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Ministers and Churches.

Rev. Dugald Currie, M.A., of Perth, filled St. Andrew's pulpit, Almonte, with much acceptance on Sunday.

Rev. D. R. Drummond, B.D., Russelltown, has been asked to supply St. Andrew's Church, Toronto, for six months.

At the recent Thankoffering meeting of the W.F.M.S., of Knox Church, Woodstock, the offering amounted to \$98.

St. Andrew's Church, Rensfrew, gave \$1,600 to the mission schemes of the Presbyterian Church during the past year. It is proposed to build a new manse.

The collection in Knox Church, Morden, Man., a week ago last Sunday for the Home Mission Fund of the Canada Presbyterian Church amounted to \$81.

The Rev. J. C. Anderson, M.A., of Goderich, has declined the call given him by Knox Church, Guelph, much to the delight of the members of his present charge.

The Rev. Alexander Hamilton, B.A., of Stonewell, Man., accompanied by his wife, are at present visiting friends in Toronto and other points in Ontario.

The Women's Foreign Mission Society of the First Presbyterian Church, London, has raised \$150 this year and has sent a box of clothing, valued at \$50, to the North-west.

The ministers of the Presbytery of Owen Sound unanimously agreed, at a recent meeting, to supply Knox Church, Hoath Head, for the next three months, the congregation paying the salary to Mrs. McLennan.

Rev. J. W. Mitchell has just finished an interesting and fruitful series of Evangelistic meetings at Hill's Green. He has been continuously engaged for ten weeks in services of that kind to adjoining congregations here.

A meeting of the Presbytery Union was held at St. Paul's Church, Hamilton, on a recent evening to consider the subject of uniformity in public worship. The Rev. Dr. Laing, of Dundas, and Mr. W. B. McMurrich, Q.C., of Toronto, were the principal speakers.

Rev. R. E. Knowles has left Ottawa on a visit to Rev. F. W. Farnes and other friends in Goldboro, N.C. He will return in a couple of weeks, but contemplates visiting Carolina again in June with a more interesting object on hand than a mere visit to ordinary friends.

Rev. M. W. Maclean, M.A., of Belleville, former pastor of the Mill street Presbyterian Church, Port Hope, preached there on the 22nd ult., with much acceptance, on the occasion of the reopening of the church after the repairs were completed. The many friends of the rev. gentleman were well pleased to hear him once more.

The services in connection with the ordination of Mr. Jas. A. Leitch to the ministry were held in St. James Church, Dalhousie, on Dec. 10th. Rev. Mr. Buchanan, of Lanark, presided and conducted the ordination service. The Rev. Mr. Smith, of Middleville addressed the minister, and Rev. J. S. McIlraith, of Balderson, addressed the congregation.

The annual Christmas entertainment of the Knox Street Presbyterian Sunday School, London, was held last week, and was largely attended by the children, their teachers and parents. The pastor of the church, Rev. D. Robertson, occupied the chair, and made a very interesting address introducing the programme.

The *Port Elgin Times* says that the Rev. A. Dawson, B.A., of Toronto, preached two eloquent and impressive sermons in the Presbyterian Church of that town, on Sabbath the 24th of November last. The same paper also states that Mr. Dawson preached again on the 1st of December, in the same church, to large and appreciative audiences, that he is an excellent preacher and that his visit to Port Elgin was much enjoyed by many.

The *Cornwall Freeholder* is good enough to say:—"THE CANADA PRESBYTERIAN published a special Thanksgiving number last week. It has a handsome illuminated cover and the articles are all appropriate and interesting. THE PRESBYTERIAN is one of the very best religious publications on the continent. The article by 'Knoxonian,' which appears each week, is alone worth the yearly subscription."

The teachers and officers of the Wingham Presbyterian Sunday School, recently presented Mr. D. M. Gordon their esteemed Superintendent, with a handsome chair of antique oak, as a slight token of the high regard in which he is held by all connected with the school. Dr. Macdonald, M.P., delivered an appreciative address, and Mr. Gordon replied in suitable terms. Altogether it was a very pleasant affair.

Taking advantage of the holidays, the Rev. Dr. King conducted services at Morden, on Sabbath the 22nd ult., in the interest of Manitoba College. The amount realized was \$118, being nearly double the contribution of any preceding year. The congregation of Morden is not a large one, but it embraces not a few of the prosperous people of the district. Under the Rev. Mr. Rumball's ministry, it is well and faithfully served.

The funeral of the late Mr. Neil McVicar, a former resident of Chatham, who died at Salina, Kansas, on Sunday last, took place at Chatham. The services at the First Presbyterian Church were conducted by Revs. Mr. Larkin, the pastor, Dr. Battisby, of St. Andrew's Church and Mr. McColl. Principal mourners were Principal McVicar, of Montreal, Rev. Dr. McVicar, of New York, and Mr. and Mrs. Hoig, of Chatham.

The London *Advertiser* says the lecture-hall of the Presbyterian Church, London, was crowded to the doors recently, the occasion being the presentation to its able and beloved pastor, the Rev. W. J. Clark, of a very handsome clerical gown—cassock and gown, and bands, all complete. The presentation was made by Mrs. Robert Reid, sen., Miss Boyle and Miss Kennedy while a most appreciative address was read by the former lady, to which Mr. Clarke ably and characteristically replied.

