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At the last communion in Stewarton church, twenty-three members were received.

There were twenty-two additions to the membership of Bank street church at the communion last Sunday.

Rev. Dr. W. Armstrong, of Ottawa, who was visiting relatives and friends at Millbrook ably occupied the Presbyterian pulpit Sunday evening, 20th ult.

Mr. Jenkins, recently appointed organist of the Gleebe church, has entered on his work with vigor, and his handling of organ and choir is very gratifying to the congregation.

Rev. Professor Gordon, D.D., of the Montreal College, was the preacher in St. Andrew's, Dr. Herdridge taking special services in St. Paul's church, Hamilton, on that day.

Last Sunday evening in St. Paul's, Rev. James Little, B. A., continued his studies of Abraham, dealing with the patriarch as a "pilgrim." There was a full attendance both morning and evening.

The Gleebe church had twenty additions to its membership last communion; twelve on profession of faith, mostly from the Sunday school, and eight by certificate, two of them being Mr. Nellis, secretary of the Y. M. C. A., and his wife, both from Kingston.

During the past week, special services, conducted by Dr. Elliott, of New York, have been going on in Stewarton Church. The attendance has been large and much interest has been manifested. Dr. Elliott is a sane revivalist, with nothing of the sensational in his methods. In fact he carries on his work much after the style adopted by the well-known Dr. Wilbur Chapman; and his labors, in many places, have been in a marked manner owned and blessed of God. After a series of meetings held by Dr. Elliott in Charlottetown, P.E.I., twenty-two young men offered themselves to study for the ministry. The meetings in Stewarton church will be continued for two weeks, and the attendance and interest are by no means confined to Presbyterians; many from other denominations manifest by their presence a keen interest in the services.

At a special congregational meeting on Tuesday evening the generous offer of Mrs. C. C. Cummings, of Toronto, to erect a manse on the St. Paul's church property, Daly Avenue, as a memorial to her parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Lumsden, long honored members of the congregation, was thankfully accepted, and authority was given the temporal committee to proceed with several important improvements. The roof is to be made thoroughly water-proof; the gas fixtures are to be removed and electric lighting installed; a new organ is to be introduced; the interior of the church is to be renovated and decorated; and leaded glass windows will probably take the place of those now in use. To properly carry out this scheme as adopted, will cost somewhere in the neighborhood of \$7,000, and the view was expressed that so large an outlay should include galleries for additional seating accommodation, even if this involved, as it doubtless would, a larger expenditure than the \$7,000. Rev. James Little, B.A., presided, and unanimity and good feeling characterized the proceedings.

WESTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. James Rollins, of King street church, London, has been elected moderator of London Presbytery.

Barrie Presbytery nominates Rev. Dr. McLeod, of Barrie, for the moderatorship of the next Assembly. Inglebrook

Mr. F. R. G. Dredge, of Knox College, who has been invited to be assistant pastor of the Orillia Presbyterian Church, is expected to enter on his duties about the 20th inst.

At the pre-communion services at St. Giles' Presbyterian church, Hamilton, on March 25th, fifty new members were received into the membership of the church by the pastor, Rev. J. B. Paulin.

Rev. G. S. Milligan, M.A., recently of Harrowsmith, has been inducted as pastor of Chalmers' church, Flesserton, and associate congregations at Eugenia and Proton station. Rev. J. A. Matheson, of Priceville, presided; Rev. Jas. Buchanan, of Dundalk, preached; Rev. W. C. Mercer, of Singhampton, gave the charge to the minister; and Rev. W. M. Morris, of Orangeville, addressed the people.

In appreciation of her services as organist of First church, Westminster, for seven years, Miss Mary Nichol was presented with a magnificent silver tea service, composed of tray and six pieces, and a dozen pearl-handled silver knives and forks with a kind worded address, read by the pastor, Rev. Dr. McCrae. Miss Nichol is a cultured musician, and gives her services unselfishly to the work of the church. Central church, Hamilton, will give Rev. Dr. Lyle, who is resigning the charge, a retiring allowance of \$1,200 per year. The assistant minister, Rev. W. H. Sedgwick, will then become pastor, with a salary of \$2,800. Dr. Lyle has been 42 years in the ministry, and has been pastor of the Central church for 32 years, having had a charge in Ireland for ten years, before coming to Canada.

