

WESTERN ONTARIO.

The Rev. D. Strachan, of Guelph, gave an earnest and pithy discourse to a large gathering at the Mossborough Church last Sunday evening.

In the absence last Sabbath of Rev. John Currie, of Belmont, at the General Assembly, service was conducted in Knox Church by the Rev. W. Quance, of the Methodist Church.

Mr. Herbert Scott, who has been leader of the Presbyterian choir, Mimosa, for some time, is one of three applicants for the position of leader of St. Andrew's Church choir in Fergus.

The steamer Modjeska brought 600 people of Cooke's Church Sunday school picnic from Toronto on Saturday last. The excursionists left the boat at the piers, and took the radial to the Brant House.

The last communion in Burns' Church, Milverton, was largely attended, and was conducted by Rev. J. D. Anderson, the pastor, whose activity and zeal is bearing good fruit. The church membership has materially increased since his induction.

Rev. R. E. Knowles, B.A., preached in Knox Church last Sunday at both services. In the evening Mr. Knowles addressed the independent order of Foresters, who marched to the church in a body. His subject was "Some Secrets of Secret Societies."

The address of Bro. J. B. Halkett, of Ottawa, a most impressive Vice-Chief Ranger, at the I. O. F. anniversary at Guelph, was one of the most instructive and enjoyable ever delivered in that connection. Mr. Halkett, who is an elder in Mr. Knowles' former church in Ottawa, was a guest at Knox manse over Sunday.

Rev. Mr. Martin, Brantford, visited Guelph recently for the purpose of taking part in the opening of the mission school in St. Patrick's ward, in which he and Mrs. Martin took such an active part. It is well-known that he moderated in the fall to Rev. J. R. Johnston to the charges of Preston and Doon. At the social last night, after the settlement of Mr. Johnston, Mr. Martin was presented by the congregation of Doon with a gold-headed walking cane and a gold-headed umbrella, and by the congregation at Preston with a well-filled purse.

At a meeting of the Guelph Presbyterian, held at Preston on Monday, a call was submitted from the congregation at Oakville to the Rev. John McNair, B.D., pastor of the Waterloo Presbyterian Church, signed by 122 members and 41 adherents. The clerk was instructed to cite the congregation to appear for their interests at an adjourned meeting to be held in Knox Church, Guelph, on Tuesday, the 27th June, at half-past ten o'clock forenoon. The stipend promised is \$1,000 with free manse.

The Ladies' Aid Society, of St. Enoch's Church, Toronto, gave a strawberry and ice cream social, when the parlors were filled by an audience that listened to a fine programme, contributed by Miss Ethel Kidney, in readings; Miss Ivy Kerr, in violin solos; and a quartette of young ladies, in mandolin, guitar and banjo music. Miss Etta Tait and Mr. John D. Keachle, in songs. Miss Etta Kerr and Mabel A. Tait accompanied each number on the programme so capably rendered. Rev. A. McMillan presided.

The Rev. James S. Scott, B.A., of Hespeler, who preached in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Brantford, on Sunday the 18th, is a graduate in arts of Toronto University, and of Knox College in Theology. Mr. Scott's record as a scholar was so satisfactory to the examiners that he accepted, at their request, a position on the professional staff of the Winnipeg Presbyterian College, doing excellent work as a teacher, while yet a very young man. After his ordination in 1897, he was inducted into his present charge, where he has been very successful. As a preacher the rev. gentleman is able, earnest and instructive.

It will be with great pleasure that the schoolmates and many friends of the Rev. Donald Guthrie, Richmond, son of Mr. D. Guthrie, Q.C., of Guelph, will learn that the degree of Doctor of Divinity, Honoris Causa, has been conferred on him by Hampton Sydney College, Virginia. This college is one of the oldest in the South, having been founded 123 years ago, and no college in the South has, in Presbyterian circles, more prestige than Hampton Sydney. The honor which has lately been conferred on the Rev. Donald Guthrie has been in recognition of the satisfactory way in which he has carried on the great and difficult work left by the death of that prince of preachers, the Rev. Dr. Hoge. Dr. Guthrie is at present, in point of years, the youngest man holding the degree of D.D. in the Southern Presbyterian Church.

