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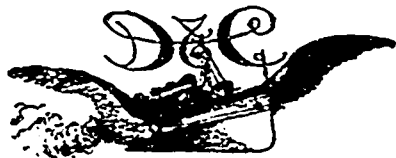
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Rev. D. Perrie, of Chesley, is rustication at Arrian.

Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Mackenzie, of Moose Creek, returned from their holiday trip looking very well.

Rev. M. L. Leitch, of Stratford, has been chosen Moderator of the Stratford Presbytery for the next six months.

The Palmerston Reporter has been bought by Croll Bros. The new editor will be Rev. R. M. Croll, father of the proprietors.

The resignation of Rev. A. Henderson as pastor of the Attwood and Monkton congregation, has been accepted by the Stratford Presbytery.

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed on Sunday of last week by Rev. John Chisholm to a large number of communicants.

The ordination and induction of Mr. McKay as pastor of Norval and Union Presbyterian churches will take place at Union on August 4th.

Rev. D. C. Hossack, B.A., LL.B., of this city, who has been spending a few days at Port Perry, occupied the Methodist pulpit Sabbath evening last.

The Rev. W. Robertson and daughter, of Merriton, have returned from a most enjoyable outing. They have been absent a couple of weeks visiting places east of Toronto.

The Revs W. Frizzell, Dr. McTavish, W. G. Wallace, and J. McP. Scott, of Toronto, who left recently for a trip in the old country, are reported to be greatly enjoying their outing.

The Rev. Alex. Mackay, D.D., will conduct the Gaelic monthly service in Knox Church next Sabbath at three p. m. All who understand that language are cordially invited to attend.

Rev. John Young and family, of Hamilton, have gone to Muskoka. During his absence the pulpit of St. John's Presbyterian Church will be occupied by Rev. A. Barclay, of Lyndoch.

The Rev. Dr. Warden acknowledges receipt of an anonymous contribution of \$100, per the Rev. J. G. Shearer, Hamilton, on behalf of the Church work in Rev. J. Wilkie's mission field, Indore, Central India.

The Rev. Murdo McKenzie, of Honan, China, who recently returned to Canada for rest after seven years' work in the foreign field, has left for his old home in Scotland to visit friends and recuperate. Mr. McKenzie speaks in the most hopeful terms of our Church's great work in Honan.

Trinity Church, Bowmanville, Sunday school held its annual picnic at Hampton on Saturday, July 18th. There was a good attendance and everyone enjoyed it. The Ladies' Aid and Y.P. S.C.E., of Trinity Church, Bowmanville, united in giving a garden social on Tuesday evening, 21st, realizing over \$20.

Rev. Dr. Battisby, Chatham, was last week the victim of an accident that almost instantaneously ended his life. He was driving and his horse reared and made a plunge over the river embankment where it is almost perpendicular and drops 25 feet. Providentially the rev. gentleman was not seriously injured.

Last week THE CANADA PRESBYTERIAN had a pleasant visit from the Rev. Dr. Watson, Beaverton, who is holidaying among relatives in Western Ontario. Our long-time friend seems to have the secret of perpetual youth; the swiftly passing years appear to make no difference to him. Dr. Watson has ministered to an attached congregation for more than forty years. May his bow continue to abide in strength.

The Vancouver World of the 17th inst., contains the following: A few of the personal friends of Rev. E. D. McLaren recently presented him with a model 44 Columbia bicycle made by the Pope Manufacturing Company, of Hartford, Conn., and claimed to be one of the best makes on the market. It is a handsome and substantially constructed machine and is prized highly by the rev. gentleman who is grateful to the donors for their handsome and well timed gift. The following inscription appears on a silver plate attached to the machine: "Rev. E. D. McLaren, from a few friends in St. Andrew's Church, Vancouver, B.C., July 7th, 1896."

