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## Ministers and Churches

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## OTTAWA.

The Rev. T. Crawford Brown (minister of St. Andrew's church, Toronto) and Mrs. Brown, formerly Miss Melvin Jones, are guests of Lady Laurier.

A much respected minister of this city was suddenly called hence, on the 18th inst. We refer to the death, in the 60th year of his age, of Rev. W. M. McIntosh, for the past 20 years pastor of the First Congregational church, and who all these years was prominent in the social and moral reform movements and was chaplain of the St. Andrew's Society. Death was due to heart failure.

At a well attended meeting of the Ladies' Aid Society of the Ottawa South church, the society was reorganized for the winter and plans were laid for the work of the season. Mrs. P. M. Mulligan occupied the chair at the meeting and the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Wm. Hay; vice-president, Miss Ida Mulligan; secretary, Mrs. T. W. Ritchie; treasurer, Mrs. A. E. Fairbairn. Committees were elected to visit the sick of the parish and to make arrangements for meetings, and it was decided that during the season the society should see to having the church cleaned up and put in the best of order, in addition to doing work for charitable purposes.

Rev. J. R. Urquhart, pastor of the Merivale church, was on Wednesday morning, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Cook of Kingston, married to Miss Edith Jane Cook, only immediate friends and relatives being present. On their return to Merivale, Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Urquhart found that the ladies of the church had decorated the manse, and the bride was made the recipient of a handsome silver pudding dish, the gift of the congregation. The young couple also received valuable presents from friends in Halifax, Toronto, Boston, Portland, Oregon, Kingston and Winnipeg.

The sudden death of Mr. Hugh Fletcher, of the Dominion Geological Department, came as a sad surprise to his many friends. The end came on the afternoon of 23rd inst., at Lower Cove, N.S., and was due to an attack of pneumonia. The deceased was, at the time of his death, in the 60th year of his age. His wife predeceased him some years ago. He is survived by one daughter, who is married in Glasgow, Scotland, and one son, William, who resides in Quebec, and two sisters, one Mrs. (Dr.) McPhedran, in Toronto, the other, Mrs. Ratcliffe wife of Rev. Dr. Ratcliffe, of St. Catharines. His brother-in-law, H. M. McLeod, who was assisting him in his field work, was with him when he died. Mr. Fletcher occupied a high place in his profession, and was looked upon as probably the greatest living authority on the mineral resources of Nova Scotia.

## WINNIPEG AND WEST.

Westminster congregation in this city extends a unanimous call to Rev. Jas. Christie, M.A., of St. Matthew's church, Glasgow. In moving that the Presbytery sustains the call, Rev. Principal Patrick referred to the fact that Mr. Christie had had an experience of nineteen years in the ministry, partly in Edinburgh and partly in Glasgow, in the latter city ministering to a large and influential congregation. He concluded by expressing his concurrence with the view of the commissioners that, if Mr. Christie came, as he hoped he would, the cause of Presbyterianism in the city and province would derive signal advantage from his presence here.

## WESTERN ONTARIO.

Mr. F. S. Dowling, of Orillia, has been duly licensed by Barrie Presbytery.

Rev. Chas. Ruthford was the preacher in the Bradford Church last Sunday.

Union services were held in Knox Church, Camlachie, the other congregations joining with Knox.

Rev. Dr. McLeod has been elected moderator of Barrie Presbytery for the ensuing six months.

The Presbyterians of Victoria Harbor relinquished their service in favor of the Methodist anniversary services.

A call from Alliston to Rev. W. I. Ellison, of Carluke, was sustained, Barrie Presbytery and provisional arrangements made for his induction.

Rev. W. I. McLean, of Guthrie, preached anniversary sermons in the Sombra church last Sunday week. The supper and concert on Monday evening proved a success, the proceeds being over \$100.00.

St. Mary's Argus: Rev. George Hackney, B.A., and bride, of Bristol, Que., spent Sunday with Dr. and Mrs. Coupland. Rev. Mr. Hackney who is a graduate of St. Mary's Collegiate, met many old friends.

A Presbyterial certificate was granted Rev. E. W. Pantton, former minister of St. Andrew's, Stratford, to be deposited with the Presbytery of Balfried. Mr. Pantton is now residing at Radison, Sask.

At a meeting of Chalmers' congregation, Woodstock, Rev. Dr. McMullen, presiding, it was decided to call Mr. Paulin, a recent graduate of Knox College. Mr. Paulin has accepted and his induction takes place on 30th inst.

