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OTTAWA.

The concert under the auspices of the choir of St. Paul's church on Tuesday was an unqualified success, both as to attendance and the quality of the programme brought before the audience. Those taking part were: Miss Grace K. Bourne, Mr. S. de la Ronde, Miss Mainguy, Miss E. Bourne, Mrs. Grew and Miss Hopkirk. Miss G. Bourne acted as accompanist. The readings given by Miss Christena A. Cameron, daughter of Rev. A. A. Cameron, of the First Baptist Church, were greatly appreciated. Proceeds in aid of the choir fund.

HAMILTON.

Mr. Bone, the veteran sailor missionary, has been addressing congregations in our city recently.

Rev. Logie MacDonnell will remain for a second year as Assistant to Rev. Dr. Lyle of Central church.

A call from Beverly to Rev. G. M. Dunn, of White Church, was set aside by Hamilton Presbytery.

Erskine church, Hamilton, received into membership at last communion 26 new members, 9 by certificate and 27 on profession of faith.

Hamilton Presbytery has sent to Premier Whitney a protest against any proposed relaxation in the stringency of the laws at present applying to horse-racing at agricultural fairs.

Messrs. Gale and Hatch, evangelists, are meeting with great success in their union services here. The four churches especially participating are Knox Presbyterian, First Congregational, Wesley Methodist, and Gore street Methodist.

Rev. R. McDermott of Locke street Presbyterian church has sent in his resignation to Presbytery. It will be dealt with at a special meeting of Presbytery to be held on Tuesday, March 20th at 2:30 p.m.

Last regular meeting of Hamilton Presbytery was held in Knox church on Tuesday, March 6th. The attendance was one of the largest on record. There was a full docket, it being well on toward evening before the last item of business was dispensed with.

At the meeting of Hamilton Presbytery an interesting paper on Church Life and Work was read by Rev. James Goulay, of Dunnville, who emphasized the great importance of proper home training and home worship. The home, he said, should be made as attractive as possible, to counteract the attractions of the world. Included in Mr. Goulay's address were a number of recommendations regarding church life and work. The paper was sent on to the Synod.

The telephone is making great strides in Afghanistan. The system is now being extended so as to bring the most distant stations into communication with each other. These include Ghazni, Khandahar, Herat, Badakshan, Jelalabad, Khost, etc., and there will also be a connection with Turkestan.

It is claimed that Mr. George Fletcher, who lives in Killey, near Pomeooy, county Tyrone, is the oldest subject of King Edward; but seeing that he says he was born in 1788, he ought to be the oldest man in the world! He has just attained his 118th year.

Sir William Arbuckle, who has given a re-assuring opinion on the native trouble in Natal, is one of the greatest authorities on the colony, for he went there from his home in Scotland when he was little more than ten years old, was the first to plant cane and manufacture sugar there, and has been five times mayor of Durban, besides being a member of the old Legislative Council and being afterwards nominated to a seat in the Upper House under the new Government.

MONTREAL.

Last Sunday evening, in St. John's (French) church, Rev. Dr. Amaron delivered an interesting address on "The struggles and triumphs of the Huguenot Church in France."

The Witness of Tuesday had the following news item: Mrs. Robert Craig, sister of the Rev. W. D. Reid, pastor of Taylor Church, of this city, has been killed in New York by an automobile, and her husband is not expected to recover. The big touring automobile which overtook and dashed into their slower, slower-going one, was unarmored, and its occupants flew on without stopping or looking round.

Rev. Alex. Falconer, D.D., of Pictou, whose son is principal of Pictou Hill Presbyterian College, was unanimously nominated by Montreal Presbytery as moderator of the General Assembly, and the Rev. F. M. Dewey as moderator of the synod. The following were approved as candidates for license: Messrs. A. D. Rose, F.A., A. D. Mackenzie, M.A., W. L. Tucker, H. P. S. Laidlaw, A. Bright, B. A., and M. B. Davidson, B.A.

Montreal Presbytery, at its last meeting, discussed the Sunday newspaper question, and this phase of Sabbath breaking was strongly condemned by several members of the court, Mr. Doosan, Dr. Amaron, Mr. Colborne Heine and others taking part in the discussion. It was recommended that Sunday newspapers should be discouraged by Christian people refraining from purchasing them, and advertising in them, and that the managers of daily journals be written to in the sense of this recommendation.

