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OTTAWA.

Four additions were made to the membership of St. Paul's church at last communion. They were all from the Sunday school.

The death is announced at Brampton of Rev. Wm. Herridge, father of Rev. Dr. Herridge of this city. Deceased was in his 85th year.

After a most successful season the ever enlarging Young People's society of Erskine church held its greatest of all social events last week in the form of a banquet. An excellent dinner was served, succeeded by solos and recitations. Mr. John Leyden, president of the society, was toast master, and filled that position admirably. Solos were given by Mr. F. Ball, Miss Patterson, Miss M. Pattison and Miss Bessie Bonsall. A recitation in the French dialect was given by Mr. Thornton. The pastor, Rev. A. E. Mitchell, proposed the toast of the church. "There are three characteristics," he said, "in the ideal church. The first is unity as far as the leaders and congregation are concerned. It is better to have a somewhat modest ideal and have all united in reaching it, than a high ideal with no one striving to reach it." The other characteristics were "working church and a praying congregation. This society has a good active membership, and is doing excellent work in the congregation.

OTTAWA PRESBYTERY.

This Presbytery met in the church in Aylwin on the 29th May, at 2 o'clock, for the induction of Rev. R. Taggart. The Rev. A. S. Ross, Moderator of Presbytery, presided. Dr. Ramsay of Ottawa, conducted Divine Service and preached a thoughtful and appropriate Sermon from Rom. 12:1—The Rev. N. McLaren of Desert addressed the newly induced pastor, and Rev. R. Eadie of Hintonburg, gave charge to the people.

At the conclusion of the induction services, refreshments were served by the ladies of the congregation after which Rev. R. Gamble of Wakefield was called to the chair and an informal programme of speeches and music given. Helpful and encouraging addresses were given by the members of Presbytery present as well as by Rev. Mr. Cooper of the Methodist church.

Aylwin has just been promoted from being a mission charge to an augmented Congregation, and the Rev. Mr. Taggart, who, after nearly three years of service on the field as ordained missionary, is the unanimous choice of the people as their pastor, and commences his work as settled pastor under most favorable circumstances.

AN ANGLER'S ELYSIUM.

According to advertisements all summer resorts are alike. They are the best ever—but if fishing is better anywhere else than it is in "Georgian Bay" we do not know where it is. There is a greater variety of fish in this water than anywhere else, and they are always hungry. No one ever counted the fish in the Georgian Bay, but those that have been caught there have been counted and eaten, and if you read the Government reports on fisheries, you know that Georgian Bay supplies more fish than any other equal body of water in the world. The only place you can afford to fish is where fish are numerous, big and delicious in flavor, and that place is Georgian Bay—so the fishermen say. Suppose you send for booklet, issued by Grand Trunk Railway System free, telling about the home of the bass, pickerel, pike and the noble trout family. Address J. Quinlan, District Passenger Agent, G.T.R., Bonaventure Station, Montreal.

EASTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. A. Govan, Williamstown, preached in the Union church, Martintown, last Sunday week.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed in Knox Church, Lancaster, next Sabbath, 10th inst.

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed in St. John's Church last Sunday morning. There was a large attendance of members.

It is gratifying to learn that Rev. Dr. Campbell, of Perth, last week reported as seriously ill, as now convalescing. His many friends throughout the church will rejoice at this intimation.

Rev. Hugh Munroe and Mrs. Munroe, of Bowmanville, have gone to Woodstock for a short vacation. Last Sunday the Rev. Wm. Joitte preached morning and evening at St. Paul's church.

The new building for the First Church, Fort Hope, will be opened by Rev. Dr. Johnston, of Montreal, on Sabbath, 10th inst. On the following Sabbath, 21st inst., Rev. Dr. B. C. Jones, of Erie, Pa., a former pastor, will preach at both services.

Last Sunday Rev. Prof. Kilpatrick, of Knox College, Toronto, conducted the anniversary services in the Grinia church, which were of special interest as being the fifty-fourth anniversary of the founding of the church and the seventeenth of the opening of the present handsome place of worship.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed in St. Andrew's church, here, last Sunday, by Rev. A. Macdonald of Toronto. In the evening a union service was held, when Rev. A. Waddell of Georgian church united with Rev. A. Govan, while Rev. Mr. Macdonald filled the pulpit in Martintown.