Permission from the General Assembly having been granted, Rev. John Kay of Stratford was received as a minister of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, and his name ordered to be inserted in the appendix to the roll of the Presbytery of Stratford.

A very flattering address was presented by Barrie Presbytery to the Rev. Dr. McLeod congratulating him on the observance of the twenty-fifth anniversary of his ministry in Barrie and the conduct of his congregation in fittingly commemorating that event.

Rev. D. N. Morden of St. Mary's, reported to Stratford Presbytery that he had consulted with Rev. Jonathan Goforth, missionary to China, home on furlough, in regard to holding a series of evangelistic services in some central place within the bounds of the Presbytery, and Mr. Goforth was prepared to hold such meetings at Stratford, Ont., 3 to 10.

Last week the Laymen's Missionary Movement was successfully inaugurated at Westminster. The pastor, Rev. Dr. McCrae, presided and the principal addresses were made by Mr. F. W. Anderson, M.A., and Mr. J. A. Paterson, K.C., both of Toronto. Mr. Anderson gave an able and convincing address, and Mr. Paterson's address was a masterpiece.

Mr. Elliot reported to Barrie Presbytery for the committee appointed to consider the question of rearrangement of the Penetang field. It emphasized the necessity in the near future of enabling Penetang to stand alone and recommended Presbytery to keep this purpose in view. It was agreed to raise Washago, etc., to the status of an augmentation charge and to apply for a grant of \$275 in their behalf.

At the recent meeting of Barrie Presbytery Dr. McLeod presented the report of the Home Mission Committee. The report showed that all the stations had been well supplied during the summer. He proposed radical changes

in dealing with the whole field. Mr. Crow reported that there was in hand a balance of \$225 from the Tourist work and a further balance from Windermere of \$37. After expenses are met the balance is to be sent to Dr. Sommerville for Home Mission Fund.

Rev. F. C. Harper, B.D., who recently resigned the charge of Drummond Hill, Niagara Falls, goes to Knox College for a post graduate course. Before leaving the Falls he was presented with an illuminated address by members of the congregation, as a token of appreciation of his three years' pastorate there. At a farewell banquet in the Masonic Hall, Mr. Harper, who is Past Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Canada, was the recipient of a travelling bag and an address from local brethren.

After some weeks in the hands of painters and decorators the Paris Presbyterian Church was re-opened on the 19th inst, the pastor, Mr. MacBeth, exchanging for the day with Dr. Lyle, the Moderator of the General Assembly. The church, built with its lofty Romanesque arches and handsome proportions has been decorated with fine taste, and new frosted globe lights add greatly to the beauty and restfulness of it. Dr. Lyle's sermons were able, earnest and evangelical, and the choir of 40 voices led the singing with great expression. The progress of this church is very gratifying.

In the death of Rev. Robert Hamilton, D.D., an eminent minister of our church was called to his reward. Deceased who had reached his 85th year, had not been in robust health for some months, but it was not expected that death was so near. Five minutes before he was in apparently usual health. Death was due to heart failure. Dr. Hamilton was born in Strirlingshire, Scotland and came to Canada in 1857 as a missionary, locating at Motherwell, where for forty-three years he was in charge of the Motherwell and Avonbank congregations. Eight years ago he retired from active work to live in Stratford, but his career of usefulness was not yet completed, as he continued almost every Sunday to fill vacant pulpits throughout the Presbytery. Last year his 50th anniversary in the ministry was celebrated at Motherwell. Interment took place at Avonbank, and there was a large attendance at the funeral.

There was a large gathering of the members of the Orillia congregation in the lecture room on Friday evening, to welcome home the respected pastor of the church, the Rev. D. C. Macdougall, and his bride, who had returned from their honeymoon that day. Mr. and Mrs. MacGregor stood at the door to receive the greetings of the people as they arrived. Following this, there was a short platform meeting. Dr. Beaton occupied the chair, and short speeches of congratulation and welcome were delivered. Mr. H. Cooke, on behalf of the congregation, presented Mr. and Mrs. MacGregor with a very handsome library suite in mission oak, including Davenport, Morris chair, rockers, easy chair, revolving and tilting chair, library table, two sets of sectional bookcases, and a beautiful rug. It was a princely gift. In acknowledging the various tokens and expressions of esteem, Mr. MacGregor spoke with much feeling and good taste of the pleasure and satisfaction with which he contemplated his brief pastorate in Orillia. On behalf of Mrs. MacGregor as well as himself, he thanked the congregation for their hearty and generous welcome home. The ladies, who had decorated the room very prettily for the occasion, then served refreshments, and a pleasant hour was spent in social intercourse.