

There was a genuine heartiness in the welcome attending the reception to Rev. Orr Bennett, the new pastor of St. Andrew's church, Almonte, by the members of the congregation last Thursday evening, following the induction services of the afternoon. Rev. Mr. Bennett was introduced to the members of the church in the bible class room by Mr. Geo. Paterson and other members of the session. Later in the evening a program of musical numbers and addresses of welcome and greeting was presented. Words of welcome were spoken by Rev. Mr. Maclean, on behalf of St. John's congregation, by Rev. P. P. Boyd, of the Cameronian church, Rev. Mr. Brown, of the Methodist, Rev. Mr. Riggs, of the Baptist, and Rev. Mr. Conn, of the Presbyterian church at Blakeney. The moderator of presbytery, Rev. Mr. Hay, of Renfrew, bespoke for pastor and congregation a bright future under the new relationship. Rev. Mr. Bennett replied in appreciative terms to the words of welcome and thanked the congregation for the heartiness of the reception.

Western Ontario.

Rev. W. T. Hall, of Arthur, who has been away on account of ill health, has returned to his pulpit work.

The congregation of St. Andrew's church, Stratford, has adopted the individual communion cap, and is satisfied with the change.

The Bible class of Knox church, Mitchell, recently presented Rev. Mr. McAuley with a gold-headed cane and Mrs. McAuley with a fern dish.

W. Gallahar, of Gorrie, occupied the pulpit in the Wroxeter church, on Sunday, during the absence of the Rev. R. S. G. Anderson, who was in Wingham.

Rev. Mr. Graham, of Petrolia, addressed the Sarnia St. Andrew's church Sabbath School last Sunday afternoon, on "The work of the church in New Ontario and the North West."

Mr. Mann, of Knox College, Toronto, was the preacher in Aynbank church two weeks ago. Last Sunday Rev. Geo. Cuthbertson preached with much acceptance. The induction of Rev. Stewart takes place at an early date.

The induction of Rev. J. T. Hall into the pastorate of Rockwood takes place on Thursday afternoon of this week. Rev. Mr. McKinnon will preside, and Rev. Mr. Scott will preach the ordination sermon. Rev. Mr. Blair will address the minister, and Rev. H. A. Macpherson the people.

Rev. W. J. Clark of the First Presbyterian church, London, preached the anniversary sermons in central church, Hamilton, last Sunday. Rev. Dr. Lyle has just entered on the twenty-fifth year of his pastorate. He is getting an assistant in the person of Mr. Leckie, who has just commenced his life work in the Central.

Rev. George Gilmore, of London East, has accepted the call to Erskine church, Blenheim. The London Advertiser says: "Since coming to London, Mr. Gilmore has been distinctly successful in his work, and it is due to his vigorous efforts that the London Junction church has prospered so satisfactorily. In the larger field, Mr. Gilmore will win further recognition for the talents which placed him in the foremost rank of this city's younger preachers."

Miss Jessie Pantou, Stratford, who is about to sever her connection with St. Andrew's church Sunday school as a teacher, was waited upon the other evening and presented with an address and a handsome clock. The presentation was made on behalf of the teachers and officers of the Sunday school, Miss Jennie Balfantyne reading the address and Mr. R. L. Oman making the presentation. The address, affectionately worded throughout, made graceful allusion to Miss Pantou's approaching marriage, and extended to her the felicitations of her fellow teachers on the happy event in prospect.

At a recent meeting of the Guelph Presbytery, the following resolution was unanimously adopted: "It having come to the knowledge of the Presbytery that the congregation of Knox church, Galt, had at their annual meeting, resolved to grant a retiring allowance of \$200 a year during his life to the Rev. Dr. J. K. Smith, at one time their pastor, the Presbytery expresses its appreciation of the considerate and generous action thus taken, which, so far as the knowledge of members goes is unprecedented in the history of the Canadian church; and to

congratulate Dr. Smith that he is so long and favourably remembered by the people to whom he ministered years ago.

At the induction of Rev. W. D. Turner, Mono Mills, Rev. Hugh Matheson, moderator, presided; Rev. G. W. Ross preached. After the sermon the moderator formally inducted Mr. Turner into the pastorate of the church. Rev. R. W. Dickie then delivered the address to the minister and Rev. Geo. McKay, of Charleston, addressed the congregations. Tea was then served in the church hall by the ladies and a very pleasant time was spent. "Rev. Mr. Turner is a graduate of McGill University, and Montreal Presbyterian College, and was ordained into the ministry a year ago last May. Since his ordination he has spent a year in the mission field at Kamloops, B. C. Excellent work is expected of him in the sphere of labor to which he has just been called."

Northern Ontario.

Rev. R. Thynne, editor of the Arthur Enterprise, is supplying the Waldemar pulpit for a few months.

Revs. J. W. Orr, of Orangeville and J. McKinnon, of Springback, supplied Horning's Mills and Primrose pulpits the past two Sabbaths.

At the quarterly Communion service of Chalmers church, Flesherton, on Sabbath last, fourteen new members were received into church fellowship on profession of faith. Rev. J. A. Matheson, of Princeville, preached an appropriate sermon at the preparatory service on Friday.

Four weeks of union evangelistic services in the Presbyterian and Methodist churches, Flesherton, were concluded on the evening of the 27th ult. Rev. M. N. Bethune, of Toronto, preached nightly for three weeks and his convincing and powerful sermons were intently listened to by large congregations. The work was carried on the past week by the pastors, who will now have special care of the converts who may come under their ministry.

