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EASTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. W. D. McDonald, of Waldemar, is called to Warkworth, Peterboro Presbytery.

Rev. A. J. and Mrs. Mann, Woodville, entertained the Bible class at the manse last week, when a very pleasant evening was enjoyed.

Rev. Mr. Beckstead, of Athens, has accepted a call to Chalmers' Church, Lansdowne. He will not enter upon his duties for two or three weeks, and the services in the meantime will be taken by Rev. J. Fairlie, of Kingston.

At the congregational meeting of St. Paul's Church, Kemptonville, on Monday afternoon of last week, Mr. C. C. Sallsbury, a final year student in theology of Queen's University, was extended a very hearty and unanimous invitation to become minister of that important charge upon the completion of his work next spring. He will succeed Rev. Dr. Howard, who has accepted an important charge in Peoria, Ill.

The first milestone in the Knox church (Lancaster) pastorate of Rev. John Pate having been reached on March 12, the congregation thought it an opportune time to mark the event by a social gathering at the manse, which took place last Friday evening. An important and pleasing feature of the night was the presentation to the pastor of a well-filled purse, accompanied by an appropriate address, which referred in enthusiastic terms to Mr. and Mrs. Pate in the work of the past year. The address was read by D. M. Macpherson and presentation was made by R. T. Nicholson. In his reply Mr. Pate spoke very feelingly, thanking each and all for this much appreciated token of esteem to the occupants of Knox manse. Rev. J. U. Tanner, pastor of St. Andrew's, spoke in his usual happy way, appreciative of both recipients and donors. A. A. McLennan, Session clerk, also spoke briefly. During the evening hours a choice supper was served and a programme of instrumental music was furnished by Mrs. (Dr.) A. D. Falkner, Miss E. McIntosh and Alexander Watt.

MONTREAL.

Mr. Win. Drysdale has most efficiently discharged the duties pertaining to the presidency of the Montreal Burns club for four successive terms, and is now succeeded by Mr. R. D. Clark, who is described by "The Witness" as a "Burns Enthusiast." He will do well if he keeps up the pace set by his immediate predecessor.

"The Witness" of a recent date contains an appreciative notice of Dr. James H. Smith, who on the 1st of April will assume the duties of organist of Crescent street church. Dr. Smith is a Welshman, having been born at Hawarden Castle, Flintshire, where his father was private organist to the late Hon. W. E. Gladstone. He obtained the degree of Fellow of the Guild of Church Musicians in 1895. The degree of Doctor of Music was conferred on him by the University of the State of New York. The Crescent St. people appear to have been fortunate in their selection of an organist, as Mr. Smith has had a varied experience on both sides of the Atlantic, and is highly recommended.

There is no man but hath blessings enough in present possession to outweigh the evils of a great affliction. Tell the joints of thy body, and do not accuse the universal Providence for a lame leg or the want of a finger, when all the rest is perfect, and you have a noble soul, particle of Divinity, the image of God himself; and by the want of a finger you may the better know how to estimate the remaining parts, and to account for every degree of the surviving blessings.—Jeremy Taylor.

WESTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. David S. Dix, Ph.D., of Dartmouth, N.S., is called to Chalmers' Church, Guelph.

The first anniversary of Dr. McNair's pastorate in Petr tea was marked by the presentation to him by the Young Women's Presbyterian Association of a beautiful Geneva gown and cassock. The gown is of rich corded silk, and is the work of Harcourt Bros., Toronto. Dr. McNair wore the gown for the first time on Easter Sunday, when he preached to crowded congregations.

Says the Orillia Packet:—In the Presbyterian Church last Sunday the Rev. Dr. Murray, now of Toronto, preached two vigorous and stirring sermons. During the years of his ministry at Woodville Dr. Murray was known to many Orillians, and he was a candidate for a call to the Presbyterian Church here at the time the Rev. Dr. Grant was chosen. Of late years Dr. Murray has ministered to the Presbyterian Church at Kincardine, and is now living in retirement at Toronto. His friends here were glad to see him looking so hale and well.

On Friday afternoon last the Rev. S. D. Jamieson was inducted into the pastorate of the Thornbury and Heathcote Presbyterian Churches. The Rev. T. A. Rodger, of Knox Church, Owen Sound, preached the sermon; Dr. McLaren, of Temple Hill, addressed the minister, and Rev. S. H. Eastman, of Meaford, addressed the congregation. A large number were in attendance from both congregations, in addition to a number from other churches. The services were very interesting, especially the excellent sermon given by Rev. Mr. Rodger.

After the service tea was served, and a very hearty welcome was extended to Mr. Jamieson.

