

Ministers and Churches.

Toronto.

Prof McFadyen, of Knox College, is to be one of the speakers at the convention of the Religious Education Association, to be held next month at Philadelphia. Prof. McFadyen will speak on "The Qualities That Make the Bible Educationally Valuable."

At a recent meeting of the Ontario Council of the Royal Templars the quantity of alcohol in patent medicines was discussed. An expert analysis was said to show that some of the most popular sorts contained from 14 to 44 per cent. alcohol, and that several of these with the higher percentages were purchased purely for the liquor in them. It was decided to ask for legislation prohibiting the sale of all such medicines which contained a greater percentage of alcohol than was absolutely necessary to preserve them.

Rev. Dr. Parsons has been speaking before the Bible Institute on the Imminence of the Second Coming of Christ. He used the word imminence in its simple radical meaning as of something impending. The second coming was an event near at hand though without exact or definite date. The expectation was based on four points. First, on Christ's own words in reference to His return. "Take heed, watch, and behold, I come quickly." Second, on the conditions revealed as attending the event, which are now present in the prevalence of selfishness and lawlessness, the perplexity of nations, the arousing of the national spirit of the Jews as evidenced in the Zionist movement. Third, it is taught in the motives used by the Holy Spirit for present obedience to gospel precepts. Dr. Parsons quoted twenty of these. The fourth and most important point was the practical effect of the truth upon men who received in faith. The sense of that imminent presence tended to separate men from fleshly and selfish motives in their lives, and generate an enthusiasm which was needed to accomplish the work of to-day.

Preaching in old St. Andrew's Rev. Dr. MacGillivray, of Kingston, took for his text the Psalmist's plea, "Wilt thou not revive us again that thy people may rejoice," said this was a deathless question that ever and anon surged up from the depths of life. One time it took one form and another time another form, but it remained a deathless factor in the spiritual life of the individual and of the community. There always came a time when the gloomy man had joy, when individuals, Churches and nations grew stale. Then a renaissance would begin and the emphatic plea would be "Wilt thou not revive us?" Where there no revival, no uplift, intellectual or spiritual, the people perished. It was certain that when a revival was needed something had happened. The buoyancy had gone out of life, a great harmonious chord was missing. No appeal for a revival from above was ever in vain, and when the lost chord was restored to life it was found to have new raptures and new effects.

The Truro Sun, in noticing the farewell given the recently inducted pastor of Cowan Avenue church, says: "The congregation of St. Paul's, Truro, gave abundant evidence of their affection for Rev. P. M. MacDonald and his worthy wife on the eve of their leaving for Toronto. On the 31st ult., large crowds assembled to hear his last message as minister of the congregation. The church was packed in the evening and very many could not gain an entrance. On Tuesday evening, the 2nd inst., a farewell social was held in the church school room. The people turned out en masse. An address of appreciation and good-will was read to Mr. and Mrs. MacDonald and with it a sum of gold coin was placed in their hands. The ladies of the W. F. M. S. presented Mrs. MacDonald with a pearl brooch and the young ladies gave her a silver salver. Mr. and Mrs. MacDonald leave Truro followed by the good wishes of their former flock and all who knew them in the town."

Ottawa.

Much to the regret of a large majority of his people Rev. Robert Herbison has tendered his resignation as pastor of Stewarton church. It is said that Mr. Herbison will not accept another charge for a year or so, as it is his intention to travel and study for a time in Scotland and Germany.

Owing to an attack of gripe Rev. Dr. Armstrong was unable to occupy his pulpit last Sunday, the morning service was taken by Rev. Dr. Moore, and in the evening Rev. Mr. McLeod, of Billing's Bridge, preached.

At the last meeting of the Boys' Club of Knox church the attendance of members was large, and two interesting, illustrated lectures were given. Mr. S. J. Jarvis operated the lantern, and Rev. D. M. Ramsay was the first speaker, Westminster Abbey being the subject of his address. Some rare views of the historic burial place of Britain's greatest men were given. Mr. T. McDermott spoke afterwards on a trip to Vancouver, and Mr. Jarvis illustrated it with a number of views of the fertile prairies and with a number of panoramic views of the grandeur of the Canadian Rocky Mountains.

The Ladies' Aid society of Knox church gave a very pleasant "At Home" to the ladies of the congregation. The object of the society before the guests and enlist sympathy and an increase of membership. For this purpose a short paper was read by Mrs. Rowatt, outlining what the society has been doing. Mrs. Ramsay gave a short talk, in which she spoke of some proposed assistance to be given the church in the matter of furnishings. Afterwards tea was served and a short time spent in social conversation and in becoming better acquainted. The entertainment was very enjoyable.

Quebec.

The congregation of St. Andrew's, Huntington, is advertising for tenders for the erection of a new church. The building now in use is a solid old fashioned church edifice, altogether inadequate to the requirements of the large congregations that regularly wait on the ministry of Rev. H. P. Hutchison, M. A., who is one of the strong preachers of the church, not only in Quebec but in Canada. The congregation is well able, numerically and financially, to build a church that will be an ornament to the town and a credit to the denomination.

The annual soiree, including a tea and concert in connection with Chalmers Sunday-school, was held last week and was most successful. The Rev. G. Colborne Heine, pastor of the church, presided, and an excellent programme was presented. During the programme a Bagster Bible was presented to Miss Edith B. Chauvin, as a prize won in an examination on the International S. S. Lesson. The Bible is awarded annually by Mrs. Lowden as a memorial of her father, the late Warden King. There was also a large attendance of parents and friends, and the school-room was prettily decorated with flags and bunting.

