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EASTERN ONTARIO.

The Hallville congregation has extended a unanimous call to Rev. R. McKay, M.A. B.D., graduate of Queen's. There is some uncertainty of the acceptance of this call, as another has been extended to him from the congregation of Maxville.

Rev. R. Bertram Nelles, who is at present in charge of the Mill street Presbyterian church, Port Hope, has received a call to become the regular pastor of that congregation.

The 33rd annual meeting of the Prescott Presbyterian church was held in the lecture room of the church on Wednesday evening, February 22nd. Dr. Stuart, the popular pastor, made a brief report of the progress of the congregation. Although during the past year a number had been called away and some had left the town, there still was a slight increase in membership, the roll now having 176. The treasurer, Mr. J. K. Dawsey, reported a balance on hand and in many respects an increase in the receipts.

At the last meeting of the Lanark and Renfrew Presbytery, Dr. Crombie, the veteran clerk of the Presbytery, announced that he would not again appear at the meetings of Presbytery in the capacity of clerk. A large committee was appointed to arrange for a becoming celebration of the jubilee of Dr. Crombie at the next regular meeting of the presbytery, to be held in Smith's Falls, and the people of the town are to be invited to co-operate with the presbytery in this matter. The dates fixed for this meeting and celebration are May 23 and 24 next, the presbytery to meet in St. Andrew's Church at 2 o'clock, p.m., and for the evening meeting in St. Paul's Church, and if business require it in St. Paul's Church on 24th May.

Rev. E. S. Logie, of Winchester, preached in St. Andrew's Church, Almonte, on the 19th ultimo.

The Glengarry Presbytery was to meet in St. John's church, Cornwall, on Tuesday, March 7, at 1:30 p.m.

Mr. Ormiston of McGill College, Montreal, occupied the pulpit in the Maxville church very acceptably on the 26th February.

At a full meeting of the Brockville Presbytery, held at Winchester, the following protest was introduced by the Rev. John Chisholm, of Kemptonville, and unanimously passed, the clerk being instructed to send copies of same to the House of Commons and Senate of the Dominion: "This Presbytery of Brockville begs to exercise the right to address the Parliament of Canada in humble protest against any legislation establishing a system of Separate schools in the proposed Provinces of Saskatchewan and Alberta, asserting that in our judgment Separate schools are detrimental to the interest of our national life, whereas national schools bringing all the divers elements of the newer districts under common educational influence, are a means of us desire to enter our most emphatic protest against impressing any constitutional limitations upon the prospective provinces, of which their people have not been freely consenting parties." are detrimental to the interest of our national schools bringing all the divers elements of the newer districts under common educational influence, are a means of developing a sense of Canadian citizenship. And we desire to enter our most emphatic protest against impressing any constitutional limitations upon the prospective provinces, of which their people have not been freely consenting parties."

At the regular meeting of the Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew held on the 28th ultimo in Carleton Place, the following were appointed commissioners to attend the meeting of General Assembly next June in Kingston: Rev. W. T. B. Crombie, M. D. M. Blakely, M. Currie, G. A. Woodside, M. H. Wilson, and Dr. Bayne. Elders—I. Cram, A. G. Farrell, Smith's Falls, Dr. Mann, Renfrew; A. Johnston, Pembroke; J. McDougall, Blakeney; Dr. Carmichael, of Kingston was nominated as moderator of the Assembly, and Dr. Kellock, of Leeds, as moderator of the Synod.

Rev. Dr. Moore of Ottawa occupied the pulpit of the Russell church on the 26th February, preaching on the importance of attending divine service.

Rev. A. S. Ross, B.A., of Westboro occupied the pulpit in the Methodist church, Russell, on the last Sunday of February.

An interesting program was given at the missionary entertainment held on the 24th February in St. Andrew's church, Carleton Place. Among those taking part in the program were the following: Mrs. C. W. Young, Miss Cornish, Miss Helene Allen, Miss McDougall, Miss Irene Syme, Miss Jessie Arthur, Miss Sadler and Mrs. John Stewart. The choir also rendered several selections.

On Monday evening, March 2, a concert was given by the Bible Class of St. Andrew's church, Gananoque, which proved a great success. Thirty-five people took part and the music and other numbers were much enjoyed.

Owing to the inclemency of the weather on Friday 24th February the Wilton Sunday school social was postponed till the following Monday, when a very pleasant evening was spent, an excellent programme being furnished by members of the Sunday school.

WESTERN ONTARIO.

Dr. Margaret Maclellan, of Indore, India, in an interesting address on Mission work, gave a graphic description of the dreadful sufferings of the people in Central India during the famine, and told of the thousands of deaths from the plague. In one district near where she is stationed, four thousand out of seven thousand died from the disease. Among the number were two missionaries from Canada, Dr. Geo. Menzies and Mrs. Baird-Harcourt. From the famine the Missionary Society saved 2,000 children and these are now being educated and cared for in orphan and industrial schools. They are being taught to make Persian and Turkish mats, and are very apt in needle work. In the district in which Miss McKellar has been stationed there are 500 communicants and over 500 baptised adherents. These Christian natives have promised one-tenth of their earnings to Christ and the last year she was there they gave 1,419 rupees, which amounts to \$500.

