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## Ministers and Churches.

THE Rev. C. W. Gordon, of Banff, has been called to St. Augustine Presbyterian Church, Winnipeg.

LARGE audiences welcomed Rev. D. J. Macdonnell last Sabbath when he resumed his pulpit ministrations in St. Andrews, West.

THE Rev. J. S. Hardie, of Stanley Street Church, Ayr, has received a unanimous call to the pastorate of the First Presbyterian Church, Holyoke, Mass.

THE Rev. Mr. McDiarmid has resigned his charge of Latona and Burns Church, and his resignation has been accepted to take effect Sept. 30.

THE Rev. R. Hamilton, Motherwell, purposes leaving for a couple of weeks' holidays. The Rev. A. A. Drummond has undertaken to supply the pulpit.

THE Rev. W. A. Duncan, M.A., B.D., of Sault Ste. Marie, who is visiting his old flock, preached in the Presbyterian church, Churchill, on Sunday morning.

THE Rev. Mr. McEachern has intimated his acceptance of the call from the congregation of the Presbyterian Church, Waterdown. His settlement will take place shortly.

THE church at Harrington is progressing rapidly toward the time when the congregation will be able to again occupy the edifice. It will be a very comfortable church when completed.

THE Rev. R. H. Abraham was called away two weeks ago to the death-bed of his mother in Toronto. She passed away on Friday week. The reverend gentleman has the sympathy of many friends in his bereavement.

THE Rev. Mr. Mitchell, formerly of Waterloo, who met with a bad accident some two weeks ago while supplying for the Rev. J. C. Tolmie at Brantford, is improving. He hopes to be able to reach his new field of labour during the present week.

KNOX Church Sabbath School, Acton, picnic in the Park on Tuesday afternoon was much enjoyed by the children of the school. The weather was fine and the teachers and officers did all they could to give those who participated a pleasant afternoon.

A NEW church, to be known as St. Andrews, was opened in the township of Wells, Algoma, on Sabbath, August 23, by the Rev. A. Findlay. The church is conveniently situated for a large number of settlers and will in time grow to be an important centre.

THE Rev. W. E. Wallace was inducted into the pastoral charge of the congregation of Little Current, Algoma, on the 26th of August. The Rev. E. B. Rogers preached, and the Rev. J. Rennie of Spanish River addressed the minister and the congregation on their respective duties.

PRINCIPAL KING, of Manitoba College, on his return from a visit to Great Britain, preached suggestive, thoughtful and much appreciated discourses in St. James Square Church in the morning of Sabbath last, and in College Street Church in the evening. He left for the West on Monday.

PROFESSOR JONES, precentor in Knox Church, Kincardine, dropped dead of heart disease in Paisley a few days ago. The Professor was a noted musician and had gone to Paisley to give music lessons. He had formerly been precentor in the Presbyterian churches in Galt, Toronto, Seaforth and other places.

THE Port Hope Guide says: In the absence of the pastor, Rev. B. C. Jones, the two Presbyterian congregations were again united, and the Rev. William MacWilliam preached in first church in the morning and in his own in the evening. The congregation was very large.

THE Rev. James M. Boyd, B.D., of Beauharnois, Quebec, who has just returned from a delightful trip to the old world, received a cordial greeting, a day or two after his arrival, from the Chateaugay part of his charge. The sincerity of the welcome was evidenced by the presentation of a purse of money to lighten the expenses of the voyage.

ON the afternoon of September 4, the ceremony of laying the corner-stone of St. Andrews Presbyterian Mission Church, on Brant Avenue, Brantford, was performed by Mr. J. K. Osborne. Rev. Dr. Cochran, Dr. Wm. Nichol and Mr. Robert Henry made addresses. The work is under the auspices of and supported by Zion Presbyterian Church.

THE Rev. John McNeill, of Regent Square Church, London, is announced to preach in the East Presbyterian Church in the morning, and in the Pavilion, Horticultural Gardens, Toronto, in the evening, of Sabbath next. Last Friday and Sabbath he conducted services in the Church at Campbellford, where his brother-in-law, the Rev. Marcus Scott, is pastor.

A CORRESPONDENT of the Guelph Mercury writes: The Rev. R. M. Craig preached a most excellent sermon to the volunteers of Ferguson company, who paraded to Melville Church Sunday morning week. It was full of patriotism, history, sacred and profane, information, religion pure and simple, and the best of advice. We trust it will have as good an effect as it deserves from the appreciation it received.

