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## Ministers and Churches

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## OTTAWA.

The Boys' Club of Erskine church has made arrangements for a series of lectures on "First Aids to the Injured" to be commenced at an early date. These lectures will be given by Dr. D. A. Whitton, medical officer of the Eighth Brigade, Canadian Field artillery, and will be of great value and benefit to the boys. There will be eight lectures in all, one each week. The example of Erskine in this connection might well be followed by other congregations.

The Sunday school hall of St. Paul's Church was filled last Friday night with young people. It was the annual Sunday school social. There was an extensive programme, preceded by a supper. At the close the prizes for the year were presented, and each boy and girl in the school was given a box of candy. Mr. E. S. McPhail, superintendent, presided, and the prizes were presented by Rev. Dr. Armstrong.

The programme included piano duet, solos, violin solo, dialogues, choruses by primary class; Jingle, Jingle, by boys, the Tea Kettle song by girls, and Dumbell drill. The accompanists were Mabel Cunningham, Miss Jennie Dunnett, and Miss Susie McGiffin. Jean Armstrong won the red seal given by the General Assembly for reciting the second set of 200 verses. Certificates for reciting verses of scripture were won by Fleming McCormick, David Adamson, Margaret Sharpe, Isabel Walker, Ethel Preston.

General Assembly's diplomas for recitation of the entire shorter catechism, won by Mary G. Adamson, Susie B. McGiffin, Ella M. Gordon, Emma J. Whillans, and Marjorie Armstrong. These five were also presented with Bibles given by Mesdames Horsey, John need is proper organization, and in a Thorburn, and E. S. McPhail. The following children under twelve years of age won books given by Mrs. Charles Thorburn: Isabel Cameron, Addie Davis, and Beverley Thorburn. Prizes for general proficiency given by the Sunday school, won by Martha Walker, Isabel Walker, Mary G. Adamson, David Adamson, Charles Martin, Laura Waters, Harold Martin, James Logan, Jean Irome and Helen Rowat.

## QUEBEC.

The congregations of Arundel and de Schlattery recently assembled at the manse and surprised their pastor, the Rev. J. B. Sincennes, by presenting him with a purse of money and a kindly worded address expressing their appreciation of his work since coming among them eight months ago.

The annual meeting of the Georgetown and English River W. M. S. was held on the 21st inst. That this society is in a flourishing condition was shown by the reports. The enrollment and average attendance is larger than in former years. Four good sized bales were packed with good warm clothing at the August meeting and sent to needy mission fields. The treasurer's statement showed that the sum of \$224.40 had been contributed during the year. The following were elected office-bearers: Mrs. C. M. MacKeracher, honorary president; Mrs. Whillans, president; Mrs. Jas. McKell, Mrs. Wm. Ogilvie and Mrs. Kellock, vice-presidents; Miss C. A. MacKeracher, recording secretary; Mrs. Cooper, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Shanks, treasurer.

Rev. D. M. Reid, late of Alameda, Sask., has taken up new work at Milestone, in the Soo district of the same province.

## WESTERN ONTARIO.

The preacher in Westminster Church, Mount Forest, last Sunday was Rev. W. D. Lee, of Waterloo.

Rev. D. Currie, recently of Keady, who this week is to be inducted into the charge of Bethel and East Normanby, has purchased a house in Mount Forest, where in future he will reside.

Mr. W. C. McLeod, M.A., was ordained and inducted as pastor of the Port Elgin Church, by the Presbytery of Bruce, on the 30th ult. At a reception in the evening a hearty welcome was extended the young minister.

At a mass meeting of young people's societies of the Presbytery of Guelph, held in that city on January 20th, the speakers were Rev. R. G. MacBeth on "Applied Christianity," and Rev. Alex. Esler on "Evangelical Work." The meeting marked the close of a most successful convention in connection with young people's work.

At St. Paul's Church, Hamilton, the salary of the pastor, Rev. Dr. Drummond, was increased to \$3,000. The congregation raised \$15,810 for all purposes, of which \$6,994 went to missions. The following managers were re-elected: John Leggat, J. R. Moodie, John Knox, and William Stewart. The membership increased from 706 to 725.

Rev. D. Currie, for seven years the popular pastor of Keady, Ont., Presbytery of Owen Sound, has been translated to Bethel, in the Presbytery of Saugeen. Rev. F. Matheson, M.A., Chatsworth, Ont., is interim moderator, and as Keady is a very desirable vacancy it is hoped that it may be soon settled. Heartiest appreciation of Mr. Currie and his work was expressed by representatives from his charge, and he goes to his new field with the best wishes of a wide circle for continued success.

