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EASTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. J. J. Monds, of Glenallan, was the preacher in St. Andrew's, Carleton Place, last Sunday.

Rev. N. R. D. Sinclair of Deserats, has been nominated for the chair of Church History and Practical Theology in the Presbyterian college, Halifax.

Kingston Presbytery nominates Rev. Henry Gracey, M.A., for the Moderatorship of the General Assembly, and Rev. W. T. Wilkins, M. A., for that of the Synod of Toronto and Kingston.

Mr. T. J. Caswell, of South River, took the services at Spence for two Sundays in the absence of Mr. S. G. Steele, who, to the great regret of the people is about severing his connection with the field.

Rev. Henry J. Keith, B. D., of Smith's Falls, and for some time engaged in mission work in India, has been unanimously called to become pastor of Knox Presbyterian church, Peterboro', a congregation which has lately become a self-supporting one.

The congregation of St. Peter's, Madoc, has extended a unanimous call to Rev. H. S. Graham, Sudbury, to fill the vacancy caused by the removal of their late pastor, Rev. E. W. Mackay, M.A., to Smith's Falls. Should he accept, the induction has been fixed for 22nd March.

Kingston Presbytery appointed commissioners to the General Assembly as follows: Rev. Profs. Ferguson and Fowler, R. Laird, sr., and H. Gracey, Principal Gordon, Dr. Macgillivray, Rev. J. Binnie, by ballot. Elders: Messrs. H. S. Stewart, S. Gilmour, Prof. Laird, Dr. Third, Rev. R. J. Craig, S. Russell and J. McIntosh.

The new Presbyterian church at Cobalt was dedicated last Sunday week. The building is 50 feet long by 35 feet in width, and will accommodate about 250 people. The cost of the building is about \$3,000. The services were conducted in the opera house by Rev. J. D. Byrne, who is now the pastor there, during the construction of the church.

At a recent meeting of the Avonmore W.C.T.U. a resolution was passed condemning the three-fifths majority clause in the local option statute, and a petition forwarded to the Provincial Government through the Dominion Alliance, asking for its repeal. Later in the afternoon a Band of Hope was organized under the able superintendence of Mrs. Malcolm Ferguson. Seventy members signed the pledge.

At the last meeting of Barrie Presbytery, in view of the fact that he has been nominated for the moderatorship of the General Assembly, Rev. Dr. McLeod was unanimously elected a commissioner to that body. Others elected were Revs. Dr. Findlay, Dr. Grant, Haig, McKay and Morris, ministers, with Messrs. Sharp and Morden alternates; Rev. Thos. McKee, and Jos. Goodfellow, Barrie, W. J. Wood, Alliston, J. R. Eaton, Orillia, Peter Farris, Bradford, James McDermott, Elnavale, elders, with Isaac Day, of Orillia and Wm. Ervin, of Essa as alternates.

Rev. Mr. Meikle, evangelist, has been holding highly successful services in the Perth churches and in the town hall the past three weeks. Three meetings a day have been held—morning, afternoon and night, and not only has the religious life of the county town been quickened, but a large number have forsaken the worldly walk for that reaching out toward the higher life. Mr. Meikle leaves Perth this week to

continue his work at the Canadian Soo. It is eighteen years since Mr. Meikle held meetings in Almonte, says the Gazette, and they are vividly remembered by those who had an active part in them.

At the annual thank offering meeting of the Women's Home Missionary Society, Orillia, the president, Mrs. Alport, was in the chair. After the opening hymn Mrs. R. N. Grant read the hundred and third Psalm and led in prayer. Mrs. N. B. Johnston, of Barrie, gave an address on "A need and a privilege." There was no question in the speaker's mind as to the need of the West, with its immense foreign tide washing up upon our very shores—a new population, to whom our language was a foreign tongue, but who, though in a strange land, could understand the language of "the kind voice and smile." As they come to us from all the congested centres of the old land, it is for us to reach out to them in their new and strange home, and help them to the best of our power. As the need is vast equally so is our privilege, for we can give if we cannot go. gioninupamh mah mah mah mah The thank offering amounted to the handsome sum of \$209.00.

