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## OTTAWA.

Rev. Dr. Armstrong is taking holidays. While away he will attend meetings of the H. M. Committee and of the B. and F. Bible Society. Next Sunday Rev. D. J. Craig will be the preacher in St. Paul's church, and on the following Sunday Rev. M. McGregor.

Rev. J. W. H. Milne, in the Glebe church, preached a very practical sermon on "The Book of Life." Life was a book, with each page a day, said the preacher. For the purpose of illustration he had a book with its pages written in red, in blue, in invisible ink, and with some pages also blotted. The pages in red represented red-letter days, when good acts were performed; the pages in blue were for those days in which the life was hidden, and the blotted pages for those days in which one wished to blot out of the memory. In the day of judgment the pages in invisible ink and the blotted pages would both be legible. Rev. A. E. Mitchell of Erskine church was the speaker at the afternoon service, when he spoke on "The Three Things." The home, the church and the school were the great needs of the boys and girls.

On Sunday last Rev. T. Albert Moore, secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance, spoke earnest words in two of our city churches in advocacy of the important work he so ably represents. He was glad to tell them that the conduct of the Canadian people towards the Sabbath was rising. Managers of street car systems in certain places in Ontario had told him that not half as many people were taking street cars on Sundays this year as had taken them on Sundays in preceding years. The manager of the company had told him that instead of doubling the service this year on Sundays as they had to do others years, they had used the same service that they used on week days. The sentiment of the people was rising in reference to Sabbath observance. They were realizing more and more that they were their brother's keeper and had no right to force him to work on the Sabbath and rob him of his right to worship and rest.

Children's Day was observed in all the Ottawa churches last Sunday with the signal exception of St. Andrew's, where it was observed on the 23rd ult. At St. Andrew's church there was a large attendance, 326 scholars being present, besides a large number of visitors. In the audience were several pretty babies who are members of the cradle roll. The popular superintendent, Mr. W. H. Fitzsimmons, presided. Bright addresses were delivered by the minister, Rev. W. A. McIlroy, and by Mr. J. G. Pelton, the latter speaking on "Looking unto Jesus." The opening prayer was made by Mr. R. McConnell. The collection was a record breaker, \$26.18 being received. In St. Paul's the attendance was very good. The scholars assembled in the school room and afterwards marched to the church, nearly all carrying large bouquets, which formed a most pleasing picture to the eye. The bouquets were afterwards hung in festoons about the pulpit. Mr. J. McNab, superintendent of the Sunday school, carried the prescribed service out. Rev. Dr. Armstrong, pastor, delivered a suitable address on "Looking Unto Jesus."

At the annual meeting of the Ministerial Association Rev. A. D. Cousins, rector of Emmanuel Reformed Episcopal church, was unanimously elected president. A hearty vote of thanks was tendered the retiring president, Mr. Milne, for his able services during the

past year. Rev. G. I. Campbell, pastor of Bell street Methodist church, was unanimously elected vice-president, and without a dissenting voice, Rev. F. W. Anderson, minister of MacKay church, the genial and obliging secretary-treasurer, was re-elected to that position. A committee was appointed to prepare a programme for the season. It is composed of Revs. J. T. Pitcher, J. T. Turnbull and J. W. A. Milne. Rev. Mr. Milne introduced the question of house to house visitation for the purpose of securing a religious census to be used in Sunday school work, and outlined a scheme for taking the census. On motion of Rev. J. F. Salton, the association heartily endorsed the movement and decided that the work should be begun at once. Mr. Thomas Yellowless, secretary of the Ontario Sabbath School Association, will be asked to take charge of the work.

The general service in Bank street church was held in the morning, when the pastor, Rev. J. H. Turnbull, preached on The Voyage of Life. In the afternoon, Mr. W. B. Morgan, boys' secretary of the Y.M.C.A., gave a short talk previous to the distribution of the year's awards. At McKay street church in the morning, Rev. P. W. Anderson illustrated his subject, Poison, with a very interesting series of chemical experiments. The church was prettily decorated and filled to the doors with scholars and members of the congregation. In the morning service at Erskine, Rev. A. E. Mitchell, the pastor, spoke of the object-lesson conveyed by flowers and weeds. In the afternoon, Rev. Mr. Milne addressed nearly 500 scholars and their friends upon "The Book of Life."

