

A very happy occasion was the St. Paul's Church anniversary supper. In the presence of the Rev. Dr. Armstrong, Dr. Thorburn most efficiently discharged the duties of the chair. The following programme was rendered: address, Dr. Campbell; songs, Mrs. Gilbert Allen, Miss Strachan and Mr. Miller; reciting by Rev. Robt. Eadie, Miss Mayo, organist, acted as accompanist. After the programme supper was served by the ladies. There was a large attendance.

The Sunday School festival of Bethany church, Hintonburg, will be held on the second Friday in January.

#### ST. JOHN, N.B.

The opening of St. Matthew's church, St. John, N.B., took place under the auspices of the North End Presbyterians. The beginning of this church was the organization of the Portland and Rothesay Missions by the Rev. James Ross in the autumn of 1896. In May, 1897, the Rev. H. H. Morton, the present pastor took charge, and it was soon plainly seen that the mission should become a church.

The officials elected were: The session, Judge Forbes, Mr. Walter Livingstone. The board of trustees and managers were: Mr. J. Fraser Gregory, chairman; Messrs. Henry French, James R. Smith, Ernest E. Staples, David Magree, Henry King and James Wilson. The officers of the ladies' society are: Mrs. Wm. Smith, president, and Mrs. James Wilson vice-president. Last spring a meeting was held with regard to the site for the new edifice, and the present location on Douglas avenue was chosen. Plans were submitted and accepted and the first work on the church was commenced last May. St. Matthew's is pretty outside, and the interior is neat, and large enough to seat all who wish to attend. It is seated with chairs. There is a nice platform with the choir behind it. The church is lighted and heated throughout and has a gallery in the rear. There is also a Sunday School room. The church is without doubt one of the best constructed in the city and reflects credit on those who were instrumental in its inception and building. At the opening service the dedicatory prayer was offered by Rev. A. Rogers, of New Glasgow, who preached both morning and evening. St. Andrew's and St. Stephen's churches sending members from their choirs to assist in the services. In the afternoon a very impressive service was held, at which St. David's church choir took part. On the platform were the Moderator of the Presbytery, the Presbyterian ministers of the city churches, the ministers of the Protestant denominations of the North End and Rev. H. Martin. Addresses were given by Rev. Mr. MacNeil, Rev. Mr. Gordon, Dr. Bruce and Rev. D. J. Fraser, B.D. The Rev. H. H. Morton, on behalf of St. Matthew's church, thanked them all for their kind wishes. He said he would also take the opportunity of thanking the Presbyterians and churches of the city for their kind interest. He had only been here a few weeks when he felt that sympathy. Calvin Church had lent them an organ; St. Andrew's church had been kind—had given the children of their Sunday School a treat, and, together with St. Stephen's had kindly come to their assistance at the bazaar. The reading desk and chair had been kindly given them by friends in St. Andrew's church, and the set of communion linen had been presented by members of that church. Carleton church and St. David's church had contributed and Fairview church had also been kind, and he thanked them all very much for their sympathy and kindly help, and trusted they would not disappoint their expectation and desires. Special collections toward the building fund were taken up at each service.

#### EASTERN ONTARIO.

Burns Church, Martintown, has permission to sell part of its glebe property.

The Rev. C. McLeod, of Woodlands, has accepted the call to New Ellinburg.

The Presbyterian pulpit, Bishop's Mills, is being ably filled by Rev. J. M. Goodwillie.

Rev. F. D. Roxburgh, of Bridgeburg, is spending his holidays with his parents at Norwood.

The annual tea-meeting of St. Andrew's Church, Gananoque, is announced for the second week in February.

Rev. Dr. Kellock, of Richmond, Que., has been preaching very acceptably in the Presbyterian church, Kirkhill.

Rev. S. Houston, of Cooke's church, Kingston, and Rev. W. S. McTavish, of Church of the Redeemer, Deseronto, exchanged on a recent Sabbath.

Anniversary services were held in the Presbyterian Church, Manotick, on Dec. 18th. Rev. Dr. Campbell, of Erskine church, Ottawa, officiated.

