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WESTERN ONTARIO.

The Rev. J. A. Dow, of Gravenhurst, has accepted a call to Rossland, British Columbia.

Mount Pleasant congregation, Vancouver, B.C., will raise \$3,000 for missions during the ensuing year.

The Presbyterian manse, Jarvis, has been tastefully painted. Rev. D. M. Buchanan, formerly of Lanark, is the present occupant.

Rev. D. M. Buchanan, of Jarvis, and Rev. D. J. MacPhail, of Cayuga, exchanged pulpits last week, each gentleman man preaching in the interests of the Augmentation Fund of the Presbyterian church.

Rev. Dr. Dickson exchanged with Rev. W. A. J. Martin, of Zion church, Brantford the latter preaching anniversary sermons in the Central Church, Galt. Both congregations were greatly pleased with the exchange.

The congregation of First Presbyterian church, Galt, has just been celebrating the first anniversary of the settlement of Rev. H. J. Pritchard among them. The Galt Reporter congratulates minister and people on the "wonderful advancement" made by the church in the short space of one year.

Rev. Dickie, who has accepted the call to Crescent street church, Montreal, was born in London, Ont., graduated in arts at Toronto University, and in theology at Knox College. He was pastor at Orangeville, Ont., for five years previous to going to Brandon, and has been in the latter charge for nearly six years.

Rev. James Wilson, B. A., of Toronto, preached anniversary sermons to large congregations in Knox church, Elora, on the 29th ult. On Monday evening an old-fashioned social was held, when Rev. A. F. Robb gave an interesting address on "The Land of the Heather." Proceeds of both days amounted to about \$200.00.

The Rev. J. H. McVicar, who resigned owing to poor health, the pastorate in Fergus a little over a year ago, and spent last winter in Scotland, but who has been in Canada since last June, has received a call (thrice repeated) to the largest congregation in New Glasgow, Nova Scotia, at a salary of \$2,000 per year. Mr. McVicar is a son of the late Principal of the Presbyterian College, Montreal, and the author of the well-written life of his father.

An association in connection with the Men's Missionary Movement will be organized in St. Andrew's church, Beaverton. Rev. D. W. Rest presided at the meeting and Rev. Principal Gandier of Knox College and Rev. J. R. Fraser of Unbridge were present and delivered stirring addresses. The result was the naming of a strong committee consisting of Messrs. A. W. Talbot, T. Waddell, W. Westcott and W. Osborne with power to add to their number to prepare plans to be laid before a subsequent meeting.

The death is announced of Rev. Wm. Mowat of Buxton. During his brief pastorate he worked unceasingly, and showed an intense devotion to duty that towards the end meant no little sacrifice. However, he believed it was better to wear out than to rust out. Mr. Mowat, we are told, preferred the hard road and an obscure field to a sphere where the remuneration might be greater and the life less strenuous. His sole desire was to advance the work of Christianity, and the love of people among whom he labored with success was his reward.

On the eve of his leaving Tempo for Bridgeburg a set of Haviland china was presented Rev. Robert and Mrs. McIntyre along with a kindly worded address. Mr. McIntyre has been connected with the London Presbytery for twenty years. Only two ministers are in the presbytery now who were with him at that time, Rev. J. Currie, of Belmont, and Rev. D. Kelso, of Wallaceburg.

On a recent Sunday, Rev. J. W. Bell, M.A., celebrated the 40th anniversary of his ordination and induction as pastor of the Listowel congregation. The Rev. gentleman preached two thoughtful and somewhat reminiscent sermons, which were listened to with deep attention by large audiences. At a social meeting on Monday evening—the pastor, Rev. J. S. Hardie, in the chair—Mr. Bell was presented with an address accompanied with a purse of gold.

We see it stated that the recently established church in that beautiful and rapidly growing part of Toronto, Rosedale, has extended a call to Rev. D. Strachan, B.A., of St. John's church, Brockville. Should the call be accepted the Rosedale people may well be congratulated on their choice. Mr. Strachan is an able preacher and an experienced pastor; and under his wise ministry the congregation is sure to make rapid progress.

Rev. A. L. Howard, of Kemptville, has been lecturing on Temperance in the Presbyterian Church, Cayuga. The Haldimand Advocate says: Mr. Howard gave some interesting facts regarding the liquor traffic in Great Britain, the United States and Canada, showing he had studied his subject well. He was given a splendid hearing, his hearers seeming much interested in the facts and figures presented to them. The pastor Rev. D. J. MacPhail, presided.

