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OTTAWA.

The General Assembly at Hamilton appointed the following committee for Ottawa Ladies' College:—Dr. W. D. Armstrong, president; Dr. H. T. Herridge, Principal Scrimger; J. H. Turnbull, J. H. Milne, Dugald Currie, P. W. Anderson, ministers; and the following: Levi Crannell, Hon. F. F. Frost, B. M. Northrop, John Fraser, George L. Orme, Walter Paul, and J. M. Gill.

The Knox Sunday school held its picnic in Church's Grove, Chelsea, last Saturday. A splendid supper was provided by the Ladies' Aid, of which Mrs. (Dr.) Ramsay is president. This organization worked hard, and much of the success is due to its efforts. The trip was supervised by Rev. Dr. Ramsay and Mr. S. J. Jarvis, and the arrangements were so well carried out as to leave nothing to be desired.

It is reported there are no fewer than fifty applicants for the position of organist of St. Andrew's Church, coming, it may be said, practically from Vancouver to Truro, and a number from England. An appointment has not yet been made, nor is it likely a successor to Mr. Jenkins will be chosen until the coming fall. The name of a very eminent English organist and choral conductor is receiving favorable consideration. The committee intend to procure the very best talent available.

The Ladies' Aid of Erskine Church held their annual picnic last week at the beautiful summer home of Mrs. W. H. Whillans, at Highland Park. The afternoon was spent in games of various kinds. At six o'clock, the company sat down and enjoyed a hearty supper. Rev. Mr. Nicol was present, and added very much to the enjoyment of the evening. After supper several snap shots were taken, and as night drew on the party left for the city, unanimously voting Mrs. Whillans a "charming hostess."

Bank Street Church never does things by halves. This was amply illustrated recently when Miss F. M. E. Scharfe and Mr. J. Alex Ross, two of its most popular members, were each made the recipient of a handsome testimonial from the choir and board of management of the church on the occasion of their approaching marriage. Mr. Smith, choir-master, made the presentation in a neat speech, and was followed by Rev. Mr. Turnbull, who spoke for the church as a whole, and Mr. R. Stewart, who represented the board of managers. To Miss Scharfe was given a beautiful silver tea service and salver suitably inscribed, while Mr. Ross received a handsome three-piece polished oak hall set, including a rack, seat, and umbrella stand.

The congregation of St. Andrew's church, King street, Toronto, presented their pastor, Rev. T. Crawford Brown, with a purse of \$750 on the occasion of his marriage to Miss Melvin Jones.

Rev. Herbert C. Ross, D. D., of Toronto, and formerly of Erie, Pa., has been presented with a call from the Presbyterian Church, St. Andrew's East, Quebec, to succeed the Rev. R. Balantyne, who was recently transferred to another field.

Rev. Dr. Pidgeon has been released from the pastorate of Victoria Church, which terminated last Sunday. Rev. James Wilson has been appointed interim moderator and will declare the pulpit vacant on 4th July. Rev. Dr. Pidgeon proceeds to Vancouver where he will be installed on 6th July as professor of Practical Training in Westminster Hall. Rev. Prof. Denny, of Glasgow, is to take part in the installation ceremony.

EASTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. and Mrs. J. A. McKeen, of Orono, have gone on a trip to the British Islands.

Rev. Mr. Penman, of Lion's Head, has been preaching at Dalhousie Mills and Cote St. George.

Rev. W. H. Cram, of Manotick, has been exchanging with Mr. Monds, of St. Andrew's Church, Carleton Place.

Rev. N. H. McGillivray, of Cornwall, has been visiting at the Manse, Wakefield. Incidentally his friend, the Rev. Mr. Gamble gave him a day's bass fishing.

Ingratitude, "The most popular sin in the world," was the theme of a thoughtful sermon by Rev. James Hodges, B.A., in the Presbyterian church, Oshawa.

Rev. M. P. Munro, B.D., of Smithville, Sask., who was a commissioner to the General Assembly, has been visiting his relatives at Argyle Farm, Lancaster.

The Rev. M. F. Boudreau, of Quebec, has accepted a call to Merrickville, Ont., and his induction takes place today, June 30.

The Rev. G. W. Mingie, B. A., B.D., LL.D., of Lunenburg, stormont County, Ont., has been appointed permanent secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance for the Province of Quebec. He will enter upon his duties on July 1. The appointment is a good one.

By the death of the late Rev. R. V. McKibbin, B.A., of Severn Bridge, Barrie Presbytery, that charge becomes vacant. An early settlement is very desirable. The interim moderator, Rev. W. H. Smith, B.A., Uptergrove, would be glad to hear from any one desirous of preaching there with a view to a call.

