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Mr. Wright, of Brantford, preached in the East Seneca Church last Sunday.

Recently Rev. R. J. M. Glassford, of Guelph, lectured in Knox Church, Acton, on the Beginning and Growth of Presbyterianism in Canada.

The pulpit of the Presbyterian church, Embro, was filled on Sunday, November 18th, by Rev. A. L. Howard, of Cayuga.

On November 27th, Rev. Mr. Robinson gave an illustrated lecture on "East to West with a Missionary Student," in Knox church, Beaverton.

Rev. Dr. Neil spoke of his experiences in the West during the past summer at a recent service in St. James Square Presbyterian church, Toronto.

The call to Rev. Wm. D. See, Toronto, from the Waterloo congregation was sustained by the Guelph Presbytery and the ordination and induction will take place on Friday, 7th December.

The tea and concert given by the ladies of St. Andrew's Church school room, Sarnia, on November 20th was largely attended and proved a very pleasant evening. The different numbers on the programme were rendered in a manner that gave entire satisfaction.

The services in the Presbyterian Church, Alma, on Sunday November 18th, were conducted by Rev. Wm. Robertson, of Morriston. In the evening Mr. Robertson gave a very interesting lecture on the Presbyterian creed, which was very much appreciated.

Anniversary services were held in Woodland Presbyterian church, last Sabbath, Rev. J. Little, of Holstein, preached at 3 and 7.30 p.m. On Monday evening a tea-meeting was held at which Revs. John Little, John Gray Reid, W. D. Masson and J. P. McInnes delivered addresses and appropriate music was rendered.

Rev. W. A. J. Martin, of Zion church, Brantford, preached anniversary services in Chalmers Church, Guelph, last Sunday. There were large congregations especially at night, the gatherings including many members and adherents of other churches, a considerable number of whom sat under Mr. Martin's pastorate at Knox. The pulpit platform was banked in plants and flowers. Prof. Marshall had a large choir, and the music was excellent.

The regular meeting of Erskine (Hamilton) Young Men's Union took place on November 22nd and was well attended. The election of officers for the season of 1906-07 was held and resulted as follows: Hon. president, Rev. S. B. Russell; president, R. Trevisakis; vice-president, George McIsaac; secretary, James Baxter; assistant secretary, H. McCulloch; treasurer, P. McCulloch; investigating committee, R. Trevisakis, P. McCulloch; programme committee, Ed. Montgomery, W. Mayberry, W. Derrick. After the business refreshments were served and the balance of the meeting was spent in a social manner.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. A. Murray, of Hebron, Palestine, have been holding a series of special services in Knox Church, Cayuga. Mr. and Mrs. Murray spent twelve years in Hebron, as missionaries to the Mohammedans. They afterwards acted as missionaries to the Jews at Jerusalem for one year. They left Palestine two years ago and spent some time in Wales during the great revival, before coming to America, where they have been attending a number of large missionary conventions in the United States.

Rev. Mr. Ross, pastor of St. Andrew's church, London, delivered a very interesting lecture on November 22nd in the Knox Presbyterian church before a large audience on "Scottish Life and People." He dwelt particularly on peasant life as found in Scotland.

Anniversary services were held November 25th in College Street Presbyterian church, Toronto. Dr. Kilpatrick preached in the morning, and Rev. R. E. Welsh, M.A., author of "God's Gentlemen" and "Man to Man," in the evening.

On the 18th of November King street church, Ingersoll, held missionary services conducted by T. Egerton Shore, M. A., of Wesley Church, Hamilton, who has recently been appointed Field Secretary for Foreign Missions. Large congregations were present at both services, and the sermons were impressive and convincing in the direction of more generous support of missionary work at home and abroad to extend Christ's Kingdom and send the gospel to the heathen in every habitable part of the world.

The ladies' of St. Andrew's church, Guelph, were "at home" on November 20th to the students of the O. A. College and Macdonald Institute. The guests of the evening were received by Mrs. K. Maclean and Mrs. Beattie, and Rev. W. G. Wilson, pastor of the church. Mr. Wilson, who presided in the lecture room, also gave a brief address of welcome. The proceedings were entirely informal; McLaren's orchestra contributed enjoyable music throughout the evening; Miss Olive Morris contributed a solo in beautiful voice which was highly appreciated. The serving of refreshments brought an enjoyable evening to a close.

