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OTTAWA.

The Presbytery of Ottawa has sustained the call from Bristol to Rev. J. A. McLean, of Watson's Corners

As previously announced the induction of Rev. James Little, B.A., will take place to-morrow (Thursday) evening at 8 o'clock. Next Monday evening a reception will be tendered the newly inducted minister, when he will be given a warm welcome and an introduction to members of the congregation and friends.

The preacher in St. Paul's church next Sunday morning will be Rev. Dr. Lyle, moderator of the General Assembly, who will introduce his young friend, the Rev. James Little, to the congregation. Dr. Lyle is an able preacher and many will doubtless be desirous to hear the eloquent Irishman who so worthily occupies the important position to which he was unanimously called last June. In the evening Mr. Little will preach his first sermon to his new charge.

At the morning service in St. Andrew's church, Sunday, Rev. Dr. Herdridge said that the temporal committee had decided on purchasing a piano for the church on the condition that the congregation contributed sufficient funds for it and he had no doubt that these contributions would be forthcoming very soon. He pointed out that the congregation should not rely so much on the Glebe property to supply funds for improving the church. That should be held as a reserve so that should St. Andrew's become a down town church, provision could be made through this reserve for a new church.

The temperance campaign will open in this city on Sunday next. Arrangements were made at the meeting of the Ottawa Ministerial Association held at the Y.M.C.A. Monday morning. Rev. Mr. Roberts, a prominent temperance lecturer, will conduct the campaign. On Sunday he will preach in the First Baptist and Dominion Methodist churches. The campaign will last two weeks, with meetings every night. Rev. J. Stitt Wilson, Socialist speaker, delivered an address before the association. His speech was kindly received and sympathy expressed with the general principles of Socialism. The book, "What is Christianity?" by Harnack, was reviewed by Rev. Dr. Ramsay. Rev. T. W. Winfield led the discussion.

The annual New Year's rally of the Presbyterian Sunday school children held on Saturday proved to be by far the most successful of these gatherings yet held. Over fifteen hundred of the children, teachers and parents of the various Presbyterian churches assembled in Knox church in the morning, a most inspiring service being the result. Rev. J. W. H. Milne, M.A., pastor of St. Andrew's church, presided, assisted by Mr. C. A. McDiarmid, elder of Knox church. The feature of the meeting was an address by Mr. John McKeen, manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia, who took as his subject the three words, "Stop, Look and Listen," using them as sign posts on the way of life. Mr. McKeen is an expert in addressing children, his talk being of an advisory nature to the young scholars present. Mr. J. Fitzsimmons of St. Andrew's church read the responsive readings and Rev. R. Eadie led in prayer. Scholars from the following churches were present: McKay, St. Paul's, Knox, St. Andrew's, Bank street, St. Mark's, Glebe, Erskine, Bethany, St. Mark's French Presbyterian and Zion church, -ull. From several of the churches the children were driven to Knox in large sleighs, and after the service sleigh drives were enjoyed, the day ending an ideal one.

EASTERN ONTARIO.

Mrs. D. N. Coburn, of Smith's Falls, has been visiting friends at Newington.

Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Mackenzie, of Douglas, have been visiting friends at Eganville.

Rev. Dr. and Mrs. A. L. Howard, of Kemptville, have been visiting friends at Cayuga, Ont.

Rev. J. A. Maclean, of Watson's Corners, has received a unanimous call to Bristol, Que.

Individual communion cups were used for the first time at the recent celebration of the Lord's Supper in the Balderson church.

On Christmas Day Rev. K. A. Gollan, of Dunvegan, occupied the pulpit of the Moose Creek church in the absence of Rev. L. Beaton.

Rev. S. D. McPhee, Avonmore, gave an impressive address in the Sixth Concession church, Moose Creek, on the afternoon of Christmas day.

The Rev. J. H. Turnbull, M.A., of Bank St. Church, Ottawa, and Rev. D. Currie, B.D., of Knox Church, Perth, exchanged pulpits last Sunday. Both congregations were pleased and edified.

Last Sunday afternoon Rev. J. W. S. Lowry, of Fitzroy Harbor, conducted a special New Year's service at Galetta, preaching a most appropriate sermon, his theme being "Retrospects and Prospects."

Rev. Dr. McMeekin conducted the services with much acceptance at Richmond and connected charges for the past three weeks. This charge has extended a call to Rev. R. H. C. Sinclair, of Inverness, Que.

The service in the Alexandria church last Sabbath morning commemorated the great event of Christmas week. Rev. D. Stewart preached an appropriate sermon, while the song service was in keeping with the spirit of the day.

