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OTTAWA.

Rev. Prof. Kilpatrick of Toronto and Rev. Prof. Bryce of Winnipeg were the preachers in St. Paul's church last Sunday.

Communion in St. Paul's on the evening of the last Sunday in the year; and in Erskine church on the first Sunday morning of the New Year.

On Friday evening in the Lochaber Bay church, Rev. D. N. Coburn, of Buckingham, gave his popular lecture on "Leavers and Lifters," to an attentive audience.

Rev. Professor Kilpatrick, D.D., of Knox College, Toronto, delivered an interesting and powerful address last Sunday afternoon at the men's meeting in the Y.M.C.A. He took as his subject "The Christ, Whose Son is He?" His remarks were gratefully enjoyed by the large number of men present, and it was declared to be one of the most useful addresses given in the Y.M.C.A. this winter.

Rev. W. A. McLroy, B.A., the earnest and successful pastor of Stewarton church, has been presented with a handsome silk pulpit gown by the Ladies' Aid and members of the congregation. Mr. Fitzsimons, one of the elders, was chairman, and the presentation was made by Miss Aitchison. Mr. McLroy acknowledged the gift in suitable terms.

WESTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. Mr. Reed and family have removed from Berriedale to Loring.

Rev. Mr. McConnell, of Norwich, has been exchanging with Rev. Mr. Watson, of Thamesford.

At the recent anniversary services of Bethel Church, Mount Forest, the sum of \$85 was realized.

The anniversary of Knox Church, Jarvis, will be held on January 20th, when Rev. S. B. Russell, of Hamilton, will preach.

Rev. A. McWilliams, B.A., of St. Mary's, has accepted the call to Grace Church, Calgary, Alta. Rev. T. J. Thompson, of Stratford, is interim moderator of Session.

Rev. N. D. McKinnon, Milverton, preached the anniversary sermons of the Sunday school, Knox Church, St. Mary's. A choir of one hundred well trained voices was an interesting feature of the occasion.

The new Church at Leavendale was opened with special services conducted by Rev. James Buchanan, of Dundalk. At the tea meeting, Revs. J. P. McInnes, of Cedarville; J. Buchanan, of Dundalk; G. Kendall, of Conn; J. R. Bell, of Laurel, and Senator McMullen, of Mt. Forest, delivered stirring addresses. The choir of the Cedarville Presbyterian Church provided appropriate music. The new Church is a neat and comfortable edifice, with stone basement heated by a furnace.

The Rockwood Church (Rev. J. T. Hall, pastor), was formally reopened on the 9th inst. Except the walls, the church is practically a new building. New windows of Japanese glass have replaced the old ones. The old plaster ceiling has been removed, and a handsome metallic ceiling occupies its place. The old seats have been thrown out and replaced by new ones, and the building is heated and lighted by the latest approved methods. There were very large congregations present at both services, which were conducted by the Rev. R. G. MacBeth, M.A., of Paris.

ROUND ABOUT LONDON.

At an adjourned meeting of the Presbytery of London, on 18th inst., the following report of a special committee appointed to consider the new statistical forms was adopted: "Your committee believe that the instruction of the Assembly requiring in the statistical returns that figures be given for the pastoral charge and mission field, and not for each congregation as at present" (and consequently under one name) when there are two or more congregations in the charge, demands further consideration; and that any space saved by this method would be gained at the expense of other interests, besides resulting in much irritation on the part of the congregations which would thus practically disappear from the statistical tables of the church. The committee recommend, however, that the Presbytery comply with the Assembly instruction for this year, so far as the figures are concerned, but report the names of all the congregations in each charge.

The Presbytery proposes to overture next General Assembly regarding the statistical forms, so as to have the statistics and finance of every congregation reported as formerly.

A resolution of sympathy for Rev. Mr. W. H. Geddes and family was adopted on account of long protracted illness of his wife with little hope of her health being restored.