Peterborough.

Sermons to young men were preached in many of the town churches on Sunday, according to the arrangement of the Ministerial Association.

St. Paul's Young People's Society entertained the young people of St. Andrew's church one evening last week and an enjoyable time was spent.

The address delivered by Rev. Alex. Esler M. A. of Cooke's church, Toronto, at the young people's rally recently held in St. Andrew's church, was a forcible one, and could not help but have an effect for good.

The meetings of the Primary and Junior Union are being largely attended, and great enthusiasm is being shown. The President, Miss A. Williamson, is to be congratulated on the success of the movement.

At the last monthly meeting of the Ministerial Association, Rev. J. C. Davidson, M. A., of St. John's Anglican church, delivered an able address on "The Mission of the church."

St. Paul's church held their annual congregational social, or "family reunion," on Tuesday evening of last week. Addresses were delivered by Revs. Dr. Torrance and J. A. Wilson, and by other representative men of the congregation. Musical and literary numbers were also rendered and refreshments were served. It was a most enjoyable evening.

At a recent meeting in connection with the local branch of the Lord's Day Alliance the following officers were appointed: President, Rev. J. G. Potter; Vice-President, Rev. A. H. Brace; Sec. Treasurer, Mr. Robert Harrison.

The S. S. convention held last week at Bridgewater was a distinct success, the following ad-

resses of an inspiring and helpful nature being given: "The Central Aim of the Sunday School" by Rev. L. McKinnon of Gilmour Memorial Baptist church; "Sunday School Music" by Miss P. Udy; "Trials and Triumphs of S. S. Work" by Rev. J. A. Wilson of St. Paul's church, Peterborough; and "Parental Interest in Child Culture" by Rev. J. G. Potter of St. Andrew's church, Peterborough.

Eastern Ontario.

Rev. Mr. Millar, of Rosebank conducted anniversary services at Appleton last Sunday.

Rev. A. C. Bryan, B.A., B.D., pastor of the Westport church, has accepted a call from a congregation near Calgary.

The next regular meeting of Whitby Presbytery will be held at Whitby on 19th April at 10 a. m.

The anniversary services of Zion church, Carleton Place, was held last Sunday, when Rev. J. H. Turnbull, of Bank street church, Ottawa, was the preacher.

The Rev. Robt. Harkness, pastor of Knox church, Cornwall, is now entitled to be called Dr. Harkness, having recently received the degree of Ph. D. from Princeton Theological Seminary.

Rev. Mr. Tanner, of Lancaster, was compelled to discontinue the mid-week prayer meeting at Bainesville on account of the inclement weather and impossible state of the roads.

Rev. Dr. Milligan, of Old St. Andrew's church, was in Kingston was last week delivering a series of lectures to the theological students of Queen's University on "How to Preach" A good preacher himself, Dr. Milligan is well qualified to address theological students on this important subject.

The Perth Courier, says: Rev. Mr. Wilson, of St. Paul's church, Smith's Falls, preached in St. John's here on Sunday—an exchange with Rev. Mr. Currie. Rev. Mr. Wilson is a good preacher. He has a pleasing voice and an easy style. His sermons were so plain that everyone might understand, his language, so well chosen that even to the most cultured it might not give offence, and his manner so earnest that the most careless could hardly fail to be impressed.

St. Andrew's church, Carleton Place, does not propose neglecting young men. A Young Men's club was organized last Friday evening with the following officers: Pres., Alex. McAllister; sec., W. J. McDermid; treas., R. E. Hall. Executive—R. Latimer, Alt. Covers, Herb Brown and W. Potter. Organist—Mr. Wildgust. The object is to train young men up in church work and the art of public speaking.

Burns Church, Martintown, (Rev. Hugh McKeller, pastor), held their annual meeting on Monday Feb. 8th. The various reports presented were of a most encouraging nature. The treasurer's statement showed a balance of \$18,341 after covering all liabilities; while the contributions to missions amounted to \$353. Eight were added to the membership. The total expenditure for all purposes was \$1,294.

St. Andrew's church, Picton—Rev. W. W. McLaren. The year had been the most prosperous in many respects in the history of the congregation. The total receipts for all purposes amounted to \$2,580; for ordinary expenses, \$1,480; for missionary and benevolent purposes, \$262; the remainder for a pipe organ which was installed during the year. There is no debt on the church property, except a small balance on the organ, and the treasurer's report shows a balance of \$200. In membership the church has kept pace with and has gained somewhat on the shrinkage due to the movement of the population to the West. The number on the roll is now 204, a net gain of eight, 24 having been added to and 14 removed from the roll in the year.

A large congregation assembled in Knox church, Cornwall, on Friday evening of last week to say goodbye to their much esteemed and long tried friend, Mr. J. P. Watson. The pastor, Rev. Robt. Harkness, presided. The meeting opened by singing the hymn, "All People that on Earth do Dwell," and prayer. An excellent programme of music was successfully carried out and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

Mr. Watson was presented with an address and a cabinet of silver and Mrs. Watson was given a beautiful bouquet of flowers. The address from the members and adherents was read by Mr. P. E. Campbell and the presentation made by Mr. Hill Campbell. The choir also presented an affectionately worded address.