

Rev. J. H. Edmison, B. A. of Cheltenham, has been spending his vacation among Peterborough friends.

Mr. William, student in charge of Mill street church, Port Hope, has been enjoying a few days outing on Lake Ontario.

Mr. Herb King, another Peterborough "old boy," sang in St. Andrew's church on Sunday evening to a large congregation.

Cobourg people were pleased to welcome back their popular pastor, Rev. Wm. Beattie, from his trip to the old country.

Rev. Geo. Yule and family of Springfield, are spending a few weeks vacation at Port Hope. Mr. Yule is a hard worker and his vacation is well deserved.

Rev. Robert Hyde supplied the pulpit of St. Andrew's church during the pastor's absence, preaching able sermons on each occasion.

Mrs. Waddell of Kansas City, a former Peterborough lady, delighted St. Paul's people on the Sabbath morning last with an exquisitely rendered solo, "Rock of Ages."

Rev. J. A. Wilson has returned from his trip to the World's Fair at St. Louis, and Rev. J. T. Potter from his two weeks pleasantly spent at Northfield Conference, Massachusetts.

Rev. G. A. MacLennan of Norwood, Rev. W. L. Atchison of Warsaw, Rev. D. A. Thomson of Hastings, and Rev. Wm. Johnston of Millbrook, have all returned from their annual vacation.

Considering the great number of Peterborough people who spend July and August "up the lakes," the services in the various town churches have been fairly well attended this summer.

Six new elders were recently appointed at St. Paul's church, the full number now being twenty-four. St. Paul's is an important charge, and with its four hundred families and eight hundred communicants, both pastors are kept busy.

Rev. James Cattanaack of March Chunk, Penn., preached at Centerville on the 21st, and in St. Paul's, Peterborough, on the 28th. Mr. Cattanaack was formerly pastor of Centerville church, and his many friends in this neighborhood were glad to see him again.

Introduction of W. A. McIlroy.

Considering the inclement character of the night a surprisingly large congregation assembled in the Stewart church last Friday evening to witness the introduction of Rev. W. A. McIlroy.

Rev. Dr. Ramsay, Moderator of Presbytery, presided. There were present Rev. Dr. Armstrong, Rev. A. E. Mitchell, Rev. J. H. Turnbull, Rev. A. S. Reid, Rev. Dr. Wardrobe and Rev. D. J. Craig, evangelist.

Rev. A. S. Reid, of Plantagenet, preached an excellent sermon from 1st Corinthians, 1:23 and 24. "But we preach Christ crucified," etc. The subject of the preaching was "Christ crucified," the object of the preaching was the salvation of lost sinners. The crucified Christ is the key-stone of the Christian religion. Some of the world religions might exist with their authors dropped out of their systems, but if Christ were dropped out of Christianity there would be little left—the system would collapse. The preacher must point to the beneficence of Christ's personal life as the Son of man and our exemplar, but the central thought of the gospel story is that He gave His life to ransom lost sinners. The gospel story proved a stumbling block to the Jews, because they looked for an earthly king and kingdom; to the Greeks, with their plan of elevating human kind by a dry philosophy the gospel story became foolishness; but to those who accepted it, it became the power and wisdom of God. Christ crucified must be the central theme of all true and faithful preaching.

The Moderator then briefly narrated the steps taken leading to the call to Mr. McIlroy and his acceptance thereof, and put to him the acceptance of the formula, which being satisfactorily answered, he declared him duly inducted into the pastoral charge of the congregation and welcomed him as a member of Ottawa Presbytery joined.

Rev. Mr. Turnbull then addressed the newly-inducted minister, speaking of the larger responsibilities and duties of his new pastorate, and outlined some phases of ministerial life to which he would have to give attention in his preaching and pastoral work.

Rev. Mr. Mitchell addressed the people on the duty they owe to their pastor—to be a

united congregation; to be a praying congregation. He urged them to co-operate with him in his plans, to extend to him their earnest sympathy, and to realize that their spiritual upbuilding would help and stimulate him in his work.

After the benediction had been pronounced by the Moderator, Mr. McIlroy was conducted to the door of the church, where he had an opportunity of being introduced to the people as they passed out of the church.

Introduction of Rev. Dr. Ross as Pastorate of St. Andrew's church London, Ont.

