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OTTAWA.

A call from Lachute to Rev. T. A. Mitchell, of Manotick, has been sustained by Ottawa Presbytery.

Rev. A. G. Cameron, of Merivale, was appointed interim-moderator of the session of Manotick, and instructed to declare the pulpit vacant on January 27th. He was authorized to moderate in another call as soon as the people were prepared.

In the event of Rev. J. G. Gregg of Bathurst, accepting the call of Cumberland and Rockland, the Ottawa presbytery made provisional arrangements for his induction. The moderator of the presbytery will preside. Rev. A. G. Cameron was chosen to preach, Rev. Hugh Taylor to address the minister and Rev. G. N. Coburn to address the people. The choosing of the date was left in the hands of the moderator.

At the last meeting of Ottawa Presbytery a request was received from the Aylmer congregation asking to be raised to the status of an augmented congregation. After considerable discussion it was agreed that the moderator and Dr. Armstrong be appointed a committee to confer with the people and to report. It was also agreed to have the congregation of Thurso placed on the home mission list under the care of Dr. Armstrong after the first of April.

WESTERN ONTARIO.

The Rev. D. Inglis Ellison, of Duff's church and Tai's Corners, has been called by Stanley street congregation, Ayr, to succeed Rev. S. O. Nixon.

Rev. T. J. Thompson of St. Andrew's church, Stratford, will conduct anniversary services at Burns' church, Milverton, on January 20th.

Rev. Mr. Budge, of Hanover, occupied the pulpit of the Embro church on a recent Sunday, also conducting prayer meeting.

The Hamilton Presbytery sustains the call to Rev. D. M. Robinson from Strabane and Kilbride.

Rev. J. C. Wilson, B. A., of Acton, has been presented with an address and a valuable fur-lined coat. Mr. Wilson was also made the recipient of a beautiful dinner set of Limoges china.

Miss Cora McKee, organist of the Notawa church, has been presented with a handsome brooch, set with pearls, along with an address, expression of the congregation's appreciation of her services as organist.

The Session of Lobo have presented their pastor, Rev. James Argo, with a resolution of sympathy and condolence on his recent sad bereavement, and accompanied the same with a gift of over \$100 from the congregation.

The induction of Rev. H. B. Cochrane is announced for next Tuesday afternoon. Rev. Mr. Scott, of Mount Pleasant, will preach and preside at the induction service, and Rev. Mr. Thompson of Ayr, will address the minister, while Rev. Mr. McBeath of Paris, will speak to the congregation.

The death is announced of the Rev. Geo. Kerry, a well-known Baptist missionary, who worked in Bengal for more than forty years. He returned to England in 1897.

Scotland has 3,712 miles of railway; Ireland 3,296 miles—but while Scottish railways carry 117 million passengers yearly, Irish railways carry less than 30 millions.

EASTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. Mr. Sincennes, of Cornwall went to Montreal to attend the funeral of the Rev. Prof Coussirat, of the Presbyterian College, who died on Tuesday.

Rev. Dr. A. S. Grant, of Dawson city, who is east on a vacation, was in Almonte last week, and called on friends there on his way to Toronto.

Rev. Robert Young, B. A., of Pakenham, occupied the pulpit of Calvin church, Pembroke, Sunday. Rev. Dr. Bayne preaching the anniversary sermons of the church at Pakenham.

At the recent annual meeting of the Women's Missionary Society of St. John's church, Cornwall, the reports showed the society to be in a flourishing condition. The officers of last year were all re-elected as follows:

President, Mrs. (Rev.) McGillivray; 1st vice-president, Mrs. E. H. Liddell; 2nd vice-president, Miss Orena Warrington; secretary, Miss Meiklejohn; treasurer, Mrs. J. G. Harkness; pioneer secretary, Miss Hattie L. Warrington.

During the holiday season the Elizabeth congregation remembered their Minister, Rev. N. Waddell, with numerous tokens of their good will. At a social held in the manse Mr. Geo. Elder took the chair and discharged its duties in a very creditable manner. A short but appropriate programme was rendered. The choir sang a few selections and solos were given by Miss McCrimmon and Miss Jessie McNaughton. Mr. St. John on behalf of the congregation, presented the organists, Miss J. McNaughton and Miss Waddell, with well-filled purses. Rev. N. Waddell replied on behalf of the young ladies and thanked the congregation for the great kindness they had shown him since confining amongst them.

