

Ministers and Churches.

Toronto.

A thankoffering in aid of the debt fund was taken at Cooke's church on Sabbath, in envelopes and without names, and amounted to \$706.22. The regular offertories totalled \$165.

Rev. A. R. Gregory, B.A., preached to a large congregation in Emmanuel church last Sabbath, taking as his subject "Barnabas." At the morning service the pastor, Rev. T. H. Rogers, B.A., continued his series of sermons on the "Seven Deadly Sins," the theme being "Luxury." Rev. Mr. Rogers will exchange pulpits next Sunday with Rev. James A. Brown M.A., of Agincourt.

Anniversary services were held on Sabbath at the Bloor street church. The pastor, Dr. William Wallace, was assisted in the service by Prof. G. L. Robinson, Ph. D., of McCormick Theological Seminary of Chicago, formerly of Knox College. In the evening, Prof. Robinson answered the question whether there was any genuine religion without expectation of reward. He quoted Job's example and recounted all the miseries which fell upon him through the instrumentality of Satan wishing God to test him, through all of which he passed without murmur, with no hope of reward, but that the end might come while he still trusted in the Almighty Father.

The directors of the Upper Canada Religious Tract and Book Society, at their regular meeting, received very satisfactory reports from all the workers in the various forms of mission work. During the past month they visited 157 families, scattered from Sault Ste. Marie to Eastern Ontario; sold 125 copies of Scriptures, and 1989 religious books. In October the three sailor's missionaries visited 238 vessels, held 40 services sold 95 Scriptures, distributed 1820 magazines and periodicals, placed 26 sailors' bags on board, filled with good reading, and supplied 20 lumber camps in regions north of the Georgian Bay. In October, Dr. Moffatt, the secretary, gave 37 sermons and addresses in behalf of this many-sided mission work in Meaford, Lucknow, St. Mary's and other places. The foreign mission work in Central China, as carried on by the 40 Chinese Christian colporteurs employed by the Canadian Tract Society, is going forward steadily and successfully.

Ottawa.

In St. Andrews, Rev. Dr. Herridge preached on Life's Handicaps, and how to overcome them.

On Sunday evening in St. Paul's church, Rev. Dr. Armstrong preached on "Choosing a Calling," one of the series of sermons on "A Wise Life."

The lecture in McKay church last week by Mr. Barton Earle, on Shakespeare's "Merchant of Venice," attracted a large audience. Mr. Earle who is one of the greatest Canadian authorities on classic English gave a rare entertainment as well as much information.

Eastern Ontario.

Dr. McGregor, Almonte, preached in Barr's settlement for the last three Sundays.

Rev. Dr. Campbell conducted missionary services in St. Andrew's Church, Smith's Falls, last Sunday.

The Rev. Prof. Jordan of Queen's University is at present at Clifton Springs where he will remain till about Christmas.

The W. F. M. S., of Knox church, Lancaster had charge of the Sunday night service and special addresses on Missions were given by Rev. J. U. Tanner and the Pastor.

The painting and decorating on the Sabbath school room and parlors of First church, Brockville are completed. A pleasant time was spent there on Tuesday evening entitled "two hours among flowers of song, melody and literature."

The services in First Church, Brockville on Sunday were conducted by Rev. Mr. Brown, of Queen's College, Kingston. Mr. Brown is well and favorably known here, having been for some time in charge of the congregations at Fairfield East, Stone's Corners and North Augusta.

Rev. Mr. Robb, of St. Andrew's church, Arnprior, delivered a most interesting address on Foreign missions in St. Andrew's church,

Pakenham, on Friday night at the annual meeting of the Women's Foreign Missionary society.

Services in connection with the re-opening of the Enniskillen church were held on Sunday. Rev. M. C. Tait of Claremont preached morning and evening. At a social meeting on Monday evening Dr. John Montgomery of Oshawa, read an historical sketch of the congregation after which a first-class concert was given.

The services in the First church, Brockville, were conducted by Rev. W. Patterson, B.A., of Buckingham, P. Q., on the 8th inst. There were good congregations present both morning and evening. Rev. Mr. Patterson is a young man with a fine pulpit presence, a fluent speaker with an excellent voice and good delivery, and his sermons were much enjoyed.

The Young People's Association of St. Andrew's church Gananogue, held their first meeting for the fall and winter months at the Manse last week. There was a large attendance and the following officers were elected for ensuing year: Hon. Pres.—Rev. H. Gracey; President—Mr. J. M. Walker; Vice Pres.—Miss Jessie Wilson; Secretary—Miss Agnes Rogers; Treasurer—Mr. H. W. Campbell. The next meeting, one of a social nature, will be held in the Lecture Room on the evening of Tuesday 24th inst.

Interesting services were held in St. Andrew's church, Arnprior on Sunday. It was the thirtieth anniversary of the church and the occasion of the inauguration of the new pipe organ and the edifice was taxed to its utmost capacity with members of the congregation and friends from other churches. Rev. Dr. Herridge of Ottawa, was present at both the morning and evening service and delivered two very eloquent and impressive sermons. Mr. Edgar Birch, organist, Knox church, Ottawa, who presided at the organ, rendered with exquisite taste and feeling the musical program prepared.

Western Ontario.

A concert was given at Balderson in aid of the new church on Friday evening.

Rev. A. J. Macgillivray, of St. James' church, London, Ontario, received a call to Sarnia to succeed the late Rev. Dr. Thompson.

At a congregational meeting of Cedarville Presbyterian church, a very unanimous call was given to the Rev. Robt. Barber, of Toronto.

The ladies of the North Luther church have presented the congregation with a beautiful silver communion service.

