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MR. ALEXANDER MCNAH has been called to Meaford.

THE people of Park Avenue congregation, London, are preparing for the erection of a new church building.

THE Rev. Kenneth MacLennan has been called to Point Levis, Que. He will also act as professor in Morrin College.

THE Rev. J. L. Simpson, of Fort William, has accepted the call to Thornbury, and will be inducted October 28.

THE Rev. Peter McNabb, who has been spending the summer in Shelia, N. B., will be settled in Kilsyth on Tuesday, November 15.

THE Rev. Mr. Francis, late pastor Rodney and New Glasgow Presbyterian Churches, left lately for Tulin, Ill., having accepted the pastorate of the church there.

THE Rev. J. Somerville, Owen Sound, is Convener of the Committee of Supply of Hespworth, and will be glad to hear from men desiring work as ordained missionary or settled pastor.

THE Rev. Dr. Middlemiss, whose health has very much improved, paid a visit to his congregation in Elora on Sunday week. It is expected that in a short time the Rev. Doctor will be able to resume active church work.

THE Rev. E. F. Torrance, pastor of St. Pauls Presbyterian Church, Peterborough, is considerably improved, and it is expected will be around shortly. It is understood he will take a six months' vacation, going east.

At a meeting of the Kildonan Presbyterian congregation held last week, a call was extended to Rev. Mr. McKinley, of Minnedosa. The call was hearty and unanimous, and it will likely be accepted by the Minnedosa Presbytery at the desire of Mr. McKinley.

At Erskine Presbyterian Church, Ottawa, last week, the first entertainment of the Young People's Association was held, when the pastor, Rev. Mr. Campbell, was present and delivered an interesting address, and a splendid programme of solos and recitations was given by the members.

Mrs. LOUV DAVIDSON and Mrs. Carmichael, wife of Rev. James Carmichael, of Norwood, left last week on an extended visit to friends in the North-West. Before leaving, Mrs. Carmichael was presented with an address and a purse of \$50 by the members of the Presbyterian Church.

THE Y. P. S. C. E., Presbyterian Church, Glenora, have decided on methods of work for the ensuing year. A great many young people have been enlisted as members. The course of study for the winter will be "The Apostolic Church." The young people are full of vim and enthusiasm, and the splendid beginning which the Society has made promises well for the year just begun.

THE vacancy caused by the removal of Rev. J. G. Potter, B.A., to Toronto, embraces two interesting congregations in two bright villages on the Canadian Pacific Railway. Merrickville, population 1,200, and Jasper, nine miles distant, are in the Presbytery of Brockville, and the Moderator of Session, Rev. David Fleming, B.A., Toledo, Ont., will be glad to correspond with candidates.

THE Nanaimo (B.C.) Free Press contains a lengthy account of the opening of a new Presbyterian Church at Wellington, on the Pacific coast. The pastor, Rev. Alexander Young, presided, he having been instrumental in its erection since leaving Nanaimo. A manse has also been built since he has been in charge of the congregation. The financial result of the dedicatory services and tea were highly successful, \$650 being realized.

At a meeting of Fort Massey congregation, Halifax, held recently, it was decided to request the Presbytery of Halifax for moderation in a call, the meeting having, by a large majority, expressed itself in favour of calling Rev. R. E. Knowles, of Ottawa. Mr. Knowles has stated that he had received a message to that effect, but that he was taking steps to prevent the matter proceeding further, as it was his purpose still to remain in Ottawa.

THE committee of the Italian classes in Toronto met Tuesday evening week, and after full deliberation concluded to open a room in the south-west corner of Elm and Chestnut Streets, on Tuesday, November 1, at 8 p.m., where various English branches will be taught to the Italians, young and old, who may desire to improve in reading or writing. Those who may feel disposed to assist in this work should communicate with the following: Rev. W. D. Stark, 32 Grenville Street; Mr. R. Reynolds, 462 Yonge Street; Mr. Donald Sutherland, 255 Yonge Street.

THE W. F. M. S. at Bond Head held a very successful meeting in the Presbyterian church on Thursday last. A large gathering of ladies were present. In the afternoon visitors were present from Bradford, Beeton and Cookstown. Refreshments were furnished by the ladies of the Bond Head Auxiliary. Great credit is due the president, Mrs. (Rev.) Carswell, for the success of the meeting. In the evening the Rev. Mr. McDougall, returned missionary from China, gave a very interesting address on the ways and customs of the Chinese, and what the missionary has to encounter there.

