

Rev. R. W. Ross and Rev. R. J. M. Glassford, of Guelph, exchanged pulpits a week ago Sunday.

The induction of Rev. S. B. Russell into the pastoral charge of Hillsburg and Bethel church took place on Tuesday, 24th inst.

A young people's guild has been organized in St. Andrew's church Bayfield, with the following officers: T. Brownett, president; J. C. Reid, vice-president; Miss Mary Gardiner, secretary-treasurer.

On Monday the 30th ult., Mr. F. W. Galbairth addressed the Young Men's Guild of Knox church, Guelph, on "Social Progress." Several vocal selections were given and the meeting closed with a short time spent in social intercourse, assisted by ice cream and cake.

"Wit and Humor" was the subject of a very entertaining lecture given on the 23rd ult., by Rev. A. Logan Goggie, of Toronto, at St. Andrew's Church, London. There were very many in attendance, and all enjoyed the way in which Mr. Goggie described wit and humor, and the manner in which he illustrated its different phases.

The entertainment and social at the Presbyterian Hall, Wales, on Wednesday the 1st of April, was a decided success. The hall's seating capacity was fully occupied. Rev. Mr. MacIntyre, the pastor, conducted the programme which consisted of songs, recitations, organ and violin music. This was followed by a taffy pull.

Rev. Mr. Johnson preached in Kirkwall on Sunday the 22nd of March, exchanging pulpits with Rev. Mr. McKenzie.

Rev. W. J. Clark lectured last Thursday evening at St. Andrew's church, London, under the auspices of the Outlook Mission Band. A good sized audience listened with much interest to the address. Mr. R. A. Little occupied the chair, Miss Pauline Mowat and Mr. Arthur Garthwaite rendered a couple of solos that were appreciated. The subject of the lecture was "Savonarola," and was handled by Mr. Clark in a most interesting manner.

The members of the W. F. M. S. of the Princeton church gave a tea and social on the 24th of March at the residence of Miss McKenzie, which proved a very pleasant affair. Tea was served from 5 to 8 after which vocal and instrumental music was contributed by several of the guests. A small charge was made which goes to providing clothing for a little girl placed by the society in a missionary home in the Northwest.

On the evening of the 24th of March, Rev. James Rollins and Mrs. Rollins were given a reception in the schoolroom of the King Street church, London, of which Mr. Rollins is the new pastor. Misses Pauline Mowat and Ada Link and Mr. Ernest Mowat supplied an excellent programme, while Rev. G. Stuart, F. Ballantyne and Dr. Johnston gave interesting addresses. The attendance was large and the event proved a very happy one for pastor and congregation.

Last week the ladies of Erskine church, Hamilton, gave their annual at home in the school room of the church. It was attended by between 150 and 200 of the ladies and visitors, including a party from Wentworth Presbyterian church, headed by the Ladies' Aid President, Mrs. Nash, and proved a very pleasant affair indeed. Mrs. William Brown, the President, welcomed the guests, and Rev. R. Martin, the Pastor, gave a short happy address. Two songs were sung, by Miss Sutherland, and two excellent recitations by Miss Pauline McPherson, were much appreciated by all. Tea was served and the remainder of the time spent in social enjoyment. The affair was fully up to the high standard of its predecessors, and shows the Erskine ladies to be progressive and sociable.

Last Thursday evening a deputation representing all the members of the Board of Management and officers of Wentworth church-Hamilton, waited on the pastor, Rev. A. MacWilliams, and asked him to reconsider, and accept the \$100 increase of salary that was voted to him at the last annual meeting, and which he at the time intimated that he felt he could not accept. The deputation pointed out that the church was in a flourishing condition under his ministrations and that the officers and managers in touch with the congregation felt that it would be in the interest of the church that he should respect the wishes of his people and accept the advance. On these representations, Rev. MacWilliams agreed to take the extra \$100. On Easter Sunday the anniversary of the

pastor's induction will be celebrated, Rev. Prof. Ballantyne preaching the sermons, and on the evening following a social entertainment will be held in the school room.

The regular March meeting of the Presbytery of Guelph was held in Rockwood on March 17, with Rev. J. H. MacVicar, of Fergus in the chair. A call was reported from Knox church, Glenallan, and Chalmers church, Hollin in favor of Mr. John J. Monds, a recent graduate of Knox College. The call was sustained and the ordination and induction were arranged for March 31st at Glenallan.

The Presbytery of Guelph met on the last day of March in Knox church, Glenallan, for the ordination of Mr. J. J. Monds, B. A., to the office of the Holy ministry, and the pastoral oversight of the joint charge of that congregation, and Chalmers church, Hollin. Rev. James W. Orr, who had been appointed to preach on the occasion took the pulpit and preached an earnest and suitable discourse from Hebrews II: "Let us run with patience the race set before us, looking unto Jesus," dwelling upon two points, the race, and the motives and inducements to run it. After the sermon Mr. MacVicar, the Moderator of Presbytery, who presided over the service, gave a brief narrative of the steps in the call to Mr. Monds and then put to him the questions to be employed at such services. These having been satisfactorily answered, the Presbytery engaged in solemn prayer. Mr. Mullen leading therein, in the course of which, and by the laying on of the hands of members, Mr. Monds was set apart to the work of the ministry and at the close was declared duly inducted into the pastoral charge of both congregations, with all the rights and privileges thereto pertaining, having received the right hand of welcome from the brethren present. Mr. Glassford suitably and solemnly addressed him, and Mr. Gilchrist, of Waterloo, who had acted as moderator during the vacancy, the people on their respective duties. An opportunity was given to those present to receive their new minister at the close of the public services. Mr. Gilchrist was appointed to introduce him to the session, which was instructed to meet after Presbytery rose.

