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The next regular meeting of Ottawa Presbytery will be held in Bank street church on first Tuesday in Jan., 1908.

Rev. G. A. Hackney, of Toronto, has been called to Bristol, Que., and should he accept, his induction was fixed for the 21st instant.

Owing to ill health, Rev. Mr. Ormiston of Shawville, tendered his resignation of that charge, which was regretfully accepted by the Presbytery.

Rev. Robert Eadie, of Hintonburg, has been appointed interim moderator of Zion church session, Hull, Que. A resolution of condolence was ordered to be forwarded to the family of the late Rev. M. H. Scott.

Rev. J. W. H. Milne, M.A., minister of the Glebe church in this city, has been appointed convener of the committee on French Evangelization for the Ottawa Presbytery. He succeeds the late Rev. M. H. Scott, who for so many years had charge of this important work.

In the absence of Rev. Dr. Armstrong, Rev. J. W. H. Milne reported on the Ottawa Ladies College. At its last meeting the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa recommended that the indebtedness of the college, some \$13,000.00, should be divided between the various Presbyteries, within the bounds, with the view to the early wiping out of the debt. Of this amount the congregations in the Ottawa Presbytery are asked to provide \$7,000. A committee, of which Dr. Armstrong is convener, was appointed to make the allotments for each church.

On Monday evening of last week, in the lecture room of Bank street church, Rev. James Taylor, B.A., of Chelsea, gave an interesting and useful address on the work of the Presbyterian church in the Gatineau valley. "In the counties of Wright, Labelle and Pontiac he said, there are 1,370 Presbyterians who, as a rule, are very much scattered, and therefore each minister, although he has a great deal of country to cover and lots of hard work and difficulties to face, has comparatively few adherents to minister to, and accordingly in most cases the amount given by these congregations or rather missions to the clergymen's income has to be assisted very materially from the augmentation fund of the church. Thus in the county of Wright \$3,200 is drawn from this fund. Outside the Roman Catholic church, the Presbyterian church has the largest number of adherents in the district, and when compared with the other Protestant denominations the expenses on the church in general are not any higher. In the county of Wright there are nine Presbyterian ministers and about 21 congregations. However, the work in the Gatineau district is steadily increasing and is being crowned with success in nearly every point. Mr. Taylor is unable to speak very highly of the church-going qualities of the summer visitors. On this point he remarked: "One of the great problems in the missionary work in the Gatineau was the large number of people who come out from Ottawa for the summer months. Our summer residents, I believe I can safely say, are among the highest class of the people who leave Ottawa for the hot months. However, the great majority of these fail to attend church while on their holidays. This practice of these summer residents not attending church had a very bad effect on all and the question had come up in the Presbytery and a committee had been appointed to try to remedy in some way or other the practice."

EASTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. Dr. Harkness, of Cornwall, was elected moderator of Glengarry Presbytery for the ensuing six months.

The next regular meeting of Glengarry Presbytery will be held in Knox church, Cornwall, on the first Tuesday in March, 1908.

The induction of Rev. Robert McNab, of Powasson, into the pastoral charge of Kenmore and Marvelville, will take place on the 24th instant.

At the last communion service in the Roxborough church seven new members were received, making a total of twenty-five additions to the roll for the year. The pastor was assisted by Rev. Allan Morrison of Kirkhill.

Glengarry Presbytery will send the following commissioners to the General Assembly, which meets in Winnipeg next June: Rev. N. H. McGillivray, Cornwall; Rev. L. Beaton, Moose Creek; Rev. Allan Morrison, Dalhousie; Rev. R. McKay, Maxville, and elders from Duuvegan, Kirkhill, St. Elmo and Lancaster.

Rev. Dr. Armstrong of Ottawa, at Glengarry Presbytery, gave an outline of the history and work of the Ottawa Ladies' College, in view of raising funds to wipe out the debt now resting upon it. The college is doing good work and until additional accommodation is furnished can accommodate no more students than the present number now in attendance.

The Thanksgiving supper given by the ladies' of Knox church, Beaverton, on the evening of the 31st October, was a decided success. The weather was all that could be desired and large numbers came to partake of the good things provided. A good musical programme by the choir and other friends with short speeches from the Rev. Mr. Menzies, Rev. Mr. Best and the Rev. Mr. Tucker, brought a very enjoyable evening to a close. Rev. Mr. McRae, pastor, presided.

