

NORTHERN ONTARIO.

The Rev. J. McD. Dunean, of Woodville, Ont., is the clerk of the Presbytery of Lindsay.

The Rev. R. P. McKay, Foreign Mission Secretary, will occupy the pulpit of the Presbyterian Church, Orillia, on Sunday.

The Presbyterians of Holland Centre, with their friends, spent a very pleasant evening at a garden party on the beautiful lawn of Mr. Geo. Crowther, on Friday of last week. The weather and moonlight added their charms toward making the evening enjoyable, while the Markdale Brass Band filled the air with sweet strains of music. The choir also assisted with suitable selections. Financially the social was a success. Nearly \$40 was realized.

The Presbytery met in Division Street Hall, Owen Sound, June 27th, Mr. Hunter, Moderator, Rev. Sieveright, of Lion's Head was commended to the congregations of the Presbytery with the view of securing aid in the erection of a new church in Lindsay, in the Indian Peninsula. Rev. Mr. Davidson laid on the table a call to Mr. T. Smith, B.A., from Johnson, etc. Salary promised, \$380, and two weeks vacation. The call was accepted by the Presbytery, accepted by Mr. Smith—application made for complement to make the salary \$700. The induction took place July 4th, in Woodford Church. Rev. Mr. Hunter presided, Rev. Mr. Graham preached. Dr. Watts addressed the minister, and Rev. Mr. Davidson the people.

Rev. Dr. Robertson preached in Orillia on a recent Sunday, and on the Monday evening following addressed the people on the subject of the Northwest, its resources, and its religious, social and political questions. Dr. Robertson described in glowing terms the immense extent of the west, capable of supporting in comfort a population of from twenty-five to fifty millions and possessing inexhaustible mineral and agricultural resources. This great country was now rapidly filling up, and it behoved both Church and State to take prompt action for the benefit of the commonwealth were laid in righteousness, sobriety, and honesty. A large—and not altogether desirable—foreign element was being introduced, and unless these new-comers were civilized, evangelized, and assimilated, they would cause trouble in the future. It was the duty of the people of Ontario, from patriotic as well as religious motives, to assist in the work of sending the Gospel to the struggling settlements of the west. The people out there would do their share, for they were not mean, but in many cases they had to struggle hard to find a home, and in the majority of cases the settlers were scattered. A number of new fields were now awaiting for missionaries which he would gladly fill if he could get the funds. He suggested that the ladies of the Orillia Presbyterian Church should join with those of a neighboring town in supporting a missionary, for which purpose only \$250 a year was required. This plan had been taken up with enthusiasm by the Lindsay and Woodville congregations. Dr. Robertson dwelt at some length on the dearth of women in the west, and argued that it would be much better for Ontario ladies to build up homes on the prairies than to act as a nuisance as clerks and seamstresses. He appeared to wish to quote Horace Greeley's famous epigram to "Go west, young woman, go west." At the close of the address, a vote of thanks was tendered. Dr. Robertson, on motion of Messrs. W. J. Campbell and H. T. Blackstone. Mr. H. Cooke presided.

The tenth annual meeting of the Owen Sound Presbyterian Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was held in Knox Church, Owen Sound. The number of delegates from auxiliaries was larger than at any former meeting. The morning session was given up to business and the reading of reports from auxiliaries. The following officers for the year were elected: President, Mrs. McLennan; first vice-president, Mrs. Egan; second vice-president, Mrs. Brown; third vice-president, Mrs. Burnett; recording secretary, Mrs. Fraser; secretary of supplies, Mrs. Caton; treasurer, Mrs. Watts; delegate to the annual meeting of the General Society, to be held in Ottawa next year, Mrs. T. McGill, Chatsworth. The next annual meeting will be held in Meaford on the fourth Tuesday of June, next year. At the afternoon meeting the first item on the programme was the very interesting address of the president, Mrs. McLennan. This was followed by the report of the secretary, Mrs. McGill; Mrs. Caton, secretary-treasurer of Northwest supplies; and Mrs. Watts, treasurer, from which it appears that the society is prospering. There are now nineteen auxiliaries and ten mission bands. In these there are 494 members, with 33 members of the General Society, a total of 527. The contributions last year amounted to \$874.75, an increase of \$126.31 on the previous year. (Clothing to the value of \$443.67 was contributed for the Indian work in the Northwest. An interesting and instructive address was given by Miss McLaren, of Birle, Man., matron of the Indian Mission School there. Her address was full of information as to how their work is carried on from day to day, and could not fail to bring those who were privileged to hear her into

closer touch with all engaged in such work. A most vivid account of the last annual meeting, held in Woodstock, was given by Mrs. Acheson, of Warton. Miss Goodfellow, of Thornbury, who goes out this fall as a missionary to India, told in an affecting manner how she had been led to offer herself for work in the foreign field. After a few parting words from Mrs. Rogers, the meeting adjourned for tea. In the evening the meeting was open to the general public. Brief remarks were made by the pastor of Knox Church, Dr. Watts, Dr. Somerville and Dr. Fraser, after which Miss Goodfellow and Mr. Wilkie, from Indore, India, addressed the meeting. Liberal collections were taken afternoon and evening for the funds of the society.

LOWER PROVINCES.

Rev. Prof. Falconer is to spend a month or more this summer in visiting congregations in P. E. Island. He will begin at Malpeque and Summerside, July 9, and will probably close his tour at Mount Stewart, August 10.

The corner stone of the new St. Stephen's Presbyterian Church at Amherst, was laid with appropriate ceremonies, by Mrs. Main, wife of W. D. Main, collector of customs, in the presence of a large concourse of people. Among those taking part were Rev. D. McGregor, pastor, Rev. J. L. Batty, Medicalist, Rev. A. F. Newcombe, and Rev. Dr. Steele, Baptist, and Rev. V. T. Harris, Episcopal. During the ceremony Rev. Mr. McGregor read a valuable historical sketch of the Presbyterian Church in Amherst.

Married.

At Glenshowie, Fergus, on Wednesday, June 21, by the Rev. James Dow, B.A., of Gravenhurst, brother of the bride, assisted by the Rev. J. H. Macvicar, of Fergus, and Rev. R. J. M. Glassford, of Chalmers' Church, Guelph, brother-in-law of the groom, Rev. James A. Cranston, M.A., of Rockwood, to Annie, youngest daughter of Peter Dow, Esq.

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