Rev. Dr. McMullen, Knox church, Woodstock, referring to the death of Rev. Dr. Smith, Galt, who had been moderator of the General Assembly two years before he himself occupied that position, said it was a solemn fact that only two who preceded him in the moderator's chair were now living.

It is with deep regret that the congregation of Gibraltar part with Rev. J. H. Borland, who has been their pastor for a number of years. The reverend gentleman preached his farewell sermon on Sunday last, when there was a large congregation present. To his new charge he is accompanied by the best wishes of the people there.

On Sunday morning, February 26, at St. Andrew's Church, Stratford, Rev. E. W. Panton, preached a memorial sermon to the late Wm. Taylor, who passed away during the previous week.

The contracts have been let for a new church for the Presbyterians of Kilmartin. The church will be 50x65 feet, of red pressed brick and will seat about 300. The cost of the building will be about \$5,000.

Rev. A. B. Winchester, of Toronto, addressed the Y.M.C.A. of Stratford, last Sunday afternoon.

Rev. R. Aylward, B.A., of Parkhill, preached in Knox church, Stratford on the 26th February.

On the evening of March 1st, a farewell reception and entertainment was held at the Owen Sound Y.M.C.A., at which refreshments were served, and a general good programme was furnished. Mr. John McQuaker, president of the Association, occupied the chair. The special feature of the evening was the presentation of a gold watch, chain and locket to Mr. R. J. Kiak, who a few weeks ago tendered his resignation as secretary, which position he had occupied with much acceptance for the past four years. The watch bears the inscription, "Presented to R. J. Kiak by officers and members Y.M.C.A., Owen Sound, 1905," and the locket is also engraved with his initials. Mr. A. F. Armstrong, made the presentation, while Mr. W. C. Anderson read an address. Mr. Kiak expressed his sincere appreciation of the gift, and brief addresses were also given by Mr. Jas. Clark, a member of the Bible class, and by Messrs. Wm. Douglas, C. A. Fleming, and Dr. R. Howey. At the last meeting of the Auxiliary on Friday last, Mr. Kiak was presented with a \$10 gold piece in a silk pouch. An address was read by Mr. J. C. Wilson, and presentation made by Mr. J. C. Wilson.

St. John's congregation, Bradford, have just closed a most successful year, and the Treasurer's statement shows a balance on hand in the General Fund to the amount of \$107.38. A summary of the report gives the following figures: Contributed to the general fund \$131.13; Building fund \$317.01, to Mission Societies \$45.45, by W.F.M.S. \$11.05, by Sunday School \$20.88; to Bible Society, etc., \$10—total \$717.52. All three congregations in the pastorate of Rev. Dr. Smith are reported to be in a healthy condition financially, each showing a balance on hand to the General Fund, besides raising large sums towards building funds and for other purposes.

At the meeting of the Sarnia Presbytery, held in St. Andrew's Church, Sarnia, last week, a call from Bridgen to Rev. Walter Reid, of Weston, was presented, and accepted by that gentleman; induction to take place on Tuesday, March 28, at 2 o'clock p.m. The Rev. John Eadie, of Point Edwards, made application for leave to retire from the active duties of the ministry. The Presbytery agreed to forward his application to the General Assembly. For the office of principal of Knox College the Presbytery resolved to nominate Rev. Dr. Denny, of the U. F. College, Glasgow. The following ministers were elected as commissioners to the General Assembly for the current year: Revs. J. R. Hall, H. Currie, E. C. Currie, E. B. Horne. Four elders were also appointed as commissioners.

At a meeting held in the parlors of St. Andrew's church, London, last week, it was decided to take a church census in that city within a short time. Mr. T. Yellowlees, of Toronto, one of the three secretaries of the Ontario Sunday School Association, had been invited, and the matter was talked over with him. After the census proposition had been gone into thoroughly it was decided to call a meeting of the pastors of all the churches in the city, Protestant and Catholic, as well as all superintendents and assistant superintendents of Sunday schools, to be held in St. Andrew's church, on the evening of March 7, at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of deciding when to take the census. The opinion was expressed last night that the census will probably be taken early in April. In order to secure the information sought, it will be necessary to secure at least 530 enumerators, and these must of course, be supplied by the churches. The enumerators will all begin work the same day, each with a certain district to cover and each will complete his work on that day. They will visit every house in London, and will ascertain the denomination of each family, the number of persons in each household above and below 18 years of age, how many of these attend church regularly, etc. The information will be written on specially printed cards, and these cards will be sent to the pastors of the denominations to which the people claim to belong, or desire to belong to. Thus the number of church-going as well as non-church-going people in London, will be ascertained, almost to an individual.

The Mission Band of Stanley street church, Ayr, gave an enjoyable social on February 23. Games, refreshments, and a fine musical and literary program made the evening pass most pleasantly.

Rev. J. C. Wilson, B.A., of Acton conducted services in Churchill on the 26th February.