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## Ministers and Churches.

Rev. Dr. Grant, of Orillia, occupied his pulpit for the first time since his vacation last Sunday.

Rev. Prof. Baird, of Winnipeg, recently conducted communion services in the Marquette Presbyterian church.

Rev. James Ballantyne, pastor of Knox Church, Ottawa, returned from his vacation recently, which was spent at Nantucket.

The Rev. Mr. Millan, of Milton, preached in St. Andrew's church, Guelph, last Sunday. Both sermons were well received.

Rev. Mr. McWilliams, pastor of the American Presbyterian church, Montreal, has returned from a holiday trip to England.

The Rev. R. W. Ross, M.A., Glencoe, occupied the pulpit of the Central Presbyterian Church, Toronto, on Sabbath, 26th August.

Rev. J. L. Murray, pastor of Knox Church, Kincardine, accompanied by his daughter, was in Woodstock recently, the guests of Dr. A. Mackay.

Rev. S. W. Fisher, B.A., and Mrs. Fisher, of West Flamboro, returned home this week, after their summer vacation, spent at Milford Bay, Muskoka.

Rev. R. G. McBeth, of Winnipeg, recently occupied the pulpit of the Presbyterian Church at Grand Forks in the absence of the pastor, Rev. Mr. Spence.

The Rev. George Grant, B.A., I.P.S., was at Creemore last Sunday week, supplying the pulpit of the Rev. J. K. Henry, who is spending his vacation at Sparrow Lake.

The new Eskine Presbyterian Church, at the corner of Sherbrooke Street and Ontario Avenue, Montreal, has just been completed. It is a handsome and imposing structure.

The Endeavor Society of Knox Church, Souris, Manitoba, Rev. A. E. Driscoll, pastor, has under taken the support of a native student missionary in the Honan field, China.

Rev. J. B. McLaren preached a sermon on infant baptism in the Presbyterian church, Brooklyn, last Sunday afternoon, to a large congregation. The subject was ably handled.

Rev. G. D. Bayne, M.A., of Pembroke, recently visited his parents at Kemptville, and while there preached twice in the Presbyterian Church. He is a particularly forceful speaker.

The Allenford Presbyterian Church, which has been undergoing repairs, was re-opened last Sunday Rev. Dr. Waites, of Owen Sound, and Rev. Mr. Kippen, of Tara, each conducted a service.

The Rev. Dr. Armstrong, pastor of St. Paul's Presbyterian church, Ottawa, has returned to the city after a few weeks' holiday spent in the Maritime Provinces and New England sea coast.

Rev. Jonathan Goforth, the returned missionary from Honan, China, delivered an address last Friday in the Presbyterian Church at Napier. He occupied the pulpit of St. Andrew's Church, Strathroy, on Sunday.

Rev. Principal MacVicar, B.D., LL.D., of Montreal, is expected to preach at St. Andrew's Church, Lindsay, on the second Sabbath of September. A great treat is in store for all who may be able to hear him.

The contract for the new Presbyterian Church in Acton has been awarded to John J. Lawson. Work has commenced. The brick work, carpenter work and plastering will cost \$5,165; the seats, pulpit, etc., \$900; glazing, \$200.

Rev. William Patterson, pastor of Cooke's church, Toronto, and his wife are in the old country. Their return has been delayed by the serious illness of Mrs. Patterson. It will be some time before she is able to be brought back.

The funeral of the late Robert Blackburn, of Ottawa, who died in Liverpool, was conducted at the capital recently by Rev. James Ballantyne, assisted by Rev. Dr. Moore, Rev. J. Macfarlane and Rev. R. E. Knowles. The deceased, a prominent citizen, is greatly lamented.

The Presbyterians of Prescott have one of the prettiest churches, architecturally, in the Province. It is unique in design, and, internally, is very comfortably arranged. A handsome pipe organ, presented to the congregation by a fellow-parishioner, adds much to the general effect.

Mrs. Samuel Glasgow, who has resided in Prescott for over half a century, died there recently. She was an esteemed member of the Presbyterian congregation. Rev. James Stuart, her pastor, preached a sermon in which he paid a well-deserved tribute to the life and character of the deceased lady.

It is to be regretted that the Rev. Thos. Scouler, of St. Andrew's Church, and Rev. G. B. Greig, of the West Presbyterian Church, New Westminster have resigned. At a recent meeting of Presbytery, the former was laid over and the latter was accepted. Financial difficulties are said to be the cause of both resignations.

Rev. Gilbert C. Patterson, of Embro, occupies a prominent place in the admiration and affection of his people. When he and his wife returned home recently, after spending a few weeks in the Maritime Provinces, this fact was well displayed. The members of the congregation assembled en masse to give him a fitting greeting. In the absence of the Rev. Mr. Silcox through illness, Mr. D. R. Ross was appointed chairman. After the chairman's remarks Mr. and Mrs. Patterson were called to the platform, and Mr. H. C. Ross read the address of welcome. Rev. Mr. Patterson responded in a feeling manner. A number of short addresses followed.

The Rev. T. F. Fotheringham writes: In order to enable members of the General Assembly's Sabbath-school Committee to take advantage of the special excursion rates of the Canadian Pacific Railway, on September the 10th and 11th, the meeting called for the 5th of that month is postponed to the 12th. Same place and hour.

