

Ministers and Churches.

Toronto.

A devotional service of special interest was held in College Street Church last week. The occasion was the celebration of the 30th anniversary of the induction of the Rev. Alex. Gilray, D. D., into the pastorate of the church. There were many happy incidents in connection with the celebration, not the least of which were the warm congratulations of the Toronto Presbytery, the sister churches of the city and the daughter Church of St. Paul's which has sprung from the mother church on College street during Dr. Gilray's pastorate. Rev. Dr. Gregg, who 30 years ago preached the ordination sermon in the little roughcast church standing in the middle of a field in which the congregation then worshipped, preached an appropriate sermon. Since Dr. Gilray became pastor the church has grown very largely, 5,116 persons having been admitted to membership, of whom 1,992 were added by profession of faith. Of those who were members of the church when Dr. Gilray entered upon the pastorate four, George E. Dalby, clerk; John Samuelson, Alex. Ryand, and James Mitchell, are still members of the session, and there a dozen others members of the congregation. Rev. Alex. McMillan, Moderator of the Presbytery, conveyed the congratulations of the Presbytery and presided at the service. Rev. Malcolm McGregor presented a letter from the session of Bloor street church, authorizing him to represent the pastor, Rev. W. G. Wallace, who was unavoidably absent, and convey the greetings of the sister church, and Rev. G. R. Fasken performed a similar pleasant duty on behalf of St. Paul's Church. Rev. J. A. Turnbull led in prayer, and Dr. McKay, Secretary, voiced the congratulations of the congregation. Representatives from other sister churches were also present. Dr. Gilray expressed his devout gratitude for having been blessed so highly in his pastorate and thanked those who had so warmly extended their congratulations. The service had been much appreciated by him, and for it he was devoutly thankful.

Eastern Ontario.

We regret to note that Rev. D. J. McLean, of Annprior who has been ill for sometime, is still unable to leave his bed.

Mr. Cochrane, of Toronto, son of late Rev. Dr. Cochrane, of Brantford, preached in Knox Church, Beaverton, on a recent Sunday.

Rev. G. T. Bayne, of Ashton, was one of the speakers at the Frankton church anniversary social, giving an excellent address.

Mr. Nicholson, student of Montreal College, occupied the pulpit of Knox church Moose Creek, last Sunday in the absence of the pastor, Rev. L. Beaton.

Rev. Dr. Macdonald, of Williamston, administered the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at St. Elmo on a recent Sabbath. The service was solemn and very impressive.

The congregation of Columbus and Brooklyn have extended a hearty and unanimous call to Rev. J. H. Borland, M. A., of Collingwood. The stipend offered is \$900, with free manse.

The Metcalfe Presbyterians will hold their anniversary services on Sunday, Jan. 15th. Rev. W. G. Wilson M. A., of Smith's Falls, will conduct service at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. A good program has been arranged for the anniversary social on Monday evening.

Rev. W. L. Williman, pastor of the Mill street church, Port Hope, has tendered his resignation to take effect at the end of the present month. Mr. Williman has during his pastorate been a very earnest worker. He has built up a large congregation who will regret very much to lose him from their midst.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed in Dunvegan on Sabbath, Jan. 1. The pastor was assisted by Rev. L. Beaton, Moose Creek, and Rev. Mr. Morrison, Kirk Hill. Those who failed to avail themselves of the opportunity of being present at this service missed a rare treat.

The Christmas entertainment given by the Ashton Sunday school in the church on Friday evening was a decided success, the church being packed to the doors. Besides home talent, which consisted of the school children and Miss C. J. McEwen, there were recitations by Miss

Florence Gillies and Miss Elizabeth Edwards of Carleton Place. Rev. and Mrs. Woodside of Carleton Place were also present, Mrs. Woodside giving a solo and Rev. Woodside an address to the children.

The annual meeting of the teachers and officers of Knox Church Sunday School Lancaster, was held at the home of J. J. Fraser on the evening of Dec. 29. Last year's officers were re-elected for 1905, namely; Superintendent—W. J. Scott Assistant superintendent—J. McL. Sutherland; Secretary treasurer—A. Dickson; Assistant secretary treasurer—D. J. Fraser. The report of the treasurer showed the contributions during 1904 to be exceptionally good. At the close of business a dainty luncheon was served by the hostess.

Western Ontario.

Rev. Dr. Hamilton, of Stratford, conducted anniversary services in Knox church, Goderich, last Sunday week.

Rev. Dr. MacKay, of Woodstock, on Sunday last, opened a new church at Mt. Pleasant, which was his first charge in the ministry and where he was ordained thirty-four years ago.

The congregation of St. Paul's church, Hamilton have resolved to call Rev. Dr. Drummond, of St. Thomas, to be their pastor. The call was absolutely unanimous and largely signed. The salary is \$3000.

In Jarvis Church, Rev. D. M. Buchanan, preached a very impressive sermon to young men on Sunday evening taking for his text, "Be strong therefore and show thyself a man." The attendance at both services was large.

The death is announced of L. G. Russell, London township. The deceased, who was in his 23rd, fell out of a tree on his father's farm about four years ago, injuring his spine. Since he has been unable to leave his bed. He was a young man of great promise and a student of Knox College, Toronto, at the time he met with the accident which finally resulted in his death.