At a recent meeting of the Kingston Presbytery the members present listened to addresses on Union by Principal Gordon and Dr. McGillivray, delegates to the conferences. They had been deeply impressed by the tone of the meetings and the prospects of union were encouraging. Without committing itself to any particular aspect of the subject it unanimously thanked the delegates for their addresses. Reports on Statistics, Sabbath Schools, Augmentation, Home Missions, Examination of Students, Y. P. Societies, and church life and work, were presented and severally considered. Eight students have completed their preparatory studies and are recommended for license, while about forty are approved of for mission work during the summer. A small committee was appointed to call on divinity students, and urge them to engage in Mission work.

Some tentative efforts have recently been made to bring about a union of St. Paul's and Mill Street congregations in Port Hope, as it was felt by many that the new St. Paul's church, large and centrally situated, would afford ample accommodation for all the Presbyterians in the town. With this object in view last week the Mill Street congregation was interviewed by a committee of Presbytery. After hearing the deputation the Mill Street managers and members briefly expressed their views and all objected to the proposed union. They intended to erect a new church just as soon as possible. Their debts had all been paid and the present congregation was self sustaining. Everything was working in harmony in the Mill Street church and there was no felt need for a change.

(Here is one congregation which we fear the larger union scheme, at present being discussed over the church, would meet with scant favor. This congregation has had its trials and vicissitudes, but with courage and loyalty the people held together, maintaining ordinances and paying their way. In the past they have been ministered to by a number of able and devoted pastors, among the number being McWilliam, Cleland, and Laird, and now Rev. R. B. Nelles is doing excellent work, with the result that the congregation is steadily growing and the interest is well kept up.—Ed. D.P.

PRESBYTERY OF QUEBEC.

The Presbytery of Quebec met in Chalmers', Quebec, on the 5th and 6th, March, with a large attendance of ministers, and a goodly attendance of elders, but most of whom were not representative elders. Mr. Wylie C. Clark was elected Moderator for a second term.

Elders' commissions were accepted in favor of Messrs. D. S. MacLeod, A. J. Elliot and J. S. Riddle.

Considerable time was devoted to the consideration of Missions—English and French—and augmentation matters, and grants were recommended, and steps taken for necessary supply. In the absence of Dr. Kellock, owing to indisposition, much was left to his discretion in the matter of grants to augmented charges.

Mr. M. MacLeod was appointed to visit several hundred Highlanders, who are laboring on the Transcontinental Railroad between La Tuque and Quebec. Steps were also taken looking in the direction of giving them supply.

As tens of thousands of Protestant immigrants land at Quebec yearly during navigation of St. Lawrence, a committee was appointed to make the best possible arrangements for meeting these and giving them encouragement and guidance.

Revs. J. S. Stewart and E. G. Walker were re-appointed to their respective fields, and Rev. John Mackenzie, late of Scotstown and formerly of Roxborough, Ont., made application for leave to retire from the active duties of the ministry, after thirty years of service.

The Presbytery adopted a mode of sending commissioners to Assembly by which each one shall receive his appointment in turn.

The following commissioners to the next Assembly were appointed: Messrs. R. Mackenzie, H. S. Lee, C. F. Cruchon and Wylie C. Clark, ministers; and John Parker, J. C. Thomson, Jas. Muir, and Matt. Carlyle, elders.

Dr. Kellock was nominated for the Moderatorship of the Synod of the bounds.

A committee on systematic beneficence, consisting of Messrs. H. Carmichael, J. N. Brunton, C. W. Nicol and James Davidson was appointed. Reports of Y.P.S., S. S. and Church Life and Work were submitted by Messrs. N. Carmichael, P. D. Muir, and E. Macqueen, respectively.

Considerable time was given to an endeavor to compose difficulties that have arisen in one of the congregations of the bounds. J. R. MacLeod, Pres. Clerk.

The Hamilton Times says: Dr. Marsh, formerly of this city, has been in Springfield, Ont., only a few months, but he has succeeded in organizing a strong Astronomical Society in Peterboro', with a membership of 50, including the mayor of the city and a number of prominent men.

Before the Presbytery of London, one of the speakers made a good point, when opposing the translation of Mr. Clark to Westmount, by saying: Mr. Clark is actuated simply by his conscience, and believes he can do better work in Montreal than here. "I do not think he can. Mr. Clark believes he has done all he can do here. I do not think so. Take the case of Dr. Milligan, of Toronto. He has been in the one church for 33 years, and he is now a stronger man than when he went there. That simply would be repeated here if Mr. Clark saw fit to remain."