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EASTERN ONTARIO

The ladies of Cobden Presbyterian church cleared about \$54 at a sale held there last week.

Plans are now being prepared for the new Presbyterian church at McDonald's Corners.

Mr. McMillan, Montreal, preached in Hepezbah church, Williamstown, last Sabbath, and Rev. Mr. Waddell, of Aultsville, filled St. Andrew's pulpit on the same day. Rev. Mr. Govan preached in Aultsville.

The first Presbyterian clergyman in the town of Perth was Rev. Wm. Bell. He was ordained in Scotland, and took charge in June, 1817, eighty-eight years ago.

Rev. Mr. MacArthur, of Cardinal, occupied the pulpit of St. Mark's Church, Wales, on a recent Sunday afternoon in the absence of Rev. W. C. MacIntyre.

The Sabbath School, Aultsville, will hold its annual Christmas entertainment in Fraternity Hall, on Thursday evening, Dec. 28.

The King's Daughters Mission Band of Knox church Cornwall have elected the following officers: President, Miss Hattie Binnie; Vice-President, Mrs. W. Dingwall; Secretary, Miss Grace McCracken; Treasurer, Miss Bertha Wilson.

At the annual meeting of the Y.P.S. C.E. of Knox church, Cornwall, the following officers were elected: Past President, Mr. J. R. Herdman; President, Mrs. (Rev. Dr.) Harkness; Vice-President, Miss Kirkpatrick; Secretary, Miss Mary Carpenter, Treasurer, Miss Eva Tobin; Cor. Secretary, Miss Ida Paterson; Organist, Miss Ada McEwan.

Special services appropriate to Christmas were observed in Zion Church, Carleton Place, last Sunday. Mr. Scott took for his morning subject, "The Transformation of the Commonplace," and for the evening, "Vision of the Christian Day-spring." There was special music of a high order.

Rev. Mr. Bell, Lanark County's pioneer minister, opened the first public school in this country, says the *Almonte Gazette*, in his own home at Perth, July 17, 1817, two weeks after his arrival in that settlement. He began with eighteen scholars, but the number increased so rapidly that a regular schoolhouse was soon built. The government gave Mr. Bell fifty pounds a year for the first two years as a reward for his work as teacher. What a change since the pioneer days along educational lines!

At the annual meeting of the Home Missionary Society of St. John's Church, Cornwall, the following officers were elected: Hon. President, Rev. N. H. McGillivray; President, Mrs. (Rev.) McGillivray; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. E. H. Liddell; 2nd Vice-President, Miss Orens Warrington; Secretary, Mrs. M. Macpherson; Treasurer, Mrs. J. G. Harkness; Pioneer Secretary, Miss Hattie L. Warrington. It was reported that the past year had been the most successful in the history of the society.

The anniversary services in connection with the Franktown church were observed by Rev. Prof. MacKenzie, of the Montreal Presbyterian College, who delivered two very able sermons to large congregations. On the following evening another large audience filled the church. The chair was occupied by the pastor, Rev. A. H. Macfarlane, and the speakers of the evening were Rev. Scott and Woodside of Carleton Place, Bayne and Fairbairn, of Ashton, and Charlesworth, of Franktown. The collections were large and the congregation will now have the debt reduced on their handsome new church to the nominal sum of \$500.

WESTERN ONTARIO.

The Saugeen Presbytery nominates Rev. Dr. Somerville for moderatorship of next Assembly.

The next meeting of Saugeen Presbytery is to be held at Mount Forest on the first Tuesday of March, at 10 o'clock a.m.

At the recent bazaar in connection with St. Andrew's Church, Alliston, the receipts were \$250.00.

St. Andrew's Church, London, has just sent in a donation of \$50 for the Bible Society.

Rev. Donald H. Fletcher, D.D., of Hamilton, preached anniversary sermons at Chalmers' church, Guelph, on a recent Sunday.

The Rev. D. L. Campbell, of Dromore, was appointed by Saugeen Presbytery Convener of the Committee on Young People's Societies in place of Mr. Tate, who has removed from the bounds.

It was agreed at Saugeen Presbytery that a paper on some practical subject be read at the opening of each regular meeting, and a committee was appointed to examine the new psalter and report at next ordinary meeting.

Knox College students are doing good work in the Congregational church, Bellwood for some time now, and Mr. Cameron preached last Sunday evening. Mr. Polline preaches next Sunday. Are our young friends already anticipating the union that is to be?

At the annual social supper of Bethel church the receipts amounted to nearly \$90.00. Suitable addresses were delivered by the Revs. J. Little of Holstein and Geo. Kendall, of Conn. and by Mr. Thos. Martin, M.P. The pastor Rev. John Gray Reid, discharged the duties of the chair in a very pleasant manner.

