

The intercollegiate debate between Queen's and McGill took place here last week, and the judges awarded the decision to Queen's.

At Wednesday night prayer meeting in St. Andrew's Church, Almonte, Rev. Mr. Bennett gave an interesting address on The Religious History of Scotland, it being St. Andrew's day.

On Thursday evening of last week the Rev. D. N. Coburn, of Lunenburg, gave his popular lecture, "Leaners and Lifters" to a very appreciative audience in the Woodland Church. The lecture is a happy combination of the instructive and humorous, and was greatly enjoyed by those present.

Rev. W. G. Hanna, of Mount Forest, preached anniversary services to his former charge at Uxbridge last Sabbath. He is always most welcome to the church in which he ministered so successfully for several years; and on this occasion there were crowded congregations at both services.

A Thanksgiving collection amounting to \$27.20 from the Methodist, Baptist, St. Andrew's, and St. Paul's Presbyterian churches, Smith's Falls, was sent to the treasurer of the Brockville General Hospital last week.

Rev. E. S. Logie, of Winchester, is actively engaged in the formation of young people's societies in his presbytery. Five have already been organized, and he has been asked to visit four other congregations with a view to forming societies therein.

The thank offering meeting in connection with Zion church mission band, Carleton Place, was held last Friday week, and was a successful gathering. An interesting program was given by the children. The offering was generous, and with that of the older society makes a total of \$167.75 for the thank offering of the congregation.

At the 17th annual convention of the Lennox and Addington county Sunday School Association at Napanee, Rev. J. R. Conn, M. A., delivered an able address on "The Bible in the School," urging the importance of graded schools, and graded lessons intelligently taught.

As Wednesday was St. Andrew's Day, says the Almonte Gazette, Rev. Orr Bennett gave his address at the prayer meeting an appropriate turn when he spoke of St. Andrew and Scotland. He touched upon the ecclesiastical history of Scotland, our relations to Scotland the heritage we have received from her and the debt we owe to her. The address was in Rev. Mr. Bennett's usual interesting style, and was enjoyed by his hearers.

At the annual meeting of the Martintown branch of the Bible Society, after an inspiring address from Rev. T. Bennett. The following were elected office-bearers for the ensuing year: President, John McIntyre; First Vice-president, Rev. P. F. Langill; Second Vice-president, D. J. McGregor; Secretary, A. C. McArthur; Treasurer, D. T. Cresswell.

A service of praise was given by the choir of Knox Church, Perth, on Friday evening last, assisted by members of Ashbury Methodist and St. Andrew's choirs. Mr. Cecil Carl Forsyth, organist and director, presided at the organ and rendered several fine selections. A well rendered programme concluded with the hymn, "Zion's King Shall Reign Victorious." The pastor, Rev. D. Currie, occupied the chair.

At the induction of Rev. Wm. Macdonald, of Hallville, into the pastorate of St. Andrew's Church, Lennox. The moderator of Presbytery, Rev. Orr Bennett, of Almonte, presided. Rev. D. Currie addressed the minister, and Rev. Miller, of Watson's Corners, in the absence of the Rev. Wallace, of Middleville, who was detained through illness in his family, addressed the congregation. The services were very impressive and after they were over refreshments were served by the ladies. Short speeches were delivered by the aforesaid clergymen and Revs. McIlraith, of Balderson, and Woodside, of Carleton Place. Rev. Mr. McDonald has a splendid congregation, whose keynote is union and prosperity; and the congregation have a minister who enters on his important work well equipped to give them effective and useful services.

#### Western Ontario.

At last meeting of the Presbytery of Sarnia a resolution was adopted expressing their high appreciation of the character and work of the late R. M. Carlyle, of Sombra, and their sympathy with the bereaved widow and congregation.

Rev. Mr. Sarkissian preached in the Elfrida Church last Sunday afternoon.

Rev. D. Johnston, of Waubesa, has been elected moderator of Sarnia Presbytery for the ensuing six months.

Rev. Geo. Ballantyne, Harrison, occupied the pulpit of Westminster church, Mount Forest, last Sabbath.

A new \$1,000 pipe organ in Knox church, Hamilton, was opened by a successful concert on the evening of the 30th ult.

The congregation of MacNab street church, Hamilton, presented Rev. J. D. Cunningham with a purse of gold on his returning to Toronto.

Dr. Davies, organist of Knox church, Galt, has tendered his resignation on account of continued ill-health. He is reported to be one of the best organists in Canada.

Rev. Dr. Dickson and Rev. R. E. Knowles, of Galt, ministers of Central and Knox church respectively, are both putting up a vigorous fight against the introduction of Sunday traffic by their street car company.

The Rev. E. A. Henry, of Knox church, Hamilton, at the morning service a week ago, requested that in future the ladies of the congregation remove their hats during service.

