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OTTAWA.

A very enjoyable and informal at home was given Friday afternoon in the parlors of St. Andrew's church, with the members of the Ladies Aid Society as hostesses. The object was to make the other members of the congregation and those who had joined more recently to become better acquainted. Mrs. Gilbert Allan sang during the afternoon, and refreshments were served from a prettily decorated table.

Much regret is expressed at the resignation of Miss Britton from the choir of Bank street church. Having over-taxed her strength she requires a period of rest.

Rev. E. F. Seylay, for 14 years pastor of St. Mark's (French) church, tendered his resignation, which has been accepted.

Rev. R. Gamble, Wakefield, was nominated by Ottawa Presbytery for moderator of the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa, which meets at Vankleek Hill in May.

A resolution was passed at Ottawa Presbytery congratulating the congregation of Zion church, Hull, on being now free of debt and self-sustaining. Rev. A. E. Mitchell, convener of the committee on supply, reported that there were vacancies in the pulpits of Bryson, Shawville and Fitzroy. These will be supplied as soon as possible.

The following ministers and laymen were elected commissioners from Ottawa Presbytery to the General Assembly, which meets in Kingston in June: Revs. Robert Eadie, James Taylor, N. McLaren, A. S. Ross, Dr. Armstrong, J. W. H. Milne, J. H. Turnbull; elders, J. McNichol, J. J. Byrnes, Lieut.-Col. McPherson, George Hay, J. R. Reid, J. Hope and J. D. Anderson.

An encouraging report on French evangelization was presented to Ottawa Presbytery by Rev. Mr. Patterson, Buckingham, convener, and arrangements made for supply of the missions and schools for the coming year.

The induction of Rev. T. A. Mitchell takes place at Manotick on 16th inst. Rev. P. W. Anderson will preach the sermon, Rev. D. M. MacLeod will address the pastor, and Rev. J. H. Woodside, North Gower, the people.

The last meeting of Ottawa Presbytery was held in St. Paul's church when the ladies of the congregation invited the members to a dainty luncheon.

The Erskine congregation has permission to mortgage their property for the erection of a \$29,000 church.

TORONTO.

Rev. James Wilson, Glenora, has accepted the call to Dovercourt church and his induction takes place 4th April.

The resignation of Rev. Dr. Armstrong Black will come before next meeting of Presbytery.

Mr. James Little, who has been assistant minister of Central Church, Hamilton, has accepted the call to Brampton.

The following were elected Commissioners to the General Assembly from Toronto Presbytery: By rotation, Revs. Armstrong Black, D.D., A. L. Geggie, J. A. Brown, B.A., J. A. Grant, A. McMillan, W. M. McKay, (Milton), R. H. Warden, D.D., Prof. James Ballantyne. By election Rev. G. M. Milligan, LL.D., Prof. W. McLaren, Rev. James Carmichael (King), Elders, James Alison, George Keith, Dr. R. W. Forrest, (Mount Albert), and J. K. Macdonald.

The New Beach Church asks to be raised to the standing of a self-supporting congregation, and will call a minister at a salary of \$1,000. They also expect to build this year.

The Rev. A. Faulkner, D.D., Picton, N. S., was nominated by the Presbytery of Toronto as next Moderator of the General Assembly.

At the annual meeting of the Toronto Chinese Mission Mr. Thomas Humphries, the Secretary, in his report stated that he had paid over 500 visits to the 226 laundries in the city. On several occasions he had had difficulty in making the Chinamen understand that he was a Ya Su (Jesus) man, but in the end he had always been treated hospitably. There are ten classes in Toronto, in which about six hundred Chinamen are enrolled, which is about two-thirds of the stationary Chinese population. During the year \$1,907 was received from collections, most

of which was sent to Dr. McKay's mission at Macao.

At the Presbyterian Y. P. U. convention Rev. James Murray of Erskine Church made a strong plea for a revival in Toronto; and Rev. R. E. Knowles, of Knox Church, Galt, spoke on "The Two Incentives to Service." Both addresses were received with deep interest.

WESTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. Dr. Wallis, of Caledonia, preached the anniversary services at Muir's Settlement Presbyterian church, on the 19th February; and on the Monday evening following the annual social was held, when a most pleasant evening was enjoyed by a goodly number of the congregation.

The annual meeting of the Mimosa church was held in the church on the evening of Feb. 1st. There was a very full meeting and the various church organizations were shown to be in a flourishing condition. The Ladies of the congregation provided a very substantial tea, which justly added the social part of the meeting. The enviable state of affairs is in no small degree owing to the energy of the pastor, Rev. A. W. McIntosh.

The Ladies' Aid of St. Andrew's, Chatham, gave a Scotch concert and supper on Monday evening the 20th February, which proved very enjoyable.

On the 21st of February a tea meeting and entertainment were held in the Thamesford church. Owing to the stormy day the attendance was not so large as usual, but those who braved the elements were well recompensed for their effort. The choir of St. Paul's church, Ingersoll, gave some excellent music; and Rev. Jas. Rollins, of London, spoke on "Life."

The anniversary services of Knox church, Embro, were taken by Rev. Dr. Lyle, of Hamilton; and at the Monday evening social Rev. Mr. McVicar of Toronto gave an interesting lecture on the Lights of Old London. Rev. Mr. Gunn and the pastor, Rev. Mr. Patterson, also made speeches; and the congregation presented their pastor with a purse of gold as a token of their appreciation of the way in which he had managed to get rid of the church debt.

