

Last week we alluded to the restoration of the Cathedral Breacan, one of the oldest ecclesiastical structures in Scotland, and mentioned that fourteen memorial windows, in stained glass, had been erected in the chancel. We learn that one of these windows has been presented by an old friend of the family, to the memory of the Rev. Andrew Halkett, for 27 years minister of the parish, and to that of Mrs. Halkett, for some years a resident and who had many friends in the Capital. Two sons—Messrs. J. B. and Andrew Halkett—are our well known fellow-citizens.

### Western Ontario.

Rev. R. E. Knowles lectured in Kirkwall on Friday evening last.

Dr. Marion Oliver, the late returned missionary from India, held a meeting for ladies recently at the Central Sunday school room, Hamilton.

Rev. Robert Thynne, one of Bluevale's "old boys," preached in the Presbyterian church on Sunday, 20th., to an appreciative congregation.

The annual re-opening services were held in the Cumnock Presbyterian church on Sunday last, followed by a dinner and social on Monday.

Rev. Neil McPherson, B. D., of Hamilton, gave a special address to young men last Sunday evening in the Y. M. C. A. hall, Galt.

The anniversary services of Knox church, Belgrave, were held last Sunday. Professor Ballantyne, of Toronto, preached both morning and evening.

The Rev. J. B. Mullan, of Fergus, conducted the service in Duff's church, Moriston, last Sabbath morning, at Crieff in the afternoon and at Badenoch in the evening.

Rev. Robert Abraham, of Toronto, preached in Knox church, Jarvis, last Sunday. The service at night was a Union Service held in the interests of the Bible Society.

Rev. Mr. Whaley, of St. Helens, preached in the Presbyterian church, Scaforth, on Sunday the 20th, Mr. Larkin having gone to St. Helens, to preach anniversary services there.

In St. Paul's Church, Hamilton, Rev. Dr. Dickson, of Central Presbyterian Church, Galt, conducted both services. At the evening service he preached on "Touching Christ, and what comes of it."

The Galt Branch of the Upper Canada Bible Society held its annual meeting on Wednesday night in the U. P. church. The Rev. Armstrong Black, D. D., of old St. Andrew's, Toronto, was the speaker of the evening. Local mid-week prayer services were waived for the occasion.

At the close of the prayer meeting in the Presbyterian Church, Bradford, on Thursday night, Rev. Dr. Smith informed those present that a call had come to him from the Foreign Mission Committee of the Church to accept the superintendancy of Chinese Missions in British Columbia. It is needless to say that the announcement was a great surprise to Dr. Smith's people, and the hope of the congregation is indulged that he will not leave a charge to which he has so recently been called.

### Winnipeg and West.

An American college has lately conferred the degree of Doctor of Divinity on the Rev. C. B. Pitblado, one of the most brilliant preachers in Canada, and a delightful lecturer. He made his mark in this city years ago as pastor of Chalmers church, and he has made a much larger and more enduring mark in Manitoba. He, if any one, deserves to be recognized as a Doctor of Divinity. It is not a little surprising that our own colleges had overlooked him in their distribution of honors.—Hx. Chronicle.

The annual autumn reunion of Knox church congregation, Winnipeg, was held in the church lecture room where a large number of members gathered. Rev. Dr. DuVal gave a brief address of welcome to those present, and a programme of music was rendered. Among those who took part were: Miss Grace Emslie and Mr. Robt. C. Campbell, duet, "O Wert Thou in the Cauld Blast"; Miss Mary Robertson, piano solo, "Call'er Herrin," with variations; Miss Spriggs, vocal solo, "Hosannah"; Miss McKay, reading, "The Ride of Jennie McNeill"; Mr. Matheson, vocal solo, "Light of the World"; Miss Nellie Campbell, lullaby, "Sleep, My Darling," a composition of Mr. Rhys Thomas, which met with hearty favor.

### Northern Ontario.

The Presbytery of Owen Sound will meet in Knox church, Owen Sound, on Dec. 3rd.

Rev. A. C. Wishart, of Beaverton, assisted Rev. R. N. Grant, D. D., of Orillia, in the preparatory services of the Orillia church.

The annual Presbyterian Conference of the Sabbath School workers of the Presbytery of Owen Sound will be held in Division street hall on Friday Nov. 1.

Rev. S. H. Eastman, of Meaford, is giving his congregation a series of sermons on Man's Fourfold State. The first of the series "Man Unfallen" was given on Sabbath evening last.

Harvest Home services were conducted at Maxwell on Sabbath the 27th inst., by Rev. L. W. Thom, of Flesherston, whose pulpits were supplied by Rev. P. Fleming, of Maxwell, and A. Gibson, elder, Flesherston.

Chatsworth congregation was favored with excellent sermons from Rev. R. P. McKay, of Toronto, on Sabbath, the 20th. On Monday evening Dr. McKay returned under the auspices of the W. F. M. S., and the large audience present listened with pleasure to his very interesting and instructive address. The collections and subscriptions added \$35 to the Mission Fund.

The Eugenia congregation held their annual Harvest Home on Tuesday evening the 22nd inst. and was well patronized. After the usual tea an excellent programme was rendered, the musical part being furnished by the choir of Chalmers church, Flesherston, assisted by the Misses Joy of the same place. Very interesting addresses were given by M. K. Richardson, M. P. of Flesherston and Rev. J. Hunter, of Markdale. The pastor, Rev. L. W. Thom, presided.