Rev. D. M. Buchanan, of Lanark, has been preaching a very interesting and practical series of sermons entitled "From the Cradle to the Grave." The subjects dealt with in the series have been, Childhood; Youth; Choosing a Profession; Manhood and Womanhood; Courtship; Marriage; The Home; The Vacant Chair; The Battle of Life; Amusements; Old Age; Death; What Then? The *Lanark Era* has devoted weekly from from one to two columns in giving a sketch of each sermon.

Communion was held last Sabbath in the Parkdale Presbyterian Church. The attendance was very large at both diets of worship, the services were very impressive. The pastor, Rev. D. C. Hossack, preached on both occasions and his sermons were delivered with great power. 68 were admitted to Church membership, making an addition of over 200 members during the year. This congregation has great reason to feel grateful for the marked increase in membership, with the eminent manifestation of a higher spiritual life and Christian unity.

The annual meeting of St. Paul's Ladies' Aid Society, Smith's Falls, was held recently. The following officers were appointed for 1896.—President, Mrs. Thomas Nixon; Vice Pres., Mrs. J. M. Clark; Sec.-Treas., Mrs. A. G. Farrel. After the business was over a short time was spent in a social way, ending with a five o'clock tea. A pleasant feature of the gathering was the presentation to Mrs. Nixon of a handsome fur-lined cloak and a purse of money, accompanied with an address expressive of the high regard entertained for her by members of the Association. The Rev. Mr. Nixon was also made the recipient of a valuable revolving book case.

On the 15th December, the Presbytery of Hamilton inducted the Rev. James Murray, B.A., B.D., of Wentworth street Church, Hamilton, as pastor of Lennox Church, St. Catharines. Rev. F. H. Ratcliffe presided, Rev. W. W. Cooke, of Thorold, preached, Rev. Dr. Lyle, of Hamilton, addressed the minister, and Rev. Dr. Fletcher, of the same place, the people. On the 19th the Ladies' Aid Association of the congregation gave a very pleasant "At Home" in the lecture-room from 5 to 8 p.m., and afterwards a public reception in the church was given to Mr. Murray, at which addresses of welcome were given by the clergymen of the city, and excellent music rendered by the choir. The settlement of Mr. Murray as pastor of Lennox Church seems to be a very happy one.

A new church was opened on Sabbath the 16th December, at Dundas, one of the stations embraced in the pastoral charge of the Rev. D. McLeod, and some thirty-five miles north of Winnipeg. The church is a tasteful and well-finished edifice, built of concrete, and having, in addition to the auditorium above, a commodious basement, which will be ultimately used for Sabbath School purposes. The flooring of this basement is the original rock on which the church is built. The opening services were conducted by the Rev. Dr. King. They were very largely attended, the church being unable to hold all who came to the evening service. A similar and even larger number attended the social held on the Monday evening, the interest of which was well maintained by recitations, music, and addresses by Mr. McNaughton, elder; Rev. A. Hamilton, and Rev. Dr. King. The church has been erected at a cost in labor and wages of \$1,300. It is thought that the debt remaining on it will not exceed \$350.

The induction of the Rev. W. A. Bradley, B.A., into the pastoral charge of Knox Church, Mitchell, took place on the 17th ult. Rev. M. L. Leitch, of Stratford, presided, Rev. Wm. Cooper, B.A., of Listowel, preached. Rev. E. W. Panton, of Stratford, addressed the minister, and Rev. T. A. Cosgrove, B.A., of St. Mary's, addressed the people. In the evening a social time was spent. Excellent music was provided by the choir of the church, and addresses were delivered by Rev. R. Hamilton, D.D., of Morden, Rev. A. Henderson, M.A., of Atwood, and the ministers of the town, Rev. R. W. Williams, D.D., representing the Methodist and Rev. J. Kerrin, the Episcopal Churches; Mr. Isaac Ford, Mayor of Mitchell, on behalf of the citizens, in a very happy speech welcomed the new pastor to the town. Mr. Bradley replied to the kind words of welcome, thanking the people for the cordiality with which they had received him. Rev. M. L. Leitch, the retiring Moderator, was then presented by the congregation with an address and a purse of gold in recognition of his services as Moderator during the vacancy. The meeting closed with the doxology.

The annual meeting of the Brampton Auxiliary to the W.F.M.S., was held on the afternoon of Dec. 6th, Mrs. Gray, President, in the chair. There was a large attendance of members. Annual reports were presented by the Secretary, Treasurer, "Scattered Helpers" Secretary, Leaflet Secretary, and the Secretary of the McLaren Mission Band. The reports showed the total membership to be 78, members of the General Society 14, "Scattered Helpers" 23, members of the Mission Band 23, and the amount of money sent to the Presbyterian Treasurer \$115. Mrs.

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OBITUARY.

REV. THOMAS ALEXANDER.

The death, which we announced in our columns last week, of the Rev. Thomas Alexander, occurred on the 19th ult., at Brantford. Mr. Alexander had attained the good old age of 90 last August, and for the last year has been confined to his room as helpless as a child.

Mr. Alexander at his death was the father of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, having entered his 91st year. He was born in Aberdeen, Scotland, on the 23rd of August, 1805, and commenced to preach the gospel on the 19th of Dec. 1830, exactly 65 years ago. He was married at Perth, Scotland, July 1, 1834, to Susan Deseret Soutar, and immediately afterward was appointed as missionary to Upper Canada by the Colonial Committee of the Church of Scotland, and sailed from Dundee on July 21, landing in Montreal in September, 1834. He settled in Cobourg till June, 1847, after which he returned to Scotland and remained for ten years. He returned to

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