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## EASTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. C. H. Daly, of Lyn, has been preaching in St. John's church, Almonte. The next meeting of Lanark and Renfrew Presbytery will be held at Carleton Place on 22nd May, at 10.30 a.m.

The Beesburg congregation has increased the stipend of Rev. A. D. Menzies from \$800 to \$1,000.

The choir of Knox church, Beaverton, spent a very enjoyable evening at "Broadview" the beautiful home of Mr. A. Ross, Thorah, on a recent evening.

"The Home and What Dangers Menace it," was the subject of a recent sermon by Rev. Mr. Best in St. Andrew's church, Beaverton. The preacher treated his theme in a very practical and useful manner.

Rev. W. M. Kannawin, M.A., of Woodville, preached anniversary sermons at Wyewale last Sunday week, Mr. E. McLean, of Knox College, taking his pulpit.

Rev. Mr. Young, of Pakenham, and Rev. Orr Bennet, of St. Andrew's church, Almonte, exchanged pulpits last Sunday week.

Lanark and Renfrew Presbytery has granted leave of absence to Rev. A. H. Scott, who has been appointed to do important work for the General Assembly in behalf of one of the benevolent schemes of the church.

Jasper Presbyterians held their anniversary services on Sunday of last week when Rev. Mr. Wilson, of Smith's Falls, occupied the pulpit and preached two inspiring sermons.

Rev. J. Matheson, Summerstown, was the preacher in St. Andrew's church, Wilhamstown last Sunday, while Rev. Arpad Govan visited Salem church, Summerstown, in connection with the Augmentation Scheme of the church.

The Dunchurch correspondent of the *Burk's Falls Arrow* last week says: "Rev. A. S. Sieveright being absent at Huntsville, the service at the Presbyterian church was conducted by Mr. William Campbell, of Parry Sound."

Lanark and Renfrew Presbytery appointed the following commissioners to the General Assembly: Ministers by rotation, Revs. C. H. Cooke, John Hay, W. H. Cram and Geo. Campbell; by ballot, R. Young and D. Currie; elders, A. G. Farrell, G. E. Armstrong, S. Wilson, Jas. Ward and Ferguson.

Rev. Dr. Milligan, of Old St. Andrew's, Toronto, has been delivering a course of lectures to the theological students of Queen's on "What to Preach and How to Preach." It is needless to say that the lectures are well attended. Dr. Milligan has always something good to say, and he knows how to say it.

It is announced that McGill University, Montreal, will confer the honorary degree of LL.D. on Hon. W. S. Fielding, Minister of Finance, and on Rev. James Barclay, D.D., minister of St. Paul's Presbyterian church, of Montreal. The degrees will be conferred at the annual convocation of the university in April next.

Much to the regret of the congregation of St. Paul's, Peterboro, Rev. W. M. Mackay, who has been assistant minister for nearly a year, is about leaving to go to Glasgow, Scotland, where he will take a special course in theology. During his stay in Peterboro he has made a large number of friends by his earnest, quiet manner and faithful, conscientious work.

Rev. J. U. Tanner, of St. Andrew's church, Lancaster, took the services last Sunday morning and evening in St. John's church, Cornwall, the pastor of which, Rev. N. H. McGillivray, occupied Rev. Mr. Tanner's pulpit.

The special services in the Avonmore church during the past two weeks have been well attended, and much interest is being evinced. The pastor, Rev. Mr.

Mackay, has been assisted by Rev. Mr. Morrison, of Kirkhill, Rev. L. Beaton, of Moose Creek, Rev. R. Gollan, of Dunvegan, and Rev. W. C. McIntyre, of Woodlands.

The Rev. Dr. Johnston, of the American Presbyterian church, has been engaged to deliver a course of lectures on "Missions" before the students of the Montreal Presbyterian College. These lectures are sure to be practical, useful and deeply interesting. In all our colleges lectures on Missions should certainly form a part of the curriculum.

At the last meeting of Lanark and Renfrew Presbytery the Rev. J. C. Robertson, the General Assembly's Sabbath school secretary, was present and delivered an excellent address on S. S. work, pointing out its growing importance in view of the apparent decline of religious training in the home and the absence of specific religious teaching in the public schools. He emphasized the importance of teachers' meetings and teachers' training classes and urged the necessity of having all the children of the congregation enrolled and given the most efficient teaching. More attention should be given to the home study department. The Assembly's Sabbath School Committee gave last year \$400 for supplying destitute Sabbath schools with suitable literature.