A very pleasant evening was spent at the home of Mr. P. McLaren, Kenmore, on Friday, in the form of a garden party, under the auspices of the Young People's Guild of the Presbyterian Church. The grounds were very tastefully decorated with flags and Chinese lanterns, and the music was furnished by the Russell brass band. The attendance was large, and the evening a most enjoyable one.

The ladies of St. Andrew's church, Perth, with commendable liberality and enterprise, have decided to purchase a site and build a church in Matheson, named after Col. Matheson, Provincial Treasurer. They requested the Minister to secure the selection of an advantageous site for them. This, with the aid of Mr. Fred Dane, of the Temiskaming & Northern Ontario Railway Commission, has been done. The site selected is an ideal one, in immediate contact with the growing town on a hill overlooking McDougall's Falls and the river. The new church will be erected immediately and will be a modern and well-finished sanctuary, probably the pioneer of the permanent churches of the northland.

At Montreal Presbytery, a committee composed of the Rev. S. J. Taylor, Dr. Mowatt, Dr. Campbell, Dr. Amaron, Jas. Rodger, and W. Drysdale was appointed to prepare a resolution and make arrangements in connection with the fiftieth anniversary of the Rev. R. P. Ducloux's ordination, which took place in Switzerland on June 26, 1859.

At the meeting of Montreal Presbytery the report on Foreign Missions was presented by Prof. Welsh. Mention was made of the fact that the government had abolished the tax on Chinese students who came to Canada. The Presbytery rejoiced at this. Reference was made to the death of Mr. David Yule, whose deep interest in missionary work, especially among the heathen, was so well known. A resolution expressive of appreciation of Mr. Yule's liberality and consecration to the work of God was passed.

WESTERN ONTARIO.

Knox Church, Listowel, calls Rev. D. W. S. Urquhart, B.A., of Kippen.

Caven Church, Exeter, calls Rev. S. F. Sharn, of Alliston, to become its pastor.

Mr. John Dickson, a Princeton graduate, has accepted the call to Duart, Chatham Presbytery.

The Rev. Dr. McLeod, of Barrie, was in New York last week, attending the Pan Presbyterian Council.

St. Paul's congregation, Hamilton, will spend \$30,000 in extending the church, installing a new organ and increasing the Sunday school accommodation.

The contract for the new Presbyterian church at Sudbury has been awarded. The building will cost in the neighborhood of \$45,000, and work will begin at once.

Rev. J. C. Wilson, B.A., of Acton, is taking a month's vacation in Boston, Mass., and vicinity. The pulpit of Knox Church will be supplied by Rev. J. A. Mustard, M.A., of Toronto.

Rev. B. M. Smith, of Kinloss, has been called to Oneida, Hamilton Presbytery, stipend \$800, manse and three weeks' holidays. Before going to Kinloss Mr. Smith was minister at Kirkfield.

WINNIPEG AND WEST.

The induction of Rev. Hugh Robertson to the pastorate of Home Street Presbyterian Church, Winnipeg, took place last Monday when Rev. Dr. Gordon, Rev. Clarence MacKinnon and Rev. D. Iverach, took part in the service. Mr. Robertson has been acting as the minister of Home street for several years, but had not been inducted.

The Regina Leader in a write-up of the churches in Saskatoon, has the following in relation to Knox congregation—It was in 1886, the year after the rebellion, that the Presbyterian church first came to Saskatoon as an organized body. On the south side of the river, Mr. Davidson, the school teacher, had been gathering the settlers together on Sundays and preaching to them in the small schoolhouse. These services satisfied the people for a time, but they soon came to the conclusion that it was imposing too much on the school teacher to allow him to continue the strain of teacher and preacher. They therefore sent a request to the late Rev. James Robertson, superintendent of missions for a preacher, and he sent a student missionary during the summer, and the people continued the services during the winter months. Among the students who were here in those early days are the Rev. R. J. Hutcheon, M.A., of Toronto; the Rev. J. M. Miller, B.A., of Nanaimo, B.C.; and the Rev. J. Rex Brown, of Burgoyne, Ont. In the summer of 1902, the congregation decided to remove their church across the river into what is now the centre of the city. They erected a church on the banks of the river facing south. While the church was being built services were held in the railway roundhouse. After the new church was built the congregation applied for a fully ordained minister, and the Rev. Andrew Little was sent them. He was finally compelled to resign his charge on account of ill-health, much to the sorrow of the people amongst whom he had done splendid work. In 1905 the present minister, the Rev. E. C. Gallup was called, and since his advent there has been a vigorous growth of the church. The building has been several times enlarged, and recently a site was purchased for a new building.