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OTTAWA.

Rev. Dr. Armstrong announces a series of "Straight talks on a serious subject," in St. Paul's church, Daly avenue. The first, on "Is a revival of religion needed in Ottawa," was given last Sunday evening, when the question was handled in a very pointed and practical manner. "Are the churches prepared for a revival of religion?" will be the theme on the evening of the 9th.

The pastor of the First Congregational church, Rev. Mr. McIntosh, was unable to officiate at the services last Sunday on account of illness.

Dr. H. M. Ami, of the Geological Survey, gave an interesting talk before the Ministerial Association on Monday morning on a layman's views of some affairs. His remarks were chiefly on geological subjects and proved very useful and interesting.

A committee composed of Revs. G. McRitchie and Dr. Armstrong was appointed to draft a resolution of condolence with the family of the late Rev. John Wood.

Special services are being held in St. Andrew's church this week. Rev. J. H. Turnbull, of Bank street church, Rev. Mr. Anderson, of McKay church, New Edinburgh, Rev. W. A. McIlroy, Rev. Mr. Mitchell, of Erskine church are taking part in those services. These meetings are in preparation for the evangelistic services to be held by Rev. William Meikle, beginning next Sabbath.

Rev. Thurlow Fraser, a Queen's graduate and formerly assistant to Rev. Dr. Moore, Bank street church, Ottawa, has been invited to become pastor of Portage la Prairie, Man., church, at a salary of \$2,000 per year. After leaving Ottawa Mr. Fraser went to Formosa as successor to the late Rev. Mr. MacKay in our mission there; but his wife's health compelled his return to Canada.

In his sermon on Sunday evening Rev. P. W. Anderson, of MacKay church, made reference to the "School Question." He considered it was not a question of what either party had done, either in Quebec or in Manitoba. It was a question as to what should be done in the new provinces. This was a country in which no particular church had special privileges, but the provisions of the Autonomy Bill would bonus the church of Rome. The real question was: shall the Roman Catholic church be established as a state church. As to this there was but one answer.

NORTHERN ONTARIO.

At a social at Bloomfield the Presbyterians and Methodists united in presenting Rev. J. Becket, who is about removing to a new field of labour, with an address, a pair of fur gauntlets and a reversible easy chair of grained oak finished with comfortable cushions. Among other things the address said: Our sincere prayer and desire is that you may be spared for many years to continue the good work you have chosen as your life vocation. In homes of bereavement and sorrow you have always given timely aid and sympathy and cheered the troubled ones by your words of comfort and instruction.

The Rev. J. Becket, pastor of Knox church, Sundridge, has removed to Aspdin his new field of labor. Mr. Becket had charge of the Sundridge mission for four years and five months during which time he has been faithful in the discharge of all the onerous duties of a pastor and dearing himself to the majority of the members and adherents of the four congregations comprising the mission as well as retaining the esteem and respect of the community at large.

Rev. Dr. Smith, Bradford, intimated to his several congregations on Sabbath last that he had after careful thought and prayerful consideration, decided to accept the call from the congregations of Comber and Gracie in the Chatham Presbytery, subject to the approval of the Barrie Presbytery. The Dr.'s announcement, says the Witness, was a great surprise to his people and many are sorry that he saw fit to come to this decision.

EASTERN ONTARIO.

Mr. H. B. A. Ketchen, a graduate of Knox College, has accepted an invitation to become assistant pastor of St. Paul's church, Peterboro.

A very successful tea and sale of useful and fancy articles, in connection with the Napanee church, was held on Tuesday of last week. It was well managed by the Ladies' Aid Society, and will net a handsome sum.

The choir of Bank street church, Ottawa, will give the Oratorio, "Naomi," by Dr. Edmund T. Clipp, in St. John's church, Cornwall, on Friday evening, May 12th, under the auspices of the Governors of the General Hospital. This musical concert is being looked forward to with pleasurable anticipation; and the visiting choir is sure of a hearty welcome from out townspeople.

Rev. J. Matheson, Summerstown, was laid up with la grippe last week. He was unable to attend church on Sabbath evening, but the Christian Endeavour Society nobly came to his help, and took charge of the service, which they conducted to the satisfaction of all present.

Rev. A. H. Scott, M.A., pastor of St. Andrew's church, Perth, has completed his annual visitation to all the families and members of the congregation. While making careful preparation for his pulpit work, Mr. Scott never overlooks the importance of keeping in close touch with his people, hence the large measure of success which has attended his ministrations in Owen Sound, as well as in his present charge.

Miss C. Sinclair, on Friday evening of last week, entertained the choir of Knox church, Perth, most hospitably; and her kindness will not soon be forgotten.

Theological students of Queen's made Rev. Dr. McCrea a presentation in recognition of their appreciation of his teaching during the session, he having been lecturing on theology in place of Rev. Principal Gordon, who is engaged on the endowment scheme. Dr. McCrea was formerly minister of St. Stephen's Presbyterian Church, St. John, N.B., and later principal of Morrin College, Quebec.

