

## THE DOMINION PRESBYTERIAN.

### EASTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. J. C. Tibb, of Elgin, preached last Sabbath in Duff's church, Morrisston.

Rev. Dr. Campbell, of Perth, preached at Douglas last Sunday.

The new Presbyterian church at Chalk River, of which Rev. G. D. Campbell is pastor, was opened on the 11th instant.

Rev. James Millar, of Watson's Corners, has received a call from White Lake and Burnstown.

Rev. E. W. Mackay will be inducted in St. Paul's church, Smith's Falls, on December 11th.

Rev. Mr. Hay, of Renfrew, gave an address at the annual Thank-offering meeting of the W. F. M. S. of the Douglas church.

Rev. H. E. Abraham, Port Hope, will conduct anniversary services in St. Paul's church, Bowmanville, on December 9th.

The Presbyterians at Gravel Hill are making an effort to raise enough money to keep a minister permanently, and are meeting with gratifying success.

Mr. Jas. S. Potter, the Sailors' Missionary, preached in the First Church, Brockville, last Sunday morning, and in the evening the sermon was given by Rev. Mr. Crossley.

Rev. S. Beaton of Moose Creek presided in the Maxwell church on the 18th of November, Rev. R. McKay taking Mr. Beaton's services at Moose Creek.

Rev. Mr. Bright of St. Paul's church, Peterboro', preached preparatory services in the Millbrook church on the 23rd of November.

The Rev. A. G. Campbell, of Apple Hill, has decided to accept the call extended to him by the united congregation of Westboro' and Merivale churches. His induction will take place at the Merivale church on December 6.

The annual thank-offering meeting of the Home Mission band of St. Andrew's church, Almonte, was held Tuesday night last. Rev. Mr. Pack of Arnprior was present to deliver an address. Refreshments were served at the close and a social hour was spent.

South Indian congregation, which can boast of only ten families, cleared some time ago with their lawn social the sum of \$92.00. Quite a few Roman Catholics were present, and the pastor was asked by one of their number to address them in their mother tongue.

Mrs. Staunton, lately from the Philippines, who has been visiting her old home in Carleton Place, addressed the young people in St. Andrew's church on the 16th of November, giving an interesting talk on the customs and habits of the people of the far east.

At the Thank-offering meeting of Zion church W. F. M. S., Carleton Place, the chair was occupied by Mrs. W. A. Paterson, and reports were read from the different mission fields of the church. The pastor, Rev. Mr. Scott, gave a brief address.

On Thursday evening, November 15, a large number of the men of St. Andrew's church, Picton, met in the lecture hall at the invitation of the pastor. The first part of the proceedings consisted of a well rendered programme of instrumental and vocal music in which Prof. Johnstone and Messrs. W. J. Palmer, Fred Geddes, Bert Tully and Charles Kelly took part. Dr. Branscombe delivered a very excellent address on the benefits to be derived in after life by young men who strictly observe the laws of physical and mental hygiene. After the programme the meeting was thrown open for a general expression of opinion and it was finally decided that all present should organize themselves into a society to be known as "The Men's Guild of St. Andrew's Church," and that they meet on the first and third Mondays of each month at 7.30 p.m. The following officers were then elected: Hon. president, Rev. William Shearer, president, D. A. Gilchrist, vice-president, Charles Kelly; secretary, Charles MacGillivray; treasurer, Bert Welch; committee, Messrs. Dr. Knight, P. C. Macnee and Bert Tully. Before closing all present partook of refreshments, bountifully supplied by the ladies. The meeting was closed with the benediction by the pastor. The next meeting will be held on the 26th inst.

Anniversary services will be held in the Presbyterian Church, Bradford, on Sunday, Dec. 9th, and on the following Monday evening a fowl supper will be served by the ladies of the congregation.

### BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

Rev. D. Bruce Millar, St. James' Parish church, Kirkcaldy, is to retire.

Dr. Charles Russell, editor of the Glasgow Herald, has resigned owing to illness.

Fiji is the only British colony in which natives pay their taxes in kind, chiefly in coconuts.

It is said that Germany has retained the mediaeval furniture of her churches more completely than any other country of Northern Europe.

The Australian House of Representatives has approved the Preferential Tariff Treaty with New Zealand, after rejecting an adverse amendment by 32 votes to 11.

The family of the late Dr. Matheson has authorized Rev. Donald Macmillan, D.D. of Kelvinhaugh Parish church, Glasgow, to write the biography of the blind poet preacher.

France will soon have a special institute for the study of cancer similar to the Imperial Cancer Research Fund in England, and corresponding institutions in Germany and the United States.

There are, it is estimated, some 150,000 Jews in London, two-thirds of whom live in the East End. The total Jewish population of the United Kingdom is given at 228,707, being an increase of 1541 during the last twelve months.

Some thirty years ago the tallow candle or "dip" industry in Liverpool was a thriving trade, the manufacturers being numbered by the score or more. Tallow candle makers in Liverpool could now be counted on one hand.