The Rev. A. McCallum, of East Hawkesbury, is the Moderator of the Glenagarry Presbytery for the ensuing six months.

Rev. Thomas Mitchell, brother of Rev. A. E. Mitchell, occupied St. John's church pulpit, Almonte, Sunday morning, 25th Dec.

The Rev. A. Russell, of Lancaster, by appointment of Presbytery, preached in the Cnasbruck Church last Sabbath. He was appointed Moderator of Session.

The pulpit of the Presbyterian church, Utica, was occupied on a recent Sabbath, by the Rev. Chisholm, of Dunbarton, who preached a very able and eloquent sermon.

The Rev. Edward Aston, of Merrickville, preached in St. Andrew's Church, Feneion Falls, on a recent Sunday. The local paper speaks of his sermon in terms of high praise.

Rev. R. F. Hunter, of Baltimore, will preach the anniversary sermons in the Presbyterian church at Springville next Sunday, the Rev. Mr. McMullen taking the services in Baltimore.

The Rev. D. Currie, M.A., of Knox Church, Perth, has been addressing his Endeavors on "Systematic and Proportional Giving." The subject was treated in a thoughtful and practical manner.

Mr. John B. Boyd, the missionary in charge of the Presbyterian mission field of Osceola, has lately presented with a fur coat, a pair of gauntlets and a kindly worded address from his parishioners.

Rev. Mr. Bennett, of Bathurst, conducted the services in the first Presbyterian church, Brockville, on Christmas Day, and on New Year's Day. Rev. Mr. Sutherland, of Susquehanna, Pa., officiated.

Rev. C. E. Gordonsmith, of Lancaster, has been supplying the pulpits of Ross and Cobden Presbyterian churches. Mr. Gordonsmith is a preacher of more than average ability, and his ministrations are always welcome.

Rev. D. H. Lefsch, St. Elmo, has been appointed convener of the committee on Church Life and Work, for the Glenagarry Presbytery, and statistical returns are to be sent to the Rev. D. McLaren, Alexandria.

It is announced that the opening of the St. Andrew's Church, Perth, rebuilding for some time past, will not take place till shortly after New Year's. A commodious church edifice will be the result of radical alterations made in the old building.

The Christmas services at St. Paul's church, Peterborough, were bright and interesting. Appropriate sermons were preached by the pastor, Rev. Dr. Torrance, the hymns and psalms also being appropriate to the occasion and were heartily sung by the congregation.

Rev. George McArthur, for many years pastor of the Presbyterian church, Cardinal, and a valuable member of the Brockville Presbytery, in which he held the office of clerk, has resigned to accept a call to Ogdensburg. At the last meeting of the Montreal and Ottawa Synod held in Brockville, Mr. McArthur was elected Moderator.

The recent anniversary services of Knox Church, Glenora, were conducted by the Rev. J. McD. Duncan, of Woodville, whose past work is always appreciated by the Glenora congregation. Knox Church shows steady, solid progress, although in a quiet way. Dr. McDonald ministers to an attached people, among whom he has now labored for many years.

The Rev. James Cormack, of Maxville, has been lecturing at Vankleek Hill, under the auspices of the W.C.T.U., the Rev. J. McLeod in the chair. He devoted considerable attention to local option in Maxville, and stated that while it was possible to procure liquor on the sly, in his opinion the law could be as vigorously enforced as any other clause in the License Act. The business men of the village, Mr. Cormack stated, were strongly in favor of local option. Rev. C. Cameron also briefly addressed the meeting.

An exchange says: "Rev. John Munro (son of Dr. Munro, of Maxville) has won the admiration of the people of Brooklyn, B.C., a mining town, by escorting a sick man to the hospital, at his own expense, fitting out another with a suit of clothes, finding still another a place to sleep, and thrashing another who mistook his man and undertook to 'do him up.' "Mr. Munro," says the exchange, "has the confidence and respect of all who know him, no matter of what denomination, or whether of no religious belief."