Mrs. Joseph Blackburn, organist of Chalmers church, Fiesherston, was waited on a few evenings ago by the officers and teachers of the Sabbath school, and presented with a purse of money accompanied by an address, which expressed in eloquent terms high appreciation of her musical services to the church.

At the annual meeting of St. Andrew's Church (Rev. J. C. Tolmie, minister), Windsor, the report of the session, presented by the clerk, Mr. Alex. Bartlett, referred to the formation of the new congregation in Walkerville as one means of relief from such an increase of membership as would have made necessary to find extra accommodation. Notwithstanding the withdrawal of 59 members in Walkerville or vicinity to join the new congregation, the communion roll of the parent church was reported to be practically the same as that of a year ago, 100 members having been added during the year, 46 by profession of faith and 54 by certificate. The managers reported an increase of about \$400 in the congregational givings for the year, the amounts being \$976.52 by loose collections, and \$4,769.83 through the envelopes. The treasurer's report showed receipts of \$6,809.65 and disbursements of \$6,667.62. The reports from the Ladies' Aid, the W. F. M. S., Young People's Society and the Sunday school, all revealed a healthy state of affairs. It was unanimously decided to increase the pastor's salary by \$200.

Chalmers' church, Fiesherston, held its annual meeting on January 23rd and was very harmonious. Mr. John McMullen, chairman of the board of managers, president, and Mr. T. R. McKenzie, session clerk, was secretary. Though the congregation had been without a settled pastor for four months during

the year, the work was well sustained and there had been marked financial prosperity. The session report showed that notwithstanding there had been considerable losses by death and removals, the membership was 123, a net gain of one over the former year. Never before in the history of the congregation had it suffered so much by death in one year as in that just closed, when two of the oldest and most highly esteemed elders, Wm. Neil and A. S. Van Dusen, were called to their reward. The auditors report was very satisfactory, showing that after all liabilities had been met there remained a balance of cash on hand in each department as follows: Stipend and General Account, \$185.56; building account, \$50.44; manse account, \$45.00; Sabbath school, \$84.50; Ladies' Aid, \$19.46. Officers were elected as follows: trustees, J. L. McMullen, D. McTavish, M. Ferguson. On the board of managers, John Blackburn, Geo. Cairns, M. Thistwaite, M. Ferguson; secretary treasurer, Joseph Blackburn; auditors, Chas. Stewart, J. F. Chard.

The annual meetings of the Presbyterian churches of the city were held, at which reports were presented from the various branches of the work done during the year. In every case great progress was shown. All the churches show a large increase in membership, in some cases running up to several hundreds. Several of the ministers were granted substantial increases in salary, the principal ones being Rev. Dr. Wilson and Rev. W. A. MacLean. Dr. Wilson was granted an increase from \$2,500 to \$2,750, and Mr. MacLean was given an increase of \$300. The financial statements all show substantial growth. Knox church added to its rolls 143 names, St. Giles 171, and St. Stephen's 122, and thus it goes all through the list. At the meeting at Augustine church it was reported that a site was being held for a new church in Crescentwood at the corner of Stafford and Corydon. Recommendation was made to increase the size of the Sunday school and have an up-to-date school room.

Rev. Dr. C. W. Gordon, pastor of St. Stephen's, Winnipeg, will enter evangelistic work in Philadelphia in March. He will join Dr. Chapman and Dr. Dawson, two of the evangelists who conducted such a successful campaign here last fall, and they will organize a similar one in Philadelphia, to continue from about the middle of March on into April. Rev. Dr. Gordon was asked during the campaign here to assist Dr. Chapman in the south, but was unable to reply definitely at the time. The request was referred to the board of management, and it was decided that if suitable pulpit supply could be arranged for, Rev. Dr. Gordon would be given two months leave of absence. It is expected that this can be satisfactorily arranged. Dr. Gordon will assist in the revival services throughout the campaign, and will then spend a week or two recruiting his health in the south. His purpose for going, he states, is to study the methods of work of the successful American evangelists, believing that the general assembly of Canada will shortly take up evangelistic work of that nature on this side of the border. The question has been considered and a large number of Presbyterian ministers of Canada have urged a united evangelistic effort. It is expected that the subject will be introduced at the next general assembly.

Many will regret the ill-health of Rev. W. H. Fraser, of Surrey, B.C., on account of which he has asked a year's leave of absence.