The Session, Sabbath School, Choir and Ladies' Aid Society, of Chalmers church, Flesherton, suffered last week by the removal to Toronto and Proton, of Mr. A. M. Gibson and Mr. Jas. Dyer with their families. Mr. Gibson, who has for eight years served on the Session and twelve years in the capacity of Sabbath School superintendent was before leaving, presented by the School with a beautifully bound Teacher's Bible as a token of their appreciation of his services. Mrs. Dyer was a faithful teacher in the Sabbath School and an energetic President for the Ladies' Aid Society, in both of which she will be greatly missed.

The induction of Rev. R. J. McAlpine, B. D., of Hamilton, to the pastorate of Knox church, Owen Sound, took place in that church on Friday afternoon of last week, and was largely attended by members and adherents of the congregation. Rev. W. Graham, of Dornoch, presided, and after an appropriate induction sermon by Rev. D. Carrie, of Keady, put the prescribed questions to Mr. McAlpine which were answered satisfactorily by him. The charge to the minister was given by Rev. Dr. McRobbie, of Kemble, and the address to the people by Rev. John Little, of Chatsworth. At the conclusion of the impressive service Mr. McAlpine was introduced to the members and adherents of his congregation, who gave him a cordial and hearty welcome. In the evening a largely attended tea meeting was held in the Town hall in honor of the new pastor, who was presented with a warm address of welcome which was read by Mr. A. Ritchie. Short addresses were afterwards given by Rev. Dr. Somerville, Judge Cresson, Mayor Read, A. Murray, Principal of High School, and others. Rev. Dr. McRobbie, who has been interim moderator, presided during the evening.

Quebec.

The resignation of Rev. A. Stevenson, of Danville, Que., has been accepted. Rev. Dr. Kellock, of Richmond, Que., who has been appointed interim moderator, preached the pulpit vacant last Sunday.

The report on the French work presented to the last meeting of Montreal Presbytery, by Rev. G. C. Heine, was quite encouraging. Progress was reported in most of the fields. One of the most prosperous was that of Arundel, a bilingual field under the care of the Rev. P. Beauchamp. The whole outlook was stated to be most promising.

At Joliette a school had been built, and a new church was being built, and they desire to have the old grant for a year or two to assist them.

The congregation of Chalmers church turned out in large numbers on Thursday evening to a social gathering held in the lecture room of the church, to bid farewell to Rev. H. H. MacPherson, M. A., who has been assisting the pastor, Rev. D. Tait, for the past six months. Mr. MacPherson is an excellent preacher, a good scholar, and a man of high Christian character, and his services have been highly appreciated by the congregation, and general regret is felt at his leaving. As an expression of their appreciation of his character and worth, and their esteem and good wishes, the congregation presented him with a well-filled purse. Mr. MacPherson thanked the congregation very cordially for their generous gift and good wishes. Rev. D. Tait, who presided, expressed his personal sense of the value of Mr. MacPherson's work, and said that it had been a help to him and a benefit to the congregation.

British Columbia.

Says the Vancouver World: Rev. R. G. MacBeth, pastor of the First church, intends doing his utmost to have the meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church held in this city in 1903. Mr. MacBeth has written to C. P. R. headquarters in regard to rates from the east to the coast. Some of the Presbyterian divines are of the opinion that 300 ministers could not be accommodated in Vancouver, but Mr. MacBeth feels sure his congregation could provide for at least 100, while St. Andrew's should be in a position to find homes for 150 more. Then there are the Mount Pleasant and Knox churches, in addition to others not Presbyterian, who no doubt would be glad to open their homes to the visitors. If Mr. MacBeth has taken the matter in charge it is pretty certain the Assembly of 1903 will meet on the Pacific coast. He has got any quantity of Scotch "go" in him; and altogether is a fine representative of the class of sterling men we have in our pulpits on the "sunny slopes of the Pacific."

The following minute, anent the resignation at Mimico has been adopted by the Presbytery of Toronto: "This Presbytery in parting with the Rev. Joseph Hamilton, who has recently been released from his pastoral charge in Mimico, desires to put on record an expression of its regret. Mr. Hamilton is admittedly endowed with preaching gifts above the average. He has acquired distinction as a writer, and his wide range of reading has made him a full man in the best sense. His gentlemanly bearing as a member of Presbytery has won him the respect and esteem of all the brethren. Our prayer is, that he may soon find a suitable place in which to exercise his varied gifts, and that the Head of the Church may abundantly bless him wherever he is called upon to enter." It sometimes happens that Presbyterial resolutions anent a minister's qualifications on the acceptance of his resignation, are too eulogistic; but in this case every word of commendation is well deserved. Mr. Hamilton should not have tar to seek in order to secure another charge.

The Rev. Louis H. Jordan, former pastor of St. James' Square Presbyterian Church, Toronto, and Mrs. Jordan, who have been abroad for the past two years, apart from the time Mrs. Jordan has spent in Halifax with her father, Chief Justice Macdougald, will go to Chicago this summer, where Dr. Jordan has accepted a position in the University of Chicago.

Mr. F. Russell, a prominent young member of the Glebe church, Ottawa, who was received into the presbytery as a catechist a short time ago, leaves on Tuesday for Regina, N. W. T., where he will do missionary work. Mr. Russell has been presented with a valuable Commentary and Bible Dictionary by the Young People's Society of Glebe church, as a token of their esteem.

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