The closing exercises for the year in the Sabbath School of St. Paul's Church, Smith's Falls, of which Mr. William Ewart is Superintendent, were of an unusually interesting character. The members of the primary class (taught by Mrs. F. T. Frost) led off by reciting in concert the Ten Commandments, the 23rd Psalm, the Lord's Prayer and other Scriptural passages. Following this, 17 members of the school were awarded Bibles donated by the Kirk Session for repeating correctly, in two sittings, the Shorter Catechism. Thirteen members of the school were awarded the General Assembly's diplomas for repeating the catechism at one sitting, and one the diploma for memorizing Scripture passages. Fifteen members of the primary class were awarded the Assembly's certificates for memorizing Scripture. Miss Grace C. McLean was awarded the red and gold seals for memorizing Scripture, and by reciting over 1,200 verses of Scripture won the gold medal donated by C. B. Frost, Esq. Miss Hilda McCallum was the winner of the silver medal, donated this year by A. Boyd, Esq., for memorizing Scripture. Two special prizes, awarded by the Superintendent, for readiness in finding Scripture texts, were won by Edna Smith and Arthur Lloyd. Such a successful issue of the year's work will prove stimulating to the enthusiastic and devoted Superintendent and teachers and officers. The minister, Rev. E. W. Mackay, and the members of Session, in the presence of the parents and friends of the children, handed the diplomas and prizes to the scholars who had won them.

WINNIPEG PRESBYTERY.

At the recent meeting of the Winnipeg Presbytery there was a good attendance of members.

Rev. D. M. Solandt, B.D., of Ottawa, being present was invited to sit with the presbytery as a corresponding member.

Rev. Dr. Farquharson on behalf of the church and manse building board presented a statement showing the indebtedness of several congregations which had been assisted by the fund. This statement was referred to the home mission committee for consideration.

The following elders were certified by their respective congregations and their names were added to the roll:

Geo. A. Young, Knox church, Winnipeg; A. P. Shettler, Greta; Archibald MacDonald, St. Andrew's church, Winnipeg, and John Donnelly, Norway.

A communication was read from the congregation of Greta, asking that Rev. Geo. Bennett, of Morris, be appointed interim moderator of the session until the congregation secure the services of an ordained minister. The request was granted.

Rev. Dr. Bryce called attention to the recent death of Donald Matheson, an elder in the Elmwood congregation and a member of his court. Dr. Bryce and Dr. Hart spoke of the loss sustained by the presbytery and the congregation in the death of Mr. Matheson and it was agreed that the clerk send a letter, in the name of the presbytery, expressing sympathy with the surviving members of the family.

The moderator also called the attention of the presbytery to the death of Rev. Jos. Hogg which had occurred since the last meeting and suggested that the presbytery make suitable recognition of the loss of one of its members.

Rev. Dr. DuVal, Rev. Principal Patrick and Rev. Dr. Hart bore feeling testimony to Mr. Hogg's high Christian character, his devoted services and his triumphant faith when face to face with death, and it was agreed that a committee consisting of the Rev. Dr. DuVal and Rev. Dr. Patrick be appointed to draw up a suitable resolution to be engrossed in the minutes and to be communicated to the bereaved family. The position of treasurer of the presbytery fund rendered vacant by the death of Mr. Hogg was filled by the appointment of Dr. Farquharson.

G. H. Greig, on behalf of Augustine church, asked the presbytery to arrange for the preparation of framed notices containing information about the location of the Presbyterian churches in the city and their hours of service, to be hung in hotels and other public places. This was referred to a committee of the city pastors, with Rev. Dr. Wilson as convenor.

Rev. J. P. Jones informed the presbytery that St. John's congregation in the north end of the city wished to arrange for the erection of a new church and with that end in view asked the presbytery to approve of the purchase of a piece of land 125 feet by 135 feet in extent at the corner of Cathedral avenue and West street within a block of their present church. The presbytery gave its approval to the selection of this new site.

Rev. J. W. Macmillan presented a statement about the Presbyterian Brotherhood, telling how the Rev. Dr. Gordon had become acquainted with the organization on a recent visit to its annual meeting at Indianapolis, and how he had, on his return, gathered together a number of the officers of the Presbyterian churches in the city to St. Stephen's church and interested them in the movement which aims at the organization of the men of the church for spiritual development, denunciation fealty and organized work.

Mr. Macmillan moved that the presbytery view with approval the proposal for the establishment of a Presbyterian brotherhood and commends the matter to the favorable consideration of the sessions within the bounds of the presbytery.

Rev. Norman Macleod Caie, Beardsen, Glasgow, has been elected minister of St. Matthew's Established Church.