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Ministers and Churches.

The Rev. J. S. Mullen, of Fergus, preached in Knox church, Hamilton, last Sabbath.

The Rev. D. D. Macdonald, of Eldon, preached at Sonya, most acceptably last Sabbath week.

Several of the ministers of Galt, on Sunday, 10th inst., made reference to the jubilee of the Young Men's Christian Association.

Rev. M. L. Leitch, of Stratford, is indisposed. Mr. H. Harvey, of Sarnia, student of Knox College, occupied the pulpit of Knox Church Sunday at both services.

Rev. D. M. Buchanan, B.A., St. Andrew's church, Lanark, preached the anniversary sermon to the Foresters of the village, on Sunday evening, 17th inst.

The Rev. John Robbins, of the First Presbyterian Church, Truro, N.S., was lately the guest of his brother, the publisher of the St. Mary's Journal, for a few days.

Rev. Dr. Dickson, of Galt, preached recently at Stanley St. Ayr, afternoon and evening. These were the pre-communion discourses, communion being observed there on the Sabbath following.

The *Pocket* says: Mr. James Gow, of Orillia, recently entered upon his eighty-eighth year. He has been an elder of the Presbyterian church for about forty five years—five years in Scotland and forty in Orillia.

Mr. Charlton's Sabbath Observance Bill was given its third reading in the House of Commons lately. As passed, it prohibits the sale of newspapers on the Sabbath, and provides for the closing of all canals on Sunday from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

On account of the absence of the pastor, the Rev. Mr. Atkinson, of Berlin, at the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, in St. John, N. B., the Rev. Mr. Stenhouse, M.A., B.D., of Edinburgh, officiated in St. Andrew's Church for two Sabbaths.

At a congregational meeting at Hagersville, on June 12th inst., it was decided with absolute unanimity, to extend a call to the Rev. Andrew MacNab, M.A., of Woodstock. Mr. MacNab is a graduate of the University and the Free Church College of Glasgow, Scotland.

The Rev. John McEwan, normal secretary of the S.S. Association of Ontario, lately gave addresses at St. Mary's on primary work in the Sabbath school, in the First Presbyterian church and in the Methodist Sabbath school building in the evening.

Botany, Kent Bridge and McKay's Corners, now constitute a vacancy in the Presbytery of Chatham, desirous of having a settled pastor immediately, and offer minimum stipend. The Rev. J. Becket of Thamesville, Ont., will be pleased to hear from eligible parties willing to give supply.

Rev. Dr. Robertson read to the General Assembly a telegram from J. M. Browning, Vancouver, as follows: "Reports as to floods in British Columbia much exaggerated. So far as yet known, outside aid not required." Rev. Mr. MacLaren said he would like the Assembly to know that probably half the mission fields will be unable to contribute much this year.

The *Cumington Gleaner* says: The Presbyterian Church is making progress here. Rev. Mr. Ross stated at the conclusion of the sacrament of the Lord's supper on a recent Sabbath, that 25 new members were added to the church since the sacrament held last February, and that 74 new members have been received during his pastorate of less than two years. The membership at Mr. Ross's induction was 117. The congregation is much larger than it was some time ago, and there are abundant evidences that a good work is going on.

Rev. Dr. Cochrane is absent in St. John, N. B., attending the Presbyterian General Assembly. It is understood, says the *Expositor*, he will be made the recipient of an agreeable surprise by the members of his congregation before leaving for Europe. The congregation of Zion church can do nothing for their long term pastor that he does not well deserve. Dr. Cochrane's many activities, abundant labours, as well as his commanding ability commend him not only to his own congregation but to the whole church.

A convention was held in the Lunenburg Presbyterian Church, Stormont, Ont., from June the 3rd till June the 10th. The meetings were conducted by the Rev. W. Russell, Evangelist, and his wife, and A. Russell, pastor of the congregation. A number of other workers took part. The spirit of God was manifestly present in all the meetings throughout the convention, and many turned to the Lord. The closing days of the convention were devoted to the subject of Christian missions. On Sabbath, June the 10th, Mr. W. Russell preached the missionary sermon, and before the close of the day the sum of \$1,215 was pledged for Foreign Missions.

The long-talked of union of the two Presbyterian churches in the village of Huntingdon has been effected. The first meeting of the two congregations was held on the 7th inst., by order of the Presbytery of Montreal, in St. Andrew's Church. The pulpit was occupied by the Rev. R. Campbell, D.D., of Montreal, the *pro tem.* Moderator of the session, and he was accompanied by the Rev. J. B. Muir, D.D., the former pastor of St. Andrew's. Dr. Campbell preached a short sermon, taking as his theme "Brotherly love and forbearance," and, concluding, said: "And now, by the authority of the Presbytery of Montreal, I proclaim St. Andrew's and the Second Presbyterian congregations of Huntingdon a united congregation under the name 'St. Andrew's.'" After the benediction was pronounced, a short joint meeting of the Sessions and Board of Managers of the two churches was held when the financial condition of both churches

was found satisfactory and a resolution was passed giving the widow of the late Rev. Dr. Watson the use of the Second Presbyterian Manse as long as she desired it. Dr. Cameron, who has been for years chairman of the St. Andrew's Managers, was chosen chairman of the new joint Board. The Rev. Dr. Muir, graciously and with a cordial shake of the hands, welcomed the members of the Second Presbyterian Church in front of St. Andrew's.

INDUCTION OF REV. JAMES BALLANTYNE, M.A.