The new church at Burk's Falls is a comfortable and handsome structure costing \$6,500, about half of which is already paid off. The new edifice was opened for divine worship by Rev. S. Childerhose, B.A., moderator of the Synod of Toronto and Kingston, who preached in the morning; Rev. J. Garrich, moderator of the North Bay Presbytery, in the afternoon; and Rev. Geo. McLennan, B.A., of Huntsville, in the evening. The character of the services throughout was singularly impressive and calculated to produce beneficial results in the highest and best sense of the term. On Monday evening tea was served in the basement to a large audience, followed by bright ten minute speeches by the following clergymen: Revs. James Sieveright, J. G. Rogers, A. H. Allman, Thos. Bingham, J. Garrich, D. Ried, and Geo. McLennan. Rev. R. J. Sturgeon, the pastor, occupied the chair. The *Burk's Falls Arrow* says of Rev. R. J. Sturgeon, who has been minister of the congregation seven years: "He is a preacher of marked ability whose sermons bristle with pointed epigrams, and thoughtful, well rounded periods. He has the rare faculty of expressing a great deal in a few words, and his sermons not only evince keen intellectual powers but great breadth of view combined with intense earnestness."

## QUEBEC.

At the annual congregational meeting of Chalmers Church, Richmond, the pastor, the Rev. H. Carmichael, occupied the chair. The usual reports were read, and proved most satisfactory, in fact, very encouraging. The secretary's statement showed a surplus contributed towards the pastor's stipend of \$110. The Ladies' Aid cleared some \$350, which helps to pay for the recent extensive improvements to the manse. Too much praise cannot be given to the president of the society, Mrs. C. J. Hill, or to the indefatigable, capable and energetic secretary, Miss A. Dunton. During the past three years several new families have become associated with the congregation and everything now points to a period of success. All the officers were re-elected.

Earl Aberdeen's salary as Viceroy of Ireland is £20,000 a year, plus £5,000 for outfit, yet it proves inadequate for the Viceroyal State required to be maintained.

## WESTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. J. C. Tolmer, M.A., of Windsor, has been lecturing in Wallaceburg, on "A Journey Through Palestine."

Rev. P. Nicol, of Tottenham, exchanged with Rev. Morden, of Bradford, last Sunday week.

Rev. H. D. Caméron, Allandale, has resigned his charge to accept a pastorate in the State of New York. His people regret his removal.

Owing to the continued illness of Rev. J. G. Sturf, B.A., South London, Rev. Dr. Ross, of St. Andrew's church, conducted the service last Sunday morning at Knox Church, and Rev. James Ahrey in the evening.

Rev. Dr. McCrae preached anniversary sermons at Leamington last Sunday, the Rev. J. A. Hamilton taking the services at Westminster.

A reception was tendered to Rev. Henry Dickie, the recently installed pastor of Chalmers Church, Woodstock, by the members of his congregation. The attendance was large and enthusiastic, and an enjoyable evening was spent. Mr. Dickie has already won his way to the hearts of his congregation, and the addresses presented to him expressed the pleasure of the congregation at having him for a pastor. An excellent musical programme was rendered, and refreshments were served by the ladies.

Chief Justice Falconbridge, who was asked to decide as to the construction of the will of Rev. Dr. McKay of Woodstock, who left \$500 to whichever of his grandsons should decide to enter the ministry, yesterday announced that, of the thirteen grandsons, Roswell, son of Rev. Dr. McFarish, of Cooke's church, Kingston, shall receive the legacy. He is 17 years old, and is studying now for the ministry. His younger brother, Gordon, aged nine, has also expressed his intention of being a Presbyterian preacher, but the chief justice holds that he is too young yet to make a choice.

A very enjoyable social time was spent on the evening of February 5th at the close of the congregational meeting of Essex. The congregation met to receive the reports of the work done by the different departments of the church. The reports were most encouraging showing large increase in the givings of the congregation for ordinary revenue and schemes of the church. Over \$500 had been contributed in 1905 more than in 1904 or for five years previously. Many expressed themselves as grateful to the pastor, Rev. J. A. Ross, B.A., (formerly of Churchill, Barrie, Presbytery), for his efforts during the year in scoring off deficits and wiping out an old mortgage. The pleasing and novel part of the evening's exercises, however, was the burning of the mortgage. Mrs. John Laing, Mrs. Sinclair and Mr. J. S. Laird, a senior member of session, were chosen to perform this ceremony. Mr. Laird held the vessel on which the mortgage was placed, whilst Mrs. Sinclair arranged the document, and Mrs. Jas. Laing applied the match. Just as the flames died out the congregation rose and very heartily sang "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

The reports presented to the annual meeting of the Second W. Gwillimburg church revealed a prosperous state of affairs. According to the printed statement of the treasurer, Mr. W. S. Fraser, the total amount subscribed to the General Fund, including a small amount on hand from the preceding year, was \$437.38. The Sabbath collections amounted to \$117.43, making a total of \$554.81. The payments were \$497.58, leaving a balance on hand of \$57.23. Improvements to the church, which include: the putting in of a coal furnace, cost \$318.29, of which a balance remains unpaid.