The afternoon was spent in an informal discussion of Church Union. Some of the brethren took strong exception to the doctrinal basis proposed, especially what are commonly known as the doctrines of grace. Others held that the doctrinal basis submitted to last Assembly was essentially Calvinistic and Presbyterian.

The community has been greatly shocked this week by the killing of the wife of Rev. James Argo by an express train on C. P. R. at a street crossing, on Wednesday afternoon. She had come from the city to make purchases for the Lobo Sabbath school anniversary and was returning home in a cutter with others. As the train was seen coming she jumped from the cutter in front of the engine and was instantly killed.

Mr. Argo was called from Duart and settled in Lobo last September. Mrs. Argo was a sister of the Rev. Dr. Wilkie, now of the Gwallor Mission in India, and was a much beloved Christian lady.

The next stated meeting of the Presbytery of London will be held in Knox church, St. Thomas, on first Tuesday (5th) of March, 1907, at 10 o'clock a.m.

Rev. W. A. McLroy, of Ottawa, conducted anniversary services at Vernon on a recent Sunday.

The recent anniversary services at Franktown, conducted by Rev. A. E. Mitchell, of Ottawa, netted the handsome sum of \$120.

The Christmas season invites us to cultivate the spirit of Christian unity, says the Canadian Baptist. As we said at the beginning, all the branches of the Christian church are now in blossom. They bloom at the thrill of a common life. They flower out at the stroke of a single impulse. However widely they may be separated, they grow upon a common stock and are nourished by a common sap. Whatever varieties of organization they may manifest, they bear like fruits. The church is one in Christ in all the earth.

EASTERN ONTARIO.

The annual supper and social of the Orono congregation was a gratifying success, realizing \$107.

Mr. J. G. Miller, B.A., of Knox College, Toronto, is announced to conduct anniversary services at the Enniskillin church next Sunday.

Rev. R. J. Hutcheon, late of Ottawa, and formerly of St. Andrew's, Almonte, has accepted a call to the pulpit of the First Unitarian church, Toronto.

Rev. A. Macaulay, Middleville, has been lecturing in the Congregational church there, on "A Trip from Halifax to Victoria, illustrated by a series of excellent views.

Mr. J. C. Nicholson, B.A., of the Montreal College, has been presenting the claims of the Students' Missionary Society before the congregation of St. Andrew's and Zion, Almonte.

Rev. J. D. Byrnes, B.D., of Gore Bay, was the recipient of two calls recently, one from Webbwood and the other from Cobalt. He has accepted the Cobalt call.

Last Sunday, Rev. Henry Keith, B.D., who for the past two years has been the representative of the International Y. M. C. A. in India, preached morning and evening in Knox church, Perth. It is understood that Mr. Keith was compelled to return to Canada on account of his wife's health.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON
CHURCH UNION.

The Joint Committee on Church Union, representing the Presbyterian, Methodist and Congregational Churches, which met in the Metropolitan Church, Toronto, in the second week of December and sat for three days, has prepared a report, which is summarized as follows:

With regard to the overtures sent out, the committee reports that it received with much gratification cordial and brotherly answers from representatives of the Church of England in Canada and of the Baptist churches; and, in view of these answers recommends that the following action be taken:

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I. That the Executive Committee be empowered to choose a committee of fifteen to confer with any delegation that may be appointed by the Church of England on the question of union.

II. That a committee of seven be appointed to meet any representatives which the Maritime Union of the Baptist Church may choose. The committee to consist of three Presbyterians, three Methodists, and one Congregationalist, to be chosen by the separate delegations at the close of this session.

III. That the Union Committee empower the Executive to choose a committee to meet and confer with representatives appointed by the Baptist Union of Ontario and Quebec.

These committees were duly appointed.

Sub-Committee on Ministry.

Pastoral office and term of service—Recognizing the desirability of preserving the essence of both the settled pastorate and the itinerancy, this committee recommends as follows:—

The pastoral relation shall be without a time limit. That every congregation shall have, as far as possible, a pastorate without interruption, and a Settlement Committee, appointed by