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Ministers and Churches.

Rev. Dr. Hamilton, of Motherwell, has gone on a trip to Manitoba.

The Rev. J. G. Potter has accepted the invitation of the St. Andrew's congregation, Peterborough.

The induction of Rev. I. C. Cameron to the pastorate of the charge at Moose Jaw took place on the 27th ult.

Rev. Mr. McNabb, the popular pastor of Erskine Church, Meaford, has received a month's leave of absence from ministerial duty.

Mr. C. W. Nicol, organist of the First Presbyterian Church, Brockville, is a candidate for the position of organist in Knox Church, Galt.

Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Barclay, of Montreal, who are at present in Scotland, expect to return to Canada about the first week in September.

The Rev. W. R. Cruickshank, B.A., of St. Matthew's Church, Montreal, preached in Knox Church, Cornwall, Sunday last at both services.

Owing to the indisposition of the Rev. John Hay, B.D., pastor of the Presbyterian Church, the Rev. Dr. Reynar preached last Sunday evening.

The Presbytery of Guelph are arranging for the holding of a jubilee in honor of Dr. Torrance, who in November of this year will have been a minister for fifty years.

Mr. Bell, of Avonbank, a student of Knox College, is preaching at present in the Listowel Presbyterian Church. Rev. J. W. Cooper, the pastor, is taking a month's holidays.

The Rev. J. W. Orr, of Mono Mills, passed through Toronto the other day on his way to the sea coast, where he will spend his holidays. His pulpit will be supplied by the Rev. Bryce Lewis, of Morris, Man.

Rev. H. Cameron, pastor of Knox Church, Morrisburg, left on Monday for Huntingdon, where he will spend two weeks' holidays at his parental home there, returning in time to officiate in his own pulpit on Sunday, Aug. 10th.

Rev. Mr. Pyke, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, Shakespere, has been granted six weeks' holidays by his congregation, and leaves this week for England to visit his brother whom he has not seen for over twenty years. We wish Mr. Pyke a pleasant passage.

Mr. Alexander Mutchmor, an old and respected citizen, of Ottawa, is dead. He had been a member of Knox Church for thirty-three years. He leaves a widow and seven children. Mr. Mutchmor was president of the Ontario Sunday School Association in 1893.

Rev. J. A. Macdonald, until recently minister of Knox Church, St. Thomas, has taken up his residence in Toronto as editor of the *Westminster*, and as Principal of the Presbyterian Ladies' College. The outlook in both spheres is very attractive to a man of force and ability.

On Sabbath week last Rev. Mr. Carswell of Burk's Falls occupied the pulpit of the Presbyterian Church, Spence, and after a suitable discourse from the words "Behold the Lamb of God" the ordinance of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed to some twenty-five or thirty communicants.

The Winnipeg *Tribune* of the 25th ult. says: Dr. Gordon, one of the professors of Trinity Medical School, Toronto, is in town visiting his brother, Rev. C. W. Gordon, of St. Stephen's Church. This is Dr. Gordon's first visit to this country, and he is delighted with what he has seen so far. In a short time he and Rev. C. W. Gordon leave on a canoe trip down the Winnipeg river.

St. James' Presbyterian Church, London, held a large audience on the evening of last Sabbath week. The occasion was special services in connection with the new organ. Eloquent sermons were preached both morning and evening by the Rev. M. P. Talling, B.A. The new instrument is a wonderful improvement in many respects, and has a tendency to inspire the choir to higher efforts.

Rev. D. G. McQueen, is first Moderator of the new Presbytery of Edmonton. Dr. Robertson, superintendent of missions, who was member of Brandon Presbytery, was at his own request transferred to Edmonton. The southern boundary of the new Presbytery commences about five miles south of Olds and extends northwards to the Pole. On the east it extends to the Presbytery of Regina and on the west to British Columbia.

A new church—20 x 30 feet—was opened on the 19th of July last in the Lansdown mission field, which is under the care of Mr. Matheson, catechist. The services were conducted by Rev. Messrs. Muirhead and Hamilton, the audience filling the building. A tea-meeting was held on the Monday evening in spite of the heavy rain, and an interesting and profitable programme was disposed of, to the entire satisfaction of those who were present. The proceeds amounted to the sum of \$24.