The annual concert given by the Sabbath School scholars of Melville church, Eganville, was held on Christmas evening, and was highly creditable to the young entertainers. There was a large gathering of parents and friends, the pastor, Rev. J. Rattary, B.A., presiding. The proceeds were in the neighborhood of \$18.00.

The Christmas entertainment of the Fitzroy Harbor church was a pleasant affair. There was a large audience and an excellent programme by the Sunday school children. Rev. Mr. Lowry presided and gave a happy address of welcome to all present. Rev. Mr. Osborne, of the Anglican church, responded in a very pleasing manner. Santa Claus distributed numerous gifts from the tree. Attractive decorations were supplied by Miss Freel.

On Thursday evening of last week the choir of Melville church, Eganville, was entertained at the Manse. During the evening Miss Byers, the organist, on her marriage, was presented on behalf of the choir with an address and a set of fruit knives and silver stand, together with cut glass knife rests. The hour of social intercourse was greatly enjoyed by all present, Mrs. Rattary making an ideal hostess.

Knox church, Lancaster, was crowded to the doors on Christmas night, when a bright, varied entertainment, appropriate to the festive season, was presented by the children and junior members of the Sunday school. The chair was occupied by the superintendent, R. T. Nicholson. Miss T. M. Fraser presided at the organ. In the presentation of "An Old-Time Christmas Party," Rev. John Pate took the part of Santa Claus while a score of the little people sang carols, hung up stockings and made merry in good old Christmas style.

The annual Xmas tree and entertainment of the Presbyterian Sunday School of Alexandria was held on Saturday evening, Dec. 25th, in MacLaren Hall. A large number of children, their parents and friends assembled there and listened to a splendid programme of recitations, dialogues, choruses, duets and solos. Miss Flo Forester presided at the piano, and much of the success of the entertainment is due to her untiring efforts. The distribution of the good things so generously provided gladdened many a young heart.

There was a large attendance of scholars, parents and friends at the annual Christmas entertainment in connection with Cooke's Church Sunday School. Mr. D. A. Shaw, superintendent, occupied the chair. A very interesting and remarkable event took place when Master Willie Cienahan was called to the platform and presented with a watch and chain as a recognition of his fourteen consecutive years of attendance at Sunday School without missing a Sunday. Mr. D. A. Shaw made the presentation and Mr. Diack read the address. The watch is engraved with the initials of the recipient and "From Cooke's Church Sabbath School, 1896-1906." James Turner and Kenneth Dunlop were presented with hockey skates in recognition of their seven years' attendance. Many other scholars were rewarded for constant attendance for shorter periods. The school is in a very prosperous condition. It has increased both in the matter of attendance and in the average. It was noticed that Cooke's Sunday School stood first in the Presbytery during the year 1908, in the matter of average attendance, the number studying mission and taking the Bible drill, and second in the number of church communicants belonging to the Sabbath School.

WESTERN ONTARIO.

Mr. Andrew McRae, student, Knox College, officiated in Knox church, Ayr, Sunday, in the absence of the pastor, Rev. John Thompson, who spent the holiday season out of town.

Mr. James Duncan, who is taking his final year in divinity in the Presbyterian College, Montreal, conducted the service in Westminster Church, Mount Forest, on a recent Sunday evening.

The induction of Rev. J. Barkholder, of Unionville, to the pastoral charge of Bradford was held last week, when Rev. Messrs. W. P. Lane, of Broadhead; Carr, of Cookstown; Brown, of Avondale, and Dr. McLeod, of Barrie, took part in the solemn service. A reception followed the induction.

Says the Hamilton Times: Rev. Mr. Van Wyck has decided to accept the call from St. Andrew's church, Chatham, and the managers of Westminster church, while regretting his departure and expressing their sense of the loss they will sustain, will not stand in his way. Rev. Mr. Van Wyck enters a large and promising field. St. Andrew's church, Chatham, has had no change of pastors in a generation. Rev. L. Battisby having ministered to a congregation, the majority of which were born during his pastorate.

At the annual meeting of the Ladies' Aid Society of St. Andrew's church, Hamilton, presentations, accompanied by addresses expressive of the esteem and appreciation of their fellow-workers, were made to three of the ladies. Mrs. Hyndman, the retiring president, was presented with a handsome jardiniere and pedestal, while Mrs. J. M. Robinson, the retiring secretary, and Mrs. N. G. Boggs, who is withdrawing from the Aid, were the recipients of hand-decorated crean bowls. All three ladies, though taken by surprise, gracefully expressed their thanks.