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OTTAWA.

To wipe off a debt of \$1,600 remaining on Christ church cathedral in response to an appeal last Sunday, the liberal collection of \$1,800 was received.

His Excellency the Governor-General and Countess Grey, with others from Government House, also British Ambassador Bryce attended St. Andrew's church on Sunday and heard Rev. Dr. Hjerriidge preach an excellent Easter sermon on the Resurrection.

At a meeting of the Ottawa Ministerial Association, Rev. J. W. H. Milne, M.A., in the absence of the president, occupied the chair. Owing to the long illness of Rev. Wm. McIntosh, the secretary was instructed to extend to him the sincere sympathy of the association. There was little other business, after which a very able paper was read by Rev. J. Tallman Pitcher on "The Effect of the Teaching of Chas. D. Finny on the Theology of the Present Day," followed by a general discussion on the subject.

The Ottawa Ministerial Association have arranged for the following interchange of pulpits on 14th and 21st inst.:
 Dominion—Rev. Dr. Ramsay; McLeod, Rev. A. E. Mitchell; Eastern—Rev. P. W. Anderson; Western—Rev. M. H. Scott; Bell St.—Rev. A. D. Cousins; Hintonburg Methodist—Rev. Robert Eadie; First Congregational—Rev. Dr. Armstrong; Welcome Zion—Rev. C. E. Russell; Emmanuel—Rev. G. I. Campbell; St. David's—Rev. H. I. Horsey; First Baptist—Rev. J. W. H. Milne; McPhail Memorial—Rev. W. A. McIlroy; Fourth Ave. Baptist—Rev. J. H. Turnbull; French Baptist—Rev. M. Vesot; Knox—Rev. G. F. Salton; St. Paul's—Rev. Wm. McIntosh; Bank St.—Rev. M. Mackay; Stewarton—Rev. M. Parke; Erskine—Rev. P. L. Richardson; McKay—Rev. J. Tallman Pitcher; Glebe—Rev. Dr. A. A. Cameron; Hintonburg Presbyterian—Rev. H. H. Hillis; Billings' Bridge Presbyterian—Rev. M. Robinson; St. Marks—Rev. G. R. McFaul; Zion, Hull—Rev. D. T. Cummings; Billings' Bridge Methodist—Mr. McLeod.

TORONTO.

St. Mark's church, King street west, has extended a unanimous call to Rev. J. D. Morrow, who was minister at Hepler, for the past three or four years. The meeting was presided over by the interim Moderator, Rev. Alfred Gandier. The pastorate of St. Mark's has been vacant since the resignation of Rev. T. R. Robinson, Ph. D., who was appointed to the faculty of the department of philosophy in the university.

Knox college will confer the degree of D.D. on Rev. R. E. Walsh, M.A., of Toronto, General Secretary of the Canadian Bible Society, who is nominated for the chair of apologetics in the Presbyterian College, Montreal. Rev. J. G. Shearer, B.A., of Toronto, Secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance of Canada, and formerly pastor of Erskine church, Hamilton, Rev. J. H. Ratcliffe, B.A., minister of First Presbyterian church, St. Catharines, and Rev. Hugh MacKay, B.A., missionary to the Indians, Round Lake, Sask.

Graduates of Queen's University have filled the eight vacancies which occurred this year in the University Council by electing the following members to hold office for six years:—H. M. Mowat, K.C., Toronto; W. L. Grant, M.A., Oxford; Rev. James Wallace, M.A., Lindsay; H. R. Duff, M.D., Kingston; C. F. Hamilton, M.A., Ottawa; G. F. Macdonald, M.A., Toronto; F. J. Pope, M.A., Ph. D., New York; E. G. Watson, M.A., M.D., Detroit.

EASTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. J. U. Tanner and Mrs. Tanner are spending Easter with Mr. Tanner's parents, at Windsor Mills, Que.

Rev. W. W. McRae, of Dundas, Que., who has just accepted a call to Knox church, Beaverton, was the preacher in Knox church, Lancaster, last Sunday.

The Mill Street Presbyterians, Port Hope, have decided to sell their old church property to the G. T. R. Services will be continued in the old church during April.

Rev. G. A. Woodside, now of Owen Sound, spent a day with Carleton Place friends. He had been in Montreal attending a meeting of the Board of French Evangelization.

The congregation of Westport has extended a unanimous call to Rev. A. C. Rondeau, B.D., of Casselman, Ont., to succeed Rev. Hugh Ferguson, who went to the Toronto Presbytery. It is thought Mr. Rondeau will accept.

