction of Rev. R. W. Ross, and, as Mr. Ross leaves in a few days on a visit to the old country, the members of the congregation took advantage of the opportunity to say farewell to and wish their pastor God-speed on his journey. At the same time the Organ Fund Committee, who have successfully accomplished their work of installing the pipe organ, formally presented the beautiful instrument free of debt to the congregation.

It was a triple object which called together on Monday evening of last week the congregation of Knox church, Guelph. They were celebrating the anniversary of their pastor's coming to them three years ago; they were joyful over the consummation of the work undertaken by the young people of the church in paying for the pipe organ installed at the time of the improvements made to the church, and their third object was to bid farewell to their pastor on his departure for three months of travel and study in British universities. Rev. R. W. Ross was presented with an address and purse, and Prof. Kelly, the organist, with an address and a pair of cuff-links bearing his monogram.

The Vancouver, British Columbia, World, makes the following reference to the pastor of Westminster church, London. It says: "Rev. Dr. D. L. McCrae, who occupied the pulpit of St. Andrew's church yesterday, is an old newspaper man, having been quite young when connected with the Guelph Advertiser. Since

entering the ministry, Dr. McCrae founded and edited the Northern Presbyterian. Dr. McCrae, who was for a number of years pastor of the First Presbyterian church, Collingwood, is now pastor of the Westminster church, near London, Ontario. Westminster is considered the finest charge of its kind in the Dominion. Mr. McCrae is greatly pleased with Vancouver, especially with the churches and newspapers."

Twenty-fifth Anniversary at Chatham.

The anniversary tea meeting held in St. Andrew's church and Sunday School hall was a splendid success, and to the ladies of the congregation is due the greater part of this social and financial success.

The occasion was the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of Rev. Dr. Battisby's induction to that church.

The most pleasing feature of the evening's program was the presentation to the pastor of a well-filled purse of gold, a kindly worded address and a beautiful bouquet of twenty-five roses, one for each year of his pastorate in St. Andrew's. The presentation was made by Rev. J. C. Tolmie, of Windsor, on behalf of the congregation. The doctor made a fitting reply.

From six o'clock until eight, tea was served in the Sunday School hall and the receipts, the total of which amounts to between \$175 and \$200, are an index of the attendance.

The evening's entertainment began by a short opening address by Rev. Dr. Battisby, who, in a happy way welcomed the large assemblage on this the occasion of the close of his quarter century as pastor of that church and also on the occasion of the opening of the new organ, which is the finest organ in the city.

Dr. Duncan then took the chair which he filled in his usual able and affable manner.

The speakers of the evening were Rev. W. E. Knowles, of the First church, Rev. Dr. Jamieson, of Blenheim, Rev. J. C. Tolmie, of Windsor, and Rev. Dr. Battisby.

Children's Day Collection.

We are asked to remind Ministers, and the Superintendents and Treasurers of Sabbath Schools that the Children's Day contributions should be sent to the Rev. Robert H. Warden D. D., Toronto, in accordance with the blank form which was sent to all Sabbath schools. A number of contributions have, by mistake, been sent to others, and several have made enquiries as to the proper party to whom this money should be sent.

Fifteenth Annual Meeting of Bruce Presbyterian W.F.M.S.

The meeting was held in Port Elgin on Sept. 26th. Mrs. Johnston, the president, presided and gave the opening address, basing her remarks on the words of Mordecai to Queen Esther: "Who knoweth whether thou art come to the Kingdom for such a time as this." Thank God for the Mordecais. No other could do the work that Esther was asked to do. Timidly she stepped into the presence of the king, but her mission gave her courage. God wants every woman to enter into his work. Increase and success must ever come from Him. The address was practical and helpful.

The reports for the year were very satisfactory. One auxiliary has been organized (Burgoyne). There are now fifteen auxiliaries, and five Mission Bands. The contributions amount to \$801, and clothing valued at \$366.85 was sent to the Northwest.

Three hundred and thirty seven copies of the F. M. Tidings are circulated within the bounds of the Presbyterian. The regular monthly, and sewing meetings have been held. The thank-offering meeting and day of special prayer is generally observed, and the interest has been well sustained.

Mrs. Forgunson of Chesley, the Presbyterian Secretary, was presented with a handsome mantel clock in recognition of her faithful services rendered to the Society for so many years.

Mrs. Cameron of Port Elgin, with members of her Mission Band assisting, gave a talk on Mission Work in China.

Mrs. Matheson of Arnold, read a very interesting paper.

Rev. W. A. Wilson, M.A., of India, and Rev. R. J. M. Glassford, of Guelph, addressed the evening meeting.