

Ministers and Churches.

WESTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. J. R. Craigie has resigned his charge at Hanover and Hampden.

Rev. Jno. Currie, of Belmont, preached in Chalmers church London, last Sunday.

Rev. A. Leslie, late of Paris Presbytery has received a call from North Brant and West Bentinck.

A lecture on "Scottish Success" will be delivered in Stratford, by Rev. R. E. Knowles, on Monday next.

The congregation of Knox Church, Acton, have contributed upwards of \$100 for the Indian famine fund.

Knox Church will hold its anniversary services next Sabbath, conducted by R. J. M. Glassford, of Guelph.

The Rev. Dr. Robertson preached in Central church Galt, on Sunday morning and in Hespeler church in the evening.

Rev. Dr. Johnston preached a patriotic sermon in St. Andrews, London. Subject, "The Recognition of God in national success."

Rev. R. P. McEachern, of Watertown, has received a call from Glamis and Arnow, which was sustained by the Bruce Presbytery.

Rev. W. J. Clark, of the First Church and Rev. Dr. Smith, of First Methodist Church exchanged pulpits in London on Sunday last.

The pulpit of St. James, London, was occupied last Sunday by W. B. Grubb, South American Missionary, and Rev. Ihsan Ullah of India.

The Presbyterians of Cayuga, are raising \$1000 as their contribution to the Century fund. We would suggest to our friends says the Advocate that a new church might now be in order.

The following were appointed commissioners to the General Assembly by Bruce Presbytery: Revs. Tolmie, Mowat, Nichol and McQuarrie, ministers, and Messrs. Wm. Rowand, T. Robertson and James Craig, elders.

NORTHERN ONTARIO.

The Maxwell congregation are to remodel and improve their church the coming summer, and have the brick upon the ground.

"The sphere and influence of women" was the subject of a special discourse by Rev. J. Hunter to an interested congregation last Sabbath week in Markdale.

The Flesherston Christian Endeavor Society paid the sister organization at Eugenia a fraternal visit and assisted at their service a few evenings ago. The visit was pronounced mutually helpful.

Rev. S. Achison, of Wiarton, and P. McNabb, of Kilsyth, exchanged pulpits last Sabbath week. Mr. Achison presented the claims of the Century Fund, and the prospects are said to be bright in Rev. McNabb's field.

A pleasant and successful parlor social was given in the manse, Markdale, on the evening of the 21st ult. On the evening of the 23rd the choir and their friends spent a very enjoyable evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Lawson.

An address signed in behalf of the Sabbath School C. E. Society and Congregation was presented to Mrs. A. F. Reid, accompanied by a beautiful set of silverware, at a tea-meeting held in the church, Johnson, prior to her departure to Hilton, Manitoba.

Miss Jessie McLennan, Secretary of the C. E. Society, Knox Church, Owen Sound, on the eve of her departure from their midst, was presented with a beautiful chair accompanied by an address expressive of the Society's appreciation of her valuable services.

"The musical festival in Erskine Church last Friday evening" says the Dundalk Herald, "was a

great success. The church was crowded and the program was much enjoyed. The Rev. Mr. Buchanan performed the duties of chairman in his usual happy manner."

At the last meeting of Orangeville Presbytery, Commissioners to General Assembly in June next were appointed as follows: Revs. J. W. Orr, Mono Mills; J. R. Bell, Laurel; L. W. Thom, Flesherston; J. McMillan, Camilla; J. A. McConnell, Waldemar, and elders from Claude, Priceville, Maple Valley, Flesherston and Camilla.

Communion was dispensed at Boston Station on Sabbath the 25th ult., the pastor, Rev. L. W. Thom, being assisted by Messrs. A. M. Gibson, Ar Cairns and F. Chard, elders at Flesherston. Ten new members were received into church fellowship. Elders will shortly be elected in this congregation. A great loss is felt by the removal of Mr. Geo. Allen, C.P.R. agent, to Wroster. Mr. Allen was Sabbath school superintendent and congregational treasurer. Before leaving he was presented by the Sabbath school with a Book of Praise and very appropriate address.

