

Eastern Ontario.

Rev. A. C. Reeves, of Campbellford, occupied the pulpit in St. Andrew's church, Almonte, Aug. 10th, and his ministrations were much enjoyed by those who heard him.

Rev. L. Beaton, Moose Creek, has returned home after spending a month in the invigorating climate of Cape Breton. Mr. Beaton is looking well and his parishioners are pleased to welcome him home.

Rev. Don McVicar of Finch occupied the pulpit of Maxville church on Sunday, 3rd inst.

The Rev. J. U. Tanner, of Lancaster, preached in Salem Church, on Sunday Aug. 3rd.

Rev. A. McGregor, of Woodlands, occupied the pulpit in the Avonmore Church, Sabbath morning and evening, Aug. 3rd.

Rev. Mr. Laird, of Bethlehem, Phila., who is in Cornwall on a visit to his parents, Col. and Mrs. Laird, occupied the pulpit in Knox Church at both services on Sunday last week. Large congregations were present on both occasions. The Rev. gentleman is an eloquent speaker and his sermons were greatly appreciated.

Rev. Dr. Cameron and his daughter, are the guests of A. P. Ross, Cornwall. The reverend gentleman is a native of Oxford, Co., Ont., and is descended from the Camerons and Rosses of Stormont. His grandfather was an old U. E. Loyalist, who fought under Sir John Johnson and settled back at the Quarries in 1782. He is a graduate of the Toronto University and is now pastor of a Baptist church, in Providence, R. I., and also edits Watchword and Truth, an undenominational magazine, largely given to the exposition of prophetic scripture. He preaches two Sabbaths for Rev. Dr. MacNish at St. John's and again at both services on Sunday last.

Rev. Mr. Laird of Bethlehem, Penn., preached two very able and eloquent sermons in Knox church, Cornwall, on Aug. 10th.

Rev. J. W. Muirhead, B. A., for seven years pastor of the Presbyterian church at White-wood, Manitoba, died at Kingston on the 14th, aged 36.

The Montreal Witness of Aug. 7 contains a lengthy notice of the death of the Rev. Frederick Petry Sym, at Warton, Ont., in his seventy-fifth year. Deceased was a member of the Presbyterian Church of Scotland and at the time for the uniting of that body with the Free Church of Canada, he declined to assent to the union. Finally, however, he accepted an annuity in place of his share of the claim on the Temporalities Fund of the church, and with his death the last of these annuities has gone forever. Mr. Sym preached for some weeks in Knox Church, Perth, in the beginning of the eighties, and afterwards in St. Andrew's for a time.

The Presbytery of Glengarry has accepted the resignation of the Rev. A. McGregor, of Woodlands, which will take effect after the second Sunday in September. The Rev. Mr. McGregor's resignation is due to ill-health, and the extent of his field of labor. The Presbytery is endeavoring to arrange the charges of the Rev. Mr. McGregor and the Rev. Mr. Cornburn, of Lunenburg, so as to form another congregation, leaving Aultsville and Pleasant Valley under one pastor, Lunenburg and Newington under another, and Wales, Farran's Point and Woodlands in a third.

Western Ontario.

Rev. J. F. Scott, of Rodney, was visiting recently at the manse, Mandamin, and preached on Sunday, Aug. 3rd to a large congregation.

Rev. John Lees, who died at the residence of his son, Mr. R. C. Lees, London, some days ago, was born at Galashiels, Scotland, in 1833, and came to this country in 1834. When 7 years of age he started to work in the woolen mills at Galashiels, and continued at his trade of weaver in Canada until he had reached the age of 30 years, at which time he began to study for the Presbyterian ministry. He was ordained and received his first call to Ancaster. He had subsequent charges at Lucan, Westville, N. S., West Williams and Adelaide townships, in Middlesex, and for some months he lived in this city. He retired from the ministry when he reached the age of 68 years. Rev. Mr. Lees belonged to the old school of Presbyterian ministers. He left many friends to mourn the close of a good and useful life. He was married in 1865 to Miss Jannette Darrow, of Tilsonburg, who predeceased him one year before he retired from the ministry, and two sons survive him.

At a special meeting of Presbytery on July 30, a call was extended from Melbourne and Riverside to Rev. T. R. Shearer, formerly of the Presbytery of Brandon. The call was sustained, and should it be accepted, the induction will take place at Melbourne on Thursday, Sept. 4, at 11 o'clock, Rev. Mr. Lawrence presiding. Rev. H. McKay preaching the induction sermon, Rev. James Wilson of Glencoe, delivering the charge to the minister, and Rev. A. G. MacGillivray addressing the people.

Rev. J. H. Courtenay, of Port Stanley, has returned from a three month's trip to the Coast. He is looking well and his congregation is glad to see him back.

Rev. J. Anthony, of Waterdown, is supplying for Rev. D. R. Drummond, of Knox church, St. Thomas.

Rev. Mr. Monds, a graduate of Knox College, occupied the pulpit of the Arthur church on Sabbath last week.

Rev. Mr. Laidlaw, of London, preached most acceptably to two large congregations in St. Andrew's church, Thamesford, last Sabbath. He will supply the pulpit during Rev. T. A. Watson's vacation.

A number of improvements are being made to Knox church, Owen Sound. Steam heating is being introduced and the drainage is being improved.

Rev. Louis H. Jordan, former pastor of St. James Square church, Toronto, preached there last Sabbath.

