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OTTAWA.

Rev. J. W. H. Milne, of the Glebe church returned to the city Saturday, but left again Monday on an extended absence for the rest and recuperation of which he stands so much in need. The pastor has spent a few weeks at the Cascades, but his health, which suffered so severely during the strenuous work of erecting the new church demands that he take a further leave of absence, which he will spend at Dalhousie, on the Baie des Chaleurs. He will be absent for about a month. Rev. Mr. McGillivray, of Cornwall, filled the pulpit of the Glebe church last Sunday and will replace Rev. Milne during part of the latter's absence.

QUEBEC.

The friends of the Rev. A. T. Love, of St. Andrew's Church, Quebec, will be pleased to learn that he is improving in health, and expects shortly to return to his work.

On the 29th ult. the Rev. H. Carmichael, M.A., of Dunbar, Ont., was inducted as pastor of the Congregations of Richmond and Melbourne in Chalmers. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Mr. Nichol, of Sherbrooke. The Rev. J. B. McLeod, of Kinesbury, addressed the newly inducted minister, and the Rev. Mr. Bruton, of Danville, addressed the congregation. The Rev. Charles Tanner, of Windsor Mills, who had acted as interim moderator during the vacancy, was presented with a cheque in recognition of his kind services. The induction ceremony a reception was tendered to Mr. and Mrs. Carmichael, which was very largely attended. Everything tends to indicate that the congregations of Richmond and Melbourne will prosper under their new pastor.

MONTREAL.

Rev. Dr. Johnson sailed for Europe on Saturday last. Mrs. Johnson and Miss Nora will spend their vacation at Lindsay, Kincaid and London.

The American Presbyterian Church has been able to secure for its pulpit supply during August some prominent ministers of the United States. The Rev. Dr. Keigwin, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, New York, will occupy the pulpit on August 13, and the Rev. Dr. Morrison, of the First Presbyterian Church, of Chicago, on August 2. Dr. Morrison, of Chicago, is a Canadian, and was formerly pastor of the Presbyterian Church in St. John, N.B. He is a brother of Dr. C. F. Morrison, of this city. On August 27th the Rev. Charles Erdman, of the First Presbyterian church, of Germantown, Pa. will preach. Mr. Erdman is a son of the Rev. Dr. Erdman who is a prominent Bible teacher in the United States. On Sept. 3 the Rev. Dr. McWilliams, of Cleveland, will preach.

The Rev. Milton Jack, M.A., who has recently returned from completing a post graduate course in theology at the University of Chicago, sails next October for France shirk mfwy brldu mfwyphrdy Formosa as a missionary of the Canadian Presbyterian Church. Mr. Jack is a native of Chateaugay, Quebec, and graduated from McGill, and Montreal Presbyterian College.

At a meeting of the pastors and Sunday school superintendents of Pembroke, steps were taken towards having a census of all the children attending Sunday school or not, as well as the denominational affinities of their parents. This census, if undertaken, will be commenced on September 15th.

TORONTO.

The city ministers are widely scattered for their summer holidays.

Dr. Milligan, Old St. Andrew's, is in Edinburgh; Rev. R. C. Tibb and family will leave shortly for Lake of Bays, Muskoka; Rev. A. B. Winchester, Knox church, will not return from Muskoka until late in August; Rev. John Neil, Westminster, has gone to Scotland for a two months' holiday; Rev. Mr. Frizzell, of East Queen street, will spend his vacation in the west, going as far as Calgary; Rev. A. L. Gogrie of Dunn-avenue Presbyterian Church, together with Rev. Mr. Macdonald of Cowan-avenue Church, will spend their vacation in the Maritime Provinces; Rev. Alex. MacMillan of St. Ennock's has obtained leave of absence and together with Mrs. MacMillan and family will spend a year in Edinburgh, his old home; Rev. D. C. Hoesack, moderator of presbytery will probably spend his holidays in Cobourg; Rev. Dr. Wallace of Bloor-street Presbyterian Church, leaves for Muskoka early in August; Rev. Dr. McLaren, principal Knox college, will rusticate down on the coast of Maine;

Rev. Edward A. Wieher, formerly of Toronto, who succeeded Rev. D. J. Fraser as pastor of St. Stephen's Presbyterian Church, St. John, has accepted a call to the chair of New Testament exegesis in San Francisco Theological Seminary.

Rev. Mr. Foler has returned from the Christian Endeavor convention in Baltimore, and preached at both services in Cooke's church last Sunday.

