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OTTAWA.

Rev. J. H. Turnbull and Rev. R. Palmer exchanged pulpits last Sunday morning.

The ministers of the Presbytery of Ottawa have decided to begin the work of compiling a history of the Presbyterian churches in Ottawa, and throughout the Presbytery. A committee to take the work in hand has been appointed with Rev. Dr. Armstrong at its head.

"I do not know any country where the church has a greater hold on its people than in Canada," asserted Rev. Principal Gandier, D.D., of Knox College, Toronto, in the course of a strong address on behalf of that institution at the morning service in St. Andrew's last Sunday.

If Canadians will exert as strong an influence for the church as our capitalists do for their material gain, Canada will be a great church country. The last great fight between the orient and the occident, between heathenism and Christianity will take place in Canada and the United States. North America will eventually determine the character of the world."

Principal Gandier made a strong appeal for contributions toward the \$300,000 building fund for the new Knox college, of which half the amount had already been subscribed in the city of Toronto. The preacher stated that 40 per cent. of the total of the students in all faculties at Toronto University were Presbyterians, and that in no centre in the world were so many Presbyterian students gathered outside of Scotland. In the evening the principal filled the pulpit of Bank Street Church.

Local option advocates have scored a most decisive victory in East Templeton. The municipal council, acting on petitions signed by a majority of the electors, has unanimously voted in favor of abolishing the liquor traffic for the ensuing year. This action of the local councillors means that May 1 will see the lid shut down locally on the hotel business. For the success of the campaign credit is given Rev. Father Rouillard and our own Rev. M. H. Taylor who were untiring in their efforts to secure a temperance victory.

HAMILTON.

Rev. W. J. Dawson is to hold a series of meetings in Hamilton this spring. His coming is eagerly anticipated.

St. Giles church is forging ahead under the leadership of Rev. J. B. Paulin.

Rev. J. L. Campbell, of St. David's, preached in Westminster church on Sunday.

Pulpit exchange was the order of the day last Sunday. The Ministerial Association arranges for this general interchange of pulpits once every year.

Rev. J. A. Wilson, of St. Andrew's church was recently elected president of the Hamilton Ministerial Association.

Rev. Dr. Herridge, of Ottawa, was the preacher at anniversary services recently held in St. Paul's church, Rev. D. R. Drummond, pastor.

Westminster Church has decided to call Rev. W. L. Willman, of Elora. The call comes before a pro-re-nata meeting of Presbytery to be held this week.

Charity should begin at home, but it should not stay there. Life is a service. Service is a part of life; it is the only real human life, and from Christ's own existence we see the example of it.

WESTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. Dr. McLeod, of Barrie, recently officiated at the opening of a new church in New Lowell. The organ was the gift of Mr. Thomas Paton, Barrie.

"The Sabbath and the Working man" was the subject of a very practical discourse by Rev. J. C. Wilson, B.A., in Knox Church, Acton, last Sunday evening.

The members of the Ladies' Aid Society of Knox church, Cayuga, held a social last week, at which there was a good attendance, the sum of \$30.00 being realized for the funds of the society.

Rev. Dr. Ross at St. Andrew's church, London: "Judaism was a religion of joy. Its greatest sacraments were all great feasts. The Christian religion in its early days were also one of great joy, and it was this fact that caused it to be largely spread through the Roman Empire. The slaves and poor people adopted it most gladly."

St. Paul's Church, London West, has been much improved during the past few weeks by the artist's skill and the introduction of new pews. Re-opening services were conducted on Sunday, 10th inst., the Rev. T. H. Mitchell preaching in the morning, and the pastor, Rev. Thomas Nixon, in the evening.

Rev. Thomas Mitchell at the New St. James' Church, London: "Savonarola was in many respects the great preacher since Paul. His life teaches us the ministry of trial, the vitality of the Bible, and the great truth that the blood of the martyrs is the spirit of the church. Savonarola was the John the Baptist of the later movement called the Protestant religion."

The call from Chalmers' Church Guelph, to Rev. Dr. Dix, of Dartmouth, N.S., has been sustained by Guelph Presbytery, and provisional arrangements were made for his induction at an early date, should he accept; the moderator of the Presbytery to preside; Rev. A. Blair to address the minister; and Rev. W. G. Wilson to address the congregation.