Mr. M. Y. McLean, of the Seaforth Expositor, having declined the Liberal nomination for South Huron, it was unanimously tendered to Rev. M. C. McLennan, of Kippin.

Rev. J. A. Graham, M.A., of Petrolia, has accepted the call to St. David's St. John, N.B. He will leave for his new field of labour on 1st January next.

Rev. John Moore, of Burnbrae, Presbytery of Kingston, having accepted the call to West Williams, Sarnia Presbytery, his induction will take place at Springbank, on 13th instant.

The Ladies' Aid and Mission Band of St. Andrew's church, Hamilton, held a very successful sale last week in aid of the debt fund which realized a handsome sum.

The preparatory service at new St. James Church, London, last Friday evening, was conducted by Rev. H. W. Reede, M.A., of St. Thomas.

On a recent evening Rev. R. J. M. Glassford, of Guelph, delighted a large audience in Knox Church, Acton, by his lecture on a "Trip to Jerusalem."

Rev. Dr. Lyle, of Hamilton, and Rev. A. L. Howard, M.A., of Cayuga, exchanged pulpits on a recent Sunday.

Preparatory service were held in the Presbyterian church, Glencoe, last Friday when thirteen new members were received into membership. Rev. Hector Mackay, of London Junction, occupied the pulpit.

The old manse at Milverton, has been sold for \$850. The new manse which adjoins the church is a model of comfort and convenience. Mr. McKinnon is to be congratulated on the fine modern building provided for him by an attached people.

The Hespeler church, has been re-shingled; and the re-decoration now going on will leave the congregation with a very neat and attractive looking place of worship. The young minister, Rev. Mr. Morrow is prosecuting the work with characteristic vigor; and the various organizations connected with the church are all actively following his lead.

The Ladies' Aid of Westminster church, Mount Forest, have completed the work of refurbishing the vestry and pulpit. The latter has been remodelled and recarpeted and on it has been placed a new pulpit and three suitable chairs, while in front is a communion table and chair. All are of dark quartered oak and of classic design.

At a recent meeting of Hamilton Presbytery arrangements were made for the ordination and induction of the Rev. J. A. Wilson of Peterborough, who has accepted a call to St. Andrew's church. Dec. 13th was set as the date of the joint ceremony. A special meeting of the presbytery will be held on Monday to hear the Rev. gentleman's trial discourses. Rev. Dr. Fletcher and Rev. John Young will select the subjects. At the induction, which will take place in the evening, Rev. Mr. Young will preside. Rev. Robert McDermott will preach, Rev. J. H. Ratcliffe, of St. Catharines will address the minister, and Rev. D. Anderson, of Burlington, will address the people.

In Westminster Church, Mount Forest, Rev. W. G. Hanna, M.A., spoke on the work of the British and Foreign Bible Society, noting especially its remarkable progress during the past year. In France, Belgium, Spain, Portugal, Italy, Germany, Russia, China, India, Japan, South Africa, South America there has been a great advance, the increase in most being from 10 to 100 per cent. Approval had been obtained from the highest quarters, unfriendly before.

#### Northern Ontario.

Arrangements have been made to hold Knox Church, Sandridge, Sunday School entertainment and Christmas Tree on Friday, Dec. 23rd, in the Orange Hall. The Ladies' Aid will arrange for a sale table the same evening.

Commemorative of his eightieth birthday, Rev. John Gray, D.D., pastor emeritus of the Orillia Presbyterian Church, was last week entertained by the congregation and made the recipient of suitable gifts at their hands. The venerable doctor was the founder of the congregation, fifty-two years ago, and, notwithstanding his four score years, is still active and constantly engaged in good work. During the absence of the pastor, Rev. R. N. Grant, D.D., at the Pan- Presbyterian Council in Great Britain last summer, Dr. Gray efficiently discharged all the pastoral duties with the exception of the Sabbath pulpit ministrations. Rev. Dr. Grant presided at this evening's pleasing function, and the spacious lecture room was crowded to the doors. Rev. Dr. Gray was presented with an illuminated address, read by the superintendent of the school, Mr. H. Cooke, an easy chair, handsome Bible, and a purse containing eighty gold dollars. The recipient made a very appropriate reply, speaking at some length. Five minute addresses were given by the resident ministers of the town and others, and a social hour followed, during which the ladies served refreshments. Among the congratulatory letters received from out of town friends were messages from Rev. William Gregg, D.D., late professor of Knox College; Rev. Prot. Maclaren, and Rev. Dr. Maclaren, Home Mission Secretary. Dr. Gray is beloved by the whole community, and the wish is expressed by every one that he may enjoy good health and see many more earthly birthdays ere he is called to higher services.



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