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EASTERN ONTARIO.

On Sunday evening Rev. I. N. Beckstedt, B.A., preached his farewell sermon in the Presbyterian church, Athens, and the evening service in the Baptist and Methodist churches were withdrawn in consequence.

The Rev. Mr. Nickel, Moderator of the Presbytery, conducted services in St. Andrew's church, Picton, on Sunday.

The Presbytery of Glengarry held a special meeting in McLaren Hall, Alexandria, on Tuesday, to deal with the call from Dalhousie Mills and Cote St. George of Rev. William MacMillan, B.A., B.D., late of Prince Edward Island. The call was sustained and the ordination and induction will take place at Dalhousie Mills on Tuesday, May 3. The Moderator of Presbytery, Rev. N. H. McGillivray, of Cornwall, to preside and induct; Rev. Mr. Plate, of Lancaster, to address the minister, and Rev. Mr. McCallum, of Glen Sandfield, to address the people.

The corner stone of Knox Church, Peterboro, was laid Saturday afternoon by Lt.-Col. Gibson. The new church will seat 900 and is to cost \$23,000.

The Synod of Montreal and Ottawa will meet in St. John's church, Cornwall, on May 10 and 11. It is expected that over 100 delegates will be in attendance.

WESTERN ONTARIO.

Mr. Edward Earchman, who has just graduated in theology from Knox College, conducted the services at Cedarville and Esplin on Sunday.

The fourth anniversary of the pastorate of Rev. Thomas Mitchell was celebrated in the New St. James' Church, London, on Sunday.

Large congregations were present both morning and evening, and Professor Law, of Knox College, delivered two fine sermons. Rev. Thomas Mitchell, the pastor, of New St. James' conducted a special service in the West London Presbyterian Church in connection with the re-opening of the building, which has been undergoing repairs. Rev. Thomas Nixon preached at night.

The Hamilton Presbytery has sustained the following calls: W. L. Willman, Elora, who has been offered \$950 a year by the Westminster church, Hamilton; Rev. W. T. Cockburn, Southampton, who has been offered \$1,000 by the Calvin Church, Hamilton; Rev. D. H. Marshall, St. George, who has been offered \$1,000 a year by the Thorold church, and Rev. James Barber, Embro, formerly of Arthur, who has been offered \$1,200 a year by St. Andrew's Church, Niagara Falls.

Rev. Dr. D. S. Dix, minister of the Presbyterian church in Dartmouth, informed his congregation that he had decided to accept the call to Chalmers Church, Guelph. Dr. Dix is an Ontario man and has been in Dartmouth about two years. The reasons given were his health and the larger field in Guelph.

Rev. F. C. Harper has commenced his pastoral duties in St. Andrew's Church, Hillsdale.

A social meeting of Melville Church, Fergus Bible class was held on Friday when Rev. W. R. McIntosh, of Knox Church, Elora, gave an address. A congregational meeting of Melville Church was held on Friday evening to hear a report from the committee appointed to canvass the congregation for funds with which to install a

pipe organ. Over \$2,000 has already been subscribed.

A new pipe organ has been installed in the church at Blenheim.

A pleasing "At Home" was tendered to Rev. Mr. Paterson and Mrs. Paterson by the congregation of St. Andrew's Church, Sarnia, in the Sunday school room on Monday evening.

Rev. W. G. Wallace, D.D., pastor of the Bloor street church, Toronto, is to have an assistant for the ensuing year who will share with him the pulpit, pastoral and other congregational duties.

The position has been offered to Rev. W. A. Cameron, B.A., a graduate of the University of Toronto and Knox College, who completed his theological course a few weeks ago. Mr. Cameron has signified his acceptance of the position, and will enter upon his new duties in the course of a few weeks.

On Friday evening last one of those pleasant little surprises that bring gladness to a pastor's heart took place at the manse, London Junction, the closing meeting of the Boys' Missionary Brigade of St. George's Church, being held there. Mr. and Mrs. Macquay were at the same time presented with a beautiful group photograph of the boys, with an address expressing at once their appreciation and goodwill. The brigade is one of but two or three in the Presbytery of London. Its chief interest has hitherto been in the Mission Hospital at Vegreville, to which it has once and again contributed.

Rev. J. Gibson Inkster, of London, was in Toronto on Sunday conducting anniversary services for Rev. G. Faskin.

