

CHURCH
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Ministers and Churches

NEWS
LETTERS

OTTAWA.

There was only a partial exchange of pulpits last Sunday. This will probably be completed next Sunday.

The Ladies' Aid of St. Paul's church will furnish a room in the new Point-aux-Trembles school. Mrs. Charles H. Thorburn has charge of the work.

Stewarton church is growing so rapidly that a large addition to the eldership is rendered necessary. The congregation will be asked to elect seven of their number for that honorable position.

It is suggested that there is room and need for a Presbyterian mission in the section lying between the canal and the Rideau river, including portions of the Billings' Bridge and Ottawa South districts. If such is the case the proper authorities will doubtless give the subject prompt attention.

The Ladies' Aid of McKay church purpose holding a sale of useful and fancy articles on Thursday afternoon and evening of April 25. The tables will be presided over by the following ladies: Mrs. English, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. McLeod, Mrs. Holt, Mrs. Stitt, Mrs. Slinn. Mrs. Elliot will take charge of the five o'clock tea. In the evening there will be an interesting programme.

In St. Paul's Mr. Moosi of Persia, who is a missionary at Oromiah, in that country, under the direction of the American Presbyterian Board, gave a most interesting talk on the conditions existing there at present, referring particularly to the vast amount of persecution being done. He told of the destruction of villages by incendiarianism, and of other horrors, and gave an account of the hardships to be endured by a missionary.

In a recent address on The Attitude of the Man in the Church Towards Athletics, Rev. N. H. MacGillivray held "that the church member could not only attend, but participate in, athletics without in the least injuring his morality. For twelve years he followed athletics, and he felt none the worse for it, but, on the contrary, was the better, for it gave an opportunity of studying men that cannot be obtained in the class rooms of the college. Of course he got his 'bumps,' but none were given in other than friendly encounter." He maintained that lacrosse, football, hockey or any of the lesser sports were of benefit to mankind, and quoted biblical writings to show that even in the long past centuries they had their sports and amusements. "So long as a player played his game fairly and did not introduce uncalled for brutality into the game, it was all right. It was not the game that was at fault, but the manner in which it was sometimes played, and in many instances spectators were more to blame than the players, for ill advice was too frequently given them."

The closing of the British Museum reading room for over six months will be a great trial to many persons of both sexes, to whom it has been not only a place of study but a source of income. As every one knows, there are people who make research at the British Museum a business. If an author, for instance, wants some books or documents to be read in order to discover certain facts he frequently employs one of those who are regularly engaged in this work of research. The closing of the Museum will be a trial to these patient searchers.

EASTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. Mr. Caldwell, of Woodlands and Rev. G. Mingle of Lunenburg exchanged pulpits on a recent Sunday.

Rev. Mr. Hughes, of Pendleton, New York State, was the preacher at Kemptville and Oxford Mills last Sunday.

Rev. Mr. Cooke, pastor of St. Andrew's church Smith's Falls, has handed in his resignation to the presbytery. It will take effect the last Sunday of this month.

Mr. McElroy, student of the Montreal College, occupied the pulpit in the Presbyterian church, Maxville, on a recent Sunday, Rev. R. McKay being absent at Apple Hill.

At the recent quarterly communion in Knox church, Vankleek Hill, the pastor, Rev. T. G. Thompson, was assisted by Rev. W. A. Morrison, of Dalhousie Mills. Both Gaelic and English were used in the services.

At a recent meeting of representatives of the Presbyterian, Methodist and Baptist churches of Smith's Falls a committee was appointed to consider the advisability of forming a County Sunday school convention for the county of Lanark and were instructed to communicate with the surrounding towns to that effect. Mr. Wm. Ewart, representative of the provincial Sunday school convention, was the principal speaker, and he will likely be asked to address meetings in other towns in the interest of the movement.

WINNIPEG AND WEST.

The St. Giles' congregation in this city will build a new church at a cost of \$42,000, which will be erected on the corner of Burrows and Charles streets. Rev. W. A. MacLean is the pastor.

