

## Eastern Ontario.

Rev. Dr. Moore, of Ottawa, is confined to his house through illness.

Rev. Mr. Ballantyne of London preached in Kingston recently.

The Rev. Dr. Mackay, of Toronto, is in Montreal the guest of the Rev. Dr. Mowatt.

Service in the Maxville church on Sunday was conducted by Rev. Mr. Cameron, of Vars, Ont.

The new Presbyterian church at Baldersdon will be dedicated on Sept. 25th.

The Rev. Dr. Barclay, Montreal and his son Mr. Macgregor Barclay have returned home from the Old Country.

Rev. N. H. MacGillivray returned home yesterday morning from his vacation and will conduct the services in St. John's church, Cornwall on Sunday.

Rev. Mr. McCallum of Glen Sanfield occupied the pulpit in St. Andrews church, Martintown on Sabbath morning Sept. 18.

Rev. S. A. Moir, Presbyterian minister of Manotick, has resigned his pastorate and will go to study in Scotland.

Rev. G. A. Woodside, of Carleton Place conducted anniversary services at Clayton Presbyterian church on Sunday last. Collections were in aid of the building fund.

Rev. T. B. Conley occupied the pulpit in St. Andrew's church, Carleton Place, Sunday evening of last week in exchange with Mr. Woodside, who was in the Methodist church.

Rev. Mr. Findley, of Bell's Corners occupied the pulpit in the Presbyterian church, Kinburn, on Sunday morning last.

Rev. Neil M. Leckie, who has been filling the pulpit of St. Andrew's church in Kingston during the summer, is visiting Rev. W. W. McLaren. Rev. Mr. Leckie preached in St. Andrew's, Pictou, last Sabbath evening.

The anniversary services in connection with Knox church, Beckwith, will be held on Sunday Sept. 25th, when Rev. Dr. Bayne, of Pembroke is to preach. A social will be held the following evening.

Anniversary services in connection with the Clayton church were held on Sunday last, when Rev. Mr. Woodside, of Carleton Place, preached. Collection at these services were in aid of building fund. At these services the congregation made an effort to wipe out the debt on their church.

Rev. R. Young preached in St. Andrew's church, Almonte, at preparatory service on Friday evening of last week and Rev. Orr Bennett, of St. Andrew's, Almonte, is to preach in St. Andrew's, Pakenham, at preparatory service on Thursday evening of this week.

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed in St. Andrew's church, Almonte last Sunday morning. The preparatory service on Friday evening was addressed by Rev. Mr. Young of Pakenham.

The convention of the Christian Endeavor Union of Glengarry, Stormont and Prescott Counties will be held in Maxville, Tuesday and Wednesday, Sept. 27th and 28th. Among the speakers expected to be present are the Rev. A. E. Mitchell, Ottawa, and Rev. W. D. Reid, Montreal. The public are invited to attend all sessions of the convention.

Rev. J. B. McLaren has accepted the call to Torbolton and associate charges in the Presbytery of Brandon. The congregation offers a salary of \$900 a year with free use of a manse and a month's holiday.

## Bible Society.

The conference of representatives of Canadian Bible Society auxiliaries held recently in Toronto adopted a report of the special committee approving of a union into one Canadian Bible Society. Each society will have a representative on the board, with an additional representative for each additional hundred members. The head office will be in Toronto. A proposal that no agent over forty years be engaged was rejected.

The executive of the Augmentation committee (Western section) of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, will meet in the office of Rev. Dr. McLaren, General Secretary on Thursday, Oct. 13th at 9.30 a.m. Conveners of Presbytery committees are requested to see that all claims for half yearly payments are in the hands of Rev. Dr. Somerville, Owen Sound, at latest, one week prior to the meeting. S. LYLE, Convener.

## Winnipeg and West.

Rev. Dr. Carmichael of Winnipeg, superintendent of the Presbyterian Missions in Manitoba and the Northwest, is visiting the various mission stations in Battleford district at the present time.

A call has been extended to Rev. D. L. Gordon, of Fernie, B. C., by Ross Presbyterian Church.

Rev. Alexander M. Gordon, son of Principal D. M. Gordon of Queen's University, was inducted at Lettbridge, Alberta. The Ceremony was conducted by Rev. J. A. Jaffray of McLeod Presbytery, Moderator, assisted by Revs. C. McKillop of Raymond and D. G. McPhail of Pincher Creek. The services were of an interesting and inspiring kind. The field is an important one, and one of the pioneer interests of Presbyterianism in the west. Mr. Gordon takes the place of Rev. C. McKillop, recently resigned. Mr. Gordon is a graduate of Edinburgh, and took two years' post-graduate work in Halle, Germany. He has already done good work in the home mission field of the west in Raymond, Banff and other places, and is a divine of fine scholarly attainments and a fine preacher.

## Dr. Armstrong Black.

Upon the fifth anniversary of his coming to Toronto, Dr. Armstrong Black on Sunday last announced to a surprised congregation that he had decided to go back to Scotland. No hint of any such decision had been received by any of his congregation until he had announced it at the end of his sermon. He had received no call to another church, nor had he any immediate prospect of another pulpit, but he was impelled only by a feeling that he should return to the land which was his home, he said.