Rev. Dr. Wardrope attended a conference of the Toronto Bible Training School, which took place Tuesday and Wednesday in London.

Revs. W. J. Clark and J. W. Pedley, of this city, will be among the speakers at the annual Presbyterian picnic at Melbourne on July 1.

The Rev. M. L. Leitch will deliver an address at the Perth County Christian Endeavor Convention to be held in Atwood on Monday, July 3rd.

Rev. Dr. McMullen, Woodstock, has entered upon the fortieth year of his pastorate of Knox Church, Woodstock. Only twelve who were first communions now remain.

The pulpit of Chalmers' Church, Woodstock, was occupied by Rev. J. H. Higgins, of Mountain, Brockville Presbyterian, who preached able discourses both morning and evening.

Rev. Mr. Taylor, a recent graduate of Knox College, and one who has been set apart for missionary work in India, will preach in the Presbyterian Church, St. George, on Sunday evening.

The annual Sunday school picnic in connection with St. Andrew's Church, London, will be held next Saturday at Port Stanley. The Knox Church picnic will take place at the Port on the 14th of July.

The pulpit of the First Church, London, was occupied at both services last Sunday by Rev. James Ross, M.A., D.D., professor in the Presbyterian College, Montreal, who preached able sermons to large congregations.

The St. James' Presbyterian Sunday school has organized a baseball club, appointing the following officers for the year: President, Rev. A. J. MacGillivray; Secretary-Treasurer, L. Douglas; Manager, S. Baker; Captain, A. Campbell.

Miss McLaren, of Birtle, Man., connected with the Presbyterian Mission Schools there, addressed the ladies of Knox and Central Church Missionary Societies, Galt, Thursday afternoon in the Central Church school room. Miss McLaren also met the Mission Band at the residence of Miss Kerr, Lansdowne avenue.

The corner stone of the Parkdale Presbyterian Church Sunday school was laid with appropriate ceremonies. Rev. D. C. Hossack, the pastor, presided, and the laying of the stone was performed by Alexander Fraser, chairman of the Building Committee. Addresses were made by several of those present at the laying of the corner-stone for the first school, among them being the first Superintendent, Rev. H. Sabiston, Lieutenant-Col. Gray, the Reeve of Parkdale, George Tait and Joseph Norwich. Rev. Louis Jordan and Rev. R. P. McKay congratulated the officers of the school on the advances which were being made. The new building will be of modern design, and will seat about 800 pupils.

The anniversary services of Knox Church, Burlington, held on Sunday, 18th inst., were largely attended. Two excellent sermons were preached by Rev. Dr. MacTavish, of Toronto, assisted by the able pastor of the church, Rev. Dr. Abraham. The services throughout were of an exceptionally impressive character, and special music was well rendered by the choir—among the numbers being "I was Glad When They Said Unto Me"; "Tell Me Whom My Soul Doth Love"; and the "Recessional." The solos being taken by Mrs. Husband and Mr. Thompson. In the morning Dr. MacTavish spoke from Col. 1: 9, and in a strong, earnest way showed how prayer is a true test of a man's spiritual life. He pointed out how nine-tenths of our troubles are due to opposing the will of God, and that the closer we conform in our lives to His will, the greater must be our happiness; Christ in His life being the embodiment of God's will, and therefore a safe and practical Guide for our lives. God does not deal with people in an erratic way, but gently, firmly and with infinite wisdom. A Christian must walk in a way that is worthy of the Lord. In this or that situation in life we should ask ourselves, What would Jesus do? The Christian must bear fruit in his or her life, increase in knowledge of God, be patient, long-suffering and give thanks unto the Father. The sermon in the evening was drawn from Isaiah 45-9, "Woe unto him that striveth with his Maker."

Thoughtless people (and these have a vast membership), often get substitute packets pinned off upon them, simply because they are careless to watch for the name "Salada" on every genuine sealed packet. Then they suffer for this by getting poor results in the cup.

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The closing exercises of the Ottawa Ladies' Presbyterian College took place on Tuesday afternoon.

