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At the anniversary services in St. Paul's church, to be held on the 15th December, the preacher will be Rev. Professor Welsh, D.D., of the Montreal College.

By a typographical error it was stated in our last issue that the contribution of St. Paul's Auxiliary W.F.M.S., was \$91.00; it should have been \$191.00; a very material difference.

Last Sunday the pulpit of Bank street church was filled by Rev. John Mackay, M.A., of Montreal, who preached morning and evening to large congregations. Mr. Turnbull took the services for Mr. Mackay in Crescent street church, Montreal.

Rev. J. G. Inkster, B.D., special representative of the Montreal Presbyterian College, will visit this city next week in the interest of that institution, which has many warm friends at the Capital. Mr. Inkster will preach in St. Andrew's church next Sunday morning.

EASTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. W. W. Peek, of Arnprior, attended a Sunday School Conference in Montreal last week.

The ladies of St. Andrew's Church, Williamstown, intend holding a sale of useful and fancy articles in St. Andrew's hall on November 21st and 22nd.

Rev. T. A. Saddler, of Russell, is called to Cardinal.

Rev. C. A. Ferguson, of South Mountain, was presented last week with a handsome fur-lined coat and beautiful Buffalo robe by the members of his three congregations. The presentation took place at South Mountain after the regular prayer-meeting.

Before leaving Agincourt, where he had been minister for sixteen years, Rev. J. A. Brown was presented with a well-filled purse and a kindly worded address. Mrs. Brown's work in church and Sunday School was referred to in very appreciative terms; and sincere regret was expressed at parting with pastor and pastor's wife.

The induction services of Rev. W. J. Knox to the pastorate of Calvin Church, Pembroke, will take place on Thursday evening, Nov. 28th. Rev. Dr. W. Hay, Moderator of the Presbytery, will preside, Rev. D. N. Coburn, of Smith's Falls, formerly of Buckingham, will preach the sermon, Rev. T. W. Goodwill of Cobden, will deliver the charge to the minister, and Rev. John Hay, B.D., of Renfrew, will deliver the charge to the congregation.

The Hespeler congregation is considering the advisability of erecting a new church, with other improvements. Means are being taken to ascertain what support the membership at large will give the management and if sufficient they will proceed to get plans and specifications. It is probable that the old site will be decided upon, though other sites are under discussion.

A report has reached Cornwall from Glengarry that several graves in the Presbyterian cemetery at Kirkhill have been rifled and the bodies carried off. The remains of a coffin are said to have been found in a near-by woods. The crime has been reported to the authorities, and an effort is being made to trace the guilty persons.

WESTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. Neil Campbell, of Oro, preached at Ardrea last Sunday morning.

Rev. J. W. Kendall, of Beamsville, has been preaching at Smithville.

Rev. J. M. Whitelaw, M.A., of Fairbank, has declined a unanimous call to Bethel and East Normandy.

Rev. J. B. Mullan has removed from Fergus to Elora, much to the regret of friends and neighbors in the former place.

The King's Daughters of St. Andrew's church, Guelph, will hold a Talent Social on the afternoon and evening of December 3rd.

Eugenia congregation, of which Rev. G. C. Little is pastor, has elected elders, Messrs. George Gorley and Wm. Walker, who will be ordained on Sabbath next.

Hamilton Presbytery appointed Sir Thomas Taylor and Capt. Hardy a committee to try and bring about an amalgamation of Barton and Chalmers' Churches.

Rev. H. J. Pritchard, B.A., of Brantford, who accepts the call to First church, Galt, will preach his farewell sermon in Alexander church on Sunday, 1st December.

The annual thankoffering meeting of the W.F.M.S. of St. Andrew's church, Thamesford, was addressed by Mrs. (Dr.) McCrae, and the collection amounted to nearly \$60.00.

Rev. Harvey Grant, returned missionary from China, preached at Dundalk on Sabbath the 10th inst., at Flesherton and associate congregations on the 17th and spoke at the annual thankoffering meeting of the W.F.M.S. at Markdale on the evening of the 18th inst.

