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## Ministers and Churches.

The congregation of St. Andrew's, Windsor, has chosen a site for its new church at the corner of Victoria Ave. and Park street.

The Rev. Marcus Scott, of Campbellford, preached his farewell sermon last Sabbath. He has accepted the pastorate of a prominent church in Detroit, Mich.

The many friends of the Rev. R. E. Knowles will be glad to learn that he is expected to return to Ottawa about the 19th, and with very greatly improved health.

For some time past the Rev. John Hogg, Winnipeg, has been in an indifferent state of health. At a meeting of the church managers held lately deep regret was expressed at Mr. Hogg's illness, and it was thought that probably a two or three months' rest would prove beneficial which was accordingly given him.

The following returns in the Higher Religious Instruction Examinations, came too late for publication last week: Senior Grade:—Class I.—James Shaw, Kemble, Ont.; J. Ida Gillies, Carleton Place, Ont. Class II.—Emma Huber, Bracebridge, Ont.; J. M. Lyall, West Green, Scotland. Class III.—Henry McGregor, Kemble, Ont.

Rev. G. L. McKay, D.D., Moderator of the General Assembly, has just completed for publication the story of his missionary labors on the Island of Formosa, and it will soon be in the hands of the publisher. The work cannot fail to be one of the most interesting missionary narratives ever written by a Canadian. In its preparation the doctor has been assisted by Rev. W. S. McTavish, B.D., of St. George.

"Scotland Before the Reformation," was the title of a lecture, delivered a week ago Tuesday evening, by Rev. Alex. King, from Scotland, in Huron Church, Ripley. The audience listened with evident delight to the smooth composition of the lecture and pleasant delivery of the lecturer. The reverend gentleman has been in Ripley the last few Sabbaths, and his fresh and vigorous preaching attracted large audiences.

The aged ministers have received from their fund a large amount for this half year, being the annuities in full according to rule, with amounts kept back last year, which is more than ever before. Rev. William Burns, the agent, deserves their gratitude for his great exertions on behalf of the fund; and it is hoped that our Christian people will so respond to his appeals as soon to raise the \$200,000 endowment, and thus to place it on a safe basis.

The Rev. T. F. Fotheringham says: A very large number have taken the Higher Religious Instruction diplomas this year, and the list will be kept open until the "proofs" of the S.S. Committee's report are read so that the latest may have their names sent up to the next Assembly, and have a diploma with the present moderator's name (Rev. Dr. McKay, of Formosa). After the Assembly the diplomas will be signed by the new moderator, whoever he may be.

A very pleasant scene was witnessed in Cook's Church, Toronto, on Thursday last, on the occasion of the marriage of Rev. Robert Pogue and Miss Arabella Mullen. Rev. Mr. Mullen, father of the bride, conducted the ceremony, and was assisted by the Rev. Messrs. Patterson, Conning and McCall. Miss Ethel Kinnear as bridesmaid, and Miss Sara Jane Dudgeon as maid of honor, accompanied the bride, while the groom was assisted by Mr. James Mullen. Mr. Pogue has just graduated with honors from Knox College, and has a call to Stayner, where he will be inducted and settled next month. The sterling qualities of both these young people have made for them many friends in Cooke's church, and in behalf of the session, of which Mr. Pogue was a member, Mr. Thos. Kinnear presented him with a handsome Bible at the close of the ceremony.

Three recent services in St. James' Square Presbyterian Church have been especially worthy of comment: all of them conducted by the pastor, Rev. Louis H. Jordan, B.D. A week ago Sunday, in the afternoon, an anniversary sermon to six hundred members of the Independent Order of Oddfellows was admitted on all hands to be the best discourse ever delivered before the Order in Toronto. On Sunday morning of this week Mr. Jordan preached a highly interesting and instructive sermon to the children, accompanied by a chemical experiment which tended to make the theme even more engrossing than would otherwise have been the case. At the evening service Mr. Jordan gave the fifth in his series of addresses to young men on "The Ethics of Success" before a large congregation. He dealt on this occasion with "The Young Prophet of Galilee."