Northern Ontario.

Knox church, Beaverton, is to hold its 25th anniversary services on Sunday, May 24th, and an entertainment on the Monday following.

Rev. Mr. McKittrick of Sundridge exchanged with Rev. Mr. Belrends of Burk's Falls on the 22nd ult.

Wednesday of last week was a day of great interest to the Presbyterians of Powassan. The church which has been vacant since the resignation of Rev. Mr. Steele, a short time ago extended a call to the Rev. R. McNabb, formerly of Beachburg, and he having accepted it, the Presbytery of North Bay on the day named met for his induction. Rev. Mr. Laverie preached, Rev. J. Becket presided and led in the induction prayer. Rev. J. Garrioch addressed the newly inducted minister, and Rev. Mr. Steele addressed the congregation. The services were solemn and interesting and were attentively listened to by a deeply interested congregation. A reception service took place in the evening in the church which was well-filled, the other churches of the village being well represented. Rev. J. Becket presided and after tea addresses, interesting and instructive, interspersed with music, which did credit to the choir, was given by the Revs. Laverie, Steele, Garrioch, McNabb, and also by the Rev. Mr. Kitching of the Methodist church, who extended a very warm welcome to Mr. McNabb. The cordiality and good will attending Mr. McNabb's settlement, bodes well for the success of the good work under his ministry. The Rev. Mr. McNabb's family who have resided in Pembroke for some time, will move shortly to Powassan.

Manitoba.

Last Friday evening, the Rev. Dr. Kilpatrick concluded the Collegiate Institute Literary course by giving a lecture entitled, "The Republic of Plato; Greek Answers to Modern Problems." "The Republic" is the greatest of Plato's dialogues, the ripe fruit of his genius, as well as one of the coolest expressions of Greek mind and spirit. The questions it raises are as living today as in the fourth century before Christ; and its discussions of educational and political problems are of permanent value.

An article in The Churchman is well worth perusal by the readers of this paper on the Bible in the public school. It seems to your correspondent that we have gone too far to have uniformity. We need the Bible. We need it to be taught to our boys and girls by those capable of explaining the truths contained. In this mad whirl of 20th century life, we go to the extreme of neglecting home and when so much money is being spent on education just now, it seems worse than useless when the most important book in the world is coldly neglected. Not a word of Bible truth. Our children are taught the aesthetic but we omit the weightier matters of the law. Could we not as Presbyterians, band ourselves together for the teaching of the Word of God in our schools?

Algoma Presbytery.

This Presbytery held its regular half-yearly meeting, at Copper Cliff, on the 31st-5th inst.

There were present fifteen ministers and four elders.

The courtesy of the court was extended to the Rev. A. Findlay, D. D., Supt. of Missions.

The Rev. J. Sieveright, B. A., applied for leave to retire from the active duties of the ministry.

The Rev. W. D. Armstrong, D.D. Ottawa, was nominated as a suitable person to fill the vacant chair, in the Presbyterian College, Halifax.

It was agreed to transmit, "simpliciter," to the General Assembly, an overture "or" The Aged and Infirm Minister's Fund, signed by Rev. W. A. Duncan, B.D. It was agreed to approve of the amended rules "re" The Aged and Infirm Ministers Fund.

The report on church life and work was presented and read, by the Rev. H. S. Graham, convener, the report was secured and adopted, and the convener was thanked.

Messrs. D. MacEachern, St. Paul's church, Sault Ste Marie, West; W. C. Armstrong, Ph. D. Thessalon, E. D. Pelletier, Blind River and James Anderson, M. A., Silver Water, Ministers; and Messrs. D. Mackenzie, St. Paul's church, Sault Ste Marie, West; D. Sampson, Little Current; R. Moore, St. Andrew's church, Sault Ste Marie; and W. C. Boyd, Copper-Cliff, elders; were appointed commissioners to the General Assembly.

In view of a statement in the Dominion Presbyterian, on Oct. 1st, nineteen hundred and two, to the effect that the services of the superintendent of missions might be dispensed with, the Presbytery of Algoma, at this, its first meeting, thereafter, hereby desires to state that the continuation of the Superintendent's services is indispensable to the progress, and prosperity, of our work, and furthermore, that the Presbytery does not hold itself responsible for any unofficial statement that may appear in any of our public papers.

The Rev. E. D. Pelletier, the missionary in charge, at Blind River, was given six weeks' leave of absence, to enable him to appeal to friends in other sections of the church for help to pay off the large amount of debt still remaining on the new church at Blind River.

This case is one in which there is urgent need for the strong to help the weak.

The Home Mission report was presented and read, by the Rev. J. Kennie, convener.

The report embraced among other items, a statement as to the grants now due for mission work rendered during the winter months, the grants for which application is to be made for the ensuing year, the fields to be supplied during the summer months, and the men to be secured to supply said fields.

The report was received, considered, and adopted, and the convener was thanked for his diligence.

A cordial vote of thanks was tendered to the friends at Copper-Cliff; and, the Presbytery adjourned to meet, at Gore Bay, at the call of the moderator and clerk.

BRUCE MINES,
March 30th, '03.

D. H. MACLENNAN,
Presbytery Clerk.

W.F.M.S. Annual Meeting.

The twenty-seventh annual meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada (Western Division) will be held in Knox Church, Guelph, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, May 5, 6, and 7, 1903.

A cordial invitation is extended to delegates from every part of the Society throughout the Western Division.