A religious census of Parry Sound has just been taken, giving the church-goers in that progressive town as being in the neighborhood of 4,000. The following are the returns: Baptists, 352; Brethren, 24; Church of England, 732; Disciples, 6; Friends, 3; Hebrews, 6; Latter Day Saints, 4; Lutherans, 21; Methodists, 1,047; Pentecostal Mission, 57; Presbyterians, 1,601; Roman Catholics, 511; Salvation Army, 43; Unitarians 3; no preference, 36; total, 3,886. It may be added that the work was done by ladies representative of the various churches, who report that they were courteously received in every instance but one, and in that case alone was information refused and discourtesy manifested. At the union meeting held to receive the returns, on motion of Rev. Mr. Mahaffy, of St. Andrew's church, the ladies were awarded a cordial vote of thanks for their very efficient services.

The "Christian Instructor" says: "The necessity of putting a church paper into the homes of the Church is fundamental. Almost every department of our Church's work appeals for support and money at certain times through the church paper, and the results of these appeals are in proportion to the number of people who read the appeals. How can those who don't know of the need, who don't read a church paper, how can they help? The cream of our membership take a church paper. They are intelligent and well informed regarding their duty to the Church because they read a church paper, and knowing, they help. The one who helps put his neighbor's name on the mailing list is thereby helping every branch of church work by making an additional member intelligent as to his duty."

EASTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. N. H. McGillivray, of Cornwall, has been a visitor at the manse, Martintown.

Rev. D. T. McClintock, of Grand Valley, is called to Knox Church, Cannington.

On Friday of last week Rev. A. J. Mann, of Woodville, conducted a pre-Communion service at Sunderland.

The Presbyterian sale, supper and concert in connection with the Napanee church was a marked success, the proceeds amounting to nearly \$150.

The Ladies' Aid Society of St. Andrew's Church, Arnprior, announce a rummage sale to take place about the middle of next month.

Rev. George Mingle, of Montreal, in the absence of Rev. Mr. Cliff, preached to his old congregations at Wals and North Lunenburg last Sunday.

Rev. W. H. Brokenshire has received a hearty call to the pastorate of Mill street church, Port Hope, and Knoxville, Hope township. For some months past he has been minister in charge.

Rev. I. N. Beckstedt, of Athens, has accepted the call to Lansdowne, and will preach his farewell sermon next Sunday. Rev. A. G. Cameron, of Brockville, has been appointed interim moderator of session.

The words "Quit ye like men, be strong" found the theme for an instructive sermon by Rev. A. J. Mann, of Woodville, on a recent Sunday evening, specially addressed to young men. Effective music was furnished by a choir composed entirely of male voices.

Rev. W. A. Morrison, of South Mountain, assisted Rev. Mr. Ferguson, of Vankieek Hill, at the communion service last Sunday. Mr. Morrison appears to be a great favorite with young ladies about to wed. In two weeks he has had three marriages, making eleven since his induction last June.

On leaving Monklands for River Desert, Que., Mr. Drysdale, who had given sixteen months faithful services, and was instrumental in building a new church, was presented with a well-filled purse, accompanied by many expressions of goodwill.

The death is announced of Mr. Alexander Breckenridge, of Little Creek, Ont., who was born in Ayrshire, Scotland, on March 10th, 1810, and had thus passed the century mark. He was a lifelong Presbyterian and greatly respected.

"The Religious Significance of Halley's Comet" was the subject of an address delivered by Rev. J. Pate at Sunday evening's service in Knox Church, Lancaster. The topic was dealt with in an instructive manner so that anxious minds, regarding the fate of humanity on or about May 18, should not take too much stock in prognostications of a calamitous nature.

Upwards of 150 gentlemen from points all over the united counties attended the Laymen's Missionary Conference and banquet in the Music Hall Cornwall, last week. Mr. Duncan Monroe was in the chair, and several able addresses were delivered. Mr. J. F. Orde K.C., spoke on 'Methods of the Laymen's Missionary Movement'; Mr. W. Y. King, secretary-treasurer of the Canadian Converters Company, Montreal, on the subject of 'Missionary opportunity at home and abroad,' and Mr. W. H. Goodwin, manager of the John Murphy Company, Montreal, on 'How to bring a congregation to its highest missionary efficiency.' The Rev. John Gifford, missionary on furlough from China, also gave an address. The speakers all strongly urged Christian people to unite in spreading the Gospel among the millions of heathen.