"STREET SCENES IN CHINA" was the subject of a lecture delivered by the Rev. Louis H. Jordan, the former pastor of Erskine Church, Montreal, last week, in the lecture room of St. Pauls Church that city. As comparatively little is known of the interior of China the glimpses of daily life there, presented by the lecturer, were extremely interesting, and the large audience was held in rapt attention for over an hour and a-half. China is a wonderful country, so large, so old, and yet so little known by those of other lands. It was the seat of ancient civilization, and was a great country thousands of years ago.

MRS. STRAITH JAMIESON, late of Formosa, addressed a missionary meeting in the Presbyterian church, Bracebridge, on the 13th inst. The Methodist and Baptist pastors, in the kindest manner, withdrew their mid-week prayer meetings, so that the church was completely filled, and for one hour and twenty minutes Mrs. Jamieson held the attention of the audience. All were deeply interested, and it is hoped that the impression made by the vivid descriptions and impassioned appeals of the intensely earnest speaker may be effective in arousing and quickening the missionary spirit of the Lord's people in this community.

THE attendance at Manitoba College is this year more than usually encouraging. In the third week of the session, twenty-five more students are in attendance in the preparatory and arts department than were in attendance at the same date last year. It seems not improbable that the number of pupils in these departments alone may equal the number in attendance last year in the literary and theological classes combined. The college buildings unfortunately are not yet ready for occupation and for the present the classes are taught in the lecture room and other adjoining rooms connected with Knox Church, the use of which has been kindly let for this purpose.

HARVEST home services were held at Alberton on Sunday of last week. The forenoon service was conducted by Rev. J. C. Tolmie, Brantford, and evening service by Rev. J. R. Sinclair, Ancaster. The church was well filled at both services. The decorations were very pretty. On the following evening a Harvest Home tea meeting was held, which proved a decided success. Mr. A. F. Pirie, of Dundas, occupied the chair with his usual affability. Addresses teaming with wit and wisdom were delivered by Rev. J. C. Tolmie, Rev. C. W. Cosins and Rev. R. J. Haviland. Music was furnished by the celebrated Fox Concert Co., of Brantford. Proceeds amounted to \$122.

A COMMITTEE representing the Christian Endeavour Society of Knox Church, Hamilton, waited upon Dr. Fraser at his residence last week and presented him with an address and a handsome easy-chair, congratulating him on the twenty-fifth anniversary of his ordination, and expressing appreciation of the services rendered by him to the young people in the congregation and well wishes for his future happiness as well as usefulness. Dr. Fraser feelingly replied to the address, thanking the Society for the chair and the kind and encouraging words contained in the address, and assured them that he would often make use of it in his tired moments. The company dispersed after spending a social hour with the Doctor and his family.

THE new church on Portage Avenue, Winnipeg, in connection with what has been known as the West End Mission, was opened by appropriate services on Sabbath, the 16th. Dr. Duval conducted the afternoon, and Dr. King the evening, service. The church was crowded on both occasions. The friends connected with the mission feel very much encouraged. Under the acceptable and efficient services of Mr. Chisholm, a student of Manitoba College, the attendance during the autumn had not grown the accumulation supplied by the rented building. The church is a frame edifice, thirty feet by fifty four, and stands on a very valuable lot. This part of the city is now beginning to fill up with residential buildings, and it is confidently hoped that the mission, which numbers several zealous workers, has a useful and prosperous future before it.

IT will be good news to his many former Brantford friends to hear that Prof. C. A. Garratt has accepted the offer of the board of the Young Ladies College to assume the duties of musical director of that institution, rendered vacant by the resignation of Mr. G. H. Fairclough who goes to Germany. The position of organist and choirmaster of Zion Church also goes with the appointment. Mr. Garratt was for several years organist at Grace Church and director of the College, leaving here a little over two years ago to accept a position at Asheville, N.C. The professor was always fond of Brantford, and his work there was attended with exceptionally good results. He will return on or before November 1st, and take up his new or rather old duties again. The directors of the College may consider themselves as very fortunate in securing the able man they have for the important position at the College and Zion Church. The winter term of the College opens Nov. 16th.

