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Ministers and Churches.

St. John's Church, Hamilton, has called the Rev. J. A. Young, M.A., of St. Enoch's, Toronto.

The Rev. Dr. McCrae, of Collingwood, who has been ill with the grip, is now able to be about again.

Rev. Walter Muir, of Carluke, has received a call from the Presbyterian congregation at Brucefield.

The Presbytery of Orangeville has nominated the Rev. Dr. Torrance, of Guelph, for the Moderatorship of the General Assembly.

Principal Grant, of Queen's University, Kingston, conducted both services in the Presbyterian church, Cobourg, on Sunday.

The Rev. D. M. Buchanan, of St. Andrew's Church, Lanark, is preaching an interesting series of sermons on the Book of Job.

The Rev. Robert Rodgers, of Owen Sound, is slowly recovering from the effects of a severe fall which, while it broke no bones, gave him a severe shaking up.

The Ministerial Association of Elora was pleasantly entertained at Knox church manse on Monday afternoon of last week by the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. McLane.

Rev. John Gourley, of Carp, who finished his theological course at Montreal Presbyterian College, has gone to take charge of an appointment at Lake Dolphin, Man.

The Rev. J. A. Carmichael, of Knox Church, Regina, has been preaching a series of discourses on "The Principle of Giving." Last Sunday week the collections there amounted to over \$200.

The Rev. A. Stevenson left Listowel last week to assume pastoral charge of the Presbyterian Church at Dunnville, Quebec. The *Banner* says:—"We lose in Mr. Stevenson a good citizen and wish him abundant success in his new field of labor."

Rev. Neil McPherson, B.D., of Petrolia, has just completed the first year of his pastorate. An "At Home" was given and the occasion was celebrated in a most satisfying manner. On Sabbath sermons were preached by Rev. M. P. Talling, of London.

Rev. David Mitchell, well-known to many of our ministers in Canada, and for the past ten years pastor of the Scotch Church, Jersey City, has been obliged to resign his charge on account of failing health, very greatly to the regret of an attached people.

Rev. M. McGregor last Sabbath week started upon his fourteenth year as pastor of the Presbyterian Church, Tilsonburg. During all these years many changes have taken place in the congregation, but with them all the work of the church had prospered greatly under Mr. McGregor's pastorate.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Halifax, has unanimously decided to call to its pastorate Rev. J. S. Black, to succeed Rev. D. M. Gordon, who was appointed to a professorship in Halifax Presbyterian College. Rev. Mr. Black was pastor of Erskine Church, Montreal, previous to Rev. L. H. Jordan.

Work has been begun on the new Presbyterian Church, Fenelon Falls. When finished the church will be a credit to the village and the congregation, and particularly so to the talented pastor, Rev. M. McKinnon. This gentleman has, during his few years sojourn in Fenelon Falls, won a host of friends, both by his kindly disposition and eloquent discourses.

The *London Advertiser*: Rev. Dr. Milligan, of Toronto, says he does not believe in special services for children—though he proposes to preach a special sermon to them on obedience. We do not know exactly what the genial divine means by "special services," but in the *Advertiser's* opinion children are too much unthought of in the ordinary Sabbath services. In an average Sabbath service how much is comprehensible by the average child?

On a recent Sabbath Rev. R. McNabb, of Beachburg, Moderator of the Osceola, Stafford and Scotland field, Lanark and Renfrew Presbyteries, dispensed the sacrament of the Lord's supper in the new Scotland Church. Mr. D. J. Scott is leader of the work in the field. Twenty-eight new members were received, ten by certificate, and eighteen by confession. Two new elders were ordained. Much encouragement accompanies the workers and work in this part of the Presbytery.

Rev. W. T. Herriage, of Ottawa, and Mrs. Herriage have just received word that Mr. Duncan, brother of the latter, has gained the first prize in Senior Divinity, in Senior Biblical Criticism, in Senior Church History, also the first prize for essays on Biblical Criticism. He has also been awarded for the second year in succession, the Rae-Wilson gold medal in theology. At the final examination for the degree of Bachelor of Divinity, he took first place and was elected to the Black fellowship of £147 per annum, which is the highest honor that Glasgow University can bestow on a theological student. This record of success is unparalleled, the nearest to approach it having been Prof. Kennedy, of Edinburgh University, and Prof. Hutton, of St. Andrew's.

London Presbyterians have participated largely in social intercourse of late. Rev. J. G. Stuart's induction into Knox Church was followed by the Rev. Robert Johnston's into St. Andrew's; and last week a social re-union was held at St. James' Church. Addresses were delivered by Rev. Messrs. Clark, Stuart and Johnston. Rev. D. Robertson's absence was unavoidable. The chair was occupied by the pastor, Rev. M. P. Talling. Music and singing added zest to a thoroughly profitable evening.

The 5th year of the ministry of the Rev. A. H. Scott in St. Andrew's Church, Perth, was entered upon in a very happy way. The Ladies' Association made it the occasion of a reunion, which was much enjoyed. The reunion was held in the town hall, Rev. M. Macgillivray, of Kingston and Rev. Dr. Moore, of Ottawa, were present on the occasion and spoke suitable words. Greetings were conveyed by Rev. Mr. Currie from the sister church in Perth, members from other denominations took part in the services connected with the reunion.