At the observance of the Lord's Supper in the Presbyterian Church Orillia, on Sabbath, 30th ult. service was conducted by Rev. Principal Caven, Revs. Dr. Gray and G. Grant, B.A., also assisting. All the elders were present. Dr. Caven took his text from 1 Cor. xi. 26: "As often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death till He come." In the evening he discoursed on his favorite theme, "The Holy Spirit," and spoke of the Person and work of the Holy Ghost the Comforter. Twenty new members were received into full communion, fourteen by profession of faith, and six by certificate from other congregations. Rev. Dr. Gray administered the rite of adult baptism to three

candidates, and also addressed those uniting with the congregation. The preparatory service on Friday evening was conducted by Rev. A. F. Webster, of Jarratt's Corners. On Monday evening Rev. J. Buchanan, of Uptergrove, conducted the thanksgiving service in the lecture room.

### OBITUARY.

Mrs. McDonald, the esteemed wife of Rev. J. A. McDonald, of Bayfield Road and Blake, died at Varna on Wednesday the 10th of April. The deceased was in failing health for some years, and the end for which she was daily looking came very suddenly, resulting apparently from heart failure. A large concourse of people assembled at the funeral on the Friday following, in the services of which Messrs. Maclean, Acheson, and Dr. McDonald, co-Presbyters of Mr. McDonald, took part, as also Messrs. Walker and Leech, of the Methodist Church. The husband and one son are left to mourn the loss of a pious, devoted wife and mother for whom to die was gain. Mr. McDonald has the sincere sympathy, not only of his own flock, but of the whole community.

### 'KNOXONIAN' WELCOMED HOME.

Rev. R. N. Grant, D.D., of Orillia, returned from Bermuda on Tuesday afternoon, April 30th, after a three months absence spent in recruiting his health. A hearty reception was accorded him on the evening of his arrival. The spacious lecture room was well filled with an appreciative audience when at 7.30 he ascended the platform to conduct the prayer-meeting service, and when, later on, the meeting assumed a social character there were but few vacant chairs, upwards of 500 people being present. Rev. Dr. Grant delivered a short but very feeling address from the words, "He lead them by the right way." After the prayer meeting was brought to a close, Rev. Dr. Gray took the chair and called the elders to the platform, when Mr. C. J. Miller read the following address on behalf of the Session: To REV. R. N. GRANT, D.D.:

REV. AND DEAR SIR,—The Session of the Orillia Presbyterian Church, at its meeting held on the 26th of April, having been informed that you were expected to conduct the prayer-meeting to-night, resolved to welcome you home in an appropriate manner, and to present you with this expression of their gratitude to God and good will to yourself. The Session not only in their own name, but also as representing the whole congregation, bid you a hearty welcome home and express the earnest hope that your sojourn in the lovely island of Bermuda has proved of great benefit to you and that you will be able to take up your pulpit and pastoral duties, not only as a labor of love which we know them to be but also that you may realize that pleasure which work always brings to those in full health. The Session are pleased to be able to report that during your absence the state of the congregation in regard to finances, attendance on ordinances, and additions to the membership has been on the whole satisfactory. It is the fervent prayer that the Great Head of the Church may strengthen you for many years of usefulness and for a long continuation of the happy relationships that has hitherto existed between us.

Rev. Dr. Grant replied in feeling terms, referring to the pleasure it gave him to know that the affairs of the congregation were in such good condition and that the members had stood loyally by the Church. In well chosen words he thanked Dr. Gray for his arduous and unceasing labors, and then turning to the congregation also spoke a few words expressive of his gratitude at the hearty welcome he had received.

