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OTTAWA.

Rev. G. Cormack will be the preacher in St. Paul's church next Sunday.

At this season of the year the choice of suitable Christmas gifts becomes to many a very perplexing problem. We venture to suggest a visit to the Standard Drug Store. There you will find a choice variety of perfumes and toilet articles from which a selection may readily be made. The Standard Drug Store stands for sterling quality and moderate prices.

The many friends of Rev. Dr. Moore will be glad to know that he is making satisfactory recovery after a somewhat critical operation. On the advice of his medical adviser he went to the Protestant Hospital in October, where the operation took place. Since then, and up till last week, he has been under the care of the hospital attendants, but is now at his own home convalescing in the most gratifying manner.

WESTERN ONTARIO.

Without any previous announcement as to a collection, the congregation of the Paris Presbyterian church, on the morning of the 12th inst., gave about \$200 on the spot to help on the movement for the suppression of the barroom. The Rev. R. M. Hamilton, of Toronto, gave an able address on the subject.

The pastoral charge of Sturgeon Falls and Cache Bay, in the Presbytery of North Bay, is about to become vacant by the transference of Rev. C. R. Ashdown, B.A., Ph.D., who has accepted a very hearty and unanimous call to Byng Inlet. Ministers wishing to be heard with a view to a call will please write to Rev. R. Brydon, Powassan, interim moderator.

The Presbytery of London will endeavor to check the tendency to seek for young ministers. It will ask the General Assembly to eliminate the two columns in the Statistical report giving date of ordination and of induction into present charges. There is no pressing reason why these columns should be retained, but if a congregation wants a young man it can easily ascertain his age and period of service from other sources.

Special services, conducted by Rev. J. R. Bell, Laurel, Ont., in Annan, Presbytery of Owen Sound, have just been concluded. Mr. Bell's presentation of the gospel was very impressive, and the interest was sustained through two weeks and three days. The results, as far as numbers can indicate them, were most gratifying. Sixty "decision cards" were signed, and last Sabbath fifty of the signers sat at the first time at the Lord's table. No sensational methods were resorted to, and the praise service was led throughout by the congregational choir.

The congregation of Saltcoats in the Presbytery of Yorkton is vacant. Saltcoats is a thriving village on the C.P.R. with a good country behind it. \$10,000 and a manse. Ministers desiring a hearing with a view to a call may correspond with Rev. H. D. Leitch, Yorkton, who is interim moderator.

"The Case of Francisco Ferrer," in The Living Age for December 4, derives a peculiar interest from the fact that it is written by a confidential friend, Mr. Alfred Naquet, and gives an intimate view of the personality and intentions of the Spanish educator and theoretical anarchist, whose recent execution caused such a stir in Europe and was a means of overthrowing the Maura Cabinet.

EASTERN ONTARIO.

Mr. Wm. Rice has been called to the congregation of Ashburn, Utica and Myrtle.

Rev. Robert Brydon, of Powassan, conducted the communion service in Chalmers Church, Sundridge, on 21st ult.

The Mission Board of St. Andrew's Church, Perth, held a profitable two evening's sale and tea on a recent date.

Rev. T. M. Wesley, of Sunderland, has been lecturing at Cannington on "Mission Life in Japan." He was heard with interest and profit.

At the recent communion in Cooke's church, Kingston, there were 13 additions to the membership, making a total of 44 during the year. The various organizations in the congregation are preparing for another year of aggressive Christian work.

At the annual thankoffering meeting of St. Andrew's W.F.M. Society, Carleton Place, the address on the occasion was given by Rev. Dr. Harkness, of Cornwall, and the offering amounted to the handsome sum of \$28.00, the largest in the history of the society.

The moderator of Glengarry Presbytery—Rev. N. H. McGillivray, of Cornwall, presided at the induction of Rev. S. D. McPhee, B.A., to the charge of the Avonmore congregation. Rev. H. S. Lee, of Apple Hill, addressed the minister; Rev. W. D. Bell, Finch, the congregation, and Rev. R. W. Cliffe preached the induction sermon. In the evening a reception in honor of the new pastor was held. Rev. Mr. McGillivray presided, and a good entertainment was provided. Addresses were given by Rev. W. D. Bell, Rev. L. Beaton and Rev. Mr. McPhee. Rev. Mr. Bell, who had charge of the congregation during the vacancy, and Rev. L. Beaton, of Moore Creek, who supported the call to Rev. Mr. McPhee before the Prince Edward Island Presbytery, were both presented with purses, accompanied by appreciative addresses from the congregation. The address to Mr. Beaton was read by Mr. Wert, and that to Mr. Beaton by W. J. McCard, M.P.P. The call to Mr. McPhee was a very harmonious one, and he enters upon his work at Avonmore with every promise of a faithful pastorate.

