

resignation of Rev. Neil McPherson, who is going to Indianapolis. St. Paul's Church Session was represented by Sir Thomas Taylor, Messrs James Vallance and Bidwell Way, and the congregation by Messrs John Knox and J. I. Morrison, all of whom stated the deep regret with which St. Paul's Church was parting with its pastor. Rev. Robert Martin was appointed moderator of the congregation, and he will declare the pulpit vacant on Nov. 13. A committee were appointed to draft a suitable resolution of regret on behalf of the Presbytery at losing Mr. McPherson.

Rev. Neil McPherson, who has accepted a call to Tabernacle Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis, preached his farewell sermon as pastor of St. Paul's Church, Hamilton, on Sunday evening. The congregation was large, and many shed tears as the farewell words were spoken. Mr. McPherson himself was greatly affected, and it was very evident that parting was painful to him as well as to the members of the church. His sermon was based on the words, "Obey God rather than man." He said it was God who sent him to St. Paul's, and it was God who was calling him away. He expressed gratitude to the officials and the church members generally for their kindness to him during his eight years' pastorate.

Eastern Ontario.

Rev. Mr. King of Glasgow, took the services in the churches at Westport and Newboro on Sunday.

Rev. D. Currie of Perth, preached anniversary sermons in Three Rivers, Que., on Sunday, October 30th.

The ladies of the First Church, Port Hope, will hold a sale in the Hall, Walton street, on Friday, Nov. 25th.

The Rev. William Macdonald, B.A. pastor of Halville, has received a call from the congregation of Lanark village, the salary named being \$1,000 per annum.

North Williamsburg Presbyterian Church has extended a unanimous call to Rev. R. A. Lundy of Port Credit. The call will be considered at an early meeting of Toronto Presbytery.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed in the brick church, St. Elmo, last Sabbath. Rev. Morrison of Kirk Hill and Rev. P. F. Langill of Martintown, assisted Rev. H. D. Leitch.

Melville Presbyterian church, Eganville, which has recently been undergoing repairs, was re-opened on Sunday the 23rd. The interior has been repaired and painted, a new ceiling put in and other alterations made, which improve very much the appearance of the edifice.

Northern Ontario.

Rev. Thomas Edwards of Thornbury conducted the missionary anniversary services in Kirkville, George street and Nottawa churches on Sunday. Next Sunday Rev. John Coburn of Stayner will preach anniversary sermons in the afternoon and evening at the George street church.

Mrs. R. N. Grant of Orilla, addressed the Thankoffering meeting of the Gravenhurst Auxiliary to the W. F. M. S. last week. There was a large attendance and the offering amounted to \$35.00.

The Rev. J. R. S. Burnett was inducted to the pastorate of Victrola Harbour, Moonstone, and Vasey congregations. A large congregation took part in this interesting ceremony, on the 27th.

Rev. J. A. Ross, of Churchill, occupied the pulpit, Bradford, on Sunday and preached to a large congregation, taking for his text, "Bear ye one another's burden, &c." Rev. Mr. Ross has received a call from a congregation in Essex Centre. Rev. Dr. Smith preached in Churchill and Stroud on Sabbath and cited Mr. Ross's congregation to appear in their interest at a special meeting of Presbytery to be held in Barrie this week.

Mrs. Hudson Taylor.

The many friends of the Rev. J. Hudson Taylor, the founder of the China Inland Mission, will regret to hear of his severe bereavement. Mrs. Taylor died at Chevalyres, Vevey, Switzerland, on Saturday, July 30th. She was the daughter of J. Faulding, Esq., formerly of Barnett and Hastings, and was one of the famous

"Lammermuir" party with whose going forth to China in May, 1866, the work of the China Inland Mission practically commenced. A few years later she became the second wife of Mr. Hudson Taylor, and since that time has shared in the stress and the sacrifices of his arduous career. One who knew her writing in the *Life of Faith* says: "Mrs. Taylor had no special gift for public work, but with her whole heart she served her Lord in the many important opportunities that came to her, and with patient and uttermost kindness sought to cheer and bless His servants. There was a most remarkable delicacy and refinement about her spirit and character, which has left an indelible impression upon all of us who knew her well. Sweet, very sweet, for her will be the rest of the Father's House!"—*Regions Beyond*.

"Ian MacLaren" Retires.

