

Ministers and Churches.

Ottawa.

At the evening service in St. Paul's church as is usual the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was observed; and in Mac Kay church in the morning. In each case the pastor was the preacher.

In all the city churches the theme of the sermon and the music were distinctly Christmasy; and notwithstanding the extreme cold, the attendance was large.

The sale of work recently conducted by the ladies of the Glebe church was very successful. After paying for all expenses a sum of \$425 was left to be devoted to the purchase of furniture for the new church.

The children of St. Andrew's Sunday School two weeks ago, brought their annual offerings for the poor at Xmas. About a hundred parcels were received, consisting of fruit, cake, candies, preserves, jam, toys and books. The children take quite an interest in this annual giving and each year the donations are greater.

At the annual meeting of the Home Missionary society of Erskine church the following officers were elected:—President, Mrs. A. E. Mitchell; vice-presidents, Miss Mackay and Miss Younger; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Moore; recording secretary, Miss Wright; treasurer, Miss LaValee; organist, Miss Pattison; Musical committee, Miss Bonnell and Miss Fleck. The annual report showed that the work of the past year had been most encouraging. There had been a marked increase in the funds. During the year a box had been sent out to the Atlin hospital and several days ago a box was sent which contained Christmas gifts for the hospital staff, including the doctor, his mother, the nurses, maids and the orderly.

Montreal.

The president of the Montreal General Hospital, James Crathern, announced a few days ago the receipt of a cheque for \$10,000 from Mr. and Mrs. Reford as a Christmas present.

Taylor Church Christian Endeavor Society celebrated the fifteenth anniversary of its organization early in the month. This society has still two of its charter members on the roll in the person of Messrs. Colin Patterson and George Sutherland. The society was presented with a charter received from the United Society of Christian Endeavor by one of its members. Taylor Society is working hard on the Increase Campaign, and is making a big bid for the shield. At the business meeting this month eleven new members were received into the society.

An interesting event in the history of a Montreal congregation was the recent induction of Rev. G. F. Kinnear into the pastorate of St. Mark's church in this city. The Rev. Mr. Clarke, of Melville church, preached the sermon, dealing largely with St. Mark's life and work. The Rev. J. L. George, of Calvin church, after sketching briefly the steps which had been taken by the people to issue the call to Rev. Mr. Kinnear put the usual questions to the pastor-elect, who answered them satisfactorily. The elders were then called to the front and after the induction prayer had been offered up by Mr. George and the other members of the presbytery who were present offered the right hand of fellowship to Mr. Kinnear. The Rev. James Fleck, of Knox church, addressed the new pastor, giving many words of counsel and advice. The Rev. Mr. George then congratulated the congregation on having obtained Mr. Kinnear as their pastor, and urged them to give him their loyal support. At the conclusion of the service refreshments were served in the school-room, by the ladies of the church.

Much attention throughout the Dominion has been drawn to the gratifying fact that on the recent death of Principal Caven, of Knox College, Toronto, Principal Sheraton, of Wycliffe College (Anglican) took a part of Dr. Caven's work. Principal Shaw, of the Wesleyan College in this city, says that such co-operation is nothing new or remarkable, as, in the theological colleges of Montreal, at different times for several years, there has been an interchange or combination of work in history, Hebrew, and even theology, that is, in the Wesleyan, Presbyterian and Congregational Colleges.

Eastern Ontario.

Rev. N. A. McDonald, of Eldon, preached his farewell sermon last Sunday, and leaves this week for Sutton.

A total of 30 new members were added to the roll of the First Church Brockville at the recent communion service.

The next meeting of the North Bay Presbytery will be held at Huntsville, on 10th January, at 10 a. m.

Rev. Mr. Allan, of Ohio, preached in St. John's Church on a recent Sunday upon the ten commandments.

Rev. J. H. White, M. A., of Uptorgrove, presided at the last meeting of Barrie Presbytery. The next meeting of Presbytery on the last Tuesday of February.

Rev. D. N. Coburn, of Lunenburg, has been lecturing at St. Elmo on "Leaners and Litters," pronounced by those who heard it as both helpful and interesting.

Smith's Falls, was made the recipient of a set of beautiful dishes and a dozen silver spoons from the ladies of the congregation.

The Presbyterian Church, Aultsville, held its annual Christmas entertainment on Tuesday evening of last week. A large crowd was present and all were pleased with the programme. Rev. Mr. Waddell was chairman.

In discussing the appointment of a successor to Principal Caven in Barrie Presbytery Rev. Dr. Grant expressed the opinion that Rev. Dr. McLaren should be principal; and that the new professor, whoever he might be, should wait his turn for promotion. The nomination was left over until a future meeting.

The Rev. Dr. McTavish, of the Central Church, Toronto, preached in behalf of Foreign Missions in the First Church, Port Hope, on 18th inst., and was listened to with much attention and interest by the congregation.

Mr. Graham, a student of Knox college, who has been doing mission work in Southern Alberta, visited St. John's church mission band, Almonte, last week and gave an interesting description of his work.

The annual entertainment given by the Napanee church last week was well attended and one of the brightest and best ever given by the school. The superintendent, Mr. J. C. Hardy, and his efficient staff of teachers, are to be congratulated on their untiring and unselfish efforts.

At the recent meeting of Lindsay Presbytery, the resignation of Rev. N. A. McDonald, B. A., of Eldon, was dealt with and accepted with deep regret. The charge will be declared vacant on January 1st, and Rev. W. M. Kawanaw, B. D., of Woodville, was appointed Interim Moderator.