The anniversary services held on November 25th in St. James' Presbyterian church, Thamesville, were in every way most successful. The weather being fine, the church was crowded at the three services. Dr. Somerville, Toronto, spoke in a very able manner in the morning, dwelling particularly on the mission work of the church. In the afternoon Rev. Mr. Dunn, pastor of Mount Zion Presbyterian church, Ridgetown, spoke to an exceedingly large congregation, and the church was overcrowded at night to hear Dr. Somerville again, and all were much impressed by the earnest words of the speaker.

Another interesting and successful service of the Knox church (Woodstock) Young Men's Debating Association was held on November 20th. Despite the unfavorable weather conditions thirty-five were present. It was Government night and with a safe majority two bills were discussed. The militia amendment bill to provide for the organization of city regiments in towns or cities of over 9,000 population was debated at some length, but was given its third reading without amendment. The amendment to the Chinese Immigration Act was then taken up, and the debate on the second reading was not concluded. There were a number of good maiden speeches, and the meeting was enlivened by continual cross firing. Mr. R. B. Cochrane upon the adjournment of the debate gave a helpful critic's address. The Association is making good progress with the preparations for the Mock Trial to be held on Dec. 10th at the meeting of the Young People's Guild. A charge of arson of the city hall will be the charge, and the trial while conducted with all due solemnity promises to be one of the most interesting heard in Woodstock for some years.

A public reception was given to Rev. A. Grant, of Knox Church, St. Mary's, on November 29th, to celebrate the 21st anniversary of his induction there.

Rev. Dr. King, eighteen years pastor of Galt United Presbyterian Church, has announced his intention of presenting his resignation to the Stratford Presbytery.

Rev. A. T. Geggie, of Parkdale, delivered his popular lecture on "Wit and Humor" in St. Andrew's church, Thamesford, under the auspices of the King's Daughters and Sons.

The anniversary services of the Presbyterian church, Erin, will be held on Sunday, Dec. 9th, when the Rev. Mr. MacVicar, of Fergus, will preach morning and evening.

A meeting of the congregation of Knox church, Woodstock, to extend to Mr. R. B. Cochrane a formal call to the pastorate of the church upon the approaching retirement of Rev. Dr. McMullen, will be held on Wednesday evening, Dec. 12.

The annual sermon to the brethren of the Hamilton St. Andrew's Benevolent Society is to be preached next Sunday by Rev. Beverley Ketchen, of McNab street church. The St. George's and Irish Protestant Benevolent Societies have been invited to be present. The MacNab Street Church has been re-decorated and this is the occasion also of the re-opening of the church.

St. Andrew's church, London, has lost its oldest member by the death of Mr. James Gilleen. For over 40 years he acted as usher in the church, and he was well known by Presbyterians throughout Western Ontario as one of the most zealous members in these parts. There was probably no better known citizen in London than James Gilleen, he having lived there for over 65 years. He was born in Elgin, Scotland, in 1824, and at the age of 16 came to Canada. He resided in Montreal for a year, and in 1841 decided to come west. He arrived at Hamilton by boat, and completed the journey on a wagon which was carrying goods to London. He was advertising manager of the Advertiser for nearly twenty years.

The 16th annual convention of the Beverly S. S. Association was held in the Presbyterian church, Lynden, on Tuesday, Nov. 27, afternoon and evening. The chair was occupied by the president, Peter Ottman. Rev. S. W. Fisher conducted devotional exercises. W. H. Baird gave an address of welcome which was replied to by Rev. J. W. Newberry. R. A. Thompson gave an address on "Discouraged Workers, and How to Inspire Them." Rev. T. W. Pool led in the discussion. Rev. Charles Ashdowne gave an address on "The Child's Knowledge of Christ and His Responsibilities," and Mrs. James McDonough led in the discussion. President Ottman and Vice-President Edwin McKnight gave addresses on Sunday School work in the township. Rev. R. L. Ockley and Robert McQueen addressed a mass meeting of the children. The evening session was opened by devotional services conducted by Rev. J. Culp. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, W. H. Baird; vice-president, James Montgomery; secretary-treasurer, David Bell. W. H. Ross, of Dundas, gave an address on "A Look Ahead," and the Rev. Dr. Dickson, of Galt, on "The Home in Relation to the Sunday School." The attendance was large at both sessions and excellent music was furnished by the choir.