The death is announced of Mrs. Currie, wife of the Rev. D. Currie, minister of Knox church, Perth. The Courier says: "Mrs. Currie was born in Chateaugay, Que., in August, 1860, being a daughter of the late George Cross, a well-to-do farmer. Her father retired to Lachine when she was a young girl; she was educated in the Montreal High School, and when McGill opened its halls to ladies in 1884 she was a member of the first class of young lady students. Mrs. Currie graduated in 1893 with her B.A. degree, and on the 29th of August of that year she was married to the Rev. D. Currie who was then stationed at Glencoe. In 1893 Mr. Currie was called to the pastorate of Knox church, Perth, and the family have resided here ever since. . . . She took an active part in church work and was beloved by all the congregation of Knox church. While her kindly interest was felt in the outer circles in which she moved, the full force of her beautiful character was made evident in her home life—for her husband and children. Hers was a pure Christian life, a life to rejoice in for many reasons, since its impress for good has been left in many and most enduring ways. The church will miss her, but for a brief time there is miss her, but for a brief time there is put aside the grief at her passing away for the other side to the picture—how beautifully she had lived, and that she is at peace with her Maker." Mr. Currie and the bereaved relatives will have the sincere sympathy of many friends in their sore sorrow.

WESTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. James H. Borland, M.A., of Columbus, preached with much acceptance in the Newmarket church last Sunday.

Rev. E. B. Horne, of Watford, has been appointed interim moderator of session at Strathroy.

On the 17th instant anniversary services at St. John's church, Bradford, were conducted by Rev. L. Maclean, of Churchill.

Rev. Dr. Somerville has been preaching in Division street church, Owen Sound, to the great delight of his many friends in that large congregation.

Rev. C. H. Cooke, B.A., recently of Smith's Falls, preached in Westminster church, Mount Forest, last Sunday. Next Sunday Rev. Mr. Mustard, of Toronto, will occupy the pulpit.

The anniversary services of Chalmers church, Elora, were held last Sunday, when appropriate services were conducted by Rev. James Little, B.A., of Brantford.

The Presbyterians of Waterloo are pleased that they are to retain the services of Rev. W. D. Lee, recently called to Queen street church, Toronto. His salary has been substantially increased, and a few evenings ago a handsome cheque was handed him in appreciation of the good work he has been doing.

The death is announced at Seaforth of Rev. Matthew Barr at the advanced age of 93 years. Mr. Barr came to Canada and in 1854 was inducted as pastor of the Seaforth church. For many years he was the only Presbyterian clergyman in that part of the country. He is survived by a widow and three daughters, Mrs. (Rev.) Neil McPherson, lately of Hamilton, being the eldest.

At the anniversary services in the First church, London, last Sunday (Rev. Dr. Jordan, of Queen's, being the preacher), the special collections amounted to the sum of \$1,100, which will be devoted to reducing the debt on the church. This congregation, left in splendid shape by Rev. Mr. Clark, who recently removed to Montreal, is still looking for his successor. This is a fine opening for an able and devoted minister.

At the First Presbyterian church, London, last Sunday, Rev. W. G. Jordan, D.D., of Queen's University, Kingston, conducted services on the seventy-fifth anniversary of the church in that city. In the evening service the preacher laid emphasis on the fact that at few periods in the world's history had there been such a continuous series of accidents and disasters resulting in loss of human life as at the present. People were becoming so used to hearing of these things that many were beginning to look upon them as commonplace. Others again thought that so many calamities were a direct visitation of God's judgment and that He was displeased with the people. Many preachers had encouraged this idea and had been able to make considerable impression upon certain people, but Professor Jordan was of the opinion that many of these preachers would do better to pass judgment upon themselves and apply the warning to be derived from these unusual occurrences to themselves. The speaker then proceeded to give an instance of what he regarded as a visitation of the Lord's judgment, citing the occasion when the country was swept by cholera. Hundreds of deaths resulted and the people were taught the lesson that cleanliness must become a factor in their lives if they wished to secure health. They had learned their lesson at a great cost of innocent life.