The Presbyterian Church at Annapolis, of which Rev. Dr. Fraser is pastor, which has lately been renovated and greatly improved, was reopened last Sabbath. The services, forenoon and afternoon, were conducted by the Rev. Dr. Moore, Ottawa, whose sermons were listened to with delighted attention by large congregations. In the evening a joint-meeting of the Christian Endeavor Societies of Leith, Daywood and Annapolis was held, which was also addressed by Dr. Moore. His wise, earnest and stimulating words will be long remembered, and will certainly be fruitful of good in the lines of the large numbers of young people who were privileged to hear them. Among the many improvements in the church, a new pipe organ, built specially for the church by Messrs. Lye & Sons, Toronto, is worthy of special mention. It is a memorial organ, the bequest of Mr. Frank Reid, for some years before his untimely and lamented death the efficient choir leader of the congregation. The congregation and all who have heard it are delighted with the fine, sweet, strong tone of the instrument, which is expected to add greatly to the attraction of the services of praise in the church.

On Wednesday evening, July 22nd, the lecture room of Cooke's Church was crowded with the members of the congregation, when Rev. Wm. Patterson was presented with an illuminated address and a well-filled purse. Short addresses were delivered by Messrs. P. G. Close, chairman, James Alison, T. A. Lytle, R. Gilday and S. Wallace. On the following evening Mr. Patterson and family left the city for Boston where he will fill the pulpit of the First Presbyterian Church there for five Sabbaths, and a pastor of said church, Rev. Scott Hershby, D.D., will supply the pulpit of Cooke's Church during the pastor's absence.

The congregation of the Presbyterian Church, Allandale, gave a pleasant reception to Rev. W. R. McIntosh and his bride when they returned to the village on Friday of last week. The reception was held at Reeve Catcher's and was largely attended, Mr. Galbraith occupying the chair. Mr. Cameron read an address, and Mrs. Cowie, on behalf of the congregation, asked their pastor and wife to accept of a pair of chairs and a handsome dining-room suite. Mr. McIntosh made an appropriate acknowledgment of such kindness to himself and wife. Light refreshments were served, and the rest of the evening was spent in pleasant social intercourse.

A well attended meeting representative of the different congregations in the city was held in Augustine Church, Winnipeg, on the 20th July, when inspiring and impressive addresses were given by the Rev. R. P. Mackay and Dr. McLaren, of Toronto, on Foreign Mission work. The meeting was under the auspices of the W.F.M.S. of the congregation. The pastor, Rev. Mr. MacBeth presided, and others taking part were Revs. Principal King, Dr. Beattie, of Louisville, Ky., Prof. Baird, C. W. Gordon and John Hogg. The meeting was characterized by great heartiness and was richly enjoyed by all. A liberal offering was made in aid of the W.F.M.S. funds.

The quarterly communion was celebrated in the Presbyterian Church, Brandon, Manitoba, on Sabbath, July 5th. The day was all that could be desired, and what was probably the largest number in the church's history sat down at the sacramental table. The floral committee of the Christian Endeavor Society had the church beautifully decorated with flowers, and a deeply impressive service practically closed the year's work under the pastorate of Rev. E. A. Henry. The Session has granted the pastor a six weeks' leave of absence, which will be spent in Ontario by Mr. and Mrs. Henry. During the holiday period the pulpit will be occupied by Rev. W. A. MacLean, one of this year's graduates of Knox College. At the last communion nineteen were admitted to church privileges, nine by letter and ten by profession. Since Mr. Henry's settlement last August one hundred and three have been added to the church roll, fifty-four by certificate and forty-nine by profession of faith.

On Sabbath, July 19th, the Rev. G. Bruce, D.D., of St. John, N.B., occupied his old pulpit in the First Presbyterian Church, St. Catharines, of which the Rev. J. H. Ratcliff is now pastor. It was a special occasion. The church has been overhauled internally, the walls and ceilings having been beautifully tinted and decorated. A new pipe organ, built by the R. S. Williams & Sons Company of Toronto, has also been added. Of the latter it is difficult to speak in too high terms with regard to either appearance or tone. It certainly reflects great credit upon the builders, and is an acquisition to the musical equipment of the city as well as the church. The polished oak of the case as well as the color of the pipes harmonize perfectly with the decorations of the church. The total cost of the improvements amounts to about \$1,900, nearly all of which is provided for. On Tuesday evening the organ was formally opened by a recital by Mr. A. G. Alexander, organist of St. George's Church, assisted by local vocalists. It was fitting that Dr. Bruce should be at the reopening; and no one was better pleased than he at the progress made by the congregation.

