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## OTTAWA.

The induction of Rev. James Little, B.A., as minister of St. Paul's church, will take place on the evening of Thursday, 6th January at 8 o'clock. The moderator of Ottawa Presbytery, Rev. P. W. Anderson, B.A., will preside and induct; Rev. J. F. McFarland M.A., the recently settled minister of Zion Church, Hull, will preach; Rev. Dr. Armstrong will address the minister; and Rev. Dr. Ramsay the people.

On last Sunday a strong deputation in the interest of Moral Reform appeared in several Ottawa pulpits. The speakers who were heard were: Rev. J. G. Shearer, D.D., Secretary of the Social and Moral Reform League of the Presbyterian Church; Rev. Prof. Pidgeon, D.D., Westminster Hall, Vancouver; Rev. Dr. Chown, Secretary Methodist Social and Moral Reform League; and Rev. H. S. Magee, Toronto. The churches visited were St. Andrew's, Knox, Bank street Presbyterian, Stewarton, Dominion, Methodist, McLeod Street Methodist, Eastern Methodist and Bell Street Methodist.

In a happy address, Hon. Chas. Macell, Speaker of the House of Commons, dealt with "Some Points in Canadian History" before a large audience in the lecture hall of St. Andrew's Church. In conclusion, Mr. Macell said: "Let the past bury its dead. We are proud of the races we come from, we are sons of the first nations of the world. We have for a mission to carry into effect the greatest triumphs of each. Britain in commerce, navigation, popular government, civil and religious liberty; France in literature, arts and sciences. We stand as a band of brothers prepared to live and die for this country." Rev. Dr. Herridge, the chairman, in conveying the thanks of the audience to the lecturer, stated that Mr. Macell had treated his subject in a very catholic way, and he assured him that not one word he had said in praise of the Roman Catholic Church of Quebec would find dissent with the audience.

Those who heard Dr. Pidgeon in St. Andrew's and Bank Street were delighted with his vigorous presentation of the case for Moral Reform. He found encouragement in the moral movement from the ascertained result obtained by restrictive legislation, and had good to say of the manner in which the Provincial Government had maintained order in New Ontario. "Every purchasing agent, or nearly every one, is daily besieged by offers of bribery by which he can enrich himself. If graft exists in our politics I believe it is because it first exists in our business life. There is a tendency of men who are in office for the express purpose of putting down evil to make terms with it for personal gain. It is because of the deadness of public opinion that these things can be done. We must combat the most organized system for catering to man's vices. Those in charge are able, resourceful, unscrupulous masters of the game. They have everything at their disposal. They are able to employ the best legal talent to aid them in evading the law." Referring to the gambling bill now before the House of Commons, Prof. Pidgeon said: "The present gambling bill is not directed against horse racing. It merely makes it plain that those who must enjoy this sport must enjoy it at their own expense, not on the profits of the professional gambler. It is aimed at the business of gambling which seeks to make money out of the wagers of others."

## EASTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. Mr. Burch, of Montreal, conducted anniversary services in St. Paul's church, Franktown, last Sunday.

At the preparatory services last Thursday and Friday in Burns church, Martintown, the pastor was assisted by Rev. D. Stewart, B.A., of Alexandria.

Rev. Mr. McDonald, of Lanark, was presented with a purse at the Middleville induction by Mr. George McIlraith on behalf of the people of Darling.

Rev. Donald Stewart, of Finch, was the preacher in the Russell Church last Sunday week, in the absence of the pastor, Rev. D. L. Gordon, who was preaching in Erskine Church, Ottawa.

At the recent meeting of L. and R. Presbytery hearty and unanimous approval was expressed regarding the efforts being made within the bounds to carry local option in the several towns and townships.

After a three months' post-graduate course in Chicago, Rev. A. L. Howard, M.A., of Kemptville, is entitled to write "Ph.D." after his name. Dr. Howard is to be congratulated on this well earned distinction.

Rev. W. W. Peck conducted anniversary services in Adamston Church last Sunday week. Rev. Mr. Hodgins, of Adamston, occupied the pulpit of St. Andrew's Church, Arnprior, morning and evening.

Rev. N. H. McGillivray, of St. John's Church, Cornwall, conducted the anniversary services of the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, last Sunday. The local papers speak in high terms of the reverend gentleman's sermons on this occasion.