At the annual meeting of the W.F.M.S. of St. John's Church, Almonte, the following were elected: pres., Mrs. (Rev.) A. E. Mitchell; 1st vice-president, Mrs. D. Hanly; 2nd vice-president, Mrs. J. Robertson; 3rd vice-president, Mrs. J. McCarter; cor. sec., Mrs. J. R. Mordy; rec. sec., Mrs. A. M. Greig; treas., Miss M. Anderson; organist, Mrs. A. Young; leaders of psalmody, Miss

A. J. Forgie, Mrs. P. G. McGregor. The society had a very successful year, realizing from their monthly contributions and thank-offering the sum of \$200.

At the recent meeting of the Presbytery of Peterborough, Rev. J. Hay, Moderator, reports were received from the Home Mission, Augmentation and other committees, and a unanimous call from Warkworth congregation was presented by Rev. D. A. Thompson, of Hastings, acting Moderator, in favor of the Rev. Alex. Craw. The call was sustained, and the induction services appointed for January 10th at 2.30 p.m., at Warkworth.

At the last meeting of the Lindsay Presbytery, B. Madill and John McArthur, representatives of St. Andrew's Church, Beaverton, appeared and presented a resolution of the congregation, asking to be received into the Presbyterian Church in Canada. The request was cheerfully granted, and St. Andrew's now forms an integral portion of the great Presbytery of the West. It is a happy union of 1875. So far it does not seem probable that Knox and St. Andrew's—the two congregations at Beaverton—will speedily unite, although, if this could be done by the healing, lasting since the disruption of 1844, which all these years has been productive of no little bitter feeling. Better, however, to still remain independent congregations than to unite in name with the true spirit of union wanting.

Much important business was transacted at the recent meeting of the Kingston Presbytery. The reports were generally of an encouraging character. The report of the Home Mission committee, read by Rev. H. Gracey, showed that new fields are being opened up within the limits of the Presbytery; it also referred in flattering terms to the recent work done by Mr. Melroy in the West End and Tyndinanga reserve mission during the past summer. The school committee reported progress; the congregation at Shannonville had contributed very liberally to wipe out the deficit of the Assembly's committee. The question of the proposed division of the Presbytery was held over to the next meeting in March.

The enlarged church, Picton, was reopened last week, when the services were conducted by the Rev. Mr. Laird, of Campbellford, who preached eloquent and powerful sermons both morning and evening; the church was crowded at both services and the collections gratifying. The building has been entirely remodelled in the interior, extended 12 feet, with additional choir alcove and vestry, the side galleries taken away, the platform and pulpit reconstructed, and seated throughout with fine polished wood seats; the whole church has been beautifully painted and decorated; and the basement enlarged, with additional parlors and class-rooms. The contractor, Mr. Andrew Irving, of the local town, Mr. A. Grant, and the managers of the church are to be congratulated on the result of their labors.

#### WESTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. J. S. Conning, Caledonia, has been given a call by Knox Church, Walkerton.

St. Andrew's Church, Guelph, has extended a call to Rev. A. J. McGillivray, of London.

The Rev. Dr. Dickson, of Galt, has been exchanging with Rev. Alex. Stewart, of Clinton.

Rev. Dr. Thompson, of Avonon, Ont., who was a missionary to India for several years, is dead.

The Chatham Presbytery nominated Rev. Dr. G. Bryce, of Winnipeg, as the next moderator.

Alexander McLennan, B.A., a graduate of Queen's, has been appointed principal of the Milverton public school.

The Rev. John Young, M.A., of Hamilton, and Rev. Dr. Somerville, of Owen Sound, exchanged on a recent Sunday.

The managers of St. Andrew's Church, Strathroy, are considering a scheme for the thorough renovation of their church.

Rev. Dr. Abraham preached morning and evening, very acceptable sermons to large congregations at Christie on Sunday, Dec. 14th.

The Presbyterians of Hillsdale held very successful anniversary services on Christmas Day, and a pleasant social the following evening.

At the Presbytery meeting in Paris Tuesday, a call was presented by the congregations of Culloden and Verschoyle to Rev. A. Stewart, of Stratford. Mr. Stewart is a recent graduate of Knox College.

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