The Dalhousie congregation have given a unanimous call to Mr. J. A. McLean, of Vesta, Minn. The congregation is making a strenuous effort to become self-sustaining and raise at least the minimum salary required.

On the evening of Thursday, March 21st, the members of the Young People's Guild of St. Andrew's Church, Sonya, held a very successful banquet. The president, Mr. Allan Stewart, presided, and beside him sat the pastor, Rev. H. D. Leitch, and with them at the tables were over 150 members. A programme of music, recitations, and the usual addresses followed, closing with the national anthem and the benediction by the pastor. The society has had a very successful winter work. Its constitution is a little different from most young people's societies. There is a meeting for Bible study and prayer held once a week in the church, excepting that every third meeting is of a literary nature, but during the winter the literary meeting was held every alternate Monday evening. There is a missionary meeting held once a month after the Sabbath evening service. Occasionally a social meeting is held at which refreshments are served. There is a small membership fee and special offerings are taken. The receipts of the society since October last were \$110. After running expenses were taken out the balance, \$84, was applied to furnishings for the manse and church. The banquet on Thursday evening was to close a friendly contest between the "Red" and "Blue" members, for new members, attendance and good programmes for the past three months, in which both sides did excellent work, and the Blues were victors. The tables were bountifully laid, the good things were freely partaken of and the evening was enjoyed by all. The present membership of the guild is upwards of 200.

Windsor street station, Montreal, was the scene of an impressive farewell last week when the Rev. Alex. R. Ross, B. A., B.D., left for Corea, where he will labor as a missionary under the auspices of the Presbyterian church. There were quite a hundred friends present to see him off, including relatives and McGill and Presbyterian College students. The students sang college songs and gave their college yell, and just before saying farewell all sang "God be with you till we meet again." Mr. Ross was deeply affected by these manifestations of good wishes.

WESTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. D. Johnston preached his farewell sermon at Guthrie last Sunday.

The Rev. Thos. McKee, P.S.I., Barrie, will occupy the pulpit of the Coldwater church on Sundays during April.

Last Sunday Rev. J. C. Tibb, of Eglington and Bethesda, preached his farewell sermons after a pastorate of ten years. He has accepted a call to Webbwood, Ont.

Rev. Neil McPherson, who has been seriously ill at his home in Indianapolis, is slowly regaining his health. As soon as he is strong enough to travel he will pay a visit to friends in Hamilton.

For a new building ten members of the Central church, Hamilton, offer to give \$50,000, if the remainder of the congregation would subscribe \$25,000. The entire sum required is now in hand and the work of construction will now proceed.

The Hamilton Times says: Plans for the building of the Presbyterian church in the east end of the city are steadily progressing, and some predictions have been made to the effect that the church will be built before the snow flies next winter.

The Acton Ministerial Association, says the Free Press, had a feast of rich things at their recent meeting. Rev. Prof. H. A. A. Kennedy, M.A., D.Sc., of Knox College, Toronto, was the speaker of the day and he gave an able and comprehensive exegetical study of the epistle to the Ephesians. It was a scholarly address and every sentence manifested the mastery grasp of this able Bible student and teacher, of the subject of the day. The attendance was unusually large.

At the recent meeting of Hamilton Presbytery, Sir Thomas Taylor suggested a change in the system of electing the standing committees of the General Assembly and he and Rev. W. J. Dey were appointed a committee to support an overture before the General Assembly, having in view the adoption of Sir Thomas' plan.

Rev. Dr. Dickson, of Galt, takes thought for subjects outside the walls of the Central church, of which he has been for so many years the efficient pastor. In a letter to the local press he is advocating the organization of a free course of winter lectures. These lectures, he writes, might be historical, literary, scientific, or on some department in the wide field of art; so many being delivered each winter. They might also have a garnish of music furnished by the sweet singers of our churches, and with the lectures there might be interspersed a concert or two, their subject being the culture of the great body of our citizens. The education of a community should be carried on after school days in wider realms of thought and imagination and life. The mind should not be allowed to stagnate but be supplied with matter for reflection, for consideration, for expansion, that it may grow in a healthy and solid way. And that no bar be put in the way the lecturer should be absolutely free, except in cases where extra expense has been gone to in providing lanterns for illustrating them. In such cases the smallest possible charge ought to be made." Other town and village communities might well act on the suggestion made to the citizens of Galt.