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## Ministers and Churches.

Knox church, Embro, was asked to put \$1,400 on the plate on Sept. 24th.

Rev. A. Beamer, Courtright, has received a call to Marine City, Michigan.

Rev. D. J. McLean, of Arnprior, was given \$100 by his church to aid him in visiting Chicago.

Rev. N. Shaw, of Egmondville, occupied the pulpit of the Presbyterian church, Tilbury Centre, Sept. 24th.

Rev. J. C. Tibb, of Burns church, has received a call from the congregation of the Streetsville Presbyterian church.

It is expected that the new Sunday school hall of St. Andrew's church, Ottawa, will be completed by the middle of December.

Rev. Mr. Simpson, M.A., graduate of the Queen's College, Kingston, occupied the pulpit of Knox church, Aylmer, Sunday, 24th ult.

The corner stone of a new Sunday school in connection with Wentworth street Presbyterian church, Hamilton, has been laid by Hon. G. W. Ross.

A meeting of the Brockville Presbytery, held in Merrickville on Tuesday, 19th, was to induct the Rev. Mr. Aston into the pastorate of St. John's church.

At the next regular meeting of the Presbytery of Maitland, "Young People's Societies" will be the subject discussed at a special religious conference.

The report that Mr. Johnston, of Lindsay, received a call from the congregation of Wingham, is not correct. Such would have been the case had he not discouraged it.

Rev. Wm. A. Cook, of Dorchester, conducted the services of the Wingham Presbyterian church, on Sabbath, September 24th, at the usual hour, and the Bible class at 2.30 p.m.

Rev. J. Crombie, of Smith's Falls, the venerable Clerk of the Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew, has arrived home from Scotland, and looks hale and hearty after his long trip.

Rev. W. H. L. Rowand and wife have been visiting the parents of Mrs. Rowand at Portage la Prairie. Mr. Rowand has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Presbyterian church at Fort William.

The Rev. Andrew Gray, pastor of the Presbyterian church, Five Islands, N.S., preached a sermon to the children on Sabbath, 27th inst., which was much appreciated by a large and intelligent audience.

A unanimous call to Rev. J. McKay, of Lucknow, from the congregations of Union Centre and Lochaber, in the Presbytery of Pictou, N.S., has been forwarded to the Clerk of Maitland Presbytery.

The Presbyterian Synod of the Maritime Provinces will meet in St. Paul's church, Truro, on Tuesday, Oct. 3rd, at 7 o'clock, p.m. The retiring Moderator, Rev. Isaac Murray, will preach the opening sermon.

Dr. Bryce, of Winnipeg, is to assist at the opening of a new Presbyterian church at Vancouver on Oct. 8th. The well-known missionary, Rev. George L. McKay, is also to be present. The building will cost \$20,000.

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was observed in St. Andrew's church, Verschoyle, on the 10th ult. The minister of Tilsonburg, the Rev. M. McGregor, M.A., officiated. A set of beautiful communion vessels, presented to the congregation by the Ladies' Aid, was used for the first time at this celebration.

The Rev. Robert Aylward, late pastor of the First Congregational Church, London, Ontario, and who has just connected himself with the Presbyterian Church in Canada, preached his farewell sermon to a large congregation on the evening of September 17th. His text was, "And Pharaoh said unto Jacob, How old art thou?" etc. The whole service was very impressive.

The regular quarterly preparatory service of Chalmers church, Flesherton, was held on the 8th ult. The Rev. E. A. Harrison, of Dundalk, preached in his usual lucid style. The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was observed on Sabbath, the Rev. J. A. Wells, M. A., pastor, officiating. Five new members were added, and the whole services were interesting and spiritually refreshing.

The large Presbyterian church, Shubenacadie, with its tall spire, can be seen for a long distance. It has a basement, or first story, which is used for prayer meetings and Sabbath schools. The upper story, which was

last year overhauled and repaired by Mr. Beattie, of Truro, is very airy and comfortable and seats about four hundred people. The pastor is Rev. John Murray.

The annual harvest home and children's day service was held in the Presbyterian church, Belgrave, on Sabbath 24th ult. On the following Monday evening, a grand social and intellectual treat was given in the church. Addresses were delivered by the pastor, Rev. Geo. Law; Rev. Mr. Geddes, of Whitechurch, and Rev. A. McLean, of Blythe. A special collection was taken up in aid of the building fund.

The social in the Presbyterian church, Alice, Renfrew county, on Monday evening the 18th ult., was very largely attended and was in every way a success. The pastor, Rev. Robt. Knowles, occupied the chair. The excellent choir of Calvin church furnished music, assisted ably by Mrs. C. B. McAllister, Miss L. McAllister, and Mr. H. R. Lloyd. The Revs. R. McNabb and G. D. Bayne gave pleasing and instructive addresses, and dwelt upon the great success of the Rev. Mr. Knowles' work in Alice.

Sabbath morning and evening, 17th ult., the pulpit of the Waterville Congregational church was occupied by the Rev. John McVicar, B.A., a missionary of the Presbyterian Church in Honan, China. In the evening, the reverend gentleman, who is a gifted speaker, gave a very interesting account of some of the difficulties missionaries have to face in China. If Mr. McVicar should again favour us with his presence, we believe the church, which on this occasion was filled, will be crowded.