Sir Theodore Martin, the veteran lawyer and author, celebrated his 90th birthday on the 16th ult., at Bryntsilio, near Llangollen. In spite of boisterous weather, he attended church twice and read the lessons.

On the 16th ult. special services were held in the Middle U. F. church, Coatbridge, when the new minister, Rev. Fergus Ferguson, was introduced by his father, Rev. Fergus Ferguson, D.D., Queen's Park, Glasgow.

The late Mrs. Todd, widow of the Rev. Alex. Todd, who was a missionary in India of the Free Church, and died at Laurieston in March last, has bequeathed the residue of her estate to the Free Church of Scotland for the furtherance of evangelistic work in India.

The oldest building in England that has been uninterruptedly used for church purposes is St. Martin's Cathedral at Canterbury. The building was originally erected for a church, and has been regularly used as a place for religious gatherings for more than 1,500 years.

The trustees of Shakespeare's Birthplace have acquired perfect copies of very early quarto editions of "The Merchant of Venice" and "King Lear" at a cost of a little more than \$5,000. During the past summer there were 37,000 visitors to Shakespeare's birthplace, a larger number than ever before.

September 18th was the anniversary of the birth of Dr. Samuel Johnson, and it was celebrated at Lichfield, where the dominating lexicographer was born in 1709. The subject of the celebrations himself did not care about contemplating his natal day when it came round. On one occasion, he wrote, "The return of my birthday fills me with thoughts which it seems to be the general care of humanity to escape." He had no desire to die before his time.

The greatest chapters of an unfolding world-drama will probably be furnished by China. The awakening of Japan distinct altered the relative importance of every country in the world. But the awakening of China, whose population is equal to that of five North Americans, and whose people are of the greater average ability than the Japanese—is a matter of future importance beyond the imagination of man to conceive. Christianity and English-speaking ideas will soon have an absolutely open door and a decisive test in China.

The Mission Band of St. Andrew's, Almonte, held their annual thank-offering meeting on Tuesday evening, November 20th. In addition to a solo by Mrs. Metcalf, a reading by Mrs. Flora McGregor, and an anthem by the choir, a fine address was given by Rev. Mr. Peck, of Arnprior, who is a pleasant and interesting speaker. At the close of the meeting refreshments were served in the Sunday school room by the members of the Band. The thank-offering amounted to over \$30, and will be further increased when all the members' contributions are received.

### GUELPH PRESBYTERY.

On Tuesday, the 20th November, this Presbytery met, according to appointment, in Chalmers' church, Guelph, Rev. J. R. Johnston, M.A., Moderator. At his own request Mr. Mullan was permitted to change his subject in the course of lectures to be given on Presbyterianism to "Evenings with the Westminster Assembly of Divines." Dr. Pidgeon, as representative of the Foreign Mission Committee of the Synod of Toronto and Kingston, addressed the Presbytery, showing what was being done by the congregations in the bounds for Foreign Missions, and the place which the Presbytery of Guelph occupied among the other Presbyteries of the Synod in the work. At the close a vote of thanks was passed cordially for the instructive address he had given, gratification was expressed at the manifest growing interest in this part of the church's work and the promise made that this Presbytery would do all in its power to support and encourage.

A call was reported from the congregation of Waterloo to Mr. McKee, a Licentiate of the Church recently graduated. The call was signed by almost every communicant in the congregation and by twenty-one adherents, and promised a stipend of \$900 a year in monthly payments, with four weeks each year for holidays. The call having been sustained and Mr. McKee having signified his acceptance, the Presbytery agreed to meet in the church at Waterloo at four o'clock in the afternoon of Friday, the 7th December, to hear him undergo his public probationary Trials for ordination; and in the event of these proving satisfactory, to meet in the same place in the evening at eight o'clock, for his ordination and induction, Mr. Johnston to preside, Mr. Edgar to preach, Mr. Glasford to address the minister, and Mr. Bradley the people. It was left with the clerk to prescribe subjects for popular lecture and sermon.

Mr. Hamilton reported that the congregation of Chalmers' Church, Winterbourne, under his care, had built a very commodious and comfortable hall, at an expense of \$2,000, a great part of which had been paid. The Presbytery expressed its great pleasure at this sign of prosperity and progress among the people, and trust that many may enjoy, even in the days to come, the advantage of the increased accommodation thus provided.

Mr. Hall reported that his congregation at Rockwood had made extensive improvements on their place of worship, and that the opening services would fall on an early date. Lt.-Col. McCrae was appointed to convey to the office bearers and members at the opening services the congratulations of the Presbytery, and its earnest prayer for their prosperity in all that pertains to the well-being of a congregation in future years.

Next meeting was appointed to be held in St. Andrew's Church, Fergus, on Tuesday, the 15th January next, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon.

An arrangement has been come to between the Corporation of Edinburgh on the one hand and the Scottish Education Department and the Scottish Office on the other for the establishment of an art school in Edinburgh, which will be national in its aims. On condition that \$35,000 in all is spent upon the school, including the value of the site, the Scottish Education Department will contribute \$150,000 and the Scottish Office \$50,000 towards the total sum.

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