The 80th anniversary of St. Andrew's Church, Guelph, was celebrated on 29th ult. It was also the 50th anniversary of the present church building. After a short congratulatory addresses were delivered by the members of the clergy of the city and the pastor, acting as chairman, also made some happy remarks. The Presbytery was represented by Mr. Wilson of Acton. The feature of the evening was perhaps the address of Col. McCrae, giving the history of the church and a great deal of the history of the city in a most interesting and concise manner, from the time of the erection of the first Church of St. Andrew until the present day.

The induction of Rev. James Anthony, M.A., late of Watford, into the charge of Knox church, Agincourt, took place on 3rd Dec., Rev. M. McArthur, of Bendale, presiding. Rev. Dr. Taylor, the newly inducted pastor of Cooke's church, Toronto, preached the sermon. Rev. R. P. McKay, D.D., gave the charge to the pastor, Rev. Mr. Rae to the congregation. In the evening a splendid repast was served by the ladies, followed by a public meeting, at which addresses were given by Rev. Mr. Bergman, Rev. Mr. Rae, Rev. Mr. Kerr, Rev. Mr. Grant and the pastor-elect. A pleasant feature of the event was the presentation of a purse of gold to Rev. Mr. McArthur, the interim moderator.

Miss Kellock, lady superintendent of the Weyburn Hospital, Sask., and a daughter of Rev. Dr. Kellock, of Kinnear's Mills, who is recovering from a serious illness, is a visitor at the manse.

EASTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. Mr. Henderson, of Arvoka, Que., was the preacher at Appleton on a recent Sunday.

A unanimous call from Roes and Forrester's Falls has been extended to Rev. Mr. Alexander.

—Rev. W. Wood, recently of Dunbarton, has been inducted into the pastorate of the Clarendon congregation.

Rev. J. D. Stephen, of Avenue Road church, Toronto, preached anniversary sermons in St. Paul's church, Bowmanville, on a recent Sunday. The free-will offering amounted to nearly \$460.

Rev. Principal Gandier, D.D., of Knox College, will conduct the re-opening services of Zion church, Carleton Place, on the first Sabbath in January, if the building is ready for that date.

The Rev. D. M. Ramsay, D.D., of Knox church, Ottawa, will conduct anniversary services in the Presbyterian church, Avonmore, on Sunday, December 20th, morning and evening. A liberal free-will offering for missions is asked for.

Rev. Donald Stewart, of Finch, has been preaching with much acceptance in Knox church, Lancaster. Mr. Stewart is far above the average as a preacher and, although now on the retired list, is always a welcome "supply" in a vacant pulpit.

The Y. P. S. C. E. of St. Andrew's church, Arnprior, presented Rev. W. W. Peck, M.A., with a new silk gown and cassock accompanied by an appreciative address. Mrs. Peck was also made the recipient of a handsome bouquet. Mr. Peck is deservedly held in high esteem by young and old in the congregation.

At the last meeting of Lanark and Renfrew Presbytery Rev. Mr. Armetrong, B.D., of Toronto, assistant secretary of the Assembly's Foreign Mission Committee, was present and gave most interesting addresses on "The forward movement for missions," and on "The present opportunity for world wide missionary effort."

The induction of Rev. Donald Stewart, B.A., late of Morewood, as pastor of the Alexandria church, took place on the 25th ult. Rev. N. Waddell of Williams-town presided; the sermon was preached by Rev. W. T. Bell of Finch; Rev. R. McKay, B.D., Maxville, addressed the minister, and Rev. J. U. Tanner, Lancaster, the congregation.

At the annual meeting of the W. F. M. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's church, Carleton Place, Miss J. McLean, of A. Imer, who spent some years as a missionary in Persia, was the speaker of the evening, and gave a very interesting address. She had with her a variety of costumes and other articles of value from the East, which were quite attractive to the ladies who evinced considerable interest. The offering amounted to the liberal sum of \$269, the largest in the history of the society.

The Presbytery of Kingston held a special meeting on the 18th ult. A call was sustained from the congregation of Harrowsmith, etc., addressed to Rev. J. P. McInnes, B.A., late of Cedarville. In view of his acceptance of the call arrangements were made for his induction on the 10th December inst. The demission of Rev. W. J. McQuarrie of the pastoral charge of St. John's and Sandhill, Pittsburg, was accepted, and Rev. Henry Gincey, Gananoque, was appointed moderator of the session during the vacancy, and to declare the pulpit vacant, which he did on 29th ult.