The induction of the Rev. James Ballantyne, M.A., as pastor of Knox Church, Ottawa, took place on the evening of the 11th inst., and was attended by a large and deeply interested audience of upwards of fifteen hundred.

Beginning at six o'clock and previous to the induction there was a social gathering and tea in the lecture room of the church which was elaborately decorated for the occasion by the ladies of the congregation.

The induction services began at half past seven o'clock by the preaching of the induction sermon by Rev. Mr. Longhead, of North Gower.

The sermon was an able effort on the duties of the Christian minister and the deep humility and earnestness with which he should proclaim the gospel.

The Moderator *pro tem.*, Rev. Dr. Armstrong, then asked the usual questions on doctrine which having been satisfactorily answered by Rev. Mr. Ballantyne, the charge of induction was then pronounced.

After a few minutes delay to enable the many clergymen present to welcome the new pastor the ceremony was proceeded with.

Rev. W. T. Herridge addressed the new pastor in earnest words. He said Rev. Mr. Ballantyne had left behind him a worthy and noble record and he was sure the people of the congregation to whom he was now called would find in him a safe and trusty guide. He wished Rev. Mr. Ballantyne God-speed in his new charge.

Rev. Dr. Campbell addressed the congregation upon their duties to their new pastor.

A presentation of a large morocco covered pulpit bible, a psalter and hymnal was then made to Rev. Mr. Ballantyne, from the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavour of the church. The president, Mr. F. A. Coffin, read the address and the presentation was made by the vice-presidents, Miss Bertha Wright and Mr. A. Miller.

Rev. Mr. Ballantyne replied feelingly and expressed his desire to help in every way he could the C. E. society of his new charge.

Mr. George Hay then welcomed the new pastor on behalf of the church session, and ex-Ald. Cunningham welcomed him on behalf of the congregation.

Mr. J. A. Macmillan, B.A., read an address and Mr. Alex. Mutchmor presented to Rev. W. T. Herridge, B.D., a handsome cabinet of silver cutlery in recognition of Rev. Mr. Herridge's services as Moderator of the congregation during its vacancy.

Rev. Mr. Herridge replied very wittily. He said there was a time when he thought that he would be Moderator of the congregation for an unusually long period. He had even thought of offering himself to be their pastor but was afraid he would be voted down by an overwhelming majority.

Addresses of welcome were extended Rev. Mr. Ballantyne by clergymen of other denominations present, including Rev. Dr. Benson of the Dominion Methodist Church, and Rev. Mr. Mackay, of the First Baptist Church, after which the happy gathering was closed.

PRESBYTERIAL W. F. M. S. MEETINGS.

The eighth annual meeting of Brandon Presbyterian Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was held lately in Knox Church, Portage la Prairie. There was a large attendance of delegates.

The afternoon meeting opened with devotional exercises, conducted by the president, assisted by Mrs. Pitblado, Winnipeg. Mrs. J. McLeod, on behalf of the Christian Endeavour, invited all present to supper in the vestry at six o'clock. The corresponding secretary read the annual report detailing the work accomplished during the year, and showing that in the face of great financial depression and other difficulties, there had been much good accomplished. A few sentences are quoted from the closing words of this admirable report.

The treasurer reported the amount contributed last year as \$1,055.60. Most encouraging reports were read from the Indian schools at Brattle and Portage, and very sweetly the children at the latter school sang the beautiful hymn, "Over the river." Admirable and inspiring addresses and papers were given by the president, Mrs. McFarish, Mrs. Watt, president of Winnipeg Presbyterian, Mrs. James Douglass, High Bluff, and Mrs. A. T. Smith, Portage. A farewell address was presented to Mrs. A. D. Mackay, the retiring recording secretary.

The evening meeting opened at eight o'clock with Rev. P. Wright in the chair. After scripture reading and prayer, Rev. Hugh Fraser, Treherne, delivered an address, pointing out the need of greater knowledge of the field, definiteness of purpose and, above all, prayer and consecration. Mr. Wright followed with a short address on the great mission of the church and its certain triumphant success. The next annual gathering will be held in Brandon during the first week of June 1895.

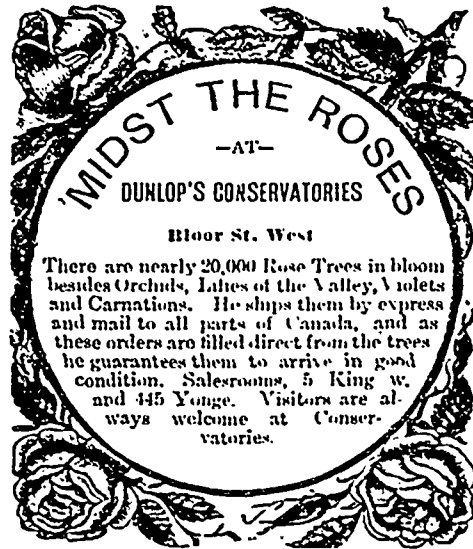
The Orangeville Presbyterian W. F. M. S. held its semi-annual meeting in the Presbyterian Church, Claude, on Wednesday June 6th. The morning and afternoon meetings were presided over by Mrs. Campbell, of Cheltenham, and addressed by Mrs. Gray, of Brampton, and Miss McWilliams. The evening meeting, addressed by Rev. D. Mackenzie,

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In the tabulated statement of the Glengarry Presbyterian Society, appearing in the 18th Annual Report of the W. F. M. S. (page 87), there are two errors, caused by the transposition of a figure. The contribution of Lancaster for 1893 should read \$91.00 instead of \$191.00, and that for Lochiel (Kirkhill) \$116.00 instead of \$16.00.

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