

Rev. G. M. Milligan, D.D., of old St. Andrew's church, Toronto, and moderator of the General Assembly preached both morning and evening, in St. Andrew's church, Stratford, on Sunday. Rev. H. C. Howe, B.A., L.B., of Elora filled Knox church pulpit.

The congregation of Knox church, Elora, celebrated the thirty-first anniversary of the opening of the church on Sunday. Rev. T. J. Maxwell, of Ripley, preached at both services and in the evening addressed the united congregations of the Methodist and Presbyterian churches.

Rev. E. A. Henry, of Knox church, Hamilton surprised his congregation Sunday morning in stating that probably it would be well for some of the ladies of the congregation to remove their headgear during the services, as it would greatly benefit those sitting behind.

Anniversary sermons were preached in St. Andrew's church, Arthur's on Sunday by Rev. David Perry, of Clifford, to good congregations. A large collection was taken up for the church debt.

The reopening of the First church, Westminster, took place on the 20th. Rev. Dr. Ross of London occupying the pulpit. Rev. Dr. McCrae preached at St. Andrew's.

St. Paul's, Bowmanville, anniversary was held on Sunday. Rev. Wm. Beattie, B.A., of St. Andrew's church, Cobourg, preached at both services. On Monday supper was served in the School room by the Ladies' Aid, assisted by the young men of the congregation. A lecture on Egypt and Palestine was given in the church at 8 o'clock by Rev. Mr. Beattie.

Rev. J. D. Cunningham, M.A., who has been assistant pastor of Main street church, Hamilton, for about two years, and is returning to Toronto, was given a farewell reception. A presentation of a purse of \$100 in gold was made to Mr. Cunningham by Mr. James Chisholm on behalf of the congregation.

The first anniversary of the reopening of Duff's church, Morrison, was celebrated on Sunday and Monday. The anniversary services were conducted by Rev. J. B. Mullan of Fergus.

Of those elected to the eldership of Chalmers church, Guelph, recently, Messrs. Wm. McEachern, Peter Anderson, Samuel Young, Walter Brydon and Geo. Bennett accepted the office. The first named had formerly been an elder elsewhere, and at Sunday morning's service was inducted to the office in Chalmers church. The others were ordained and inducted.

Knox church, Kincardine anniversary services were a decided success. Rev. Dr. MacKay, of Woodstock preached with eloquence and power to large and attentive audiences on Sunday. He also lectured to a full house on Monday evening on, "What Scotchmen have done for the World." The lecture was replete with information, humor and pathos and delighted his hearers. Dr. MacKay will always be a welcome visitor to Kincardine.

The Rev. E. A. Henry, B.A., of Knox church, Hamilton, occupied the pulpit of Knox church, Guelph on the 20th at both services. In the morning he said a few words to the boys and girls before commencing his sermon, taking as his text, Matthew, chapter 21, verse 9, but especially the clause "Hosanna to the son of David."

Monday morning the Hamilton Ministerial Association held one of the most important meetings in a long time, the interest centering in a paper by Rev. E. A. Henry, of Knox church, on Civic Government.

A meeting of the members and adherents of the Hopworth church was held after the morning service to consider the giving of a call to Rev. M. A. Boyle, B.A., a recent graduate of Knox College. It was decided to call him immediately.

Anniversary services were held in the Strabane Church on Sunday. Rev. Mr. Anderson, of Brantford, preached at both services, and on Monday evening a tea meeting was held.

Rev. A. J. MacGillivray of London preached at Hyde Park and Konoka on Sunday, while Rev. Thomas Nixon filled the pulpit in New St. James' Church.

The Rev. R. G. Macbeth of Paris preached the annual St. Andrew's Society sermon in Chalmers church, Guelph on Sunday evening, taking for his text John 39. "They answered and said unto Him, Abraham is our father, Jesus saith unto them, If ye were Abraham's children, ye would do the works of Abraham."

His sermon was an appeal to Scotch-Canadians to uphold the traditions of their forefathers by preserving the old ideals.

Rev. Dr. Milligan, the pastor of old St. Andrew's church, Toronto, and moderator of the General Assembly conducted the special services in connection with the new organ at St. Andrew's church, Stratford on Sunday.

His morning text was taken from St. Luke, 4, 22: "And all bare him witness, and wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of his mouth. And they said is not this Joseph's son?" The line of thought running through Dr. Milligan's discourse, and which he strongly impressed on his hearers, is to pay particular heed to the ordinary things in life, and to have regard to quality not quantity especially in spiritual matters. In conclusion Dr. Milligan called upon his hearers to be steadfast, abounding in the work of God.

Western Presbyterians.

Discussing the recommendations of the committee on church life, at the Synod meeting in Winnipeg, the Rev. Dr. Duval urged more active work to combat this liquor evil. He said the great temperance sentiment seemed to be dead. The liquor law had been a dismal failure and drunkenness was more rampant than ever. The moral support of politicians was not behind the legislation that was enacted, and the statute is a dead letter.

Dr. Farquharson reported for the committee regarding the appointment of an agent to look after the general financial business of the church in the West. After the report had been submitted and recorded in the minutes some objection was taken to the use of the word "agent" in the report. The Rev. C. W. Gordon said the term was objectionable in the Presbyterian church and he submitted that some other title be substituted. After considerable discussion it was decided to substitute the term "official" for "agent."

