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## Ministers and Churches

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## OTTAWA.

The Presbyterian Ministerial association met on Monday to make arrangements for a Sunday school rally day to be held at New Year's. It was proposed to have the meeting at Knox church, but it was not definitely decided. The following committee was appointed to make arrangements: Rev. Robert Eadie, convenor; Rev. Mr. Scott, Rev. Dr. Ramsay, Rev. A. E. Mitchell, Mr. Neil McKinnon and Mr. Bowman. Rev. Robert Eadie occupied the chair.

Rev. Wm. Shearer, agent of the Presbyterian French work in Quebec, whose particular mission is to raise \$60,000 for new school buildings at Pointe-Aux-Trembles, preached in the Glebe church last Sunday morning, and in MacKay church in the evening. He gave a description of life in Lower Canada, dwelling specially on the conditions caused by lack of education, and emphasizing the need of educating French Canadian people with a view to lifting them to a higher plane, individually and nationally. The object was not to make Protestants of Roman Catholics, but to give them the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The preacher gave an interesting description of the work in the church school at Pointe-Aux-Trembles. The present buildings were too small to accommodate the number of students that wished to attend, and many had to be turned away. Hence the need of new buildings.

Last week the report of the Anniversary services in connection with St. Paul's Church was over-looked. On Sunday earnest and able sermons were preached by Rev. John MacKay, M.A., of Crescent Church, Montreal; and whose visit to the congregation will long be remembered with interest. On the following evening the annual social was well attended. Rev. Dr. Armstrong, presided. It was expected that Rev. Mr. MacKay would address the meeting, but the sudden death of his father at Lucknow, Ont., called him to the house of mourning, followed by the heartfelt sympathy of all who met him during his brief visit at the Capital. A good programme of music was presented; and Mr. Whillans, the treasurer, in a pleasant speech referring to the discharged mortgage, said it would not be burned. There were names attached to it which made it most valuable. A number of signatures were on the mortgage of members who had departed from this world and this piece of paper had now become sacred. The congregation had much to be thankful for he said and he thanked their good friend, Mrs. Lumsden for her generosity in paying off the debt.

The handkerchief social of the Ladies Aid in connection with the Callander Congregation was an encouraging success. Thanks to the many outside friends who by mail contributed towards it. Visions of a mouse are beginning to take a tangible shape, owing to this active organization.

The death is announced at North Lancaster, of Mrs. Peter McGregor, after a long illness, borne with Christian fortitude. Deceased was a woman of sterling character, unvarying kindness given to hospitality. Naturally she enjoyed in high degree the esteem of a large circle of friends, who sincerely regret her demise, and who join in extending to the bereaved relatives their heartfelt sympathy. The funeral was largely attended, and interment took place to the cemetery at Dalhousie Mills, after service had been conducted at the home by Rev. W. A. Morrison.

## WESTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. J. M. Glassford, of Guelph, has been lecturing at Tavistock on the "Home Land of the Bible." There was a large attendance.

On a recent Sunday Rev. R. F. Cameron of Georgetown, conducted anniversary services in the Erin church.

The anniversary services of First Essa Church were held on the 10th inst. by Rev. W. M. Morris, of Bond Head.

The high tea and lecture last week in Melville church, Fergus, was largely attended. Altogether over \$100 was realized. The lecture, as delivered by Rev. Mr. MacVicar on "The Covenanters and Their Times," was intensely interesting.

Rev. R. A. Cranston, Cromarty, and Rev. Mr. Sawyers of Brucefield exchanged pulpits on the 10th inst., and the missionary sermon listened to was said to be the most fervent and inspiring ever preached here. Mr. Sawyers has the true ring of an earnest missionary-spirited man and must fire the hearts of all who hear him and awaken a lasting enthusiasm.

Rev. C. Tate, who has been pastor at Moorefield, Ont., for the past eleven years, has accepted a call to Okotoks, Alta., and left for the latter place with his family last week. His late congregation presented him with a well-filled purse on the eve of his departure, paid his salary for the balance of the year and also kindly remembered Mrs. Tate.