The recent appointment of Mr. D. Chisholm, Q.C., of Port Hope, to a judgeship is one that meets with universal commendation. Judge Chisholm has been an elder and S.S. superintendent in the First Presbyterian Church, Port Hope, for many years, and in his removal from the town local Presbyterianism loses an earnest and intelligent worker.

Rev. John McEwen recently conducted normal classes at Windham Centre under the auspices of the Provincial Sabbath School Association. While there he was the guest of Mr. James Edgeworth. The four meetings held were immensely successful, a marked degree of interest being evinced at each. Rev. R. Leitch, the pastor of St. Andrew's Church, is doing a good work.

The Rev. Joseph Hamilton officiated in Knox Church, St. Thomas, during the absence of the pastor, Rev. J. A. Macdonald. In a note received from the sec-treasurer of the congregation, it is said: "He preached with great acceptance, conducted the prayer-meetings with vim and marked ability, and in his pastoral calls won the hearts of those whom he met by his simple earnestness."

Rev. Dr. Mowat, of Queen's College, Kingston, occupied the pulpit of Wentworth Presbyterian Church, Hamilton, on a recent Sunday. He preached interesting sermons to delighted audiences. The church was well filled at the evening service, when the aged minister spoke earnestly on God's plan of salvation, the beauties of the Christian life, the horrors of an eternal death, and the greatness of the sacrifice made to secure for a lost world freedom from the bonds of sin.

The organ question is agitating the people of Knox Church, Ayr, just now. This is the only church in the Paris Presbytery without an organ, and will doubtless not enjoy that distinction long. The people of Knox Church never do anything by halves. Last fall they wiped off the church debt of some \$2600 in one collection, and we understand that those seeking a musical instrument expect it will be placed in the church without using any of the congregational funds.

On learning that the congregation of Thameford had moderated in a call to the Rev. W. Robertson, of Paslinch, a meeting of the elders and managers of the latter church was held on the 13th, to consider the situation. Nearly all the members were present, and after conference they unanimously requested their pastor to remain with them. Mr. Robertson, on receiving so hearty an expression of good will and so strong a desire to have him remain, requested the Thameford people to proceed no further with the call.

The Ladies' Aid Society, of Knox Church, Lethbridge, N.W.T., recently held a most enjoyable and successful garden party at the residence of Mr. J. D. Higginbotham. Not the least pleasant feature of the event was the presentation of a purse of \$70, to Mrs. McKillop (wife of the esteemed pastor, Rev. Charles McKillop, B.A.), by the ladies of the congregation, accompanied with an appreciatively-worded address signed by Mesdames M. Kirkham and K. Ripley. After meeting all expenses, the proceeds of the evening amounted to \$95.85.

Anniversary services were conducted in Riverside Presbyterian Church on Sabbath, August 26th, by Rev. Geo. Sutherland, clerk of Lodon Presbytery. The church was well filled on each occasion. No service was held that day in Guthrie Church, Melbourn. A lawn social was held on Monday evening, August 27th, at the residence of Mr. Malcolm McGugan, when, in addition to vocal and instrumental music, excellent addresses were given by Messrs. Sutherland, of Fingall; Miller, of Moss, and the pastor, Rev. R. Stewart. Receipts were over \$100.

For some time the Willing Workers of Cooke's Presbyterian church, Kingston, have been engaged in making clothing for the two children whom they are helping to support in a mission home. Last Tuesday night a large number of people gathered in the Sunday School room to "see Ramya Bastien and little Tokewawi." What they did see was two Kingston children arrayed in the garments which these interesting converts from paganism are shortly to assume. A short programme of music was given, and Rev. S. Houston, M.A., who occupied the chair, gave an explanatory address.

The *Stayner Sun* reports the Rev. R. Pogue as meeting with much success in his work in connection with the Presbyterian Church there. He is opposed to raising money for church purposes by bazaars, strawberry festivals, etc., but in order to aid in wiping off the church debt on a recent Sabbath he preached on the subject of "Christian Giving," and then asked the people for a free-will offering. The following Lord's Day over two thousand dollars was placed upon the plate. A number have not yet subscribed, and it is believed when all shall have given their offering the amount will reach \$2,500.

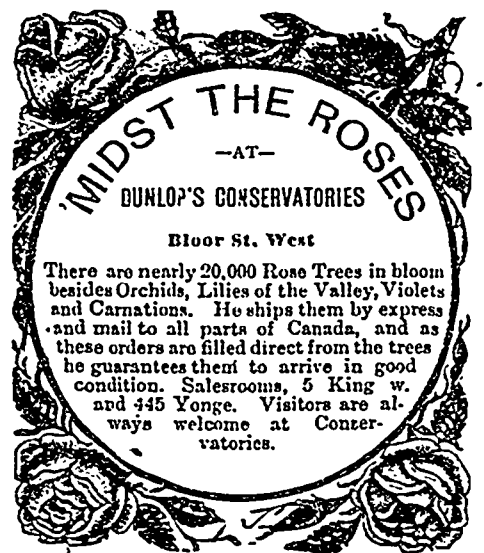
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