The annual meeting of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of St. Paul's church was held last night and was a most successful meeting. The president, Mrs. J. Thorburn, presided, and there was a good attendance of members. The reports were of the most encouraging nature. The treasurer's statement, which was presented by Mrs. W. J. Irvine, showed that \$180.50 had been contributed to missions during the year. Of this amount \$18.50 was raised by the Scattered Helpers. The membership was given at 44 and 11 meetings were held during the year. The president and Rev. Dr. Armstrong gave short addresses, and Miss Laura Watters presented an interesting report of the Mission Band. Miss Eva Bourne sang very sweetly. The election of officers was then proceeded with and resulted as follows: President, Mrs. J. Thorburn; vice-president, Mrs. W. D. Armstrong and Mrs. Gallagher; recording-secretary, Mrs. J. Hill; corresponding secretary, Miss Annie Elmhut; treasurer, Mrs. W. J. Irvine; executive committee, Mrs. J. McNabb, Mrs. Blackett Robinson, Mrs. Henry Watters and Mrs. W. H. Taylor; superintendents of Scattered Helpers, Mrs. T. W. Anderson for the city, and Mrs. J. D. Anderson for the country; secretary of "Tidings," Miss Margaret Watters. A programme committee was appointed to assist the president. It consists of Mrs. J. R. Hill, convener; Mrs. Blackett Robinson, Mrs. C. H. Thorburn and Miss Bennett. Last year the St. Paul's society, in common with other societies in the Ottawa Presbytery, sent a bale of clothing and other household necessities to Bombay, India, where it was distributed among the hospitals and orphanages.

The devil's salve for sin is self-pity; God's cure for it is self-renunciation.

## WESTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. Dr. McCrae, of Westminster, has been elected president of the London Ministerial Alliance.

Rev. Dr. Kilpatrick, of Knox College, Toronto, preached anniversary sermons in Knox church, Guelph, last Sunday.

On a recent Sunday, Rev. Prof. Kilpatrick, of Knox College, conducted the twentieth anniversary services of Division street church, Owen Sound.

The young members of King street Presbyterian church, London, have organized a Young People's Society, with an excellent staff of officers. An active winter's campaign has been planned.

At the Eglinton Home Mission Society meeting last week it was stated that enough funds had been collected to furnish two hospital cots for the Saskatchewan District Mission.

Rev. Wm. Robertson, who recently resigned the pastorate of Duff's Church, Puslinch, has been offered and has accepted an editorial position in connection with the MacLean Publishing Company, Toronto.

With the completion of three churches which are to be dedicated within two or three weeks Presbyterians of New York will have spent in one year \$2,500,000 on new church buildings and their sites, a record which leaders say has never been surpassed in the history of the Presbyterian Church in that city, and may never have been surpassed by any other denomination.

Mr. R. B. Cochrane, who has been assistant minister of Knox Church, Woodstock, is wanted by several congregations. He has been called to Owen Sound and Smith's Falls, but will probably remain in Woodstock—the resignation of Rev. Dr. McMullen, after a long pastorate, making a vacancy which the people unanimously desire Mr. Cochrane to fill. He is the son of the late Dr. Cochrane, of Brantford, for 60 many years a prominent figure in Canadian Presbyterianism.

The Young People's Society of Division street congregation, Owen Sound, gave a good send-off to Rev. A. Thomson and bride on the eve of their leaving for Honan, China. The meeting was held in the church and was largely attended. Mr. Thomson was presented with a very elegant and serviceable travelling bag and umbrella, and an appreciative address. Mr. Thomson grew up in the congregation and since childhood has been interested in missions. At the same meeting Mr. J. B. Paulin, who has been assistant pastor for six months past was also presented with a "bag of gold" as a token of the appreciation of his services by the congregation.

The Presbytery of London met at Port Stanley and inducted Rev. N. T. C. Mackay, B.A., into the pastoral charge of St. John's Church, to succeed Rev. J. H. Courtenay, who resigned last June, after a pastorate of eleven years. There were present Rev. W. H. Geddes, of Alton Craig, the moderator; Rev. Alex. Henderson, of London, the stated clerk; Rev. George Weir, of Glencoe, who preached the induction sermon; Rev. H. W. Reede, St. Thomas, who addressed the newly-inducted minister, and Rev. E. L. Piddison, who addressed the congregation. The ladies of the congregation entertained the Presbytery to a very appetizing repast. Mr. Mackay has been heartily received by the people and enters on his work with good prospects for a useful pastorate.