Jesse Ketchum Harris, a grandson of the late Jesse Ketchum, one of the early settlers of Toronto, died on Saturday at his home, 1377 West King St., Toronto, of pneumonia, following a stroke of paralysis. He had been ill about two months. The late Mr. Harris was born 77 years ago in a house at the corner of Queen and Bay streets, his father being the first minister in Canada of the old Irish Presbyterian Church. With the exception of about seven years, from 1866 to 1872, when he lived at Fulton, N.Y., the late Mr. Harris spent all his life in Toronto. He is survived by his widow, who was a Miss Boyd; two sons, H. J., and Rev. F. W. K. Harris, pastor of Chalmers Presbyterian Church, Hamilton; and one daughter, Miss L. F., at home.

Not to be outdone by the rest of the world, China is to have a "World's Fair." Preparations are going forward rapidly at Nanking for the opening of the Nan-Yang exposition, or national industrial exposition, as it is variously called. It is to be opened on May 9, and to continue for six months. Hsi-Chen Hwang, director of works for the exposition, says that there are to be sixteen large buildings, most of which are already well on toward completion. Most of them are in English and French styles of architecture. The exhibition grounds cover an area of about 150 acres, and are being laid out artistically.

Not simply the righteousness of our Savior, nor simply the beauty of his holiness, nor the graces of his character, are we to put on as a garment. The Lord himself is our vesture. Every Christian is not only a Christ-bearer, but a Christ-wearer. We are so to be embued with his presence and embued with his Spirit that so to enter into him by communion, men shall see him when they behold us, as they see our garments when they look upon our bodies.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, MARTINTOWN, DEDICATED.

The dedication of the new St. Andrew's church at Martintown was celebrated with appropriate ceremony on Sunday and Monday last. The opening services were held on Sunday, with very large congregations, both morning and evening. Many friends and visitors from a distance joined with the people of the congregation in the services, and the capacity of the church was taxed to its utmost. St. Andrew's Church, Williamstown, was closed for the day and a number of the people of that congregation attended the new church with their pastor, Rev. Arpad Govan, B. A., who assisted at the dedication services. The services were of a most impressive character and the large congregations entered into the spirit of the occasion with earnest devoutness.

Rev. Prof. D. J. Fraser, D.D., LL.D., of the Presbyterian College, Montreal, was the preacher, and he delivered two able and eloquent sermons. Some of the people have expressed an earnest desire to have the evening sermon, which was on "The Vision of the Spiritual," in printed form as a permanent possession.

The choir, under the leadership of Mr. A. C. McArthur, with Miss Cresswell as organist, rendered valuable service, the music being splendidly rendered. Solos were given by Mrs. Moffatt, Mr. Kinloch and Master Donald Hazell, of Smith's Falls. They were highly appreciated and Master Donald won all hearts with his beautiful voice and expressive singing.

A meeting was held in the church on Monday afternoon, the pastor, Rev. J. B. Macdonald, B.A., B.D., presiding. After devotional exercises, interesting addresses were given by visiting clergymen. Rev. Arpad Govan, who has been intimately acquainted with the congregation for over twenty years, spoke in a kindly and pleasing manner of his association with the pastors of Burns' and St. Andrew's during that period. Rev. J. Matheson, B.A., of Summerstown, and Rev. A. G. Cameron, Brockville, highly esteemed and beloved former pastors of Burns' church, gave appropriate and encouraging addresses. A brief and bright address was also given by Rev. N. Waddell, of Williamstown. Messages of regret from Rev. A. H. Scott, of Perth, and several members of Presbytery were announced. Special regret was expressed at the absence of Rev. P. F. Langill, of Carp, Ont., a recent pastor of St. Andrew's church, whose whole-hearted energy and industry will long be remembered. Deeply appreciative references were also made to the faithful work and abiding influence of the late Rev. J. S. Burnet, of St. Andrew's Church, of Rev. H. McKellar, of Burns' Church, now of Red Deer, Alberta, and of Rev. D. McCallum, of the Congregational Church, now retired at Kingston, Ont. The chairman remarked that "the fragrant memories of these devoted servants of the Master are enshrined in the hearts of the people of Martintown." The speakers reminded the congregation of many of the good and true men who were elders and leaders in the days gone by, and urged them to be worthy followers in the noble succession.

At the close of an exceedingly interesting and profitable meeting, the large congregation assembled was invited to St. Andrew's Hall, near by, where supper was served. It was an excellent repast, quite in keeping with the reputation of the ladies of Martintown for good taste and hospitality.

After a very enjoyable social hour, the people returned to the church, where a sacred concert was given. Master Donald Hazell, Mrs. Moffatt and the choir gave a number of beau-