At ten o'clock last Friday evening Mrs. Dickson, wife of Rev. Dr. Dickson, pastor of Central Presbyterian church, Galt, died after several months' illness. Rev. Dr. Dickson is at present spending his vacation in Scotland. A family of seven daughters and three sons survive.

The Presbyterian church at Rosemount, Dufferin County, was destroyed by fire not long ago, and members of the congregation have since made every effort to secure funds to erect a new church. A timely donation of \$1,000 from two former residents of Mulmur, in the county, Messrs. J. A. and R. J. McKee, now prosperous citizens of Toronto, will permit of the work of erecting a new church being commenced at an early date.

Maritime Provinces.

The 'Presbyterian Witness' speaks enthusiastically about the success of the summer school at the Presbyterian College, Halifax. At the close of the sessions it was unanimously resolved to ask the senate and faculty of the college and the Synod's Sabbath school committee to take steps to have the school meet in Halifax next year.

At a meeting of the Presbytery of Truro, on August 5th, Mr. A. F. Fisher's term of service as ordained missionary at Quoddy and Moser River having expired he was relieved from a further appointment at his own request. Mr. A. B. Dickie was appointed to declare the pulpit vacant on Sabbath the 10th Aug. A hearty and unanimous call from First Church, Truro, was sustained in favor of Mr. G. B. McLeod, Westville. The call was signed by 259 communicants and 79 adherents. Mr. P. M. McDonald was appointed to support the call before the Presbytery of Egerton and Senator McKay, A. B. Fletcher and J. D. McKay were appointed to represent First Church.

A meeting of Presbytery will be held at First Church, Truro, on the 3rd Sept., at 7.30 p.m., in conjunction with the public meeting of the W. F. M. S. to designate Rev. D. G. Cook to his field of labor, Indore. Mr. J. W. Crawford, Moderator, will preside and offer designation prayer, Mr. E. Smith address the missionary and Mr. W. H. Sedgewick the people.

The new Presbyterian Church, Dalhousie, N.B., was dedicated to the worship of God on August 3rd. This beautiful structure, costing nearly \$8,000, replaces the one destroyed by lightning about a year ago. The congregation rejoice that their new building will be practically free of debt, and extend thanks to outside friends for their sympathy and help at the time of their great loss. The services were conducted morning and evening by Rev. Dr. R. A. Falconer of the Presbyterian College, Halifax, and the afternoon meeting was addressed by Revs. A. F. Carr, Cambellton, J. M. McLeod, New Mills, and G. S. Anderson, Somerville, Mass. The congregations were large, and the offerings liberal.

Quebec.

Rev. Wm. Shearer, the energetic Convener of the Presbytery of Quebec Home Mission Committee, has completed a tour of all the mission fields in the Presbytery, involving travelling to the extent of about 1600 miles.

Rev. Donald Tait, B.A., of Quebec, preached in St. Andrew's church, Three Rivers, Aug. 10th, morning and evening. Mr. Tait is always a welcome preacher at Three Rivers.

Rev. J. R. MacLeod, Clerk of the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa, occupied the pulpit of Chalmers church, Quebec, Aug. 10th. This church is a favorite resort for American visitors. On this Sunday six ministers, chiefly from the Southern States, were in the audience.

Rev. Mr. McGregor, New Jersey, is preaching at St. Andrew's, Quebec, during Rev. R. Ballantyne's absence.

The Rev. Prof. Jordan, D.D., of Queen's University, Kingston, preached at St. Gabriel's church, Montreal, on the morning of August 3rd, taking his text from Zechariah 2: 1-4: 'I lifted up mine eyes again and looked, and, behold, a man with a measuring line in his hand. Then said I, Whither goest thou? And he said unto me, To measure Jerusalem to see what is the breadth thereof, and what is the length thereof. And, behold, the angel that talked with me went forth and another angel went out to meet him, and said unto him, Run, speak to the young man, saying, Jerusalem shall be inhabited as towns without walls for the multitude of men and cattle therein.' The speaker explained in what sense the prophet's message had been fulfilled. The large spiritual life of Jerusalem could not be confined within any walls. It was the same today. What allowed us to dispense with walls was the life of God manifested in the life of man. He further explained the true ideal of life, both church life and outward experiment and how true religion had its influence upon the one as upon the other.

Ottawa.

The Rev. D. R. Drummond, of St. Thomas, is supplying St. Andrew's Church with much acceptance.

The Gospel tent meetings held every evening have been well attended and well conducted. This move is in the right direction and good results must follow.

Rev. D. M. Ramsay, B.D., is spending August at Norway Bay, and will give a course of lectures in connection with the Bible Institute.

Rev. Dr. Moore preached an earnest and practical sermon on the words "If you love me, keep my commandments," in St. Paul's church last Sabbath morning. Rev. Dr. Armstrong preached in Bank street church.

Rev. W. G. Hanna, of Mount Forest, is supplying Knox pulpit this month.

Rev. Dr. Armstrong took his holidays in July at Cacouna. He is back looking hale and hearty.

Rev. Dr. Herridge is in Halifax.

A joint meeting of the Ladies' Aid and Foreign Missionary Societies of the Glebe church, was held on Thursday afternoon, when Mrs. Back who is moving to Iowa, was presented with an address expressing appreciation of her services and sorrow at losing her. The address was accompanied by a silver pudding dish.

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