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OTTAWA.

At a recent meeting of the session of Bank Street Church, Rev. Dr. Moore, who was for more than thirty years minister of the church, was elected pastor emeritus.

Bank Street congregation in the near future will build at the corner of O'Connor and Cooper Streets, having been granted permission by the Presbytery to that end. The new site is in every way considered a most eligible one.

Officers for the ensuing year were elected at the annual meeting of the Young People's Association of Knox Church last week. They are: President, Mr. H. S. McMullen; secretary-treasurer, Misses McJanet and Katie Cherry; convenors of committees: educational, Mr. S. A. McDermott; biblical, Miss Deacon; social, Miss Christie and Miss Margaret Stalker; outlook, Mr. S. J. Jarvis and Miss MacPherson.

The death at the age of 52 years is announced of Alexander M. Bayne, of Merrivale. For many years he took a prominent part in local and church matters. He was an elder of the Merrivale congregation and superintendent of the Sunday School, filling both positions faithfully and efficiently. The funeral service was held in the church conducted by the pastor, Rev. A. G. Cameron, who preached from the words "Blessed are the Dead that Die in the Lord" with special application to the deceased. Rev. R. Eadie, of Hintonburg, assisted; and the large attendance at the funeral bore testimony to the high regard in which he was held by his neighbors and friends.

Last Sunday morning, in Erskine Church, the pastor, Rev. C. W. Nicol, preached a sermon on "Imperialism" from the text, "Thou hast increased the nation, O Lord, thou hast increased the nation; Thou art glorified." The dreams of great princes, prophets, and statesmen as to the greatness of the Assyrian, Grecian, and Roman monarchies were realized for a time, but all their greatness has vanished, because imperialism without God is a farce. Babylon was a golden cup in the Lord's hand, but when she exalted herself in pride and forgot God, the golden cup was dashed to the ground. True imperialism and Divine sovereignty are synonymous. "Thou hast increased the nation," The prophet teaches that God is the great factor in national upbuilding and national life, the dominant power in the universe. Our statesmen and legislators are looking forward to a great future for the British Empire, and a prominent place for Canada in the councils of the nation; let the statesmen of England and Canada understand their plain course of duty, as the representatives of a Christian nation, that it is theirs to make the people know and feel God's power, and fear and obey Him,—that it is at once the nation's privilege and duty to evangelize the world, for no nation has a right to colonize the smallest strip of heathen territory in Africa or elsewhere without sending them the Bible and the missionary. Imperialism is evangelistic, and is the voice of the whole nation, sending forth the knowledge of the true God in Christ, as the God of love and goodwill towards men, that God may be honored and glorified. The discourse, of which the above is the merest outline, was listened to with close attention and evident pleasure by a large congregation, and the unique service was appropriately closed with the National Anthem.

EASTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. H. S. Lee, of Apple Hill, and Rev. Mr. Drysdale, of Gravel Hill, exchanged pulpits last Sunday.

On Sunday last several additional elders were ordained and inducted in Salem church, Summerstown, the pastor, Rev. John Matheson, officiating.

Mr. Smith, of Montreal, was the preacher in the Gravel Hill Church on a recent Sunday; and Rev. Mr. Hanna, Field Secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance, visited this locality in the interest of the work.

Mrs. D. A. McArthur left Maxville last week to make her future home at Central Butte, Sask. For over twenty years she had taken an active interest in Church work, and in the Presbyterian Sunday school especially she will be greatly missed.

The engagement is announced of Miss Mabel M. Bateman, daughter of Mr. G. A. Bateman, Kingston, to the Rev. Herbert Wallace, B.A., Ph.D., assistant professor of Hebrew, Queen's University. The marriage will take place very quietly early in June.

Rev. G. W. Mingie, of North Lunenburg, lectured on Monday evening in the Pleasant Valley Church on "From Canada to Cuba," giving those who heard him an interesting and instructive talk on what he saw during his recent visit to the "Queen of the Antilles."

On Thursday, June 3rd, the Ladies' Aid of the Woodlands Church have chartered the "Island Belle" steamer for an excursion to Ogdensburg and Morristown, N.Y. This promises to be a most enjoyable trip. For full particulars readers are referred to posters.