THE Young People's Society of Christian Endeavour met in the church at Woodville last week, and perfected their organization by selecting the following officers: Rev. A. McAuley, president; Mr. J. Rodgers, vice-president; Miss Clara Munro, recording secretary; Miss L. Gilchrist, corresponding secretary; Mr. H. Barnes, treasurer. Also committees for the various objects the Society has in view.

THE induction of the Rev. S. Rondeau, B.A., formerly of St. Marks Church, Ottawa, into the pastorate of St. Andrews Church, Sudbury, took place on Wednesday, August 26. Rev. A. Find-

lay presided, addressing the minister. Rev. J. Garrinch preached the sermon and Rev. J. S. Robertson addressed the congregation. Mr. Rondeau received a very cordial and hearty welcome from the congregation.

THE members of Knox Church choir, of Galt, were, at the close of the prayer meeting on Wednesday evening, each made the recipient of a present from the congregation. The lady members each received a beautiful Bagster Bible, together with a sum of money, and the gentlemen members a Bagster Bible. On the front of the Bible was printed the name of the recipient, and on the fly leaf was printed the fact of the presentation being made by the congregation in appreciation of services as a member of the church choir.

THE Presbyterians of Bluevale had the pleasure of listening to Rev. Mr. McVeaty, English Church clergyman, who for several weeks has been visiting friends in this neighbourhood and who kindly consented to assist the pastor, Rev. A. Y. Hartley, at the Sunday morning service. Mr. McVeaty took for his subject the Parable of the Sower, and dwelt particularly on the stony ground hearers, touching on the many difficulties likened to stones in the way of the hearers who heard and brought forth, but soon withered away. Pleasant in delivery, in beautiful, simple, touching language, he dealt with his subject, presenting precious truths to his hearers.

THE social and reception given by the Young People's Society of Central Church, Galt, to their pastor, Rev. J. A. R. Dickson, on his return from Ocean Grove, N. J., was an entire success. Refreshments were served on the manse grounds which were handsomely decorated for the occasion. The programme consisted largely of vocal and instrumental music, and the Society had reason to congratulate itself on the musical ability of its members. The large attendance at the social is evidence of the esteem and respect entertained for Rev. Mr. Dickson by the young people of his Church, and of the sympathy and kindly feeling existing between them.

A LARGE and enthusiastic audience assembled in the lecture room of the West Presbyterian Church on Friday evening to welcome back the Rev. J. A. and Mrs. Turnbull from their summer holiday. The chairman of the Board of Managers, Mr. James Watt, presided. An excellent programme of vocal and instrumental music was effectively rendered. Those taking part were: Misses McGregor, Brimson, Hywater, Howard, Adair, and the Fisher sisters; Messrs. Sims Richards, Gilchrist, and the Proctor brothers. Congratulatory addresses were delivered by the Rev. Alexander McGillivray, ex-Ald. Carlyle, Mr. David Millar, and Mr. R. S. Gourlay. The Rev. Mr. Turnbull feelingly responded. Refreshments were served by the members of the Ladies' Aid Society, under whose auspices the reception was given.

THE Rev. Dr. Burns, Fort Massey Church, Halifax, N.S., on Sunday week, in concluding his sermon, referred to the disgrace that has been brought upon our good name as a people by the corruption that has been exposed at Ottawa, showing how true was the scriptural phrase, "You cannot serve God and mammon," and how, in this instance, it seemed as if those in high places preferred serving the latter. He also spoke about how necessary it was that every public official should be led to see that, after all, "Honesty is the best policy," and that "corruption, like murder, will out." The service closed with that appropriate hymn in the Presbyterian Hymnal: "Remember, O Lord, what is come upon us; consider and behold our reproach."

THE Pembroke Observer says: The Rev. Mr. Mousseau, a French Protestant clergyman, pastor of a French Protestant congregation somewhere near Buckingham, Que., was in town this week. He is also pastor of an English-speaking congregation in the same neighbourhood (mostly Scotch). For years they were without the ministrations of the Gospel, and are in poor circumstances, living back in the mountains. Mr. Mousseau has been travelling through the towns in this section collecting money to be applied towards a new church he is erecting for them. The congregation of Calvin Church here contributed quite liberally. Mr. Mousseau was a fellow-student of the Rev. G. D. Bayne. When at home he preaches in the morning in French to his French congregation, after which he travels to the English settlement and preaches in English.