The annual convocation of Manitoba College was held on the evening of the 28th in the hall of the college. There was a large attendance of the friends of the college. Principal Patrick reviewed the work of the past year. He pointed out that the attendance had eclipsed that of any previous year. One thing, however, was to be greatly deplored, the lack of candidates for the ministry. No doubt part of the reason lay in the inadequate salaries which ministers were paid. Matthew Henry said that a scandalous maintenance made a scandalous ministry, and he spoke the truth. The most noteworthy thing in the year had been the appointment of a new Professor, as successor to Dr. Kilpatrick. In Rev. J. Dick Fleming, a scholar of exceptional brilliance and erudition, had been secured, and the effect of his appointment would be seen immediately after he began work next fall. The degree of D.D. was conferred on Rev. W. C. Murray of Port Arthur. In presenting him for the degree Dr. Baird spoke highly of his twenty-one years of service in the West, first in Neepawa and later in his present charge. The degree of B.D. was conferred on Rev. W. C. Murdoch, who has been in attendance at the college, and on Rev. W. G. W. Fortune, minister at Red Deer. The only graduate in the regular theological course was Mr. J. I. Walker, who was given his diploma. Messrs. J. F. Douglas, T. C. Frampton, and J. Hanley were ordained as minister evangelists. Mr. J. Thompson was graduated in a special course of study preparatory to service in the foreign field. At the close of convocation, after the scholarships had been announced, the Presbytery met, with Dr. DuVal in the chair. The graduates were then licensed to preach the gospel.

THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL
MEETING W. F. M. S.

The 31st annual meeting of the W.F. M.S. (Western Division) will be held in Zion Church, Brantford, May 7th, 8th, 9th, 1907.

The opening session on Tuesday afternoon will begin with a memorial service for our late missionary. Following this will come the President's address. In the evening after an hour's conference on questions relative to the Society's work Miss Craig will give an account of her Western tour, illustrating it by time light views. Wednesday and Thursday will be devoted to the work in its various branches and to missionary addresses.

Regarding railway rates, provided there are 300 delegates (which is most probable) the railways agree to:

(1) Persons attending must purchase first-class full fare one-day ticket (fare for which must not be less than fifty cents) to place of meeting, and secure certificate to that effect on Standard Certificate form.

Delegates from East of Port Arthur.—(2) Tickets may be purchased any time between the 3rd and 8th days of May, inclusive, the certificate for return trip to be honored at Brantford until Monday, May 13th.

For Delegates from West of Port Arthur as far as Alberta Inclusive.—(3) Tickets must be purchased May 3rd or 4th. Certificates to be honored at Brantford for return up to June 2nd with final transit limit of June 8th. Stop overs will be allowed at any point in Canada within final limit of ticket. No side trips are granted.

(4) For Delegates from British Columbia District.—These come under the same regulations as delegates from West of Port Arthur with the exception that tickets must be purchased from British Columbia points to Brantford on dates May 1st, 2nd or 3rd. The certificates will be honored at Brantford for return journey up to and including June 2nd with final transit limit of June 8th.

If Lake route between Port William and Owen Sound is used a one way charge of \$4.25 extra will be made and if in both directions extra charge of \$8.50 will be made. Rate to apply via all direct railway routes.

WESTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. P. W. Currie, of Port Colborne, is called to Warsaw and Dummer.

St. Andrew's congregation, Guelph, will make extensive alterations and improvements in their lecture hall and school room.

The commissioners to the General Assembly from Stratford Presbytery are the following: Rev. A. Grant, St. Mary's; J. W. McIntosh, Mitchell; A. H. Kippin, Harrington; N. D. McKinnon, Milverton. Rev. A. Grant, St. Mary's, was nominated for the moderatorship of the General Assembly.

In the Paris Presbyterian Church on April 15th, at the request of his young people, Rev. R. G. MacBeth, M.A., gave a lecture on "Gladstone the Christian Scholar in Public Life." The subject seemed specially opportune in view of some happenings in our own public life, and the young people decided to hold a special meeting to discuss the points enforced from the life of one whom Lord Salisbury described as "a great Christian."