At the close of the prayer meeting on Thursday evening, the ladies of Knox church, Toronto, presented the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Macmaster, with an address and a silver vegetable dish. A large congregation was present and took an affectionate farewell of their pastor and his wife, who were about leaving for the new charge at Russelltown, Que. Mr. Macmaster, has been a faithful pastor, a devoted friend, and a true citizen, foremost in all good works, and people of all creeds lament his departure. Mrs. Macmaster has worked hard for the different organizations of the church, and was a kind and sympathetic visitor in time of trouble.

Having been able to report most encouragingly on his special work for the aged and infirm members fund, Rev. A. H. Scott returned to the pulpit of St. Andrew's church, Perth, last Sunday. The General Assembly's standing committee on the reception of the report expressed their warm appreciation of the earnest and sympathetic way in which he has gone about his work, and the gratifying practical results which have already followed from it. The published statements of the Toronto daily press indicate that those in charge of the Fund for Aged and Infirm Ministers are now nearing the quarter of a million dollar goal and in consequence are in good cheer. The fund is now in better shape than ever before.

Mr. J. A. Allan and family, of Perth, were entertained by the teachers of Knox church at Oliver's Ferry. The Perth Courier says: During his whole life Mr. Allan has been closely associated either as pupil or teacher with the Sunday school work of his church. For many years he has been teacher of the Bible class and is regarded by all who have been his pupils as one of the most helpful and inspiring of instructors. The teachers found it a great pleasure to have this gathering, to do honor to their comrade in work. After a pleasant drive on a charming day the afternoon was spent by the sparkling waters of the Rideau, in varied amuse-

ments, and in the evening thirty-one teachers and friends sat for dinner at the tables of the Coult's House. After dinner a number of addresses were given, all highly complimentary to Mr. Allan and his family, and expressing deep regret at their contemplated departure. In reply Mr. Allan made an excellent address in which he said he was beginning to find that his departure from friends and church was more painful than he anticipated. He had found the most pleasant of all his associations in connection with the cause and its work. He valued beyond all price the friends he had found and the work in which he was permitted to take part there. He was parting with very many warm friends but his most precious memories would be associated with the church of his childhood. In his western home he expected to make new friends and the first place he would go to for that purpose would be the church where he believed the best work was being done for the world and where the highest and purest friendship was promoted. He would continue to give the church and its work the highest place in his thought and life.

The death by drowning is announced of Rev. Walter M., Roger, M.A., at different times minister in Perth, Ashburn, East London Ont., and Ashcroft, B.C. At the time of his death he had charge of a mission at Lancaster.

The Peterboro Review says:—The late Rev. Walter M. Roger was born in Kincardine, O'Neill, Ayrshire, Scotland, on December 31st, 1839, while his parents, Rev. J. M. and Mrs. Roger were on a visit to their old home. He was the second son and the seventh generation of Presbyterian ministers coming from Kincardine. His father, Rev. J. M. Roger, was the first Presbyterian minister of St. Andrew's church, Peterborough, and afterwards he became pastor of St. Paul's. The deceased was very well known in this city, having spent his boyhood days here, and in later years he often visited at his old home, and on several occasions occupied the pulpit in the Presbyterian churches. In all his work he was faithful and careful and commanded the highest respect from all with whom he came in contact. His sudden death was received with deep regret in this city. It was particularly sad, being surrounded by such tragic circumstances. To the widow and daughter is extended the sincere and general sympathy of not only the city but the whole community and the Presbyterian church.

Those left to mourn the loss of Rev. Walter M. Roger are, his widow and daughter, Miss Alice Roger, his two sisters, Miss Roger and Mrs. Fairbairn, and his brother, Mr. G. M. Roger, all living in the city.

The political news from Russia is big with possibilities. At the end of a memorable seven-hour session the Lower House of Parliament on Saturday indignantly rejected the Government's policy as presented by Premier Goremykin, and, with only seven dissentient voices, voted lack of confidence in the Ministry, practically throwing the gauntlet to the Bureaucracy with a demand for the retirement of the present Cabinet and its supersession by the Ministry approved by a majority of the House. The spirit of absolute revolution is in the air and a conflict between the Crown and the Nation now appears to be inevitable. While the Home avoided the appearance of delivering an ultimatum, the Government seems to have no alternative except surrender or war. The gloomiest forebodings are everywhere expressed and the general impression is that the country is on the verge of a titanic struggle, which may be delayed but not averted. So says the St. Petersburg Correspondent of the New York Times.