SUNDAY and Monday week were days of peculiar interest to the members and friends of Knox Church and Sunday School, Acton, and the services of the two days were of a highly interesting character. Rev. W. J. Clark, of the First Presbyterian Church, London, preached excellent sermons on Sunday morning and evening to very large congregations, and in the afternoon addressed the children of the Sabbath school, captivating their attention and holding it throughout. On Monday evening a commemorative tea-meeting was held and again the church was well filled. Tea was served in the new class-rooms, after which the evening's programme was proceeded with. Rev. Messrs. Edge and Rae made short addresses but the speech of the evening was delivered by Rev. Mr. Clark on "The Aims and Benefits of the Society of Christian Endeavour." The choir discoursed suitable music. The proceeds were in the neighbourhood of \$40.

THE annual Tract Society meeting of the Erin branch was held in the Methodist church, Erin, on Monday evening week. The attendance was fair and the meeting interesting throughout. After devotional exercises Rev. R. Fowle, president of the Society, introduced the speaker, Rev. Dr. Moffat. The reverend gentleman's address was earnest and practical, while his simple language held the interest of his hearers throughout. The collectors' work in Muskoka, Eastern and Western Ontario and Manitoba was minutely described; the undenominational work in the endeavour to reach all classes with the Gospel has been greatly blessed; and sensible, attractive and intelligent books, tracts, etc., distributed in all parts of the Province. The work certainly deserves the heart's

confidence of all the people of Canada. The following officers were then elected: Rev. R. Fowle, president; Local Clergy, vice-presidents; Mr. Peter McGill, sec.-treasurer; Messrs. John Collier, William Sutton, Richard Hamilton, James Long, Peter McGill, Committee.

THE Rev. D. M. Ramsay was recently inducted pastor of the Mount Forest Presbyterian Church under most auspicious and favourable circumstances. The regular induction service in the afternoon was well attended and very interesting and impressive. Rev. Mr. Mackellar, of Bell's Corners, preached, after which Mr. Cameron, of Harriston, conducted the induction service. Rev. Mr. Young, of Clifford, followed with an address to the newly-inducted minister, after which the Rev. Mr. Cameron addressed the people. In the evening a tea meeting was held which served as a public reception to the new pastor. Interesting after-supper addresses, of a congratulatory nature generally, were delivered in the auditorium of the church by the following reverend gentlemen: S. Young, of Clifford; Dr. Williams, Methodist; Walker, Baptist; Bevan, Anglican; and MacMillan, all of Mount Forest; Mackellar, of Bell's Corners; Cameron, of Harriston; Morrison, of Cedarville; Thom, of Arthur; Craig, of Feigus, and the pastor.

THE London Advertiser says: Sunday was the first anniversary of the pastorate of the Rev. M. P. Talling at St. James Presbyterian Church. The ladies had assiduously devoted their attention to the decoration of the interior of the edifice to mark the special services held on the occasion. Very pleasing and pretty were the results. The platform was buried under a magnificent collection of floral beauties while the gallery fronts were draped with evergreens. The lecture-room was also handsomely ornamented. On the following Monday evening the congregation had a social time. Refreshments were plentifully served in the new Sunday school-room and a grand programme of music and speeches given in the church. Rev. Mr. Talling outlined the progress made by the Church since his induction. He told of his first sermon, his first prayer meeting, his first baptism and his first wedding and then his first anniversary. During the year \$900 had been paid on the church debt, on which only \$400 now remained; additional room had been provided for the Sabbath school, the church had been carpeted, painted and kalsomined, and the appearance of the grounds improved. A Christian Endeavour Society had been formed. The Church membership had been increased ninety.

THE Presbytery of Hamilton met recently in the Church at Oneida to induct the Rev. Mr. Turnbull to the pastoral charge of that congregation. The Rev. Mr. Robertson acted as Moderator. The church was crowded, many having come long distances to the interesting ceremony. After the formal business connected with the call was transacted, Mr. McKnight delivered an eloquent discourse on Isaiah xxviii 16, which was appreciated by all present. The Moderator having related the various steps taken in the call of Mr. Turnbull, and put to him the usual questions which were satisfactorily answered, engaged in prayer, after which he gave him the right hand of fellowship and in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Great Head of the Church, inducted him as minister of the congregation. The other members of the Presbytery also gave him the right hand of fellowship. The Moderator then called on Rev. Mr. Johnston, Cayuga, to deliver the charge. He was followed by Rev. Mr. Conning, of Caledonia, who delivered a most appropriate address to the people, pointing out the various ways in which they could help and encourage their minister. The Moderator having pronounced the benediction, the people, as they left the church, were afforded an opportunity of shaking hands with their pastor. An excellent

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