The Norwich Presbyterians, much to their regret, are to lose their esteemed pastor, Rev. R. H. Myers, on account of the continued illness of Mrs. Myers. Physicians have advised an entire change of climate; therefore Mrs. Myers has left for St. Paul, Minn. Mrs. Myers has been an earnest and faithful worker in the church, and is much loved by all who knew her; and it is hoped by her many friends that she may be fully restored to health and be enabled to return to the more active work of the Master whom she so dearly loves.

On Thursday evening, 21st ult., the members and adherents of the Lorneville congregation (St. Andrew's) gathered in large numbers to the manse to take part in welcoming Rev. Mr. McDonald and his bride. The ladies took possession of the dining room and spread a bountiful supper of all the delicacies of the season. Soon after the arrival of the train at Lorneville, Mr. McDonald and his bride made their way to the manse, but found the congregation were in charge. The bride and bridegroom received a grand welcome. Before sitting down to supper, Mr. Carmichael, jr., in behalf of the congregation, read a very cordial address, to which Mr. McDonald made a suitable reply, thanking his people for their kind words of welcome to himself and his bride.

It was previously stated in our columns, on what appeared good authority, that the Rev. Mr. McLeod, of Victoria, had received permission to organize a new congregation in that city. It appears that this information was premature. At a meeting of the Presbytery of Vancouver Island, held on Sept. 21st, a resolution was adopted declaring that Mr. McLeod's action in the premises was irregular and calculated to bring the laws of the Church into disrepute, and impair the interests of the Church in the city, and he was enjoined to discontinue all public services in connection with the movement of the petitioners to raise a new church until the Presbytery has issued its case. Mr. McLeod announced that he would appeal to the Synod; and a committee was appointed to prepare an answer to the appeal.

The Rev. Dr. McMullen, of Woodstock, who got a well-filled purse from his people, for a holiday, has been delighting them with an account of the World's Fair; at a meeting held under the auspices of his young people, with the dual object of tendering a reception to their pastor, on his return from his holidays, and of assisting the East End Mission by means of a collection which was taken up at the door. The Doctor was in one of his most eloquent moods, and while he descanted on the wonders and grandeur of the Columbian Exposition, he waxed so fluent as to fairly carry his audience along with him through the scenes which he so graphically described. Although he has read the newspaper accounts of the great Exposition, the Doctor says not one has given a description which will in any way convey an idea of the sublime grandeur, and imposing magnificence of the gigantic enterprise.

The jubilee of Chalmers Church, Halifax, is to be celebrated on October 6th and 8th. Its first pastor, Rev. Ralph

Robb, was inducted on Oct. 5th, 1843. Invitations have been issued to all past and present members of the church to be present at the services. A meeting of the congregation has been held to make arrangements for the celebration. Tea will be served on Friday the 6th, and addresses delivered. One will be on the history of Chalmers Church, another on Presbyterianism in Halifax for fifty years, and a third on Presbyterianism in Canada for that period. Moreover, it is the intention to signalize the occasion by an endeavour to remove a floating debt of about \$1,000, which has been incurred in the building of the Hall and in making substantial and much needed improvements in the church. We hope that the congregation may have a delightful gathering and a large and willing response to the more practical side of the celebration.

We lately gave some particulars respecting the Rev. Dr. Sedgwick, the Moderator of the last General Assembly. We gladly add the following interesting items, taken from the columns of the Presbyterian Witness, Halifax: Our Moderator was ordained in 1866, so that he is thirty-three years in the ministry. He is still as young and strong as he was thirty years ago! "As young?" Yes, of course. The man whose heart and mind are in sympathy with the ever-growing, ever-living, and throbbing heart of the people, never becomes mentally aged or stale. Of the twenty members of the Presbytery of Pictou, in October, 1860, when our union was consummated, Rev. Dr. Sedgwick is the only pastor who remains in that Presbytery. Of the pastors then in Halifax Presbytery, not one remains in his charge. The same is true of the whole Synod. Dr. Sedgwick is the only pastor who has not changed places since 1860. Of the seventy-seven ministers then on the roll, forty-seven have died. About twenty are still doing more or less work in the Church. About sixteen are still on the rolls of Presbyteries. Nine or ten are pastors. Such are the changes of thirty-three years. Dr. George Sutherland was the last loss sustained by this band.

## PRESBYTERY MEETINGS.

The first semi-annual meeting of the Presbyterian Society of the W.F.M.S., was held at Ridgetown on Wednesday, Sept. 6th, Mrs. Cooper presiding. Able addresses were made by several of the ladies connected with the society. The special feature of the occasion was an address by Mrs. Shortreed, of Toronto, Home Secretary of the General Society. At the close of the afternoon meeting, tea was served by the ladies of the church to all present. In the evening, Dr. Battisby delivered an interesting address on his visit to the Old World.

The Presbytery of Stratford met in North Easthope on the 11th inst., at 7.30 p.m.; Rev. John Kay, Moderator. A public conference was held on "The need of evangelistic services" being conducted in the congregations within the bounds of the Presbytery. The subject was introduced by Mr. Pyke, of Shakespeare. It was agreed to recommend that such services be held some time during the year, and that each Session make such

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