The young people of Hyde Park and neighborhood have organized a Guild Society, with Rev. Mr. Nixon as honorary president, and Miss Margaret Ramsay, president. The meetings are held in the Presbyterian Church every Friday evening. At the last meeting Miss Annie E. Mackenzie, one of the vice-presidents, explained the Sunday school lesson in a very able manner.

The congregation in the Scotch Settlement know full well how to warm up towards their pastor. On Thursday last Rev. D. N. Morden was waited upon by Messrs. John Sinclair and Wm. Johnston and presented with a pair of driving gauntlets, a fur coat and robe, three very useful articles for this season of the year. Rev. Mr. Morden, who was taken completely by surprise, expressed his thankfulness for the handsome gift, and especially for the spirit of kindly feeling which prompted the same.

Very successful anniversary services were held in Avonion church on a recent Sunday. Rev. A. A. MacWilliams, of St. Marys occupied the pulpit both morning and evening, and preached very eloquent and instructive sermons. The attendance was very good, a number being there from neighboring congregations. On Monday evening a very interesting lecture on the "Canadian West" was given by Rev. G. R. MacBeth, of Paris. The duties of chairman were very ably filled by the pastor, Mr. Graham. The total amount taken up at the Sunday offerings, and the silver collection Monday night was \$94.

Rev. J. C. Wilson, B.A., has been preaching a very interesting series of sermons, says the Acton Free Press, on the Ten Commandments. Last Sunday evening his topic was the seventh commandment. This observant pastor preached a very earnest sermon, pointing out the evils which very frequently follow where parents fail to exercise a proper discipline over their growing children, and permit them to frequent the streets and other public places at night without restraint. Very kindly exhortation was given to the young women to refrain from aimlessly padding the streets at night, when they might be employed in that which will cultivate mind and heart, and much better fit them for future life.

## MONTREAL.

Rev. Mr. Beatt, who has for some time been a resident of this city, left recently for Edmonton, in which neighborhood he expects to labor as his health and strength will permit.

On Friday evening of last week, the Ladies' Aid Society gave a very successful high tea in the Maisonneuve Church. The room was prettily decorated with flags of different nations and the tables were tastefully arranged with flowers and an abundance of good things. After supper an enjoyable musical programme was given and the Rev. W. R. Cruikshank, of Montreal West, addressed the gathering. The debt on the church has recently been paid and steps are being taken to enlarge the audience room.

The friends of the Rev. Milton Jack, of Chateauguay Basin, who left Canada late in September as a missionary to Formosa, will be glad to hear that he arrived at his destination on Nov. 6. The latter part of the voyage was stormy but of great interest. On reaching Tamsui he was met by the missionaries including the wife and daughter of the late Dr. Mackay, while the native students lined up along the roadway and marched to the mission grounds singing a Chinese hymn to the tune of "Onward, Christian Soldiers." Letters have been a little less than a month on the way, but the mail service is irregular.

## MONTREAL PRESBYTERY.

At the meeting of this Presbytery last week, Rev. J. D. Anderson, of Beauharnois and Chateauguay, was elected moderator and at once took the chair.

The Rev. Dr. Scrimger called attention to the presence at the meeting of the Rev. Dr. Wardrope, of the Guelph Presbytery, and Dr. Wardrope was thereupon asked to sit in the Presbytery as a corresponding member.

The Rev. C. Houghton, of Russelltown, announced his resignation of his charge, his chief reason being, he said, that he wished to continue his course of studies. He added that the Church was in a discouraging position, there having been a great falling off in members, owing to deaths and to the moving away of whole families. It was being found extremely difficult to raise the pastor's stipend, and the church would soon become dependent, at least in part, on the Augmentation committee. Mr. McDowell, an elder of the church, appeared, to represent the congregation, and in reply to Mr. Walter Paul, said the congregation at Russelltown were not discouraged. The Presbytery decided to appoint the Rev. Mr. Stephenson, of Beech Ridge, moderator of the sessions until the pulpit was filled.

A number of missionary reports were made, some of these being of a very encouraging character. An exchange of pulpits by ministers was advocated between city and district pastors as a means of keeping up the interest and enthusiasm of the congregations. The Rev. Mr. Duclos thought that while this was desirable, it would be even more helpful to secure foreign missionaries, because the people wanted to hear about the work in the field.

The Rev. