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## WESTERN ONTARIO.

Owen Sound Presbytery's next ordinary meeting will be held in Division Street S.S. hall on 1st Dec., at 10 a.m.

Rev. J. R. S. Burnett, of Victoria Harbor, has intimated his intention to resign next month.

Rev. J. A. Stewart occupied the pulpit of Knox Church, Galt, on Sunday. The services in the Hespeler Church were conducted morning and evening by Rev. James Skene, of Baltimore.

Hamilton Presbytery appoints the following Conveners of Standing Committees:—Church Life and Work, Rev. Dr. Ross; Sabbath Schools, Rev. James Anthony; Young People's Societies, Rev. D. M. Robertson; Home Missions, Augmentation, and Vacancies, Rev. Dr. Smith; Superintendence and Examining of Students, Rev. Dr. Fletcher; Schemes of the Church, Rev. D. R. Drummond; Finance, Sir Thomas Taylor; Temperance and Moral Reform, Rev. J. Crawford.

The Presbytery of Bruce met on September 1st at Paisley. The Rev. R. Thynne's resignation of the pastoral charge of Underwood and Centre Bruce was disposed of. Some time ago a difficulty arose between two parties respecting the custody of the key of the organ, and to such an extent did the hostile feeling increase that the congregation of Centre Bruce was rent into two opposing factions. Though the session did all they could to reconcile the parties, every effort was in vain, and the situation became so unpleasant for the pastor that he tendered his resignation of the whole charge, which was accepted to take effect at the end of October. Rev. J. Foote will act as interim moderator. It was with great reluctance that the Presbytery terminated the pastorate of Mr. Thynne in Underwood and Centre Bruce, where he has labored with such diligence for the past five years. Surely there is room for reflection in such cases by all who may not be able to see eye to eye with others in matters of trivial importance. "Behold how great a matter a little fire kindleth!"

The Presbytery of Owen Sound met on Tuesday, Sept. 1st, in Division Street Church S.S. hall. A note of apology was read from Rev. Dr. McLaren on account of illness, and regrets of Presbytery were expressed. Rev. Wallace Johnston, of Shallow Lake, and Mr. Robert Crichton, elder, from Kilsyth, were introduced as new members. The Session Records of Lion's Head, Warton, Knox Church, Owen Sound, and Meaford were examined and certified. It was decided to take no further steps meanwhile toward opening a preaching station at Tobermory. Arrangements were made for S.S. Institute at Kemble, in near future, and for holding joint conferences of S.S. and Y.P.'s workers on evening before the December meeting of Presbytery. Recommendations on Systematic Giving were ordered to be printed, with a prefatory note by the Convener of Committee. These are to be urged on all the Congregations of the Presbytery. A committee was appointed composed of Revs. Matheson and Nicol, to investigate condition at Oliphant and report as to desirability of opening a preaching station there during the summer. Favorable report was received of mission work on the Peninsula, north of Warton. The Clerk, Mr. Woodside, and Mr. John Armstrong were appointed to codify Standing Orders of the Presbytery.

## EASTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. G. M. Young, of Lorneville, Ont., has been preaching at Vankleek Hill.

Rev. J. B. McLeod, of Martintown, has returned home after a brief holiday sojourn at Carleton Place.

Rev. J. S. Muldrew, B.A., of Souris, Man., has been preaching in St. Paul's church, Port Hope.

Rev. W. W. McRae, of Beaverton, filled the pulpit of Sebright church on Sunday, 30th ult., preaching with much acceptance.

Rev. D. M. McLeod, lately of Billings' Bridge, who has been visiting at the manse, Martintown, occupied the pulpit there at both services on Sunday week.

Rev. Mr. Ross, of Lachine, occupied the pulpit at both morning and evening services in Knox church, Lancaster, on Sunday last. Rev. J. D. McKenzie took Mr. Ross' services in Lachine.

The induction of Rev. J. V. McKibbin, M.A., into the pastorate of Severn congregation took place on the 3rd instant. Mr. McKibbin enters on his work in an interesting field under encouraging auspices.

A pleasant town social was held on the manse grounds at Dalhousie Mills on Tuesday evening. Choice songs, suitable speeches, along with some instrumental music made up an attractive programme greatly enjoyed by all.

Rev. A. H. Scott and family of Perth have returned from their pleasant summer home near Williamstown. Rev. Donald G. McPhail gave acceptable supply in St. Andrew's church during Mr. Scott's absence.

A new and beautiful organ has been installed in St. Andrew's church, Lanark. It possesses a sweet tone, and under the manipulation of Mr. Will Ferguson goes greatly to the helping of the song services.

The Communion of the Lord's Supper (D.V.) will be observed in Knox church, Cornwall, on Sabbath, Sept. 20th. Preparatory services will be held on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings preceding. Rev. Allan Morrison, B.D., of Kirk Hill, will assist the pastor in these evening meetings.

Rev. W. F. Crawford, of Chesterville, has accepted the call to Buckingham, Que., and the Ottawa Presbytery made provisional arrangements for his induction. Rev. R. Gamble, moderator, will preside; Dr. Herridge will preach; Rev. Mr. Taylor will address the people, and Rev. Dr. Armstrong the minister.

At a meeting of the Vankleek Hill congregation, held on the 31st ult., a hearty and unanimous call was given to Rev. P. F. Sinclair, B.A., of Toronto. This charge is an important one in the historic Presbytery of Glengarry. The church is a handsome new structure, and alongside is a comfortable brick manse.

Last month mention was made of the destruction by fire of the manse at Watson's Corners. Our minister there—Rev. J. A. McLean—is a heavy loser. The piano was gotten out, a new and valuable instrument, and a few articles of furniture, but the library, valued at \$1,200, and containing certain works which cannot be replaced at any price, was consumed in the flames, as well as a quantity of clothing and \$40 in cash. Insurance on the building was \$700; effects, \$500; library, \$500. The intention is to rebuild as quickly as material can be had. In the meantime Mr. and Mrs. McLean are at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Fair.

The presbytery of Portage la Prairie met at Arden on 1st Sept. There are eight mission fields in the district and all were reported in a flourishing state. A theological conference was arranged for in connection with the next meeting of the presbytery. At a meeting open to the public held in the evening addresses were delivered on the home, the Sunday school and the young people's work.

Says the Pictou Advocate:—Rev. Jas. MacGregor MacKay, of New Glasgow, and Rev. James McLean, D.D., of Toronto, drove over from New Glasgow on Wednesday of last week to visit Rev. James Thomson, of Durham. The three gentlemen were fellow students with Rev. Mr. Thomson, and graduated the same year. There were five in the class: Rev. James MacGregor MacKay, New Glasgow; Rev. James MacLean, D.D., Toronto; Rev. Henry Crawford, Lunenburg; Rev. John MacLeod, Vancouver; Rev. James Thomson, Durham. All are still living, and all have celebrated their jubilee of 50 years in the ministry.

Foreign Mission Tidings for September contains the following list of new Life Members of the W.F.M. Society:—Mrs. A. Grant, Teeswater Auxiliary, Teeswater; Mrs. J. A. McArthur, St. John's Church Auxiliary, Toronto; Mrs. A. G. MacKinnon, presented by the Presbyterial Society, Minnedosa, Basswood; Mrs. J. G. Sutherland, Blaris Auxiliary, Arrow River, Man.; Mrs. Jas. Miller, "Norman Russell" Auxiliary, Regina, Sask.; Miss Crean, Chalmers' Church Auxiliary, Quebec; Mrs. Wm. Anstead, presented by Knox Church Auxiliary, on its 21st anniversary, Paisley; Mrs. J. D. Osborne, Austin, Man.; Boiesvain Auxiliary; Mrs. John Smith, W.F.M.S. Auxiliary, St. Andrew's Church, Guelph. Presentation.

A meeting of the Presbytery of Quebec was held in St. Andrew's Church, Sherbrooke, on the afternoon of 2nd Sept. Those present were: The Rev. Dr. Kellogg, Kinnear's Mills; the Rev. Mr. Carmichael, Richmond; the Rev. J. R. McLeod, Three Rivers; the Rev. C. W. Nicol, Sherbrooke; the Rev. Mr. McKenzie, Stornoway; the Rev. Mr. McLeod, Marsboro; the Rev. Mr. Callan, Megantic; the Rev. Mr. Muir, Leeds; the Rev. Mr. Sinclair, Inverness; the Rev. Mr. Sutherland, Kingsbury; the Rev. Dr. Paterson, Quebec, and the Rev. Mr. Walker. Routine business was transacted. The Rev. Mr. Muir, of Leeds, was appointed moderator for the ensuing six months. A call was extended to Rev. W. T. McKenzie, of Morrisburg, Ont., by the Congregation of Scottstown. The call was accepted, and the induction service will be held at a later date.

Prof. Ridgeway thinks that there is no use in trying to root out the love of alcohol in northern climates, because it is 'the outcome of climate.' The best they can do, he says, is to regulate it. Arctic explorers 'regulate' this desire by giving their men no chance to gratify it. Sixty thousand women and children in Glasgow, according to a despatch from that city, to-day are crying for the bread that the whisky and beer drunk by their husbands and fathers would pay for.

"Consecration" is a blessed word, but people seem to have an idea that consecration means coming every now and then to give ourselves up to God anew. We cannot consecrate and reconsecrate. The word that helps me most is abandonment. It indicates my falling back upon God.—Geo. H. C. Macgregor.