"Rev. Mr. Thom on Sabbath last," says the Flesherston Advance, "preached a timely and interesting sermon basing his text on I Pet. 1:13. In dealing with soberness as applied to Christianity he warned his hearers against 'fads' which are creeping into some of the churches of to-day and against taking any extreme passage of scripture and hanging your belief thereon. The proper way was to take two extreme passages and thus arrive at a happy medium. He had nothing to say censorially to those who discarded their feathers or their jewellery if it came from conscientious conviction and the value was given towards the spread of the Gospel. At the same time he said we should keep ourselves neat and tidy in appearance. He touched upon Dawie and believed any power he possessed came from the devil."

MARITIME PROVINCES.

Rev. J. F. Dustan has returned from Trinidad, Rev. J. Layton continues at St. Peter's Road for another year.

Rev. Wm. Murdock has been appointed to Richmond Bay P.E.I.

The Aberton P.E.I. congregation, has contributed \$93.05, to the Indian famine fund.

Port Morien C.B., has called Rev. K. J. McDonald of Beaverton, Ont.

Rev. T. F. Fullerton, who went as Presbyterian chaplain to the first contingent is expected home in May.

The resignation of Rev. J. R. McKay of Souris and Bay Fortune has been accepted and the pulpit was declared vacant last Sabbath.

The Presbytery of Sydney has nominated Principal Pollok as moderator of the next General Assembly. It has also approved of the "aids to social worship."

The following commissioners to the General Assembly have been appointed by the Presbytery of Sydney: Messrs. Grant and Drummond, by election, Messrs. M. McLeod (Lochlomond), Jack, and J. F. Forbes, ministers, and Messrs. W. Campbell, Glace Bay, F. Falconer and N. McDonald, Sydney, Alex. Boyd, Sydney Mines, and G. McPherson, Neil's Harbor, elders.

God's Light.

A beautiful story is told of a little girl, whose faith in God may teach us all a lesson.

The lamp had just been put out, and the little girl was rather afraid of the dark. But presently she saw the bright moon out of her window, and she asked her mother, "Is the moon God's light?"

"Yes, Ethel," the mother replied; "the moon and stars are all God's lights."

"Will God blow out His light and go to sleep, too?" she asked again.

"No, my child," replied the mother; "God's lights are always burning."

"Well, mamma," said Ethel, "while God's awake I'm not afraid."



Placer Mining Claims in the Yukon Territory.

NOTICE is hereby given that all of the placer mining claims, whole and fractional, the property of the Crown in the Yukon Territory, will be offered for sale at public auction at Dawson, by the Gold Commissioner, on the 2nd day of July, 1900.

Twenty per cent of the purchase money shall be paid to the Gold Commissioner at Dawson on the day of sale and the remainder within thirty days of that date.

There will be no restriction as to the number of claims which may be sold to any one person or Company holding a Free Miner's Certificate; but no hydraulic claims will be included in the sale.

So soon as the purchase money has been paid in full, entries for the claims will be granted in accordance with the provisions of the placer mining regulations then in force, with the exception of the provision as to the staking out of claims, and the claims sold shall thereafter be subject to the placer mining regulations.

A survey of the claims sold will be made by the Department at as early a date as possible, and the claims shall include ground the Government Survey or may define by survey in accordance with such Regulations as may be made in that behalf and the decision of the Gold Commissioner shall in respect thereof be final and conclusive.

In case for any reason it is deemed impossible by the Gold Commissioner to give title and possession to any claim disposed of at such auction sale, the Gold Commissioner will refund the deposit paid at the time of sale, and no claim shall lie against the Crown in respect to failure to give title or possession.

A second auction sale under the conditions above set forth, will be held at Dawson on the 2nd day of August, 1900, of all claims not disposed of at the auction sale of the 2nd July, 1900, and of any other claims which have in the meantime become the property of the Crown under the regulations in that behalf.

PERLEY G. KEYES,
Secretary.

Department of the Interior.
Ottawa, 21st February, 1900.

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