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WESTERN ONTARIO.

Dr. Falconer, principal of Toronto University, spoke in London last Friday.

The ladies of Knox church, Hamilton, last week conducted a sale of work which proved a great success.

The Rev. J. L. Murray, of Kincardine, who recently resigned the pastorate of that place, is moving to Toronto.

Hamilton Presbytery sustained the call to Rev. J. Anthony, Waterdown, to Knox Church, Scarboro.

The ceremony was of a very impressive character, and was witnessed by a large congregation, the church being filled to overflowing.

Rev. J. H. Martin, B.A., of Knox College Students' Missionary Society, preached for Dr. McCrae in London on Sunday.

Hon. George W. Ross is to be the principal speaker for the annual banquet of St. Andrew's Society, Brantford, on the evening of Tuesday, Dec. 1.

The induction of the Rev. A. J. Mann, of West Lorne, Ont., into the pastorate of the Presbyterian church, Woodville, took place on Wednesday, the 11th inst.

Anniversary services were held in the Caledonia church on Sunday last. Dr. McTavish, of Central church, Toronto, conducted both services. He gave two most helpful sermons.

Rev. Louis H. Jordan, B.D., for several years pastor of St. James' Square Presbyterian church, Toronto, who has been located latterly at Oxford University, will sail for Halifax on Nov. 27th.

Rev. Mr. McBeth, of Paris, and Mr. Patterson, of Woodstock, will conduct the services in Knox Church, Embro, on Sunday. They will speak in the interests of the laymen's missionary movement.

Rev. W. G. Wilson, of St. Andrew's Church, Guelph, was in Toronto where he attended the induction of Rev. Dr. Gandler to the Principalship of Knox College. Mr. Wilson is a member of the Board of the College.

Knox Church Young People's Literary Society, Harrison, are having a debate to-night on Canadian independence as a nation. Next meeting they will discuss the suffrage question, or should women have votes.

The address to the people was delivered by the Rev. Mr. Ross, of Cobocok, and the minister was addressed by the Rev. D. W. Best, of Beaverton. In the evening a reception was given by the congregation to Mr. and Mrs. Mann. A large number were present and a good programme was enjoyed.

With the renovations and improvements at St. Andrew's Church, Guelph, there is now a department for the young men and this winter it is proposed to revive the Young Men's Association of the church. The room will be fitted for athletic exercises and it is probable that should a church hockey league be formed this year that St. Andrew's may get into the game.

The annual convention of the W. E. M. S. of Guelph Presbytery is being held this week at Elora. A large number of delegates representing the Presbyterian churches in Guelph went to take part in the discussions and to hear the addresses delivered, and they were joined at the station by members from Berlin, Hespeler, and other points, all going up to attend the meetings.

The Rev. Mr. Kendall, of Dromvie, preached on Sunday, last week, in Guthrie Church, Harrison, two very interesting and impressive sermons on behalf of Sunday School work, by order of the Saugeen Presbytery. The Rev. T. D. McCullough, of Guthrie Church, fulfilled the same mission at Dromvie.

The meeting of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor in Guthrie Church, Harrison, was conducted by a committee from the Royal Templars' Lodge. Mr. John A. Copland and Miss L. Bready read papers relating to temperance work, and Miss May Campbell sang sweetly a gospel temperance solo.

Rev. Thos. Wilson of Walkerton conducted successful anniversary services in St. Andrew's church, Brantford, on Nov. 8th, and delivered an illustrated lecture on "A Trip Around the World" on the following Monday. The services were continued on Sabbath, Nov. 15th, by the pastor, Rev. F. J. Maxwell. The anniversary commemorated the extension of the new church, completed a year ago, and was the third anniversary of the pastor's induction. An offering of nearly \$1,100 was made, about \$1,000 of which will be applied to the debt reduction.

It is probable that the debate now being arranged between members of St. Andrew's Church, Guelph, and debaters from S. S. No. 6 for Friday this week may prove a stepping stone to the formation in the city of a debating league amongst the different Young Men's Associations in the churches. Last year the matter was taken up in some of the churches and although meetings were held the organization of the league was never complete. But now, however, the winter season is just commenced and has been found to be most successful, a deal of interest and rivalry being occasioned in the different battles at words.