Rev. Dr. Morrison, of Toronto, preached in the First Presbyterian Church, Brockville, last Sunday.

Rev. G. A. Woodside and Miss Woodside, of Carleton Place, are the guests of Rev. E. S. and Mrs. Logie, of Pakenham.

Rev. Mr. Shaw, of Bearbrook, occupied the pulpit of Knox Church, Ottawa, last Sunday, in the absence of Rev. D. M. Ramsay.

The St. John's Presbyterian Church, Port Perry, is without a pastor at present. The pulpit was preached vacant last Sunday.

Mr. Norman McLeod conducted the services in the Presbyterian Churches at Merivale and Bell's Corners on a recent Sunday.

Rev. Robert Eadie conducted both services in Bethany Church, Hintonburgh, last Sunday. In the morning the Lord's Supper was dispensed.

Mr. R. J. Farrell, assistant secretary of the Y. M. C. Association, occupied the pulpit of the Presbyterian Church at Westborough on Sunday last.

Rev. J. G. Potter, of St. Andrew's Church, Peterboro, will occupy the pulpit of St. Paul's Church, Smith's Falls, during the holidays of Mr. Nixon, the pastor.

The Ladies' Aid of Calvin Presbyterian Church, Bathurst, gave a social on the lawn of Mr. W. A. Scott, 3rd Co. of Bathurst, on Friday evening last. A good programme was provided.

The pulpits of the First Presbyterian and St. John's Churches, Brockville, were occupied by Rev. Dr. MacTavish took the part of Dr. Brown, of North Augusta, respectively. Both preached eloquent and forcible sermons. Next Sunday there will be a joint communion service of the two congregations and in the afternoon the Sunday schools will meet together.

A meeting of the congregation of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Vankieck Hill, was held on Monday morning to consider the plans and specifications for the proposed new church. It was decided to erect the church on the corner of Hamilton and St. John streets. The building will be of stone and have a seating capacity of 850. The basement will contain the Sunday school classrooms, cloak rooms, kitchen and toilet rooms. The building is estimated to cost \$12,000.

The production of the cantata, Daniel, by the choir of Knox Church, Cornwall, and a few friends in the church, was very creditable. Rev. Mr. MacTavish took the part of Daniel, and Miss Atchison that of the Queen, Mr. Birchard was King, Mr. McKenzie, Herald; H. Brown, President; J. P. Watson, Azariah, and Miss McLaughlin, sister of Azariah. There was a very large attendance, and after the entertainment ice cream and cake were served in the basement.

St. Andrew's Church, Perth, was filled on Sunday morning, the occasion of the annual Sabbath school children's service. Rev. A. H. Scott, pastor, took his text from Galatians 2: 20, making the important word "live" in it the keystone of his sermon, which was simple in its nature to meet the capacity of the youthful minds under scriptural tuition. This word he had spelled out in large letters drawn on cards which he hung in front of the pulpit, and which he changed in the course of the sermon to spell out other words of good and bad import introduced to teach the right course and point out the evil way of living. In the course of the service, Miss Knight, of Kingston, sang with much taste the beautiful sacred song "The Shepherd of the Fold," by D. Auvergne Barnard.

The corner stone of the new Presbyterian Church at Maxville was laid with appropriate ceremonies on the 14th inst. The local lodge of A. F. and A. M., under whose auspices the stone was laid, marched in a body to the site of the church, accompanied by the 43rd Battalion band of Ottawa. The stone was laid by Mr. G. Rook, grandmaster of the Masonic district. In the afternoon a public meeting was held in the fair grounds. The Rev. James Cormack occupied the chair and addresses were delivered by Dr. McDiarmid, the Rev. Mr. McLeod, of Vankieck Hill; Messrs. D. M. McPherson, J. Lockie Wilson, Nicholas Flood Davin, M.P., Dr. Sproule, M.P., Mr. Craig, M.P., and Col. R. B. McLenan, M.P. It had been announced that Hon. D. C. Fraser and Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper would be present, but unfortunately both these gentlemen were unavoidably detained in Ottawa by parliamentary business.