Rev. A. H. McFarlane, of Franktown, preached in St. Andrew's church, Appleton, last week in exchange with the pastor, Rev. G. T. Bayne, who preached a missionary sermon at Franktown.

The annual entertainment of the Newington Sunday School on Monday evening was a successful affair, and was greatly enjoyed by young and old. An interesting programme was submitted. The recitations of Mr. Percy T. Coburn, brother of Rev. D. N. Coburn, won him hearty applause.

The induction of Rev. Hugh Ferguson, recently of Fitzroy Harbor, into the pastorate of Westport congregation, took place there on Wednesday of last week. Rev. Mr. MacDonald, of Morton and Lyndhurst, preached the induction sermon; Rev. D. Strachan of Brockville then addressed the people; and Rev. Norman MacLeod the new minister.

The congregation of Balderson and Drmmmond on Tuesday evening of last week held a social meeting in the new church at Balderson and with an impromptu programme consisting of recitations, speeches, vocal and instrumental music, together with refreshments, they enjoyed themselves immensely. The principal item of the programme was the presentation to their pastor, Rev. J. S. McIlraith, of a magnificent fur-lined coat with otter collar, besides a purse of money, the gift of the congregation, accompanied by an exceedingly appreciative address, to which Mr. McIlraith made a suitable reply, in which he took occasion to congratulate himself in being the pastor of so large hearted, kind, generous and up-to-date set of people.

The W. F. M. S. of the North Lunenburg Church, held their annual meeting at the manse. The following officers were elected for 1905:—President, Mrs. D. N. Coburn; First Vice

President, Mrs. Scott-Waddell; Second Vice-President, Mrs. Edgar Shaver; Secretary, Mrs. W. I. Rombough; Treasurer, Mrs. W. Bush. The gentlemen of the congregation gladly accepted an invitation to tea. About 75 persons, in all were present. After an enjoyable tea the guests were entertained with readings and music, which were listened to with close attention, and yet with an expression of eager expectancy, for the audience knew what the chairman did not, that the last item on the programme was to be the most interesting. The last item was announced as "A short reading by Miss Minnie McEwan." In response, that worthy young lady read an address on behalf of the congregation to Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Coburn, expressing genuine appreciation of the work of the pastor and his wife. Miss Marie Meek then came forward with a well filled purse and presented it as a tangible token of the esteem of the congregation.

Western Ontario.

Rev. Mr. Stewart, of Monreal, is conducting the services in the Presbyterian church, Brigidon.

Rev. Robert McIntyre, of Tempo, has been lecturing on "What I Saw in the Old Land," at Kinmore. The subject is a large and inviting one, and was well handled.

A call from Comber in favor of Rev. N. D. Keith, formerly of Leamington, was sustained, and provisional arrangements were made for his induction at an early date, should Mr. Keith accept.

Rev. Geo. Kendall, Conn., was in Palmerston on Friday preaching pre-communion services for the Rev. Mr. Aull.

Knox College, the Aged and Infirm ministers' Fund and the Home and Foreign Mission Funds each receive one quarter of the residue of the estate of the late Rev. Joseph Alexander of Toronto valued at \$12,007.67. The bulk of the estate consists of \$11,699.42 in mortgages on Toronto real estate.

Anniversary services will be held in Bethel Presbyterian church on Sabbath, Dec. 25th. The Rev. Prof. Robertson, of Knox College, will preach at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.

In the case of the people of Knox church, Acton, "absence makes the heart grow fonder," and they invite their pastor to see them as often as possible. Rev. H. A. MacPherson, now of Chalmers church, Toronto, is announced to conduct anniversary services for them on the last Sunday in January.

Rev. Dr. Mackay, of Toronto, foreign mission secretary, preached for Rev. Dr. McCrae at Westminster last Sunday. In the evening Dr. Mackay conducted service in the North church, Wilton Grove.

The sacrament was dispensed in Knox church Sunday morning and was one of the most largely attended in recent years, the whole area being closely packed. Mr. Knowles, in his address, noted the fact that it was seven years to a day since he first stood in Knox pulpit. Thirty-six new members were received.

At the first anniversary services of Shakespear church, Rev. Mr. Graham, of Avonton, preached very impressive sermons morning and evening, on Monday evening an entertainment was given. The feature of the evening being a lecture by Rev. R. E. Knowles, of Galt, on "Three Months in Europe, which was delivered with his usual eloquence and impressiveness, and delighted his hearers.

Before leaving Churchill and Stroud for his new charge, Rev. J. A. Ross, and Mrs. Ross at a farewell social, were presented with an address, a silver tea service for Mrs. Ross and a gold watch and chain and a purse of money for Mr. Ross. In reply Mr. Ross thanked them very feelingly, and expressed his regret at leaving so many warm and faithful friends.

The 68th anniversary of Knox church Sunday school was fittingly observed by scholars and friends. A thoroughly enjoyable time was spent. Rev. E. A. Henry was chairman and had charge of a good programme. Refreshments were served both before and after the entertainment. The Sunday school is in a flourishing condition and there is a good increase in members over a year ago. Mr. J. Moffat is the superintendent and to him much credit is due for this.

The Presbyterian church at Belmore was crowded to the doors on Wednesday last, 14th inst., to witness the induction of the Rev. J. Radford into the pastoral charge of Belmore and