The Y. P. S. of St. Andrew's church, Martin-town, gave a social evening on Friday last. During the evening a presentation of a gold watch and chain was made to Mr. H. S. Kinloch, who has been choir leader for the past four years, and is leaving the neighborhood. The address on behalf of the congregation, was read by Miss Bertie Cresswell and the presentation made by Mr. D. N. McDougall.

In the Sabbath School room of St. John's church, Cornwall, on the afternoon and evening of Friday, April 14, under the auspices of the Woman's Home Mission Society, there will be a sale of fancy and useful articles, also a housekeeper's table. Tea, coffee and ice cream will be served both afternoon and evening.

Rev. J. H. Laverie, Ramsay's Corners, preached at Russell on Sunday, the 19th ult.

Rev. C. H. Daly and Rev. D. Strachan, Breckville, exchanged pulpits on a recent Sunday. Mr. Strachan taking the services at Lyn, Caintown and Mallorytown. Mr. Daly delighted two large congregations at St. John's with excellent discourses.

Queen's Missionary Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Queen's University Missionary Association was held Saturday, March 18th, and the business of a successful year was wound up. The Treasurer, Mr. W. A. Kennedy, reported a balance on the right side of the books. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Chas. E. Kidd; Vice-President, D. H. Marshall; Treasurer, W. J. Watt; Rec.-Sec., W. Stott; Cor.-Sec., G. A. Brown; Fin.-Sec., M. F. Munro; Librarian, W. D. McIntosh. Home Mission Committee:—M. A. Lindsay; T. S. Duncan; Miss A. S. MacFarlane; Miss M. Lindsay. Foreign Mission Committee:—W. C. Kidd; I. H. Woods; Miss M. B. MacFarlane; Miss E. McIntosh.

WESTERN ONTARIO.

Smithville and Grassies, Rev. F. D. Roxburgh, pastor, have had a year of progress. Addition to membership, 17; removals, 9; givings to the schemes, double that of any previous year. Both congregations have increased their contributions by stipend \$25.00 making \$50.00 nearer self support.

Rev. R. G. MacBeth, Paris has been requested by his publisher to issue a revised and enlarged edition of his book, *The Making of the Canadian West*. The first edition was sold out some time ago, but the demand has continued. The book is the only one written by one of the native born, and has a large number of rare photographs and views which he obtained personally and which are not published elsewhere.

In its account of the Presbyterian Conference held at Fergus last week, *The News Record* says: A powerful address on "The Church and the Commonwealth," by Rev. W. G. Hanna, B.D., of Mount Forest, brought Monday afternoon's proceedings to an inspiring close. Mr. Hanna touched in passing upon the present situation created by the Autonomy Bill and declared it to be the duty of the church to make its voice clearly heard in the crisis.

St. Andrew's church, Brantford, celebrated the sixth anniversary of its organization on Sabbath, March 10th, when Rev. J. C. Talmie, of Windsor, preached two eloquent and forceful sermons to large congregations. The pastor, Rev. F. W. Anderson, was also present and took part in the services. On Monday evening Mr. Talmie delighted another large audience with an illustrated lecture on his recent trip to the Holy Land. Together with other Presbyterian churches in Brantford, St. Andrew's has been engaged in special evangelistic services, and at the recent communion thirteen new members were received, ten of these on profession of faith.

Kingston W. F. M. Presbyterial.

The annual meeting was held in St. Peter's church, Madoc, on Wednesday, March 15th. The president, Mrs. MacKay, occupied the chair. The morning session was taken up with the reading of the reports which were, on the whole, very encouraging. Eight bales of clothing, weighing 1,300 pounds, and valued at \$55 were sent to Rev. Mr. Pritchard, Lizard Pt. Reserve; 382 copies of the "Foreign Missionary Tidings" were taken, an increase of 30 over last year, and \$1,230 were contributed to the funds of the society. This is in advance of previous years.

Dr. Margaret MacKellar, of India, gave two very interesting addresses. In the afternoon she spoke principally of the medical work. The hospital work is found more encouraging than the dispensing work, as the patients are kept longer in contact with the missionary. In the evening address Dr. MacKellar dwelt more on the work done during the time of the famine and the plague.

Miss Webster, of Belleville, sang very sweetly at both the afternoon and evening meetings. At the close of the afternoon session tea was served in the hall of the church by the young ladies of the congregation and a very pleasant social hour was spent.

The following officers were elected: president Mrs. MacKay, Madoc; vice-presidents, Mrs. Binnie, Tweed; Mrs. Donald Ross, Kingston; Mrs. Gracey, Gananoque; Mrs. Hamilton, Picton; treasurer, Mrs. Clarke Hamilton, Kingston; secretary of literature, Mrs. G. W. Mathew, Gananoque; secretary of supplies, Miss Holden, Belleville; general secretary, Miss Fowler, Kingston.

The movement for the full endowment of Victoria College has made a good commencement. The list has been headed by Mr. Chester D. Massey with \$100,000; Senator Cox followed with \$50,000; and Mr. E. R. Wood with \$30,000. It is expected that the requisite \$300,000 will be easily secured; and with such liberal subscriptions to begin with such a result should not be difficult to reach.