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EASTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. W. Moore, M.A., of Braeside, is called to Pickering, Presbytery of Whitby.

Rev. James Cormack, of Ottawa, has been preaching in Zion church, Carleton Place.

Rev. Ratray, of Eganville, exchanged pulpits with Rev. W. W. Peck, of Arnprior.

Rev. Mr. Waddell, of Williamstown, exchanged with Rev. Mr. MacKenzie, of Lancaster, on a recent Sabbath.

The next regular meeting of Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew will be held at Carleton Place on Nov. 26th at 10.30 a.m.

The annual Thanksgiving entertainment of the Appleton W.F.M.S. will be held in St. Andrew's church there on the 31st inst.

Prof. S. W. Dyde, of Queen's University, and Rev. J. Hay, of Renfrew, will occupy the pulpits of St. John's and St. Andrew churches on Sunday.

A call has been sustained from Calvin church, Pembroke, to Rev. W. J. Knox, M.A., of Strathroy. It has been largely signed and is very harmonious. It is hoped that he may accept and be settled in November.

Rev. James A. G. Stirling, who for some time has had charge of an important mission field in Peterborough presbytery, has received an unanimous call to Havelock. Stipend \$800, with a man and two weeks' holidays.

The new church for the Mill street (Port Hope) Congregation was opened last Sunday week by the former pastor, Rev. R. B. Nelles, now of Kingston, when the spacious building was crowded at both services. The new church is a home-like substantial structure, seated for 400, and has been opened free of debt.

Rev. C. S. Lord, B.D., recently of Colborne, Ont., was inducted into St. Andrew's Church, Fenelon Falls, Ont., on the afternoon of the 15th inst. On the evening of the same day a reception was given to Mr. Lord at which addresses from the clergymen of other denominations in the town were delivered. The special music by the choir added to the interest of the occasion. A short address from the newly inducted pastor brought to a close a very delightful evening.

HAMILTON.

Rev. F. D. Roxburgh, M.A., of Smithville preached in St. Andrew's church on October 29th.

Rev. James Anthony, B.D., of Watford, preached in two of the city churches on Sunday last, October 27th.

Rev. E. D. McLaren, D.D., of Toronto, preached in Erskine and St. Andrew's churches recently on Home Mission Work.

Delegates to the big Sunday School Convention held last week at Brampton returned with most glowing and enthusiastic reports.

Rev. Beverley Ketchen preached to the 13th Regiment of Infantry and Army Medical Corps last Sunday morning in McNab street Presbyterian church.

Successful anniversary services were held in Sherman avenue Presbyterian church recently, Revs. Lyle and Sedgewick being the special preachers for the day.

WESTERN ONTARIO.

The anniversary social of St. Andrew's church 6th con of Dover was quite a success, realizing about \$60.00.

Rev. R. E. Knowles, of Galt, was the preacher in the First Presbyterian Church, Detroit, last Sunday.

Rev. Walter Nichol, B.A., late of Pricoville, was inducted to the charge of Knox church, St. Mary's, on the 29th instant.

Rev. W. T. Allison, of Stayner, preached his farewell sermon last Sabbath. His new post office address will be Middlefield, Conn.

Rev. P. McNabb, late pastor of the Kilsyth church, and his sister, Miss McNabb, left on Wednesday of last week for Glenarm, Ont.

Rev. R. A. Cranston, B.A., of Palmerston and Rev. J. C. Wilson, B.A., of Acton, exchanged pulpits on a recent Sunday—Mr. Wilson preaching anniversary sermons at the former place.

Anniversary services were conducted in the Carlake church last Sunday week by Rev. Mr. McLachlan, of Hamilton. This old congregation, under the pastorate of Rev. W. T. Ellison, is in a most prosperous condition.

The following have been elected to the eldership in Chalmers' Church, Guelph:—Walter Scott, Robert Harcourt, G. C. Creelman, G. B. Ruff, John Orr, James Benson, J. A. Armstrong, Roderick Ross, Robert Little, Joseph Rettie.

The Rev. Neil Campbell, of Oro, conducted service in the Arleha church last Lord's Day. He intimated that the Rev. W. J. Hewitt's resignation of this charge having been accepted by Presbytery, students would officiate until the next meeting of Presbytery, in December, which arrangements met with the approval of the congregation.