The following are conveners of standing committees in London Presbytery: Examination of students, Rev. E. L. Pidgeon; on statistics, Rev. F. O. Nichol; moral reform, Rev. J. G. Inkster; Sabbath schools, Rev. Geo. Gilmore; home missions, Rev. Jas. Rollins; augmentation, Rev. A. M. Moffat; remits of Assembly, Rev. A. M. Haig; vacancies, Rev. J. Currie; young people's societies, Rev. Geo. Atkinson; foreign missions, Rev. W. H. Geddes; evangelism, Rev. A. T. Watson; systematic beneficence, Rev. James Malcolm; advisory council on finance, Revs. Dr. McCrae and T. H. Mitchell, with Elder Thos. Alexander associated with Mr. Henderson, treasurer and convener.

At the last meeting of London Presbytery the motion of Mr. Inkster relating to Salaries of Home Missionaries, laid over from December meeting, was taken up. Mr. Inkster, by permission of Presbytery, submitted his proposition amended to read as follows: Owing to (1) the number of agents and special appeals for the Colleges, Funds, etc., (2) the unsatisfactory payment of Missionaries and Ministers in augmented charges under the present augmented system, (3) the need of a careful inquiry into our financial system, we overture the Synod of Hamilton and London to ask that a commission be appointed by the General Assembly to inquire into our whole financial system and report at their convenience.

After deliberating it was moved by Mr. Inkster, seconded by Mr. Stuart, that a committee consisting of Messrs. Stuart, Currie and the mover be appointed to prepare an overture to the Synod on this question and submit the same for approval to a meeting of Presbytery to be held during, and by permission of, the next meeting of Synod. The motion was carried.

EASTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. F. C. Harper, B.D., of Niagara Falls, has been preaching in Knox Church, Cunnington.

Last week a well attended meeting in the interest of the Temperance cause was held in Knox church, Uptergrove.

Rev. W. McDofald, Lanark, interim moderator of Dalhousie congregation, would be pleased to hear from ministers who would like to preach with a view to a call.

Mr. A. R. Patterson, of Knox College, Toronto, occupied the pulpit of Knox Church, Beaverton, on the 27th ult., and Mr. S. R. Robinson, also from Knox College, on the 3rd of April.

The Rev. Dr. A. M. Currie, late pastor of the Church of the Redeemer, Deseronto, after spending one year at the Union Seminary, N.Y., (Presbyterian), has received the degrees of B.D. and Ph.D. His many friends extend congratulations.

This week, Rev. J. Goforth, for twenty years missionary in Honan, China, and leader in the great revivals that so recently stirred Honan and Manchuria, will conduct services in Knox church, Cornwall, from Sunday, April 3rd, to Sunday, April 10th, inclusive.

Rev. G. W. Thom, of Allensville, was the preacher at Knox church, Sundridge, on a recent Sunday, when he received a warm welcome from old friends. He also took the services at Lynch Lake and Hartfell in the absence of Mr. Sinclair, the pastor.

On a recent evening the officers and teachers of Knox church Sunday school, Cannington, met at the residence of Mr. W. Burns for the purpose of presenting him with a handsome quarter-oak rocker, upholstered in leather, and a Bible and Book of Praise combined, as a slight acknowledgment of his services in the Sunday school for the past 22 years. The presentation was made by Mrs. D. K. Brown and H. Chester read an appreciative address. Mr. Burns was agreeably surprised and repaid in a suitable manner. A pleasant evening was spent during which light refreshments were served.

Tuesday, 15th ult., was an interesting day for the village and community of Richmond, especially those of the Presbyterian church, when the new minister was inducted into the pastoral charge by the Presbytery of Ottawa. The service began at 2 o'clock, when the spacious church was filled with a devout congregation. Rev. J. W. S. Lowry, of Fitzroy Harbor, conducted public worship and preached an earnest sermon from Matthew ix:36, "But when he saw the multitudes he was moved with compassion on them." The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few, pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest." Rev. W. H. Cramm, of Mantock, presided as moderator, and related the steps leading up to the settlement of the new pastor, the Rev. R. C. H. Sinclair, late of Inverness, Que. Mr. Sinclair was then introduced and having answered the prescribed questions, the Rev. J. H. Woodside, of North Gower, led in prayer, and the brethren of Presbytery extended the right hand of fellowship, and the union between pastor and the people was declared consummated. Rev. P. F. Langill, of Carp, addressed an appropriate counsel to Mr. Sinclair, whom he greeted as an old college friend of early days. Rev. Mr. Cramm suitably addressed the people, and the solemn exercises concluded. A social reception to Rev. and Mrs. Sinclair and family was then held at which many attended.