The induction of Rev. D. G. McPhail as pastor of Knox church, Cayuga, took place on the 19th instant. In the evening a reception was tendered Rev. Mr. and Mrs. McPhail by the ladies of the congregation in the lecture room of the church, at which a warm welcome was extended to all.

Oro has organized a Canadian Club and Rev. Dr. McLeod, of Barrie, has been invited to open the lecture course on the evening of 20th instant. "Scottish Song" will be the subject of the lecture, and in the Doctor's hands it will be treated in an attractive and masterly manner.

St. Andrew's Church, Brantford, reopened for worship on the 10th inst., has been entirely reconstructed and added to until it is now a wholly new building. It is very imposing and with the additions, is now listed among the largest in the city. The building is well lighted and ventilated and has a seating capacity of over 900 people. The choir platform will seat over 35. The new pipe organ, which is very large, has proved satisfactory in every way and the church might be said to be one of the best equipped in the city. The new building is so constructed that it forms the main seating portion of the church. The old building, running crosswise to this portion thus forms transepts which will seat a large number of people. The building is lighted by electricity and the very best furnaces have been installed. There are two spacious aisles in the main portion, thus affording a free passage. The seats at the back are so raised that it is possible to get a good view of the church. The entire cost of rebuilding is in the neighborhood of \$9,000.

WESTERN ONTARIO.

The re-opening of St. Andrew's Church, Brantford, took place on the 10th inst., with appropriate services conducted by Rev. Dr. Turnbull, of Toronto, whose highly practical discourses were listened to by large congregations, both morning and evening. The offerings of the day amounted to nearly \$1,000.00.

The induction of Rev. J. A. Brown, recently of Agincourt, into the pastorate of St. Andrew's Church, Fergus, took place there on the 14th instant. Rev. Mr. Stewart, of Hespeler, preached the sermon, after which Rev. Mr. Glassford, of Guelph, addressed the minister. Rev. Mr. McIntosh, of Elora, spoke to the people.

Rev. A. H. McGillivray, of Chatham, Ont., is urging the establishment of a Young Men's Christian Association in that prosperous city. Incidentally he mentions a number of towns and cities that have recently moved in this direction, viz.: Woodstock, Owen Sound, Paris and Orillia, and where now well-equipped buildings have been supplied. The cost of running such a branch to the city, Mr. McGillivray says, would amount to not more than \$1,000 per annum, over and above the membership fees, etc. Its value would be incalculable. For one thing, the long felt need of public swimming baths could incidentally be met. For another, the crying demand of the young men of the city for a proper meeting place would be filled. If it costs the citizens a little it will save them much more. In our rambles last summer we were greatly struck with the need in North Bay for an up-to-date building in which to house an active and aggressive Y. M. C. A. In no town that we are acquainted with could such useful work be done for young men as in the rapidly growing town on the north shore of Lake Nipissing.

The induction service held in Knox church, Owen Sound, on the evening of November 12th, varied from the ordinary, but was not the less interesting. The usual routine was followed, but, with sermon and addresses shortened to within twenty minutes each, the whole service was completed within an hour and a half. Beginning at 7.30 p.m., this left a clear hour before ten o'clock for a public reception service, at which greetings were extended to the new pastor by the mayor, the principals of the Collegiate Institute and Business College, very many students of which attend Knox, the presidents of the Y. M. C. A. and Ministerial Association of the town, a representative of the Presbytery, the pastor of Division street Presbyterian church, representatives of Knox church congregation and session, and the Interim Moderator, who testified to the harmony and loyalty of the large session during the weary months of the vacancy, with their many perplexing problems. Mr. Rudger responded in a few sentences of cordial appreciation, the tone of which augurs well for his ministry, to which he was so heartily welcomed. The whole service was concluded with a doxology and the benediction at ten minutes after ten, but many of the thousands who were present took advantage of the opportunity to greet the new minister, personally, before leaving. The usual feasting, and even the customary collection, were dispensed with, but the interest of the large congregation was sustained to the very close.