### PRESBYTERY MEETINGS.

LINDSAY: This Presbytery met in Knox Church, Beaverton, on Tuesday, April 16th, Rev. M. McKinnon, B.A., Moderator *pro tem*. The following draft minute was adopted and ordered to be engrossed in the Presbytery records and a copy transmitted to the family of the deceased: "The Presbytery desires to put on record its deep consciousness of the great loss it has sustained in the removal of its reward, after a very brief illness, of one of its members, the late Alexander Leask, elder, of Wick, known in the neighborhood for nearly half a century. His integrity, his probity, and his excellent judgment placed him high in public estimation as a man, and great deference was always shown to his opinion in all matters of general interest in the community. As an office-bearer, holding the position of elder, treasurer and superintendent of the Sabbath School, and also representative elder in the courts of the Church, he was faithful, devoted, exemplary and withal so modest and retiring that it took time and intimate acquaintanceship to understand his worth. As a Christian his piety was deep, scriptural and experimental. Having a wonderful familiarity with the Word of God, it is no wonder that he as a prince had power with God in prayer, that he commanded his family and his household after him that they should keep the way of the Lord and to do justice and judgment, and that the savor of his godly life told upon the whole section of country in which he was so well known. His excellent partner in life in every way a true yokefellow passed away also a few hours after her husband, and, amidst the tears and sorrow of a great gathering of friends, they were laid side by side in the same grave to await the resurrection of the just. From this severe double lesson comes to us all the solemn warning, 'Be ye therefore

also ready for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh," Rev. D. D. McDonald presented the report on Sabbath Schools. There has been a deplorable falling off in the number of pupils attending, and in the study of the catechism and memorizing of Scripture passages. Among the recommendations passed were the following:—More general observance of children's day; holding teacher's meetings for prayer and study of the lesson; and that congregations be urged to make adequate provision for the running expenses of schools that the offerings of the children may be set free for missionary work. A Presbyterian Sabbath School Convention was appointed to be held at Cambray on Tuesday, 25th June. The report on Systematic Benevolence was presented by Rev. M. N. Bethune and adopted. Rev. M. McKinnon gave a full report on Home Mission Work urging congregations to give special collections in view of the present deficit in the fund.—P. A. McLEOD, Clerk.

BARRIE: This Presbytery met in the Townline Church, Essa, on Tuesday, 16th April, at 2 p.m., for the induction of the Rev. G. B. Greig to the pastoral charge of Cookstown, Townline, and Ivy. Notwithstanding bad roads there was a fair assemblage, all the congregations being represented. Mr. W. J. Hewitt was Moderator *pro tem*. Mr. W. R. McIntosh, B.A., conducted the devotional services and preached from Mat. xx. 3, "And he went out about the third hour and saw others standing idle in the market-place." The Moderator then in due form inducted Mr. Greig to the pastoral charge. The right hand of fellowship was given to the newly inducted minister and addresses were delivered by Mr. J. A. Ross, B.A., and Mr. R. Moodie, the former to the minister and the latter to the congregation. The people were dismissed with the benediction, and as they retired welcomed their new minister at the church door. It is gratifying that the long vacancy in these congregations is ended. Another meeting of Presbytery was held in the Presbyterian Church at Minnesing for the induction of Mr. P. A. Tinkham, as missionary to the congregations of Minnesing, Midhurst and Edenville. Mr. McLeod, Moderator of Presbytery, presided. Mr. W. Gallagher preached from John xvii. 15, "I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world." The addresses to the missionary and congregation were delivered by Messrs. R. Moodie and W. R. Johnston, B.A., respectively. The attendance of the people at the service here also was fair, but regrets were expressed that it was not held in the evening, when there would have been many more present.—ROBT. MOODIE, Clerk.

MELITA: This Presbytery met on the 6th ult., in Oxbow. Rev. Jos. White, B.A., Moderator, occupied the chair. There was a full attendance of the members. Reports of the different committees were submitted at the first sitting. In the evening, the congregation being well represented, the Presbytery discussed the report on the State of Religion and also that on Sabbath Observance. The congregations and mission stations throughout the Presbytery having reported very full on these subjects, it was gratifying to the Presbytery and it afforded a better opportunity for fuller and more profitable discussion. The Sabbath school report was very encouraging, fifteen schools reporting and showing work well begun in this new territory, when church work is only in its infancy. A spirited discussion took place on this report. Resolutions passed for direction in the work, and insisting on the memorizing of the shorter Catechism. The Home Mission report showed difficulties in the carrying on of our work because of financial weakness in all of the mission

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