The induction service was conducted by Rev. Walter Moffet, of Chalmers Church. Following the opening hymn, Rev. James Rollins, pastor of the King Street Church, delivered the sermon. Then Rev. A. J. MacGillivray, of New St. James Church, who has been acting as interim moderator, explained the steps leading up to last evening's service. He pointed out briefly that on Dec. 1st, 1903 the pulpit was rendered vacant by the resignation of Rev. Dr. Johnston. Since then the congregation had heard several ministers, and not only the supply but the attendance has been satisfactory. The call to Rev. Dr. Ross had been unanimous and most hearty. The call was sustained by the Presbytery of London and as interim moderator he had prosecuted it before the Montreal Presbytery. The call was accepted, and, the edict having been read and returned, they were there to induct Rev. Dr. Ross as pastor of St. Andrew's Church.

Rev. W. J. Clark's address to the newly-inducted pastor was one that was of equal interest to the large congregation present. "My dear Dr. Ross," he said, "In common with the Presbytery of London, I heartily rejoice in the fact that calls us together this evening to induct you as pastor of this church." He said he felt the more embarrassment in addressing his remarks to Dr. Ross, in the presence of so large a company when he considered the doctor's superiority in point of years, learning and equipment, but he spoke for the court of the church and hoped to have things balanced by the counsel he should receive from him. Mr. Clark dwelt upon four thoughts. The first was a pastor's responsibility to his charge. Especially great was it in this case, St. Andrew's Church having last year a membership of 973, a seating capacity of 1,400, families connected with the church 325, and single persons, aside from the above families, of 150, and last year having added 106 and lost 116 members. With the doctor's experience and increasing knowledge of human nature, he felt sure he would fully apprehend the responsibilities of the position. Then there was the thought of the opportunities. There was no greater opportunity than that which came to the minister of the gospel. The joy and reward were great, too. One did not have to wait for the future for reward. Was there any other man that knew so strongly the deep affection of men and women and little children? There was also the reward of duty well done, and the joy of proclaiming the truth. Mr. Clarke's thought was the Great Companion, whom Dr. Ross would have in his ministry, and the speaker expressed his best wishes for the pastor.

Rev. A. J. MacGillivray made a short address to the congregation. He said, that the general conviction among ministers, was that a professor's chair was the highest possible office in the gift of the church. Dr. Ross had held one firmly. Yet he listened to their call and stepped back into active work. That was encouragement for the pastors, and showed a need on the part of the congregation to be loyal and devoted, so that he might never think he had made a mistake by coming to St. Andrew's Church.

Rev. Dr. Fletcher of Hamilton, ex-moderator of the general assembly, and a personal friend of Rev. Dr. Ross, was introduced. He congratulated the congregation on securing Dr. Ross. He came to them in possession of a large experience as a pastor and teacher, of a strongly-cultivated intellect, of a bright scholarship, of a warm and generous Christian heart, and of sanctified common sense, something pre-eminently useful to ministers. This congregation had enjoyed a number of eminent and saintly pastors but in his judgment, Rev. Dr. Ross was a worthy successor to the best of them. He asked them to honor their new pastor by being in their pews every Sunday, to speak kindly of him in their homes, and to give him a place in their prayers.

The sermon, which was preached by Rev. James Rollins, was taken from Luke's words; "And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them; but his mother kept all these sayings in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man."

At the close of the service Dr. Ross was introduced to the congregation and heartily welcomed.

Introduction of Rev. John McKinnon at Pinkerton.

According to appointment the Presbytery of Bruce assembled in the Presbyterian Church, Pinkerton, for the induction of Rev. John McKinnon, M. A. B. D., late of Springfield. Rev. Thos. Wilson, the Moderator, presided. There were also present, Rev. F. O. Nichol, acting clerk, and Rev'ds. Anderson, Budge, McLennan, ministers and Messrs. Eckford and Bell, elders. Rev. Prof. Murison of Toronto was invited to sit as corresponding member.

After the usual preliminaries, the Moderator ascended the pulpit, which was beautified by a bank of flowers and foliage, and conducted a very impressive service. He chose for his text the words "Pray without ceasing." The usual questions having been satisfactorily answered, the new minister was solemnly inducted.

Rev. Dr. McLennan of Tiverton, then charged the minister on behalf of the presbytery. Among other things he urged that the high ideal of an early ministry, be not allowed to lower, in spite of all the discouragements, and temptations due to the worldliness of this proud age. He was followed by Rev. A. L. Budge of Hanover, who addressed the people. It was pointed out here, that as in the pastorate of our Saviour and His disciples, there were both joys and sorrows, so that in this they might look for both. There was a joy in saving men. But the hardness of the human heart, would often bring grief. At the close of the service Mr. McKinnon was formally introduced to his people. The ladies having provided refreshments, a very pleasant re-union, of a large assembly, took place.

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