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OTTAWA.

The duties devolving on the interim moderator of session during a vacancy are sometimes disagreeable and too often thankless. Dr. Ramsay appears to have filled the position for the Erskine Church session and people in such a way as to merit praise and commendation from all concerned. At the induction on Friday evening, in slight acknowledgement of his valuable services in this connection, he was made the recipient of an address, read by Mr. James Baxter, chairman of the Board of Managers, and a purse of gold, presented by Mr. D. M. Chambers in behalf of the congregation.

The induction of the Rev. C. W. Nicol, lately of Sherbrooke, Que., as minister of Erskine church in this city, took place on Friday evening in the presence of a large congregation, many being present from other churches. Rev. J. H. Turnbull, moderator of Presbytery, presided. Rev. P. W. Anderson preached an appropriate sermon from Matt. XIII: 32. Rev. D. M. Ramsay, interim moderator of the session, then explained the steps leading up to Rev. Mr. Nicol's coming to the church. In May, Rev. Mr. Mitchell had resigned and shortly after a call was extended to Rev. W. D. Read, of Montreal, which was not accepted. A call to Rev. Mr. Nichol, was moderated by the Ottawa Presbytery a short time ago. The call was accepted. Rev. Dr. Armstrong addressed the minister in suitable terms. He spoke of the importance and the weighty nature of the duties of a pastor, who had to have the qualities of a preacher or orator, a pastor who could see to his flock personally, a student who could think deeply, and a business man who could understand the business end of the running of his church. He concluded by assuring Mr. Nicol of the warm support and sympathy of Ottawa pastors in all his complex duties. Rev. Dr. Ramsay, who addressed the people, adjured them to be fellow-workers with the pastor. It was incumbent on every one of them to do his or her share for the advancement of the church. They must also look to the religious wants of the world as a whole, which would prevent them from becoming self-centered. The Presbyterians of Canada had entrusted to them the Christianization of 14,000,000 people as their share of the evangelization of the world. In this great work Erskine church would doubtless share; and looking at the rapid growth of population in the western end of the city, they might well establish a branch Sunday school with a view to developing it into a congregation. The pronouncing of the benediction by Rev. W. A. McIlroy, and the introducing of Mr. Nicol at the door to members of the congregation brought the proceedings to a close.

WESTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. John Little, of Holstein, has been preaching anniversary sermons in Duff's church, Morriston.

The new lecture hall of the Nassagaweya church was opened on the 9th inst., when the pastor, Rev. A. Blair, conducted the services.

Special services to commemorate the jubilee of the Weston church was held on Sunday last, and will be continued on the 22nd inst.

Rev. A. Shepherd, of Markdale, exchanged with Rev. G. C. Little, of Flesherton, and conducted anniversary services at Pictou.

Rev. R. B. Cochrane, M.A., of Knox Church, Woodstock, preached anniversary sermons at Verschoyle church on Sunday, 8th inst.

Rev. W. Farquharson, of Durham, exchanged pulpits with Rev. James Buchanan and conducted successful anniversary services in Erskine church, Dundalk, on November 1st.

Rev. J. A. Matheson, of Priceville, has returned from holidaying at his old home in Nova Scotia. During his absence his pulpit was supplied by Revs. Gilchrist and Sinclair, of Toronto.

Bridgebury and Fort Erie have extended a call to Rev. Robt. McIntyre of South Delaware and North Street. The matter will come up in London Presbytery on December 1st. It is thought Mr. McIntyre will accept.

West Lorne and Argyle church was declared vacant last Sabbath by the Rev. A. Henderson of London. A Thanksgiving Day service was conducted, in which the people seemed much interested. This is a good charge for a live, sober, evangelical minister.

Mr. Alex. Stewart, one of the hardy pioneers of Artemesia township, died at his home near Flesherton on the 6th inst., aged 83 years. Soon after coming to Canada Mr. Stewart, who was born in the Highlands of Scotland, settled 58 years ago on the farm on which he died. He came of good Presbyterian stock and was a member of Chalmers church, Flesherton.

The Rev. J. P. Falconer, B.A., pastor-elect of the charge of New Glasgow and Rodney, in the Presbytery of London, whose induction was appointed to take place on the 24th of this month, is lying very ill in the General Hospital at Hamilton, Ontario. His induction has been postponed indefinitely, and it is thought cannot take place before the end of the year.