The Durham congregation of which Rev. Wm. Farquharson, B. D., is pastor mourns the loss of one of their most highly esteemed members in the person of James Gun, M. D., who passed away on the 23rd inst., aged 68 years. Dr. Gun was a native of Thurso, Scotland, and came to Canada nearly fifty years ago. Forty years ago he graduated in medicine at McGill and has since practiced his profession at Durham where he took a deep interest in all that was for the welfare of the community.

For many years, he served faithfully in the office of elder and for twenty-five years taught the Bible-class in the Sabbath School. For over twenty years he served on the School Board and for many years he was a leading spirit in keeping the Public Library up to its high standard. He also some years ago occupied important positions in the town council where his ability was recognized and where honesty of purpose characterized his official acts. "In private life," says a correspondent to the Globe, "his stainless integrity and unvarying kindness made his friendship a pleasure."

### Quebec.

At a congregational meeting the Lachine Church decided to extend a call to the Rev. James M. McLaren, B. A., of Blenheim, Ont., at a salary of \$1,000 per year.

Speaking upon the subject of a living wage for the clergy, the Bishop of Carlisle said that twenty millions sterling were necessary to bring all the benefices throughout England up to £200 a year.

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of St. Paul's Church, Montreal, Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal was unanimously elected chairman of the board, and Mr. Robert Meighen was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Andrew Allan, and the following resolution was unanimously adopted: "The trustees of St. Paul's Church record their sense of great loss sustained by the death of Mr. Andrew Allan, who, for over thirty years, was their esteemed chairman. They remember with gratitude his deep interest in the welfare of the church, and his generous help, his integrity of life, which won the respect of all; his prudent council and his courteous bearing, which made it a pleasure to work with him. They unite with the community generally, in sympathy with his bereaved family.

The first anniversary of the Westminster Church at Westmont was celebrated last Sunday. The pulpit was occupied morning and evening by the Rev. P. H. Hutchinson, M. A., of Huntingdon. At the evening service the subject of the discourse was "The sources of power in congregational life," the text being Acts i, 8.

Mr. Hutchinson said that too many had a wrong ideal of the church. They joined the church to save their own souls. But according to the New Testament ideal they should associate together for the doing of good and the spreading of the Gospel. And we needed something more than to have a good ideal—it was necessary to put it into effect. The great weakness of the church was that while a few did noble work, the body of the people did nothing. What we wanted to-day was not more organization or more money, or even more intellect, but more of the Spirit. The church of to-day was forgetting how to pray. The strongest congregations were those having the largest number of praying members. The Rev. James Ross, D. D., gave an interesting address to the children of the congregation in the afternoon. An anniversary social and entertainment was held in the church Monday evening, the proceeds of which will go towards the building fund.

### Lenark and Renfrew Presbytery.

The regular quarterly meeting of the Lenark and Renfrew Presbytery was held in St. Andrew's church, Carleton Place, on the 15th inst. In the absence of Mr. Currie, the Moderator, Mr. C. H. Cooke was called to the chair. Dr. Crombie, the clerk, was in his place.

Dr. Bayne reported for the committee who were appointed in connection with the Lenark case. His report showed that the session of St. Andrews, Lenark, had blocked the way by refusing access to the church and the church records. After a long and vexatious discussion, it was resolved to dissolve the commission and appoint the following committee to look into the legal aspect of the matter: Dr. Bayne, A. H. Scott and Mr. Farrell. Mr. Buchanan handed in his reasons for dissenting, and complaining to the Synod against the Presbytery's resolution to conserve the interests of the Mission in the Church property. His reasons were very voluminous. A small committee was appointed to answer these reasons.

Mr. McNabb handed in his resignation of the charge of Beachburg and Westmeath, which will be held at an adjourned meeting to be held in Pembroke on Tuesday, 29th Oct., to which all parties interested shall be cited, Mr. Wilson, of Scotland, to serve the citation.

The Augmentation report was presented by Mr. Hay, Convener, and parties were appointed to visit the various fields in the interest of both the congregations and the funds as follows: Dalhousie, D. M. Buchanan; Douglas, Mr. Elmhurst; Eganville, Dr. Bayne; Elmsley, D. Currie.

The Home Mission report was presented by the convener, which showed that good work had been done in all the missions during the summer. All the grants have been paid in full for the half year ending Sept. 30th last. Bathurst has cleared the debt of the church and Scotland will have its manse free from debt next December. M. H. Wilson was reappointed for two years to Stafford and Scotland. The convener was empowered to Killaloe and Calabogie for the winter to the best advantage possible.

The various standing committees were then appointed for the current year.

Dr. Crombie presented the statistical and financial report, and the rate was fixed for the current year. The report showed a balance on the right side of \$19.23.

Some remits were then dealt with, and the court adjourned to meet again in Zion Church, Carleton Place, on Tuesday, the 21st day of Jan., 1902, at 10:30 a. m.

Another shock of earthquake was experienced at Inverness on the 30th ult. It seemed to last several seconds, was not as severe as the previous ones, but a number of people were frightened.

Rev. Robt. Aylward, B. A., has just entered upon the eighth year of his ministry as pastor of St. Paul's Church, Parkhill. Very successful anniversary services were conducted on Oct. 20th by the Rev. W. J. Knox, M. A., of Strathroy.

The new church at Domoch is to be lighted with acetylene gas, and for heating a furnace is being installed.