The corner stone of the new Knox Church, Woodstock, was laid on the afternoon of the 31st ult., in the presence of a vast assemblage of townspeople. The ceremony was performed by Mrs. (Dr.) Mullen, wife of the pastor. A silver trowel was presented to her by Dr. Mearns, chairman of the Plans Committee, and the Rev. Dr. McMullen replied on behalf of the recipient. A few words by Mrs. McMullen preceded the lowering of the stone. The corner stone of the Sunday school

building was laid by Miss Eva Hunter, daughter of Mr. D. H. Hunter, principal of the Collegiate Institute. The church will cost over \$45,000.

At a special meeting of the Presbytery of Toronto, held on Monday afternoon, the 27th ult., in St. Andrew's Church, the call addressed to Mr. J. G. Potter, of Southside congregation in this city was considered. Mr. Potter intimated his desire to accept the call, and the Presbytery agreed to release him from his present charge on and after the 10th day of August next. Mr. Fizzell was appointed interim-Moderator of Southside. There was also presented a call from Knox Church, Guelph, addressed to Mr. W. A. J. Martin, of St. Paul's congregation, in this city. The call was laid upon the table, and at the request of the Presbytery of Guelph it was agreed to hold a special meeting of the Presbytery in St. Andrew's Church, on Monday the tenth day of August next, for the purpose of dealing with this call, the session and congregation of St. Paul being cited to appear at that meeting.

PRESBYTERY MEETINGS.

BARRIE. This Presbytery met in the Barrie Presbyterian Church on the 25th ult. After the usual devotional exercises, Mr. J. K. Henry was appointed Moderator for the ensuing six months. The resignation by Mr. Gallagher of the pastorate of Banda, Airline, and Black Bank, laid on the table from last meeting, was taken up, and after reasoning was accepted, to take effect from September 20th, next. Mr. J. K. Henry was appointed Moderator during the vacancy and Messrs. R. Moodie and J. Leishman were associated with him in attending to the pulpit supply. There was presented and read the resignation by Mr. J. Sieveright of the pastoral charge of Huntsville and Allanville. It was laid on the table till a special meeting of Presbytery, to be held at Barrie on 11th of August, at 3.30 p.m. Messrs. Leishman, N. Campbell, and Dr. McCrae were appointed a committee to visit Banks, Gibraltar and St. Andrew's Church, at present under charge of Mr. R. J. Wilson, catechist, and to advise and encourage them to call a minister when Mr. Wilson leaves the field. Permission was granted to the Ivy and townline congregations to sell their manse at Thornton. The Rev. John James, D.D., of Midland, having been permitted by last Assembly to retire from the active duties of the ministry, his name was ordered to be put upon the roll as a minister in full standing. The next meeting was appointed to be held in September in the Barrie Church, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., on such date as may be arranged by the Moderator and clerk.

HAMILTON. This Presbytery met on July 21st. Mr. McLennan gave a full report regarding the statistics and financial condition of Lynedoch and Silverhill. It was resolved to apply for \$200 supplement. The commissioners to General Assembly reported diligence—all had been in attendance. Leave was granted to St. John's Church, Hamilton, to consolidate the present debt and to borrow \$16,000 for this purpose. Appointment to visit the supplemented congregations was made as follows:—Port Dalhousie, James Murray; Merrivon, W. A. Cook; Locke Street, S. Barton, S. W. Fisher; Port Colborne, J. Crawford; Hagersville, J. Robertson; Smithville and Main's Settlement, Dr. Fletcher; Bridgeburgh and Fort Erie, L. Wilson and F. McCuaig; to them also was remitted Mr. Langill's request to add Ridgeway to the charge. Mr. Chestnut was appointed Moderator of Session at Ancaster. The committee to visit Pelham and South reported that the congregations were in large arrears for stipend, and that an effort to raise sufficient funds had not been successful. Also the petition of Mr. Roger, sent down by the General Assembly for consideration, was considered. After long discussion, the Presbytery resolved to postpone further consideration, when Mr. Roger tendered his resignation, and it was resolved to cite the congregations for their interests at next meeting of Presbytery. The standing committees for the year were appointed. (1) On Church Life and Work, James Murray, convener; (2) Finance, A. J. Mackenzie; (3) Augmentation, J. H. Ratcliffe; (4) Students, J. G. Shean; (5) Schemes of the Church, W. J. Day; (6) Young People's Societies, J. S. Anning. A petition from R. P. Robertson, of Strabane, complaining of the action of the Session in asking him to resign the office of elder, was received. After explanations the Session and Mr. Robertson agreed to let bygones be bygones, and for time to come to work together in peace and harmony, and the complaint was dropped. Dr. Laing was appointed to preach at Strabane and inform the people of this happy issue of the difficulty.—J. S. LAING, Clerk.