Rev. A. W. McIntosh and family, of Bellwood, arrived home on Friday morning of last week and occupied his own pulpit on Sunday, when it was easily discerned the high esteem in which Mr. McIntosh is held by his own people here by the large number who was out to welcome him back.

The anniversary at First Esssa last Sunday week was very successful in every particular. Rev. W. M. Morris, of Bond Head, preached two very able sermons. The church was crowded to the doors at both services, and the collection amounted to \$151.

The Rev. Dr. Moore, of Ottawa, being present at the last meeting of Saugeen Presbytery was asked to sit and deliberate. He addressed the Presbytery on the "Prevention of Tuberculosis." The Moderator in the name of the Presbytery thanked Dr. Moore for his instructive address.

Rev. M. P. Talling, Ph.D., of Toronto, preached his farewell sermon in Knox church, Mitchell, last Sunday. He goes to Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, where he has been invited to deliver a course of lectures on public prayer to the theological students. The Stratford Beacon says: Rev. Dr. Talling, during his short stay in Mitchell, has made many friends, and will be greatly missed.

The anniversary services in the church at Shakespeare were conducted last Sunday by Rev. Mr. Grey, B.D., of Dundas. He preached very impressive sermons both morning and evening. On Monday evening the tea meeting was held when addresses were delivered by the Rev. Mr. Martin, Knox church, Stratford; Edington, North Easthope, and McCullough, of Tavistock. A very enjoyable evening was spent. The proceeds of the tea meeting and the collections at the Sunday services amounted to over \$120.

At St. Andrew's, Niagara Falls, on the 24th inst., two memorial windows provided for in the will of the late Mrs. Harriet C. Biggar were unveiled with

appropriate ceremony. One window, depicting the Good Shepherd, is to the memory of Rev. George Bell, L.L.D., first pastor of the church, who by personal effort raised money and saved the property when it was about to be sold under mortgage. The other window is to the memory of the donor and her husband, the late Haggai C. Biggar. It illustrates the reception of the infant Saviour at the door of the temple by Simeon. The windows were unveiled by the senior elder, Mr. Alex. Gray, and by Mrs. E. Rankin, Mrs. Biggar's oldest lady friend.

OTTAWA.

In several of the city churches the sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed next Sabbath morning.

Miss Reid, the organist of Mackay church, has been granted a year's absence, and Mr. P. N. McGregor will have charge for that time.

Mr. Mac Davidson, a student at the Presbyterian College, Montreal, on a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Davidson, MacLaren street, preached very acceptably in Knox church, on Sunday evening.

The teachers and officers of Zion Presbyterian church Sunday school, Hull, were the guests of Mr. Thomas Meldrum on Tuesday evening at his home on the Mountain road. A very pleasant hour was spent in social intercourse.

No pastor in the city is more beloved by his people than is Dr. Ramsay, to whom the Knox congregation presented a beautiful mink-lined coat and mink cap as a Christmas gift. Mrs. Ramsay was also the recipient of a cut glass fruit bowl and a dozen small cut-glass dishes.

Rev. Dr. Armstrong, in St. Paul's Church on Sunday morning, gave a somewhat detailed account of the coencounter on Church Union held the previous week in Toronto. He was quite optimistic as to the result. The moderator of the General Assembly said that Union was inevitable. It might take several years to accomplish the work, but in the end success would crown their efforts.

Rev. Mr. Mackay, of Maxville, who was restrained from public duties on the last Sunday in November and the first in December, by a case of scarletina in his home, occupied the pulpit the two past Sundays.

Rev. A. M. Currie, M.A., of St. John's church, Almonte, has received a unanimous call to the Church of the Redeemer, Deseronto.

THE TOTAL ABSTAINER AS A
GOOD SAMARITAN.

And it came to pass as a certain man journeyed from the cradle to the grave he fell among shopkeepers, who robbed him of his money, ruined his good name, destroyed his reason, and then kicked him out worse than dead. A moderate drinker came that way, and when he saw him he said: "He is but a dog; they served him right. Let him die; he is a curse to his family." And also a license voter came that way, and when he saw him he said: "The brute! Put a ball and chain upon his leg and work him on the street." And a fanatic teetotaler came that way, and when he saw him he had compassion on him, and raised him up, assisted him to his home, and ministered to his wants and the wants of his family; got him to sign the pledge and started him on his journey in comfort and happiness. Who, think you, was the greater friend to humanity—the salonkeeper, the moderate drinker, the license voter, or the fanatic teetotaler?—A. J. Gordon.