On the eve of the departure of Rev. R. A. Lundy to his new field at Walton, Ont., the congregation of Williamsburg and Winchester Springs united in a fowl supper and presented him with an address and a well-filled purse; and the adult Bible class gave him two pieces of parlor furniture. Mrs. Lundy was also kindly remembered and presented with a purse of money, a bible, and two pieces of silverware. The local lodge of Odd Fellows also tendered a farewell banquet and presented Mr. Lundy with a valuable gold watch.

The Presbytery of Kingston held its regular quarterly meeting at Kingston on the 14th inst. Fourteen ministers and three elders were present. The demission of Picton congregation by Rev. Wm. Shearer was received and considered. Commissioners from the congregation testified to the attachment of the people to their pastor, and their unanimous and strong desire that he should remain with them. After several members of the Presbytery had expressed their hearty concurrence with these views, Mr. Shearer made explanation of his position, and withdrew his resignation to the great gratification of the Presbytery. On motion of the convener of the committee on systematic giving, the Presbytery agreed to instruct sessions to procure as many copies of tracts prepared by the Synod's committee on this subject as they can use. Efforts also should be put forth by congregations to give as much for H. Missions and Augmentation as shall equal the sum received from the general fund for these purposes by the Presbytery. Remits from the General Assembly were entrusted to committees to report at the next meeting in March. Revs. Messrs. McLean, McClung, and Malcolm were appointed for two years to the H. Missions fields which they now occupy.

## TORONTO.

The following have been elected, ordained and inducted as elders in the Devonport Road congregation by Rev. James Wilson, viz.: Messrs. John Codling, W. H. Gemmell, S. McCormack, J. R. Montgomery and John Wanless, who form the first session of the new church.

On the occasion of his twenty-fifth anniversary as minister of Westminster church, Bloor street, Rev. Dr. John Nell was tendered a reception recently by the members of the congregation, who turned out in large numbers. Both the minister and Mrs. Nell, who has stood by him through these many years, doing her share in the church work, received presentations as a token of the high esteem in which they were both held: Dr. Nell a purse of gold, and Mrs. Nell a beautiful cabinet of silver. The presentation was a surprise to both, and when Dr. Nell turned to reply to the congregation on behalf of himself and Mrs. Nell he seemed deeply touched with the expression of sympathy shown him by his people.

Recently, at the morning service in St. Andrew's, King street, Rev. T. Crawford Brown, the pastor, gave to a large congregation an outline of what the church has accomplished already and what the plans are for the future. The building has been thoroughly renovated; a new organ of splendid capacity has been installed; other necessary improvements have been made, and now St. Andrew's is so popular that on many occasions hundreds have to be turned away for lack of accommodation. Plans are now being prepared for the new institutional building which is to be constructed on the site of the old manse. This building, which will cost in the neighborhood of \$50,000, will be finished, it is expected, before the end of next year, and will be most up-to-date in all particulars.

Stratford Presbytery declines to make any change in the method of electing commissioners to the General Assembly.

The silver anniversary of the Pembroke W.F.M. Auxiliary was held at the home of Mrs. Alex. Miller, when the annual report was adopted and officers elected. The report showed a marked advance on previous years. Miss M. Johnston, rendered an appropriate solo. The election of officers resulted in all being re-elected with the exception of Mrs. W. W. Dickson, who was unanimously appointed president, with Miss M. Kennedy as 1st vice-president. Rev. Mr. Knox then took the chair, and in a very happy manner presented the different life membership certificates, after which a social half-hour was enjoyed. Mrs. Miller, the hostess, serving tea.

The closing meeting of the St. Andrew's W.F.M. Auxiliary, Perth, was marked by two very pleasing incidents. One was the presentation to Mrs. John Hart, treasurer of the society for nine years, of a beautifully mounted life membership in the general society. Miss Moffatt and Mrs. Scott made the presentation. The other was the reading of an address to Mrs. Scott, the pastor's estimable wife, by Miss Waddell, in behalf of the society. This was accompanied by a handsome case covered on the outside with carnations, and overspread with coins of gold. Rev. Mr. Scott, who had been invited to take part with his lady workers in the refreshment proceedings of the hour, was in the room at the time of the second presentation and relieved his wife by coming to the platform and replying for her.