GUELPH. The Presbytery of Guelph met in Knox Church, Guelph, on the 21st of July. The Rev. Wm. Robertson, M.A., of Duff's Church, East Paslinch, and Knox Church, West Paslinch, was unanimously chosen Moderator. A resolution of thanks to the late Moderator, Rev. J. W. Rae, was cordially passed. The following were appointed conveners of the standing committees: Superintendence of Students, Rev. J. C. Smith, B.D.; Church Life and Work, Rev. R. J. M. Glassford; Sabbath Schools, Rev. H. R. Horne, B.A., LL.B.; Finance, Rev. J. A. R. Dickson, B.D., Ph.D.; Evangelistic Services, Rev. J. B. Mullan; Young People's Societies, Rev. Daniel Strachan, B.A.; Augmentation Grant, Rev. Dr. Torrance. Mr. R. T. Cockburn and Mr. Geo. R. Fasken, having completed their literary and theological course, and been examined and recommended by the Committee on the Superintendence of Students, were duly licensed to preach the Gospel wherever they may be called.

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The following minute was adopted, in reference to the translation of Mr. Rae, late of Knox Church, Acton: In view of the recent translation of the Rev. J. W. Rae from the pastorate of Knox Church, Acton, to the oversight of another congregation in the adjoining Presbytery of Toronto, the Presbytery of Guelph take pleasure in putting on record an expression of the high estimate which, after nine years' intercourse and observation, they have been led to form of his personal and ministerial character. They have always found him manly in his instincts, brotherly in his bearing to others, a good presbyter, courteous, capable and willing to work. The kindly feelings of all the brethren will follow him and his family into his new sphere of labor, where it is hoped continued success may attend his ministry as that of a good steward of the manifold grace of God. While regretting the loss sustained by his removal from the bounds, the Presbytery readily acknowledge with gratitude to the King and Head of the Church the good work done by Mr. Rae in Acton, and the efficient services rendered by him as a presbyter in furtherance of church work generally. His activity, sound judgment and business tact, specially in connection with Sabbath school interests, have been much appreciated and have engaged attention more than local. The Presbytery would further express sincere sympathy with the congregation at Acton, and would earnestly commend them to the pastoral vacancy to the tender care of the Chief Shepherd, praying that He may specially send to them another minister to break among them "the bread of life." On their own petition leave was granted to the congregation of Knox Church, Acton, to moderate in a call as soon as prepared, report of Moderator to be given in a 21st adjourned meeting to be held in St. Andrew's Church, Guelph, on the 11th of August, at ten o'clock in the forenoon. A committee, with Dr. Middlemiss convener, was appointed to consider the present mode of appointing commissioners to the General Assembly.

SARNIA: This Presbytery held its usual quarterly meeting in Sarnia on the 14th. Meeting opened at 11 a.m., Mr. Eadie, of Port Edward, in the chair. Commissions in favor of the respective representative elders were received as follows: Wyoming and Plympton, Robt. Rae; Point Edward, J. C. MacMillan; St. Andrew's, Sarnia, Francis Blaikie; Forest, Neil McColl; Thedford and Lake Road, Peter McCullum; Strathroy, J. C. Scott; Parkhill, Alex. Smith; Watford and Main Road, John Ross; Beechwood and Nairo, Mr. McDonald; Penola, G. B. Robson; Mandaumia, John Bird; Arkona, Wm. Watson; Alvinston, P. A. McDermid; Napier and Brooke, Malcolm Fisher. These commissions were received and such of the gentlemen as were present in the court, took their seats.

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