The congregation of MacNab St. Presbyterian Church, Hamilton, celebrated a double anniversary a week ago last Sunday, the fortieth of the establishment of the Church and the twenty-third of Rev. Dr. Fletcher's pastorate. The Church was well filled both morning and evening, and the services were rendered especially attractive by special music by the choir. The pulpit was, on both occasions, occupied by Rev. Principal Grant, of Queen's College, Kingston. Dr. Fletcher's numerous friends will wish him many years of an increasingly fruitful pastorate.

Recently at a joint meeting of Session and Board of Managers of St. Giles' Church, Winnipeg, it was decided to grant the Rev. John Hogg three months leave of absence, the members regretting that the pastor had found it necessary to take a vacation. An adjournment was made to the manse at the close by the managers, session and friends, where Mr. Hogg was waited upon and presented with an address and a well filled purse. They expressed the earnest desire that Mr. Hogg might be restored to health and resume his pastoral labors towards the end of the summer. Pulpit supply will be given St. Giles' Church by the professors of Manitoba College.

Mr. J. J. Bell, M.A., of Toronto, and Dr. Bell, of Peterboro', presented a rare collection of old books and pamphlets of an historical nature, which belonged to their father, the late Robert Bell, to Queen's University. The books in question are almost priceless in value, duplicates of many of them being impossible to secure. As works of references and for purposes of historical research the gift will prove a valuable one indeed to the library of Queen's, some of the professors of which have already expressed personally to Dr. Bell their gratification at being able to examine these old documents and pamphlets, to the collecting of which the late Mr. Bell devoted a large portion of the latter years of his life.

The monthly meeting of the Toronto Auxiliary Canadian McAll Association was held in the Y. M. C. A. library on Thursday, May 2nd., Mrs. Duncan Clarke occupying the chair in the absence of the president. Miss Carty read several interesting letters on McAll Sabbath School work in Lyons. "Our Medical Missions," an article bearing on the free dispensaries, supported by the mission in France, was read by Mrs. Geo. Kerr. A paper from Mrs. Cody, on the "Tour of the Mission Boat" was most encouraging. The welcome given this little boat is a proof of the way in which simple gospel teaching is received in France. The treasurer stated that the financial depression which has been felt, recently, by all missions, has left a diminution in the receipts for the closing year. Otherwise the work is progressing favorably and results are very encouraging.

On Sabbath, the 5th inst., East Presbyterian Church on Oak Street celebrated its anniversary. The Rev. Dr. Jackson, of Galt, officiated at both morning and evening services, and in the afternoon specially addressed the Sunday School and its friends. Dr. Jackson's sermons were characterized by an earnest desire to bring all within the highest influence of manhood, and as such were eloquent expositions of the beauty and happiness of a Christian Life. That he should be the pastor of one of the largest and most progressive Presbyterian Churches in Canada is no wonder to those to whom was granted the pleasure of hearing him. The service of praise was led not only by the choir but by the Sabbath School as well, and the sweetness of the music showed how efficiently they had been trained by their leader Mr. Stoddart. Fast Church has remarkably shown the fitness of their call to the Rev. J. A. Morison, and the increased attendance, along with their deepening spirituality, promise that the future opens for them brightly with augmented prosperity.

OBITUARY.

We noted at the time the death of Mr. Malcolm A. MacLean, the first mayor of Vancouver, B.C., and well know in Ontario. The following tribute to his memory is from the *Daily World*, of Vancouver: In the death of ex-Mayor MacLean our city loses one who was intimately connected with its birth and growth, and who had a great love for it. Withal he possessed many delightful traits of character, a sunny disposition, kind heart, broad views, liberal sentiments, and a tender regard for those near and dear to him. It were idle to say that he was faultless, our corrupt

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human nature stands in the way of perfection, but his virtues far outweighed any blots that the capacious might discover. He was zealous in his regard for the heather-clad mountains of his native land, and on festive occasions was always prominent when memories of Auld Scotia were revived. His bright smile and warm hand-clasp will be missed on our streets; but when the history of the Terminal City is written his name will be emblazoned on its pages in undying letters. Those left to mourn a devoted husband and affectionate father are not alone in their sorrow, which is shared by many who knew how to appreciate their beloved dead at his true worth, finding him ever loyal in his friendships and sterling in those qualities that go to make the worthy citizen.

PRESBYTERY MEETINGS.

OTTAWA. This Presbytery in session in St. Andrew's Sunday School Hall, on the 7th inst., unanimously nominated Rev. Dr. Armstrong for the position of professor of Apologetics and Church History in Knox College. Rev. Dr. Campbell moved the nomination. In doing so, he said that, no doubt, Toronto would show the same selfishness in this as well as other educational matters and try to elect a man from among the Toronto clergy, but in his opinion other places had just as intelligent men as the great city of Toronto. Ottawa Presbytery had men that were just as well qualified for such a position. Concluding, he said that he had been a fellow-student of Rev. Dr. Armstrong, and like many others could testify to his qualities. Rev. John McLaren seconded the resolution and Rev. Messrs. McLean, Nelson, Goodwillie and Whillans spoke of Rev. Dr. Armstrong as especially qualified and deserving of the promotion. Dr. Armstrong said he appreciated the support of the Presbytery. He had reason to know that other Presbyteries had been thinking of him and intended giving him their support. While not desiring to be boastful he said he felt qualified for the position.—*Ottawa Evening Journal*.

PARIS. At a special meeting of Presbyteries held in Paris, Mar 7th, the translation of Rev. R. W. Leitch from Waterford and Windham to Delaware and Caradoc in the Presbytery of London was granted. Rev. R. G. Sinclair was appointed

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