The many friends of Rev. N. A. McLeod, of the First Church, Brockville, will be glad to learn that he is recovering after an illness of about two months. He will soon leave for Nova Scotia for a prolonged holiday, which it is hoped will fully restore him to health and vigor.

At a banquet in connection with the Gravel Hill Church, held in the Orange Hall, at which sixty men were present, at which suitable addresses were given by Rev. Mr. Bell, of Finch, and Rev. Mr. Mackay, of Maxville, a Brotherhood Association was organized in connection with the Laymen's Missionary Movement. A strong committee was named to look after arrangements for the future.

Rev. J. J. Patterson, of St. Andrew's Church, Sarnia, has announced that he will read no more notices from the pulpit. "There are three newspapers in this city," he said, "and in future the public will receive the news dealing with the services of this church through the columns of those papers." It would be well if everywhere Mr. Patterson's method of dealing with pulpit intimations were adopted. The reading of a long string of notices is not a very fitting finish to an impressive sermon.

The 25th annual meeting of the Glenarry Presbyterian, W.F.M.S., will be held in Knox Church, Cornwall, on Wednesday and Thursday, June 9 and 10. There will be four sessions, Wednesday afternoon and evening and Thursday morning and afternoon. Among those who will take part in the services will be Miss Hamilton, Mrs. David Tait, Mrs. N. H. McGillivray, Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. J. D. MacLennan, Mrs. James Pollock, Mrs. J. Grant, Miss Cline, Miss Copeland, Mrs. J. Hall, Mrs. John McConnell, Mrs. J. Fraser, Mrs. A. McDonald, and Mrs. Rombough.

TORONTO.

Mrs. (Rev.) Daniel Strachan and Mrs. Thompson are settled at 123 Huntley Street.

Rev. A. Logan Goggie, of the Parkdale Church, having been asked by the committee appointed by St. Andrew's Church, Winnipeg, to select a pastor to allow his name to be placed before the congregation, has declined, to the great delight of his greatly attached people.

Rev. Dr. Milligan, who was to have preached the annual sermon at the closing exercises of Woodstock College on Thursday, 25th inst., will through illness be unable to be present and his place will be taken by Rev. A. L. Goggie of Parkdale Presbyterian church, who is well known as a preacher of marked ability.

Special services celebrated the third anniversary of the building of St. Paul's Church last Sunday week. Rev. W. J. Clarke, of Westmount, Montreal, and formerly of London, Ontario, conducted both morning and evening services. An appeal for special offerings for the reduction of the mortgage on the church resulted in the realization of a substantial amount of money to be devoted to that purpose.

On last Sunday Avenue Road Presbyterians held their anniversary services, when Rev. Prof. Ballantyne preached in the morning, Rev. Robert Herbison, of St. Giles', in the evening, and Rev. Alexander McGillivray, of Bonar Church, addressed the children in the afternoon. All the services were well attended. This congregation, under the pastoral care of Rev. Mr. Stephen, is growing steadily, and promises soon to be one of the strongest in the city.

HAMILTON.

Rev. S. H. Sarkissian, of Binbrook and Saltfleet, preached recently in St. John's church, and made a telling plea for his fellow-countrymen in their sufferings.

A handsome souvenir handbook of Hamilton is being prepared for the commissioners who attend the General Assembly to be held in our city next week. The billeting committee has not yet been able to complete its labor owing to the neglect of some Presbyteries to forward list of commissioners. Rev. J. A. Wilson, secretary of the local committee, is working night and day.

The Lord's Day Alliance has been active of late in our city, and several convictions have been registered in candy-selling and other cases. There is great room for improvement yet, however. Twenty-eight persons were counted going in and out of a certain tobacco store in the short space of ten minutes one Sabbath evening recently. Hamilton needs an Anthony Comstock.

WESTERN ONTARIO.

Mr. George A. Little, of Knox College, Toronto, has accepted a call to Knox Church, Kenora.

St. Paul's Church, Ingersoll, after undergoing extensive repairs, was reopened on the 16th inst. by appropriate services conducted by Rev. Dr. Dickie, of Woodstock. Rev. Mr. Bright took the services in Chalmers' Church.

MISSIONARY WANTED.

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