Rev. J. S. Scott, B.D., of Brantford, gave an interesting address on the Holy Land in the Burford church last Thursday evening.

The Rev. Robert Barbour, of Toronto, preached in the MacNab street, church, Hamilton on Sunday.

Last week the congregation of Balderson purchased a very fine church organ for the new church. It was paid for by private subscription.

The Sabbath school anniversary services of the First church, St. Mary's, was held Sunday and Monday. The Rev. R. W. Ross of Guelph conducted the services.

The many friends of Rev. Dr. McKay's, Woodstock will be pleased to know that his condition is very much improved and that he has made rapid progress towards recovery.

Rev. John Hosie, B.A., of Ivan, preached for Dr. McCrae on Sunday last, Mr. Hosie was heard with pleasure and profit by the people of Westminster.

Rev. James Buchanan, of Dundalk, preached able sermons to good congregations in St. Andrew's church Orangeville on Sunday. In the evening he delivered a thoughtful discourse on the subject, "God's Image in Man."

Rev. Dr. McCrae, of Westminster, preached anniversary services on Sunday in Ivan. A social was held on Monday, at which Rev. Walter Moffat delivered his illustrated lecture, "A Bicycle Tour Through the Scottish Highlands."

The anniversary services of the First church Westminster were in every way successful. Rev. W. J. Clark, of London preached to a large congregation on Sabbath evening, and Rev. Dr. Johnston lectured on "John Knox" on Tuesday to a full church.

Rev. Robt. Pogue of Hespeler gave a most interesting lecture in Knox church, Ayr, on his trip to British Columbia. The grand and majestic scenery around Vancouver and Victoria gave the speaker ample scope for the display of his wonderful descriptive powers and he made the

most of time, holding the audience spell bound with his vivid description of the mountains and the gorges and glaciers and the cascades, the woods and the mammoth trees, the cities and their parks. The magnificent harbor, which he described as the finest in the world, the rivers and the lakes, the wonderful productiveness of the soil and the fisheries. All was dealt with by the lecturer in an extremely concise and comprehensive manner. The lecture was under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society.

The 19th annual meeting of the W. F. M. S. of the Presbytery of Chatham was held at Windsor last week. On Monday evening an open meeting was held at which Rev. J. C. Tomies presided. Addresses were delivered by Rev. John Ross, of Kent Bridge, and Rev. A. B. Winchester of Knox College, Toronto.

A call for the people of Canada not to forget that they should take a great interest in the spiritual welfare of their country was uttered by Rev. E. D. McLaren, D.D., from the pulpit of the new St. James church, London. The heritage that God had given them was scarcely realized, he said, and the public should see that when the foundations of Canadian character were laid the religious interests should be predominant. Dr. McLaren also spoke at Knox church in the morning.

Anniversary services, in connection with St. Andrew's church, Kippaw, will be held on Nov. 22nd, when Rev. A. McAulay, B.A., of Mitchell, will preach at the usual hours in the forenoon and evening, and Rev. F. H. Larkin, B.A., of Seaforth, in the afternoon at 3 o'clock. A special collection will be taken up at the close of the close of each service, in aid of the building fund of the church. On Monday evening Mr. McAulay will deliver his lecture entitled "My Trip to British Columbia and the Great West."

Rev. W. J. Clark, pastor of the First church, gave an interesting lecture on the life of Savonarola before a fair-sized audience at Knox church, London last week. The speaker out lined the life of the great Italian monk from his birth in 1452, until his tragic death in 1498. He was described as an orator, statesman, prophet and poet and his brave work in Florence, while persecuted by Pope Alexander VI., was commended. The reformation he wrought in that city and his teachings aroused his enemies, who soon brought about his death, but not before he had done noble work. A hearty vote of thanks was moved to the lecturer at the conclusion of the address. Mr. George W. Armstrong presided.

The London Presbyterial annual meeting was held in London last week. The opening exercises were followed by an address of welcome by Mrs. Robt. Johnston, who spoke of the fact that five years had elapsed since the Presbyterial met in St. Andrew's church. Mrs. G. McLachlan, of Glencoe, replied on behalf of the delegates. Mrs. Tait of St. Thomas presided and gave an address. The reports were satisfactory. The number of auxiliaries was 40, an increase of 2, Newbury and Wardsville. There are 19 mission bands, two new ones at Westminster and Appin. The circulation of the "Tidings" had increased by 50. The treasurer reported \$2,783.95 on hand, an increase of \$40 over last year. The evening meeting was addressed by Rev. Dr. Johnston and Rev. W. A. Martin of Brantford.

Peterborough.

The visit of Rev. Marks Guy Pearse to Peterborough on Nov. 6th, was much enjoyed by the large audience that listened with wrapt interest to his lecture on "The Old Folks at Home."

Mrs. Mary Foster Bryner and Mr. J. A. Jackson B.A., who are at present making a tour of the Province in connection with Sunday School work, will be in Peterborough on Monday, Nov. 23rd next for afternoon and evening sessions.

Thursday and Friday of this week have been set apart for the carrying out of the House to House visitation in Peterborough and Ashburnham. The various churches are entering heartily into this work.

A Saturday afternoon interdenominational Bible Class with Mrs. (Rev.) Walter Roger in charge will be carried on in the Y.W.C.A. rooms during the winter months. The first meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 21st at 4 o'clock.

Large audiences greeted Miss McKinney last week in Murray St. Baptist and St. Paul's Presbyterian churches. Miss McKinney has for some time been in connection with the Zenana Bible and Medical Missions. The account of her work among the women of India was very interesting.