Rev. Dr. John Watson ("Ian MacLaren") announced on Sunday, October 23, to his congregation at Central Presbyterian Church, Sefton Park, Liverpool, that in September next, having completed 25 years' service as their minister, he would retire. The determination, he said, was irrevocable, and was founded on the growing requirements of his church; with advancing years the burden of work had grown too heavy for him to bear.

An Attractive Church.

The First church, London, whose interior has been in the hands of the workmen since the middle of June, reopened its doors on Sunday and Rev. W. J. Clark was again in his pulpit. The congregation have great reason to be proud of their church home. No expense or labor has been spared in refitting and beautifying the interior, and its aspect has been changed materially.

The ceiling is now supported by wide arches which run from side to side, not, however, separated from the ceiling, and the whole color scheme of the walls and ceiling has been changed. The walls are covered with a light brown paper for about 15 or 20 feet up from the floor. Then comes a handsome frieze of green and gold, relieved with blue. In the two transepts, the wainscoting and frieze are adorned by geometric figures in green stenciling. The brown of the wainscoting passes into a still lighter brown above, and this into the cream brown of the ceiling. A green border runs along the top of the walls in places. The whole color scheme is beautifully planned and worked out. It has the effect of giving the interior a lighter appearance than before.

A handsome Brussels carpet in dark colors covers the floor. The pews have been repolished. The coloring on the organ fits in well with the rest of the scheme. The wood is a deep chestnut color. The pipes are rebronzed, and the tongues are in gilt. The woodwork of the reading desk, etc., has all been recolored. Altogether the interior of the church presents a most handsome and comfortable appearance.

British and Foreign.

Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan's London residence at Prince's Gate is being decorated at a huge cost. The value of the furnishings of the house will exceed, it is stated, £500,000.

What is believed to be a painting by Romney—subject, "A Lady"—on a canvas measuring 29in. by 30in. has been found in the home of a working man in Bristol. He purchased it about nine years ago for a few shillings, and after receiving numerous good offers, called in an expert, who pronounced it to be by an "Old Master." The owner has now consulted Christie's, and will take it to London for sale at their autumn exhibition.

Dr. Poirer, one of the most eminent medical men in Paris, who has been visiting London, says the English surgeons astonish him by their coolness, and the steadiness of their hand in operating. He had assisted at an operation which was, he said, a revelation to him. Their instrument for chloroforming was simply marvellous; they had nothing like it in Paris.

I am told (says the London correspondent of the Birmingham Post) by one who has been a member of the party of the Archbishop of Canterbury during his tour in Canada and the United States, that arrangements are to be made for the reception in England next summer of a deputation of American clergy. This deputation it is said, will be headed by Bishop Potter of New York.

In the corridor at Windsor Castle there is to be seen the original picture of the wedding of the late Queen and Prince Consort in the Chapel Royal, St. James, by Sir George Hayter. Of the vast crowd of celebrated personages in the picture the only one now surviving is the Duchess of Mecklenburg-Strelitz, who is depicted as standing a little apart from the wedding group on one side of the altar. As a matter of fact, her Royal Highness was standing close to the late Queen, but had she been depicted in that position the view of the wedding couple would have been obscured in that picture.

To the encouragement offered for inventors in automobilism there appears to be no end. A new premium is now publicly offered, and suitably enough finds its first public announcement in Paris, though it has its origin in Bavaria. The prize is offered by Prof. Herkomer, and is for the best and cheapest motor car in the touring class. The prize will consist of a challenge cup in silver, copper, and enamel, designed by the professor himself. The first competition for the trophy, which will be an annual event, will take place next year in Bavaria, and the professor will each year paint the winning manufacturer's portrait. Dr. Magin, of Paris, adds a prize of \$100 to the same competition.

Mrs. Bishop, the indefatigable traveller who has recently died, was well acquainted with Japan and China. Her opinion on the prospects of Christianity in the Far East is therefore of weight. She did not feel so hopeful of the Japanese; she thought they had rather retrograded religiously between her first visit and her second. Some told her that Buddhism was reinforced, that the Japanese having tried Christianity, had not found the utility of it for their nation. On the other hand, Mrs. Bishop thought highly and hopefully of the Chinese native Christians. She was convinced that European missionaries would in time train a sufficient number of native teachers to Christianise the whole country. We must not, however, lose sight of the fact that even in Japan statesmen in the highest positions are Christian, and some of them members of our own Communion.



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