On the 21st February, Rev. Dr. Nixon gave a talk in the Hyde Park Church on his work as a student in the Northwest.

Rev. Arch. and Mrs. Blair have moved into the new manse at Nassagaweya.

On Sunday Feb. 12th the Presbyterians of Cayuga opened and dedicated their new church to the cause of God. Rev. Alex. Grant, of St. Mary's preached to a very large congregation at both services. On Monday evening a reunion tea and concert were given. Rev. Mr. Grant remained and with his wit, humor, and wisdom, proved himself ready for the auspicious occasion. Despite the inclemency of the weather the large auditorium was crowded and an excellent programme was rendered. The pastor Rev. A. T. Howard, and his session were greatly pleased to have the greetings and fellowship of the several ministers of the town. Mr. Howard as chairman made some happy remarks on the church's work and the cause to which the church is dedicated. In his words of gratitude to willing workers, he did not fail to thank the Town Council and many individuals for their generosity.

Rev. D. R. Drummond, the new pastor of St. Paul's church, Hamilton, and Mrs. Drummond were given a reception by the congregation on the evening of February 20th. After an hour of sociability and refreshments, Mr. and Mrs. Drummond were introduced by Sir Thomas Taylor, Chairman, and the new pastor thanked the people for the kindly greetings. Short addresses of welcome were given by Revs. Dr. Fletcher, Dr. Rose, E. A. Henry, R. Martin, J. C. Sycamore and Dr. Talling. On behalf of the Managers, checks for \$100 each were presented by Sir Thomas Taylor to Rev. Mr. Martin, who had acted as interim moderator, and Dr. Talling, who had supplied during the pulpit vacancy. Sir Thomas Taylor, Chairman of the

Pulpit Supply Committee, was thanked for his services by Mr. John Knox, on behalf of the Managers and congregation.

On the 12th February Mr. Walter Nichol, of Knox College, preached in Knox church, Woodstock; and Rev. Dr. McKay, of Chalmers church, and Rev. M. Baker, of the congregational church, exchanged pulpits in the evening.

The annual congregational meeting in connection with the Bradford Church was held in the basement of the church on Monday night February 20th. In the absence of the pastor Mr. E. Garrett opened the meeting and afterwards was appointed chairman. The various reports presented were of a satisfactory nature showing the congregation to be in a prosperous condition. The report of the Treasurer, Mr. McDonald, showed that the total receipts to the General Fund for the year were \$530.12, with expenditures amounting to \$536.39, leaving a balance of \$13.73. The amount raised for the Building Fund was \$756.29. The debt on the church on March 15, 1904, was \$1,500, but there is a balance of \$301.29 to be applied thereon. The W.F.M.S. raised \$40.08, besides contributing clothing to the value of \$12. The total amount raised for Missions and Schemes was \$31.75, and for all purposes, \$1,588.94. Mr. S. J. Faris was elected Secretary to the Congregation. The retiring Managers, Messrs. Neilly, Curry and Stewart were re-elected, also Messrs. Davey and Parker in the room and place of T. Birrell and C. Elliott, resigned. Mr. D. Gunn resigned his position on the Board and Mr. J. E. Hodgson was elected to fill the vacancy. Auditors chosen, A. Wright and F. Archer. It was decided that moneys for the schemes of the church should be collected quarterly, per envelope, as formerly. Several matters of considerable interest to the congregation were discussed, after which votes of thanks were tendered to the choir, the treasurer, and the ladies who solicited subscriptions in aid of the Building Fund, and the meeting was closed with the benediction.

Rev. S. W. Gamble, of Kansas City, addressed three meetings in Knox church, Stratford, on Wednesday last week, one to clergymen at 3 p.m., one to school children at 4.15 p.m., and another, a public meeting, at 8 p.m., at which he presented the claims the Lord's Day has upon the obedience of men.

In the absence of the pastor, Rev. G. Gilmore, of Blenheim, the pulpit was occupied on the 19th February most acceptably by Mr. Stevenson, the teacher at Guilds.

At a special congregational meeting of Knox church, Woodstock, held on the 22nd February four new elders were elected, two to fill the positions made vacant by the deaths of R. R. Fulton and Jas. Bain, and two additional ones. Archibald McPherson, Thos. Armstrong, Alex. Hastings and John Scott were added to the session's membership.

The tea-meeting held in the Bridgen church was a most successful affair, the proceeds being \$127.

The Presbytery of Stratford at a recent meeting accepted the resignation of Rev. Jas. Aubrey, of Monkton; Rev. N. D. McKinnon being appointed interim moderator. The pulpit was declared vacant on the 19th of February.

Rev. A. McVicar, late of Huntsville was inducted at Atwood on Feb. 16. Although the day was stormy and the roads heavy a good congregation was in attendance. Owing to the severity of the weather several of those to take part were not present. Rev. J. S. Hardie presided and preached the sermon, Rev. J. W. Cameron addressed the newly inducted minister and Rev. N. D. McKinnon the congregation. In the evening a reception was held. After a sumptuous feast had been served a program of well-prepared singing and addresses was listened to by an appreciative audience. During the course of the meeting Rev. J. D. Cameron was presented with a purse of fifty dollars in recognition of his efficient discharge of the duties of interim moderator of the session of Atwood. Mr. McVicar, who was the unanimous choice of the Atwood people, has been settled under most auspicious circumstances and looks forward to a successful and happy pastorate.