There were many old friends in the congregation which greeted Rev. Geo. R. Faskin, of Toronto, at the First Church, London, on Sunday. Mr. Faskin was formerly a member of the Collegiate Institute staff. Mr. Faskin and Dr. McCrae on Monday evening spoke at the young men's banquet at the First Church.

On Saturday afternoon, after a brief illness, Mrs. A. F. Cranston, died at the residence of her son-in-law, Rev. R. J. M. Glassford. She is survived by her husband, one daughter, Mrs. R. J. M. Glassford, and six sons — Mr. C. J. Cranston, Caledon East; Rev. J. A. Cranston, Collingwood; Mr. R. J. Cranston, Delaware; Rev. W. T. Cranston, of Port Arthur. She was a woman of the highest personality, and will be mourned by a wide circle of friends.

From 1844 to 1910—sixty-six years as one of the leading Presbyterian churches in Hamilton. That is the enviable record of Knox church congregation which celebrated their anniversary, also the second of the induction of their pastor, Rev. A. E. Mitchell, on Sunday. Rev. James Ross, D.D., of St. Andrew's Church, London, preached at both services, which were well attended.

Congregations which filled the church on Sunday greeted Rev. R. Knowles, of Galt, on Sunday at St. John Church, Hamilton, on the occasion of the pastor's twentieth anniversary in St. Andrew's Church. Rev. Mr. Dix, of Colborne, preached at both services.

TORONTO.

Anniversary services were held in the Eglington Church on Sunday, when large congregations were present. Rev. John Stephens, of the Avenue Road Church, preached in the morning and Rev. J. M. Murray, of Erskine Church, in the evening. A congregational social was held in the church on Monday evening.

A party of people composed largely of delegates to the World's Missionary Congress in Edinburgh, left the city last Thursday for Montreal and Portland, whence they will sail for Liverpool to take a tour of the Continent before returning to the conference in Edinburgh in June. Among those in the party were Rev. Jonathan Goforth and family, who will go from Edinburgh to the mission fields in China; Rev. Principal King and Mrs. King, who will also return to India by way of Scotland; Mrs. John McDonald, of Tilsonburg; Rev. W. A. J. Martin, of Brantford; Rev. J. M. Duncan and Mrs. Duncan; Rev. A. E. Armstrong and Mrs. Armstrong, and Prof. J. D. Robertson and Mrs. Robertson, and a number of others, who will swell the party to a total of twenty, at Montreal.

QUEBEC NOTES.

Lake Megantic, which was erected into a congregation on the first day of March last, has lost no time, but shown unusual promptitude, in securing a minister to shepherd them in the ways and pastures of truth. Few days after the organization was completed, a call would have gone forward to Rev. Allan Morrison, Kirkhill, Ont., had he encouraged it. Failing there, they without delay extended a unanimous call to Rev. H. N. MacLean, Ph.D., lately of Annamora. Dr. MacLean is no stranger to the congregation, nor to the Presbytery, having been few years ago in charge of Hampden congregation, close to Lake Megantic. Induction takes place 5th May next.

The congregation of Hampden, vacant since the death of the late Mr. Rdk. MacLean, more than two years ago, has extended an unanimous call to Mr. Duncan Fraser, late of Dunrea, Manitoba, which has been accepted. Induction to take place on the 2nd May next.

The Presbytery of Quebec, though perhaps fully up to the average Presbytery in intelligence and learning, has been wanting for a few years in the prestige which a few D.D.'s would give, is now to have that dignity in common with others—and the wearer of the dignity is to be Mr. A. T. Love, for a quarter of a century minister of St. Andrew's, Quebec.

MONTREAL.

"Indolence is the crying sin of the ministry to-day," said Rev. Dr. Johnston, of the American Presbyterian Church, Montreal, in the course of a strong and eloquent address on "The minister's life and character," delivered last week at the annual convocation of the Montreal Congregational College.

As a result of the Tag Day campaign on Saturday the local hospitals in Ottawa will receive about \$12,000.

WHITBY PRESBYTERY.

At the April meeting of Whitby Presbytery all the ministers were present and one-fourth of the elders. Reports from the various committees were received and dealt with. The Home Mission committee reported the appointment of Mr. Gomm, a theological student, as supply at Kendal and Oakhill for one year.

The report on statistics showed that in point of numbers we are not losing ground, and that there is an increase in contributions.

The Sunday School report was encouraging.

The report on Moral and Social Reform expressed regret at the mutilation of the original Miller bill.

The deputation appointed to visit Blackstock reported that the congregation wished to move their church at Cadmus to Nestleton. As this will be a very much better arrangement