The anniversary services in connection with Calvin church, Chatham township, were held on Sunday and Monday, and were allowed by all to be an unequalled success. The Rev. Mr. McInnis, of Thamesville, preached two excellent discourses on Sunday, morning and evening. On Monday evening there was a largely attended social, the proceeds of which amounted to \$38.60.

Knox church, Owen Sound, has called Rev. T. A. Rodgers, of Orillia, who is likely to accept, and Kemble, etc., meets for moderation in a call, October 29th. Kilsyth, etc., only seven miles from Owen Sound, and a most desirable charge is hearing with a view to calling as soon as able to unite on a good man. Presbytery meets *pro re nata* to deal with calls pending on November 5th at 1.30 p.m.

During the last twelve months 581 men have been admitted to the ministry of the Church of England. The number in 1886 was 814.

Devon's apple harvest is this year a miserable failure. In not one of the 100 apple-growing parishes in which the Tiverton Gazette has been instituting special inquiries is the crop more than half as large as usual. As a result very little cider will be made.

On a recent Sunday, special services held in Trinity United Free Church, Irvine, to commemorate the centenary of the congregation, which in its early years met in a hall in the Glasgow Vennel, for which a rent of some two shillings per week was paid. The congregation now possesses church property of a value that cannot be estimated at under £20,000.

LONDON AND VICINITY.

A *pro re nata* meeting of the Presbytery of London, held in St. Thomas on the 24th October, sustained and forwarded to Orangeville Presbytery a call from Chalmers and McBride congregations to Rev. D. McKay of Alton. The call was well signed by members and adherents and was accompanied by a promise of \$925 per annum stipend payable in monthly payments, also manse and glebe, with four weeks' annual vacation. This charge was rendered vacant by the translation of Rev. S. Lawrence to the pastorate of Puslinch, and they are now hopeful of being settled again.

The Rev. J. F. Scott, of Rodney, conducts the services in Appin and North Ekfrid on the 27th inst. He will address the congregations of the Young People's Work. He is the convener of the London Presbytery's Committee on Young People's Societies.

Rev. J. Malcolm of Dutton conducted anniversary services on the 20th inst. at Wardsville. Good congregations turned out to morning and evening services to celebrate the day.

The 20th inst. was by the late General Assembly appointed as Home Mission Day in all the churches. In the city of London, however, it was made a special "Sunday Observance" Day. The city is at present somewhat agitated over a movement on the part of some of the citizens, but mainly, it is said, by Mr. Gilpin, the Unitarian minister, to obtain the running of the street cars on the Lord's Day: To this end petitions have been circulated asking the city council to take a vote of the people on the subject. Counter petitions have been circulated by the local branch of the Lord's Day Alliance, and the city council has the subject under consideration. The latest vote of the council negated an amendment by one of the aldermen by 7 to 5. The party calling themselves the Rational Sunday League, however, seem very determined to keep up the agitation and will probably apply to the Legislature. It is to be hoped the friends of the Sabbath will be able to keep cool heads as well as warm hearts during the conflict, and that the right will prevail.

Lord Aberdeen, who presided at the meeting of the Franco-Scottish Society at Aberdeen a few years ago, exhibited to the meeting a very interesting relic in the shape of Communion plate, believed to have been used by Mary Queen of Scots on the last occasion on which she partook of sacrament before her tragic death. Lord Aberdeen stated that the plate had been presented to Lady Aberdeen and himself by Mr. John Sinclair, Secretary for Scotland, whose father, the late Captain George Sinclair, had acquired it.

Sultan Abd-el-Aziz is urging France to establish a protectorate over Morocco and save him from dethronement by his rival. The tribesmen are indignant at his attitude, and an attack on the French forces at Casablanca is threatened by Mulai Hatid, the rival Sultan.

The visit of the Japanese Crown Prince to Korea ended with a great lantern procession in Korea. The Prince appears to have won the hearts of the people and the court.

Stormy scenes attended the ejection by gendarmes of French priests from their presbyteries in Finisterre Department. The latter refused to yield to the separation laws.