A resolution of sympathy to the United Free Church of Scotland on the serious condition in which the recent judgment of the House of Lords had placed them, was unanimously passed.

Melville Church, Montreal.

The Rev. James Graham Clark, late of Ayr, Scotland, was inducted as pastor of Melville Church, Westmount Park, on the 22nd inst. The interior of the building, beautified with a wealth of palms and flowers, was comfortably filled long before the ceremony commenced, and it was ten o'clock before the new pastor got through handshaking with the members of his new charge. Almost the entire presbytery of the district was present, including the Rev. Principal Sprimger, D.D., the Rev. W. T. Morison, the Rev. E. Scott, the Rev. G. C. Heine, pastor of Chalmers Church; the Rev. J. MacKay, pastor of Crescent Street Church; the Rev. Dr. Thomson, Chinese missionary; the Rev. James Patterson, clerk of the presbytery; the Rev. Dr. Campbell, pastor of St. Gabriel Church; the Rev. Archibald Bowman, pastor of Norwood Church, Ste. Therese, and the Rev. John Kellock, of Riverfield and Howick.

The Rev. John Kellock opened the service with the reading of the twenty-first chapter of Genesis, and preached to the congregation from the text, "And I will bless thee and make thy name great and thou shalt be a blessing."

The Rev. W. T. Morison, moderator of the Presbytery, then asked the pastor-elect the usual questions.

The Rev. E. Scott, editor of the "Presbyterian Record," addressed the newly appointed minister.

Rev. A. Bowman gave a short address, and the Rev. W. T. Morison pronounced the benediction, and then followed a reception to the new pastor and a formal meeting with the trustees and other officers of the church.

The Rev. Mr. Clark succeeds the Rev. T. W. Winfield, who resigned the charge owing to the critical state of his wife's health.

Northern Ontario.

The Bradford congregation decided to take up a collection this year instead of having the annual supper and \$170.00 was the result.

The illustrated lecture delivered by Rev. Thomas Wilson, of Walkerton, in the Clifford Church, Friday evening was largely attended.

Rev. Dr. Smith preached in Churchill and Stroud on Sabbath and declared these pulpits vacant. Rev. J. A. Ross, B. A., the former pastor of the above congregations preached in the Bradford Church in the absence of Dr. Smith.

Services commemorative of the 10th anniversary of the founding of the Presbyterian Church in Cannington were held Sunday and conducted by Rev. D. Gordon, D. D. Principal of Queen's University, Kingston, and Rev. G. R. Fasken, M.A., of Toronto. Services were largely attended.

For the past few years the Bradford Church has had its anniversary on the last Sunday in December, but owing to the fact that it falls on Christmas Day this year arrangements are about completed for Sunday, Dec. 18th, when the Rev. Dr. E. D. McLaren, General Secretary of Home Missions, will preach.

Guelph Presbyterial.

Guelph Presbyterial Women's Foreign Missionary Society held its twentieth annual meeting in Central church, Galt. There was a large attendance of delegates and the sessions were the most successful in a score of years.

On Wednesday morning after the devotional exercises the usual reports were received. Miss Kerr, the secretary, gave an interesting and encouraging report in which it was stated that the additions in the year included two auxiliaries and two mission bands. The treasurer showed the receipts of the year to be \$2,977.21, an increase over last year of \$156.62. The supply secretary reported 20 girls and 17 boys had been clothed at Filchill school, and clothing had been sent to three Indian reserves valued at \$988.61. The "Tidings" secretary reported that 1192 members were taking the monthly. At noon the ladies of Knox and Central churches entertained the delegates to a dainty lunch.

The afternoon session opened with a helpful address from the President, Mrs. Hart of Guelph, in which was expressed a glowing hope for the future. Miss McKellar, M. D., who has just completed her twentieth year as a missionary in India, gave an outline of her work at Neemuch, in which she showed the work done in the Industrial Schools. "Present Hindrances to Missions and their Remedies" was the subject of a splendid paper by Mrs. Wilson, of Acton, Miss Thomson, of Elora, also a returned missionary, addressed the children of the various Sunday Schools, on "The Boys of India." The address was made interesting by two boys and a girl dressed in native costume. The ladies of Fergus invited the convention to meet in Fergus next year, an invitation that was heartily accepted. Rev. Dr. Dickson occupied the chair at the evening session and gave a short report of the work done by the Presbyterial Society. The address of the evening was by the Rev. R. G. McBeth, of Paris, who spoke in a reminiscent way of his early life in the Red River district. Rev. M. Knowles in his own happy way extended to the convention the greetings of Guelph Presbytery, of which he is moderator.

At Thursday morning's session reports of the Auxiliaries and Mission Bands were received. The meeting closed with the Thursday afternoon session. Mrs. K. Maclean, Guelph, conducted a Watch Tower service, in which she told of the work in the eight missionary fields supported by the Society, namely, Lower Canada the Chinese in British Columbia, Quebec and Ontario, the Northwest Indians, Central India, Honan, Trinidad, New Hebrides, Corea, Formosa.

Mrs. Horne of Elora, spoke on the best way of using the talent of president, secretary, treasurer and members of the society.

In a few closing words Mrs. D. McCrae, of Guelph, pointed out that next year was the 21st year of the Presbyterial Society. Its coming of age, she advised, should make the year one of special prayer. She left this motto with the members, "My soul, wait thou upon God."

The proceedings closed with a prayer by Mrs. Rose, of Elora.

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