The action of the congregation of MacNab Street Church, says the Hamilton Times in stipulating, on accepting Rev. Dr. Fletcher's resignation of his charge of thirty-two years, that he should remain as pastor emeritus, with a retiring allowance, is at once a tribute to the veteran pastor and a credit to the people who have so long enjoyed his ministrations. Thirty-two years is a long period of service, and in that time the ties between pastor and people become numerous and strong, and the relations become most intimate. It is given to few congregations and pastors to enjoy such an experience as that of Dr. Fletcher and his people, and we congratulate them heartily on the warm feeling which forbids, even at this stage, a complete severance of the pastoral relation. Long may the worthy pastor enjoy a measure of well earned rest, his evening made bright by the love of those among whom he has labored, and to whom he will still be father, friend and wise counsellor. And we would not forget Mrs. Fletcher, a lady who is known far and wide for works of unobtrusive helpfulness and charity, and who is not without her reward in gratitude and affection. She is a model minister's helpmeet, and to do good is as natural to her as fragrance to flowers.

Sixtieth Year of Knox Church, Ottawa.

The sixtieth anniversary of the founding of Knox church, the celebration of which began Friday evening was most remarkable, if not unique, in different ways. The first pastor of the church, Rev. Thomas Wardrope, now of Montreal, was present, hale and hearty. And it had been expected that all the pastors since the congregation's inception would be present, but Rev. F. W. Farries, now in Goldsboro, N. C., was unable to be present. This was the only note of regret struck in the social event which opened the celebration last Friday evening.

Another remarkable fact was that George Hay, who was one of the members of Knox church when it was formed, was chairman. And in the audience was Mrs. Hugh Masson, who when twelve years old, attended the first service in Knox Church. Many others were present who remembered the church's early days.

From 6.30 to 8.30 supper was served by the ladies of the congregation. Knox church ladies always provide sumptuous fare and they excelled themselves. The tables were artistically arranged and there was no end of good things to tempt the palate and satisfy the inner man.

The basement of the church, where the social was held, was most attractively arranged with flags, bunting, bells and cut and potted flowers. Over the platform was the motto 1844-1904. Despite the snow storm that was raging the attendance was large, the room being nicely filled.

Rev. Dr. Wardrope was the first speaker called on by the chairman, who interspersed the program with happy remarks. Dr. Wardrope is a man beloved by all who know him, but by none more so than by his friends in Knox Church. He spoke of the different events he has attended in connection with Knox church since he gave up his pastorate. He laid the corner stone of the present church, was present at its opening and at the fiftieth anniversary in 1894. Then he recalled the early years of the congregation in the old church on Sandy Hill, the scenes of bygone days, and the old faces that memory brought to mind. He expressed regret, as did all the other speakers, at the absence of Rev. Mr. Farries.

Rev. Professor MacLaren went back to 1845 and 1846, when he attended the grammar school and was a pupil of Knox church Sunday school. In 1846, when he left to continue his studies in Toronto, he said it took him four nights and three days to reach Kingston by the canal. He then referred to the wonderful growth of Canada, her rich future, the confederation of churches, and the missionary spirit of the present age.

Rev. Professor Ballantyne congratulated the congregation on celebrating its 60th anniversary without dropping into an old age of weariness and decrepitude. He referred to his relations with the people of Knox church and the sadness experienced in going to Toronto. He closed with the prayer that the church will have even more blessed and prosperous times in the future.

Robert Stewart, M. P., Ottawa, and J. Kennedy, M. P., New Westminster, old Sunday school boys of Knox church, made happy speeches. Mr. Kennedy was born in 1844 and is therefore the same age as Knox church. He recalled the early days of the precursor with his tuning fork to lead the congregation and the bag on end of a stick for taking up the collection. He said he remembered Mr. Hay as the first man he ever saw with a mustache.

A musical programme of rare merit was presented during the evening.

The conveners of the committees were: Reception, Mrs. Ramsay; refreshments, Mrs. H. S. Campbell; tables, Mrs. Robert Masson, and decorating, Miss McMillan.

Sunday Services.

Knox congregation continued the celebration of their diamond jubilee with special services on Sunday. Both morning and evening the sacred edifice was crowded to the doors. The organ which has been undergoing reconstruction during the past six months was used for the first time, and the magnificence of its tone and volume was a surprise and delight to all.

Out of the five pastors of Knox church, four were present at the services yesterday. In the morning Rev. Prof. Maclaren of Knox College preached the sermon. He referred to the work of the past sixty years, and to those who had labored in the church.

"You will recall," he said, "not only the faithful services of the ministers, but of the congregation in this time. Of the past ministers all are still spared and are present except one. How much they may have differed in physical appearance, mental and spiritual gifts, they were all one in common aim; they all preached the gospel and labored for the highest good of their fellow-men. When first I came to By-Town 58 or 59 years ago, I became a member of Knox church, and became acquainted with many engaged in the active work of the church. Of all those only one remains amongst you and he, after 50 years of eldership, is with you this day, and is a member of the session. Where are all the others, John Durie, David Kennedy, Andrew Kennedy, Alex. Anderson, Jas. Anderson, and others? Their places are vacant. They have entered into the joy of their Lord."

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was held in afternoon at which about 300 partook. Rev. Dr. Wardrope, the first pastor of the church, officiated, and delivered a short and impressive address.

The church was crowded to the doors at the evening service, and Professor Ballantyne, of Knox College, preached from the words "For all things are yours." "Sixty years have run out," he said during the course of his sermon, and we look back over the past with hopefulness. The thoughts crowd upon us what we owe to