Knox church building is being torn down. Although the Church was erected nearly sixty years ago, the materials were well selected, and are still sound. Not only the organ, but the seats, pulpit, timber, balustrade and stone will be used in the new building. The bricks, which are hand-made, are better than could be secured today, and the timber is also valuable.

The tablets at the entrance of the church are historic records of Toronto, and will be placed in the new edifice. They are in memory, respectively of Jesse Ketchum, who donated the church site to the congregation; Rev. Jas. Harris, minister of the First Presbyterian congregation in Old York, from 1823 to 1844; Rev. Robt. Burns, the first pastor of Knox Church; Rev. Alex. Topp, a revered minister for twenty-one years, and Hon. John McMurich, an elder for thirty-two years. The complete passing of this early landmark and house of worship full of solemn memories to many an old resident of Toronto, will be delayed till the new church is finished, and in the words of the sexton, "that will no be for eighteen months yet." Then the rear of the building will be removed, and old Knox will exist only in the minds of those who have learned to love the spot for the sake of its sacred associations.

Rev. R. Young of Peckham, returned on Saturday from his three weeks' holidays and reports having had the most pleasant time at General Assembly International Sunday School Convention, Toronto, and a home visit to Trenton.

The Rev. H. McKellar who has been in charge of Knox Church, Sundridge for several weeks left on Tuesday evening for Calgary, expecting to conduct services on a mission field in that locality. Mr. McKellar did faithful pastoral work while here as an earnest and able expounder of God's word made a very favorable impression on the members and adherents in all the stations and would have given them great satisfaction if he had seen his way clear to remain with them permanently.

WESTERN ONTARIO.

The missionary meeting in connection with the W.F.M.S. of the Komoka church was a complete success and was attended by large numbers. Dr. McKellar's address, concerning the progress of the work in India, and the lives and characters of people of India, was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The liberal collection taken will be devoted to missions. Dr. McKellar was the guest of Mrs. Stewart while in Komoka.

The Rev. H. R. Horne, for twelve years pastor of Chalmers church, has resigned.

Rev. Mr. Fowle of Erin exchanged with Rev. Mr. Scott of Singhampton, on Sunday.

Rev. Mr. Duncan, of Niagara-on-the-Lake, conducted the services in St. Andrew's church, Hillsburg, on Sunday.

Last week the Port Elgin Church celebrated its jubilee. The congregation is one of the oldest in this district. The celebration on the past Sabbath and on Monday evening was a great success. Former pastors Rev. Jas. Gormley of Dunnville and Rev. A. H. Drum of Belleville were present. Others who took part were Rev. A. Tolmie, Southampton; Rev. Peter Scott, Paisley, both veterans, and Mr. C. M. Bowman M.P.P. Many interesting incidents of former days were related, and the responsibilities of the present and future were also emphasized. The congregation is strong and loyal; the church and manse buildings have been recently renovated, and last year for the first time in their history the congregation enjoyed the happy consciousness of being absolutely out of debt. The present pastor is Rev. A. Mahaffy.

NORTH BAY PRESBYTERY.

This Presbytery met at South River on the 11th inst. There was a good attendance of both ministers and elders. The Rev. J. Becket reported that he had moderated a call from the Huntsville congregation to the Rev. J. B. McLelland, B.A., Stratford. The call was laid on the table and sustained, and arrangements made for his ordination early in August. The Rev. J. Garrioch, Loring, was elected Moderator in place of Rev. J. J. Cochran, whose term of office had expired. A vote of thanks was passed to the retiring Moderator for the efficient and courteous manner in which he had conducted the Presbytery business during the year. The Rev. A. Findlay, D.D., superintendent of missions, arrived towards the close of the meeting and was given a minute of Presbytery expressing heartfelt sympathy with him and family in the sudden death of his son last week. The Rev. Mr. McMicken at one time a minister of the Canadian Church but for some years connected with the Presbyterian church, North, U.S.A., presented a Presbyterian certificate which was received, and it was agreed to give him an appointment on the mission field, and to apply to the next General Assembly for power to receive him as a minister of the church. The Rev. G. L. Johnston reported that \$275 was required for the Augmentation Scheme from the North Bay Presbytery, a larger amount than that raised last year. Arrangements were made to visit the congregations and bring this important scheme before the people.

The next regular meeting of the Presbytery will be held at North Bay at the call of the Moderator.

The interior of the French Presbyterian church, Cornwall, is being renovated, repainted and decorated. The decorations are of unique design, and when completed the church interior will be very attractive.