The annual social of the Presbyterians of Woodbridge was quite a success. The pastor, Rev. Mr. MacKinnon, presided, and Rev. James Murray, of Erskine church, Toronto, gave an address. The musical part of the programme was of a high order and greatly appreciated. This congregation has provided one of the most comfortable and up-to-date manses to be found anywhere, and under Mr. MacKinnon's pastorate the church is in a very flourishing condition.

WINNIPEG AND WEST.

The 11th anniversary of the Roland congregation since Rev. F. J. Hartley's induction was held last Sabbath. Services were conducted by Rev. R. M. Diekey, Selkirk, who also delivered a very interesting and instructive lecture on Monday evening to a large audience on the subject of Ireland and the Irish.

The mission field of Orkney and Wallace, in the Yorkton Presbytery, has increased its givings sufficiently to become an augmented charge. Orkney is seven miles from the prosperous growing town of Yorkton, and Wallace is eight miles from the same place, the two congregations being about eleven miles apart and situated in one of the best farming communities in the West. With a capable man who is not afraid of work as leader, this charge ought to be self-sustaining in less than a year. An ordained minister is wanted at once. Stipend at least \$900 with a free house. Applicants please correspond with Rev. H. D. Leitch, Yorkton, Sask.

EASTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. Mr. Maclean, of Avonmore, being in poor health, has been granted three months' leave of absence. He is now in British Columbia.

Glenarry Presbytery is expected to contribute \$26,000 as its share of the \$1,000,000 for Missions aimed at by the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Rev. S. Childerhose preached a very effective sermon in the Presbyterian church at Burks Falls, last Sunday week. In the absence of Rev. Geo. Brown who was away on his holidays.

At the recent meeting of Glenarry Presbytery the following were appointed commissioners to next General Assembly at Hamilton: Revs. K. A. Gollan, Dunvegan; R. Harkness, Cornwall; H. N. Maclean, Avonmore, and G. W. Mingie, Lunenburg. Elders will be named later.

Rev. James Hastie accepts the call to Sawyerville, Que. His resignation takes effect on the 23rd inst. Since regret is expressed in the congregation at the prospect of losing Mr. Hastie and his highly esteemed partner and co-worker, Mrs. Hastie, whose bright, winning ways and hearty interest in all church work has been greatly appreciated by the congregation. The Sawyerville people will not be disappointed in the "mistress of the manse."

Through the untiring effort of Mr. Gomm the church at Ballyduff has been reared and beautified. The building has been raised from posts and placed upon a stone foundation; the roof has been re-shingled; the walls papered and painted. New blinds and carpets have been provided—all at a cost of over \$200. Rev. Mr. Johnston, of Millbrook, conducted the re-opening services on Oct. 18th, and preached to large congregations. The money for repairs was paid freely by the congregations. The church looks very beautiful and is without debt.

On 1st October Mr. Gilbert Gomm completed his year of stated supply in Ponty Pool, Ballyduff, and Janetville, in the Presbytery of Peterboro. His services during the year were very acceptable to the congregations and they asked the Presbytery through their moderator, Rev. Dr. Marsh, that Mr. Gomm be permitted to supply them during the winter months.

The Presbytery being perfectly satisfied with Mr. Gomm's deportment, work and exercises, certified to the Senate of Knox college and granted the request of the congregations.

MONTREAL.

Rev. Dr. Bayne, of Kemptville, has been preaching with much acceptance in Crescent Street church, which has just called Rev. R. W. Dickie, of Brandon, Man.

Mr. Isaac A. Montgomery, an Arts graduate of Queen's, who is just completing his theological course at the Montreal college, has been appointed assistant minister of Knox Church. The appointment was made necessary by the changed conditions of life in the city, the large congregation being made up of families, nearly all of whom live at a distance from the church, and many of them in the most distant suburbs. To keep in touch with such it was decided to appoint an assistant to the Rev. Dr. Fleck, who is always ready to respond to every call made upon him, whether from within or without his own congregation. Mr. Montgomery is described as an eloquent preacher, and as in every way well fitted for the important position he is called to fill.