

Ministers and Churches.

Toronto Notes.

A farewell service to Rev. W. R. and Mrs. McKay, who are about to leave for Macao, South China, where they will engage in missionary work, was held on Monday evening of last week in Cooke's church, Toronto. Among those present were about 75 Chinamen, who came to show their good-will towards the work upon which Mr. and Mrs. McKay are about to enter. They presented Mrs. McKay with a Book of Praise, and Mr. Mackay with an expressive address. Mr. Hong Woo officiated. The chair was occupied by Rev. A. B. Winchester of Knox church, and addresses were delivered by Revs. Dr. Milligan, Dr. Dickson of Galt, Dr. Parsons and Alex. Esler, pastor of Cooke's church. Mr. and Mrs. McKay will be the first missionaries of the Presbyterian Church in Canada to go to Macao, a part of China whence come many of the Chinamen now residing in Toronto. A large part of their expenses have already been contributed by the Presbyterian Chinamen of Canada.

The Rev. W. H. Walker of Lynn, Mass., is giving a series of lectures in Cooke's church, on "The Gospel According to Moses, or the Tabernacle as a Testimony to Christ and Christian Truth."

Rev. Prof. McFadyen delivered the opening lecture in Convocation Hall, Knox College, on Wednesday of this week.

At the residence of the bride's father 667 Dovercourt-road, the marriage was celebrated, on Wednesday afternoon, of Miss Mary Craig Kerr, only daughter of Mr. M. Kerr, to Rev. Henry J. Pritchard, B.A., pastor of the Alexandra Presbyterian church, Bradford.

The General Assembly's Committee on Young People's Societies met in Knox church on Wednesday. Rev. Dr. McTavish of Deseronto, presided. There was a good attendance, and several important steps were taken in the interest of young people. An excellent series of literary studies was prepared, and also a course on the life and work of the Apostle Paul. A new manual for members of societies will soon be published. Steps were taken to organize societies where none exists now, and to form Presbyterial Unions. A committee was appointed to consider the advisability of holding a summer school.

On Friday night of last week a special meeting of Bonar congregation was held in the church to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the pastor's ordination, when Mr. and Mrs. McGillivray were presented with an engraved address and a sterling silver tea service. Rev. Alex. Gilray and Rev. E. R. Fiske were present to represent the Toronto Presbytery. They made congratulatory speeches and presented an address on behalf of the Presbytery, to which Rev. Mr. McGillivray responded feelingly.

Rev. Alexander McGillivray of Bonar church, on Sunday celebrated the "silver jubilee" of his ordination, which occurred at Williamsburg, 25 years ago. In the evening Mr. McGillivray took his text from 2 Thessalonians 3: 1: "Finally, brethren, pray for us," the words from which he had preached his ordination sermon; and 2 Corinthians: v. 20. In commencing his ministry it had been with certain ideals and conceptions of his duty. "I have many things to be thankful for to-night," he said, "among them, that I still remain true to the ideals of my youth, still retain the same high confidence in my kind, still find the same pleasure in the service, and there is nothing I can imagine that the future has in store for me that delights me so much as the thought that I can go on for a little while longer to try and fulfil in some measure the God given task I had before me when I took up the work." Rev. Mr. McGillivray has been pastor of Bonar church for nearly 12 years. Prior to that time he spent three years in Brockville. When he took charge Bonar had a membership of 50; now it has 300. The Sunday School was commenced with 76 scholars and teachers; it has now a roll of 573. A year ago extensive improvements and additions, costing \$8600, were undertaken by the congregation. On Sunday the last remaining \$275 necessary to complete the payment therefor was collected in the offering.

Montreal.

The next regular meeting of the Presbytery of Montreal is to be in Knox church on Dec. 9th at 9.30 a.m.

The Opening Lecture for the next session of the Presbyterian College, Montreal, will be delivered in the Convocation Hall, (D.V.) on Wednesday evening, Oct. 1st, at 8 o'clock, by the Rev. Professor Scrimger, D.D., on the subject "The Incarnation in Relation to Modern Thought."

Ottawa.

At the last communion service in Erskine church there were twenty new members received, ten by certificate and ten on profession of faith, eight of whom were men.

Northern Ontario.

The manse at Penetanguishene is nearly completed, and the church work in all departments is in good shape.

The North Bay Presbytery met in Parry Sound on Tuesday, Sept. 30. The Young People's Convention was held at St. Andrew's church in Parry Sound, on Wednesday.

Winnipeg.

The Chinamen of Winnipeg gave a touching expression of their esteem for Rev. Joseph Hogg last week. They sent a delegation to St. Andrew's manse, which, with Lee You as spokesman, presented Mr. Hogg with a beautiful clock and a well-filled purse. He was greatly touched, and while thanking them for their gift, assured them of his continued interest in their welfare.

Barrie Presbytery.

Barrie Presbytery meets at Stayner on Oct. 6th at 2 o'clock p.m. for special business and at Barrie for regular business on Dec. 9th at 10 a.m.

Barrie Presbytery met in Allandale Sept. 23rd. Mr. Cameron was appointed moderator of Eadenvale, Minesing and Lyndhurst. Mr. Paton was appointed to Angus and New Lowell as ordained missionary for one year. Augmentation and Home Mission grants were passed. "Aids to Family Worship" was approved. Mr. Dow of Gravenhurst, was elected moderator for the next six months. Mr. Rollins was elected permanent Clerk. Rev. Hugh Brown was received from the Presbytery of Lindsay and his name added to the appendix to the Roll. Mr. R. M. Hannah was examined and certified to the Senate of the Presbyterian College, Montreal, as a first year student in Arts. The report on Tourist Supply was most encouraging. Stayner has extended a call to Mr. Ellison. The call will come up on the 6th Oct.

Eastern Ontario.

The Morewood Congregation and their pastor, Rev. J. M. Kellock are greatly encouraged at the success of their harvest home. Dinner held on the 19th instant from which \$130 were realized.

Rev. Orr Bennett, of St. Andrew's church Almonte presided at a meeting of the Middleville on Monday to moderate in a call to a minister. Rev. Bryce Innis, of Bobcaygeon, was the unanimous choice.

Mr. F. A. Robinson, in charge of Old St. Andrew's Lanark, left for Kingston on Saturday. Last Sabbath he preached a farewell sermon to a very large congregation.

Rev. J. A. Claxton left for the North West last week to begin work at Wetaskawin near Edmonton. Only good wishes follow Mr. and Mrs. Claxton, and all who were privileged to know them will miss them much for many days.

There will be a pro-nata meeting of the Brockville Presbytery held at Cardinal on Tuesday the 14th October at 3.45 p.m., to dispose of a call addressed to Rev. Jno. A. Macfarland of S. Mountain from the congregation of Warkworth in the Presbytery of Peterborough.

The Rev. Dr. Jordan of Queens, preached the sermons at Coldsprings (near Coburg), pastor Rev. R. F. Hunter B. D., on the occasion of the re-opening of the church September 21st. There was a large attendance and very successful services.

Rev. S. S. Burns of Sterling has been appointed interim moderator of the services of St. Paul's, etc., Madoc, in place of Rev. E. W. Mackay of Madoc, who leaves shortly for Scotland. As a temporary grant from the Augmentation Fund is being applied for the congregations were not in a position to present a call at the September meeting of Kingston Presbytery.

At a farewell gathering given by the congregations of St. Peter's church, Madoc to Rev. E. W. and Mrs. Mackay last Thursday evening, Mr. A. F. Wood on behalf of the congregation presented an address and a handsome pocket book containing the substantial sum of \$154.00. Mr. and Mrs. Mackay sail from Montreal by the "Lake Simcoe" on October 2nd and will spend most of the time in Glasgow. During Mr. Mackay's absence probably for eight months' Rev. Donald McKenzie of Toronto will have charge of the work in Madoc.

The anniversary services of Calvin Church, Bathurst, was held on Sunday last and the congregation filled the church to the doors. Rev. Prof. Ross, D. D., of Montreal preached practicable sermons at both services. On Monday evening Rev. Prof. Ross gave a very interesting lecture on "The Unspeakable Scot." The speaker in introducing his subject said that the object of his lecture was to offset the severity in which the book "The Unspeakable Scot" depicts the Scottish character. Before closing Prof. Ross spoke of his former pastorate in Knox Church.

Western Ontario.

Rev. J. S. Davidson, of Blantyre, has been visiting friends at Wiarton.

Knox church, Harriston, is advertising for a caretaker.

Rev. T. D. McCullough, of Harriston, has been preaching anniversary sermons at Midway.

Rev. Mr. Shaw, of Egmondville, preached in the Brucefield church on Sabbath of last week.

Next meeting of Bruce Presbytery has been appointed for the first Tuesday of December, at Paisley.

Last Sunday was Children's Day at the Seaforth church. Rev. F. H. Larkin preached a special sermon for the children at the morning service.

Rev. Mr. Paton, Midhurst, is severing his connection with the congregations over which he was placed six years ago.

Rev. W. F. Clark, a retired Congregational minister, died suddenly last week in Guelph. He was a well-known writer on agriculture and bee-keeping.

Rev. S. T. Hall, of Thornton, occupied the pulpit of Knox Church, Acton, on Sunday. Rev. H. A. Macpherson was at Thornton preaching Harvest Home sermons.

Bruce Presbytery, in response to a request from the Board of Management of Knox Church named Rev. Donald Mackenzie, late of Orangeville, and Rev. Prof. Beattie, D.D., of Louisville, Ky., as suitable for the professional position vacant by the death of Rev. Halliday Douglas.

The Presbytery of Bruce has sustained the call from Hanover to Rev. A. L. Budge, of Mandaamin; and provisional arrangements were made for his induction on 8th October; Mr. Patterson to preach, Mr. McLean to address the minister, and Mr. Leslie the people.

The report of the committee appointed by Bruce Presbytery to examine the draft copy of "Aids to Family Worship" recommended its adoption as a suitable manual for the purpose for which it is intended; and, after considerable discussion it was agreed to adopt the report.

A meeting of the congregation of Knox church Hamilton, has been called for the evening of Oct. 1st, for the purpose of extending a call to a pastor. There are at least four names to come up, among them being Rev. Mr. Hendry, of Brandon, Man.; Rev. Mr. Allison, Southampton; Rev. Mr. Glassford, Guelph; and Rev. Mr. Clark, Brampton.

Rev. John Kay of Norwich, a former pastor of Burns church Avonion, is at present renewing acquaintances in the village. Rev. Murdoch of Goderich occupied the pulpit of Burns church on the 21st, and preached with great acceptance.

A special meeting of Stratford Presbytery was held at Lucan on Tuesday the 23rd, when Rev. Alex. Wilson of Wardsville and Newbury was inducted into the pastoral charge of Lucan and Fraser churches. Rev. E. W. Pantton, Stratford, presided. Rev. Mr. Stewart of Motherwell preached. Rev. Dr. Hamilton addressed the minister and Rev. M. L. Leitch the people. In the evening a reception was tendered the newly inducted pastor at Lucan town hall, at which there was a large attendance, and Mr. Wilson received many expressions of the hearty good will of the people.