Montreal Presbytery sends the following as commissioners to the General Assembly: Ministers—Rev. Messrs. Principal Scrimger, Dr. Robert Campbell, John MacLay. By rotation Rev. Messrs. J. R. Dobson, P. S. Vernier, Dr. Jas. Barclay, A. Rowatt, R. P. Duclos, Dr. Thomson, Arch. Lee and M. F. Boudreau. Licenses: Messrs. S. R. Clendinning, Walter Paul, William Goodall, David Morrice, Dr. Berwick, J. H. Cayford, Dr. F. W. Kelley, James Templeton, Dr. Rondosa. S. W. Cuthbert and J. K. McLeod.

In presenting his report in Church Life and Work and Systematic Benevolence to Montreal Presbytery, Rev. Prof. Fraser stated that he had addressed several letters to the various churches enquiring as to what methods of church work in the manner of soliciting subscriptions were being pursued, but in the large majority of cases the answers received were most unsatisfactory, no details being forthcoming. In dealing with systematic benevolence, he quoted St. Paul's Church as heading the list, closely followed by Crescent Street Church. The total amount subscribed in this manner reached \$129,465, more than half of which was subscribed by the two churches already mentioned. With scarcely an exception each church had increased its contribution per family and per member over that of last year. It was pointed out that the method of receiving contributions by means of small envelopes left in the pews was one that yielded general satisfaction.

Rev. G. MacLennan, a graduate of Knox College, who has had a charge in the United States, made application to be received into the Presbyterian church in Canada; and his request will be sent up to the general assembly.

The evil that the world knows about us will not injure us half so much as the evil that we are trying to conceal from the world. Beware of the fire that burns in secret. It will char the whole life and break forth when there is no remedy.

EASTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. P. F. Langill, of Martintown, is called to Vars in Ottawa Presbytery.

Rev. H. D. Leitch filled the pulpit of the Presbyterian church, Vankleek Hill, last Sunday.

Rev. Mr. Solandt, of the First Congregational Church, Kingston, applied to be received into the Presbyterian Church.

Rev. H. Gracey, of Gananoque, has been nominated for the moderatorship of the general assembly.

Last Sabbath Rev. A. G. Cameron of Apple Hill, preached to his former congregation at Vars.

A recent meeting of the united congregations of Coldwater, Fesserton, and Waubesa, a unanimous call was extended to the Rev. A. J. Fowle, of Erin.

Rev. Dr. Torrance, of St. Paul's church, Peterboro, has been nominated by his Presbytery as the next moderator of the general assembly.

Rev. C. A. Campbell, for eight years pastor of the Lakeside church, has resigned. He will go to the Northwest to labor in a new field.

Glenarry Presbytery nominates Rev. Dr. Falconer, of Pictou, N.S., for the moderatorship of next General Assembly; and Rev. Robert Gamble, of Wakefield, for the Synod moderatorship.

The congregation at Kirkhill have awarded a contract for a new Manse to Mr. John MacIntosh, contractor, of Alexandria. They have about \$3,000 subscribed.

Last Monday, under the auspices of the Woodlands Ladies' Aid Society Rev. T. A. Sadler, B.A., of Russell, gave an "illuminated lecture on Canada and the British Isles," to a delighted audience.

Brother (Rev.) W. C. McIntyre, of Woodlands, who is removing to Barre, Vt., was presented by the members of Wales Lodge, No. 458, A.F. and A.M. with a handsome masonic apron. The presentation was accompanied by an appreciative address.

Glenarry Presbytery adopted a minute expressive of the high appreciation of Rev. H. D. Leitch's work during the nine years of his pastorate at Indian Lands, as well as of the valuable services he had rendered to many of the neighboring congregations during that time.

A deputation from the charge of Lunenburg and Newington was heard by Glenarry Presbytery, asking to have Wiles (now associated with Woodlands), joined to them, as they felt unable to maintain ordinances without assistance from church funds. A meeting of the Presbytery was appointed for Tuesday, March 27, to meet in Knox Church, Cornwall, when all parties affected by this proposed change will be heard.

The Presbytery of Glenarry sustains the call from Sonya to Rev. H. D. Leitch, of St. Elmo. The translation will take place immediately after April 22. Rev. J. A. Gollan, of Dunvegan, will be interim moderator of the session. A call from Hepzibah congregation, Williamstown to Rev. N. Waddell, of Aulsebrook, was also sustained by the Presbytery, and arrangements were made for further necessary steps.

Much of the time at last meeting of Glenarry Presbytery was taken up dealing with grievances from Moose Creek. A settlement was finally reached in the following agreement, viz.:—Inasmuch as it is mutually agreed by us, Dr. Watts, the Rev. L. Benton and Angus Grant, that all ill-feeling and further proceedings be dropped, and where any unkindness has been shown, that such be forgiven, and that this spirit be considered the condition to the restoration of Dr. Watts to membership in full communion of the church.