MONTREAL PRESBYTERY.

A special meeting of the Presbytery of Montreal was held in Knox Church last week, the Rev. Mr. Kinnear, moderator, presiding.

The congregation of Crescent Street Church appeared before the Presbytery, by representatives, in connection with a call on behalf of the Rev. R. W. Dickie, of Brandon. The call is signed by some six hundred members and adherents. The guarantee of salary is \$4,000, with an allowance of \$800 for the rent of a manse.

Dr. Scott moved, seconded by Dr. Mowatt, that the call be sustained and forwarded to the Brandon Presbytery. The Rev. Principal Mackay and Mr. John Hyde will represent Crescent Street Church at the meeting of the Presbytery of Brandon. The Presbytery named Principal Patrick, of Winnipeg, to represent them.

A request from St. Giles Church for permission to sell a strip off their property at the corner of St. Joseph Boulevard and Sanguinet street was granted. The city of Montreal will expropriate a strip off the St. Denis street side of their property, and there will still be enough left for the site of a new church which the congregation intend building in a few years. It is proposed to erect a hall on the new property shortly for the use of the junior scholars of the Sunday School, and for week-night services. The church building now in use is large enough for the regular Sunday services, but more room is needed for Sunday School purposes.

SYNOD OF MANITOBA.

This Synod convened in Manitoba College on the evening of the 10th inst. The moderator, Rev. M. C. Rumball, B.A., in the chair. The sermon was from Heb. XI., 27, and was divided into two parts: (1) The Power of the Invisible, and (2) The Invisible May be Seen. The sermon was simple in its construction, eloquent in its delivery, forceful in its application. After the sermon the Rev. Mr. McTavish was elected as the new moderator. A vote of thanks was tendered the retiring moderator, and then Mr. Rumball presented the report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures, and also the report of the Committee of Equalization. Then the only other business of the evening was the report of the Church Office at Winnipeg which gave credit to Manitoba Synod for having raised enough to conduct the business of the Synod and the hope that next year the debt against this fund would be completely blotted out.

Second Day.

At this morning's session the new moderator, Rev. Mr. MacTavish, occupied the chair and opened the proceedings with devotional exercises, after which he named a number of committees.

Church Life and Work.

This committee reported, and the report was discussed by the Rev. Mr. Munro, the Rev. Clarence Mackinnon, the Rev. C. W. Gordon and others. The theme of the discussion was "Evangelism," and in his remarks Mr. Gordon said that evangelism was the business of the ministry; every minister was trying to do his duty, but it was every man's duty to try to save his neighbors, and to persuade him to follow in the true way. Why should not two men go out from the church and talk the message of Jesus, as well as to have only the minister of the church try to cover all the ground. He asked his auditors to have members of their young people's societies go out and talk to their neighborhood, to preach the Gospel of the Lord, to help the minister to bring souls home. There were certain members in every congregation who did not want to be disturbed, and it would be a mistake to try to evangelize them in a moment. But to study them, to go easy with them, would eventually bring the most of them to the fold.

The Rev. Dr. R. Boyle, of Balmoral, moved that synodical and congregational conferences be arranged to work for missions, and in making the motion made a vigorous address in favor of evangelistic work, in the course of which he said that every minister should be an evangelist.

The Rev. Dr. Shearer and the Rev. W. M. Rochester, secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance, also spoke to the motion, and in the course of his remarks Mr. Rochester pleaded for the ministry to find time to do evangelization in the family life of their people. The morning session was brought to a close with prayer and the benediction.

A motion that a committee be appointed to report on certain details of a scheme for evangelistic work was carried without discussion.

Third Day.

Rev. Dr. Carmichael presented his report on home missions. The fields, he said, have been organized, and stations opened in the new settlements where the conditions warrant. All the fields in both synods, Saskatchewan and