PRESBYTERY MEETINGS.

SAUGEN: This Presbytery met in Knox Church, Harrison, on July 14th. Certificates for repeating Shorter Catechism were granted David Morrison and Edith Reddon from Mildmay congregation, Maggie McCullough and Maud Munroe from Clifford congregation; Jane Mitchell, Rotheay congregation; John Albert Harper and Mary Winnifield Harper, Mount Forest congregation. Mr. Aull, on behalf of the deputation appointed to visit Cedarville, Esplan and St. Andrew's, Proton, reported that they had failed to induce them to accept the services of one man for the whole field; but that St. Andrew's, Proton, was connected with Proton Station for the summer. The clerk was instructed to certify Messrs. Hattie and Fotheringham as students of the first year's literary course in Knox College. Mr. Edmison was authorized to moderate a call in Moorefield and Drayton as soon as they are prepared. The following committees were appointed for the year: Young People's Societies, Messrs. Jansen and Lauder; Church Life and Work, Messrs. Miller and Murdoch; Sabbath Schools, Messrs. Dobson and Walker; Statistics, Messrs. McVicar and Watson; Home Missions, Messrs. Aull and Burns; Superintendence of Students: Church History, Mr. Jansen; Apologetics, Mr. Aull; Hebrew, Mr. Munro; Experimental Religion, Mr. McKellar; Greek and Latin, Mr. Ramsay; Theology, Mr. Cameron. The Presbytery adjourned to meet in Mount Forest on 4th August next at 10 a.m.—S. YOUNG, Clerk.

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BRUCE: This Presbytery met at Southampton on Tuesday, the 14th inst. Mr. E. A. McKenzie was appointed Moderator for the ensuing six months. On motion of Mr. McQuarrie a committee was appointed to consider the advisability of changing the method of appointing commissioners from this Presbytery to the General Assembly. Mr. Bell gave notice that he will move at the next regular meeting of Presbytery for the consideration of making some arrangements whereby expenses of commissioners to Assembly may be paid out of a general fund. The standing committees were appointed for the year as follows: the name of each convener being here given: Home Missions, Mr. Tolmie; Sabbath Schools, Mr. J. C. Eckford; Statistics, Mr. Johnston; Superintendence of Students, Mr. McQuarrie; Systematic Benevolence, Mr. Kippan; Finance, Mr. Fitzpatrick; Young People's Societies, Mr. Guthrie; Church Life and Work, Mr. Craigie. Mr. McKenzie and Mr. Drumm were appointed to address the next annual meeting of the Woman's Foreign Mission Society.—J. JOHNSTON, Clerk.

KINGSTON: At the last meeting of Kingston Presbytery Rev. J. D. Boyd, Zion Church, was elected Moderator. Rev. J. M. Gray, Stirling, called to Selkirk, Man., has accepted and leaves next week. St. Coloma and St. Paul, Madoc, has called Rev. J. Claxton, B.D., of Inverary. Rev. T. J. Thompson was appointed intermoderator for the congregation at Stirling. Rev. Mr. McLean reported that the pulpit of St. Peter's Church, Madoc, was declared vacant on Sunday. The Presbytery decided to supply the congregation of Camden with the services of a student and to accept the resignation of the Rev. Joseph Gandier of that part of his charge. The conveners of the various committees are: Home Missions, Rev. M. W. McLean; Examination of Students, Rev. Mr. McGillivray; Sunday School Services, Rev. W. W. Peck; Church Life and Work, Rev. John Mackie; Augmentation Rev. S. Houston; Statistics and Finance, Rev. W. T. Wilkins; Young People's Societies, Rev. W. S. McTavish. Rev. Mr. McLean reported that Rev. Mr. Findlay, as superintendent, has been instructed to visit the mission fields of Consecration and Hillier, Ernestown, etc., and those along the K. & P. R. as far as Poland. Rev. J. D. Boyd presented an application on behalf of Zion Church, Kingston, that it be placed on the Augmentation Fund. The Presbytery agreed to the application. The matter of augmentation was discussed at length and it was moved that Mr. Houston be appointed to visit Tweed as moderator-in-call to raise that mission field to the status of a congregation.

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