ON Sunday week the Rev. Dr. Gregg, of Toronto, preached the first anniversary sermons to St. David's congregation of Campbellville. The church was crowded at each service. On Monday evening the tea-meeting was held in the basement of the church, which was well filled with an audience that had good appetites on their arrival; but after having been served by St. David's ladies with the many good things provided for the occasion their hunger was appeased. At the after-meeting addresses were delivered by the Rev. Mr. Haddow, of Milton, Rev. Mr. Neil, of Toronto, and the Rev. Mr. Robertson, of Pashinch. The musical programme consisted of a piano solo by Mrs. D. W. Campbell, songs and a duet by Messrs. Robert Elliott and McNail. The recitation part was ably rendered by Miss Wetherald, of Toronto, who fairly captivated the audience with her recitation.

THE members of the auxiliary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church, Oshawa, had their annual thank-offering meeting on Thursday afternoon week. They had invited the ladies and young girls of similar societies in town, and the invitation was heartily accepted. The platform was prettily decorated with flowers and the programme was well rendered. The occasion was made more interesting by the address given by Mrs. Wilson, wife of the Presbyterian missionary at Neemuch, Central India, now home on furlough. For forty-five minutes she engaged the attention of her audience with a graphic description of her work, showing not only the bright side, but dwelling also on the difficulties and discouragements that are connected with school work for the Hindoo and Mohammedan women. The impression left on all minds was that India stands in great need of the

Gospel, and that the Church in Christian lands is called upon more loudly than ever to give them that which to us means soul satisfaction for this world and eternal happiness in the next. The thank offering amounted to \$42.

SUNDAY week was Children's day in the Presbyterian church, Oshawa. The platform was tastefully decorated with flowers which were distributed amongst the sick and age 1 of the congregation after the evening service. The morning sermon on the text, "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth," was an earnest appeal to the young, showing the importance of decision for Christ in early life, since such decision would result in a life time spent in His service. The afternoon addresses were given by Messrs. McLaughlin, Howe and Edward Carswell. The first speaker emphasized by word as well as illustration the importance of character building from day to day. The second dwelt on the motives that should bring us to church and Sunday school, and the third spoke on the formation of bad habits in early life. The evening service was a sermon on "Christian Athletics," 1 Cor. ix. 24, 25, 26. The appeal made was intensely earnest and tender, and young men were urged to give their manhood to Christ and to throw the whole energy of consecrated living on the side of righteousness if they were desirous of obtaining full soul satisfaction now and a crown incorruptible in the world beyond the grave.

DURING the sermon on a recent Sunday morning, Rev. James Carmichael, M.A., gave some interesting statistics respecting the Presbyterian Church in Norwood. Rev. Dr. MacAlese was the first incumbent. He was succeeded by Rev. Mr. Howie, he by Rev. Mr. Young, who was followed by Rev. Mr. Forthingham, then—ten years ago—came the rev. speaker himself. In December, 1882, at his first communion, there were 205 members, and six were then added to the roll on profession of faith, making a total of 111 communicants; there had been in March, 1881, a membership of 148; to-day there were 195 members. "Twenty-four," said the minister with emotion, "who signed my call to Norwood have gone to that better Church above." During his incumbency there had been added to the membership of the Church on profession of faith 188, by certificate 62, in all 250, or an average of 25 a year. Of baptisms there had been 134 during this period. The prosperity the Church has enjoyed was indeed cause for thankfulness. Discussing, Mr. Carmichael said the discovery of this country by Columbus, the Protestant Reformation, the planting of the New England colonies, the ceding of Canada to Britain—all helped in the cause of righteousness. And the preacher "There is no spot on God's footstool where religious liberty is more fully enjoyed than here in Canada." The Presbyterian congregation are to be felicitated on the happy relations which exist between pastor and people.

ON Sunday week anniversary sermons were preached in the Presbyterian church, Sherbrooke, Que., by the Rev. Mr. Gandier, of Brampton, which were interesting and practical, and listened to by good congregations, especially in the evening. The choir rendered some very nice and appropriate music, being reinforced for the occasion by Miss White, of Island Pond, and Mr. Venables, of Montreal. Beautiful flowers also adorned the pulpit. The collections and subscriptions towards the floating debt of the society was very liberal, evincing a genuine interest in the work of the Church, amounting to \$746, which it was expected would reach \$800. That is a good collection and speaks well for the liberality of the members. The social and entertainment held Monday evening week in the lecture hall was well attended and very successful. Quite a lengthy programme of vocal and instrumental music was rendered, comprising a chorus by the choir, solos by Miss White, Miss Shields, Mr. Venables, a duet by Miss White and Mr. Venables, quartette by Misses Shields and White and Messrs. Venables and Wilcox, also piano solos by

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