There has not been the slightest dissension among the members of the congregation, and nothing but the best feeling exists. Dr. Black has never hinted such a thing to his brother ministers, except that he had been known to remark that he came to Canada too late in life to ever make it his home.

He declined to be interviewed on the subject afterwards, having, he said, made all the explanation that was necessary to his congregation.

Rev. Dr. Black received his education in Edinburgh, and was for many years pastor of the Palmerston U.P. Church in that city. From there he went to Kilgarragh-on-the-Clyde, and thence to Birkenhead, from which place he came to Toronto, succeeding Rev. Dr. McCaughan, now of Chicago.

Members of the church board, when spoken to were unable to give any definite statement as to what action will be taken. There is, however, no hope entertained that Dr. Black can be induced to alter his decision. A meeting will be held as soon as possible.

## Rev. Dr. Abraham's Jubilee.

A delightful evening was spent in the school-room of St. Andrew's Church, Whitby on the 9th of Sept. inst on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the induction of the pastor the Rev. Dr. Abraham. As one of the speakers remarked it was the silver wedding of the pastor and the congregation, and everything bore the appearance of joy and social ease and comfort, the room was beautifully decorated with flowers and throughout it refreshment tables and seats were suitably arranged.

The great good will and cordiality of the congregation towards their pastor prompted them to take advantage of his return from a short vacation to congratulate him on his long, useful and acceptable ministry amongst them and as the honor which his Alma Mater lately conferred upon him in the degree of D.D. and to mark their continued love and esteem for him and Mrs. Abraham presented the one with a gown and a D.D.'s hood and the other with a Secretary.

Dr. C. F. McGillivray was called to the chair. The Misses May Davey, Clara Holden and Kate Fraser sang solos in their usual excellent style.

Mr. J. B. Dow in addressing the pastor outlined his useful and faithful ministry in which he upheld the standards of Scotch Presbyterianism and gospel truth in a dignified and conservative manner, whereby he laid deep the foundations of the Christian virtues and earned for himself the love and esteem of his people, to which the Dr. replied in a feeling and eloquent manner,

humbly disclaiming any special personal merit acknowledging his defects and his gratitude to the congregation for their indulgence and support.

Mrs. Anderson who has continuously been a member of Dr. Abraham's flock and who is a "mother in Israel," then robed the pastor with the gown and hood.

Mr. Ormiston, on behalf of the congregation, presented Mrs. Abraham with the secretary in an appropriate address to which Dr. Abraham feelingly responded.

Short addresses were also delivered by Rev. Messrs Emory of the Methodist church, Wright of the Episcopal church, Bingham of the Baptist church, Whitby McGregor of the Presbyterian church Pickering, Abraham, son of the pastor, new minister of the Presbyterian church, Port Hope and by Judge McIntyre.

## FOR DOMINION PRESBYTERIAN.

## Ruby Alexandrine.

BY GEO. W. ARMSTRONG.

Ruby Alexandrine: precious and fair thy name.  
Unknown to human greatness, unknown to human fame;  
Thy nature full of kindness, of gentleness and love,  
Shall be as ointment poured forth, in touch with heaven above.

Ruby Alexandrine: let faith and mercy blend  
And all thy words and actions as holy incense lend  
A fragrance to thy useful life of loving, hallowed deeds,  
And perfumed flowers of love shall bloom from Eden's choicest seeds.

Ruby Alexandrine: let not haughtiness be found,  
Nor pride, nor double dealing in thy character be found;

But honesty, simplicity, and modesty and grace,  
Be as the index of thy soul seen in thy pleasant face.

Ruby Alexandrine: let Christ thy model be,  
Make Him thy great example—a perfect pattern He

Walk in the steps His feet have trod and thou shalt never stray,  
He is the Light of this dark world—the Life, the Truth, the Way.

Ruby Alexandrine: count earthly gain but loss,  
The Saviour's yoke upon thee take, and gladly bear His cross;

Then shall thy life on earth below, a reflex be of heaven,  
And faith and hope and love and peace shall unto thee be given.

A Philadelphia commercial traveller who was more or less acquainted with the fare at country inns of small towns in the south was stranded in a Georgia town. Sitting on the porch he was patiently awaiting the dinner announcement.

At noon a greasy dandy appeared at the door and rang a big handbell when the cook dog, which had been asleep in the sunshine, awakened raised his nose toward the sky, and howled most dolorously and continuously.

The dandy stopped ringing the bell and scowled and yelled at him.

'Dawg, dawg! Yo' shet up! Yo' don't hafta eat dis diunah!'—Philadelphia Ledger.

## Liquor and Tobacco Habits.

A. McTaggart, M. D., C. M.

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Sir W. R. Meredith, Chief Justice,

Hon. G. W. Ross, Premier of Ontario.

Rev. John Potts D.D., Victoria College.

Rev. Wm. Caven, D.D., Knox College.

Rev. Father Teefy, President of St. Michael's College, Toronto.

Right Rev. A. Sweatman, Bishop of Toronto.

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