The Cobourg Presbyterians have just celebrated their seventy-fifth anniversary. On Sunday, 5th inst., large congregations assembled to hear Rev. R. E. Knowles, the noted author and orator, preach two very eloquent sermons. The congregation was asked as an expression of gratitude for the three-quarters of a century of service, to place upon the collection plate the sum of \$2,600. At the annual congregational supper held on Monday evening the treasurer announced that the sum of \$2,835 had been given. The mortgage of long standing was burned by several of the oldest members, one of whom remembers well the tragic death of the first minister, Rev. M. Miller, who, in 1834, lost his life by drowning in the Bay of Quinte, while on one of his missionary tours. The late Walter Riddell, father of Judge Riddell, in his history, records the fact that at the time the foundations of the old stone church were being laid in Cobourg all the Presbyterians in the present city of Hamilton gathered around a table for social worship. There were only some fifty-two Presbyterian ministers in all Canada. The Rev. Wm. Beattie has been pastor in Cobourg for nearly ten years, having come to Cobourg directly after graduating from Knox College, and Toronto University; and under his faithful ministry the church is prospering.

HAMILTON.

Rev. S. B. Russell, of Erskine Church is preaching a series of interesting sermons on "Character."

St. Andrew's Society marched in a body to St. John Church on Sunday last for special service. Rev. J. Young, the pastor, preached.

A Presbyterian Ministerial Association is about to be organized. With thirteen ministers still in the active pastorate and several living retired in our city, there is material for strong organization.

Rev. J. C. Robertson, General Secretary for Sabbath schools, and Rev. J. A. Slimmon, of Hanan, China, took part in special exercises on Sunday last, December 5th., in connection with the opening of St. Paul's new school-room. St. Paul's is now modernly equipped, and good results are confidently looked for.

TORONTO.

College Street Church celebrated its 25th anniversary by a church social, followed by a musical programme. The event of the evening was the presentation to the pastor, Rev. Dr. Gilray, of a handsome silk gown.

The 72nd anniversary of Erskine Church was celebrated on the 21st inst., and at both services there was a large attendance of present and former members of the congregation. In the morning Rev. Prof. R. Law, of Knox College, occupied the pulpit, and in the evening Rev. D. C. Hossack, L.L.B., former pastor of Deer Park Church preached.

The generous willing services of Rev. D. J. Craig, of Bristol, and Rev. P. F. Langill, of Carp, in their week's evangelistic campaign at Calumet Island and Campbell's Bay respectively were very helpful and fraught with blessing. When people are brought under the power of the Gospel so faithfully delivered, night after night, even for a week, it tells in much spiritual quickening, especially in a field where there is a dearth of laborers along this line.

NEW BOOKS RECEIVED.

The Cruciality of the Cross, by P. T. Forsyth, M.A., D.D., London: Hodder and Stoughton; Toronto: Upper Canada Tract Society, \$1.25 net.

The Ethics of Jesus According to the Synoptic Gospels, by Professor Stalker, M.A., D.D. London: Hodder and Stoughton, Toronto: Upper Canada Tract Society, \$1.75.

The Return of the Angels, by Rev. G. H. Morrison, M.A. London: Hodder and Stoughton, Toronto: Upper Canada Tract Society, \$1.5 net.

A Legend of Bethlehem, by David Smith, D.D. London: Hodder and Stoughton, Toronto: Upper Canada Tract Society, 30 cents.

The Master's Friendships, by J. R. Miller, D.D. London: Hodder and Stoughton, Toronto: Upper Canada Tract Society, 30 cents.

A Country Corner, by Amy Le Feuvre, Toronto and London: Cassell and Company, Ottawa: James Ogilvy and James Hope and Sons, Price, \$1.25.

The Temple, by Lyman Abbott, Toronto: The MacMillan Company, of Canada, Ottawa: Jas. Hope and Sons, and James Ogilvy, \$1.25 net.

The Foreigner: A Tale of Saskatchewan, by Ralph Connor, Toronto: Upper Canada Tract Society, \$1.10 net.

The Romantic Settlement of Lord Selkirk's Colonists, Toronto: The Musson Book Company, Ottawa: Jas. Hope & Sons and James Ogilvy.

The Altar Stairs, by G. B. Lancaster, Toronto: The Musson Book Company, Ottawa: James Ogilvy.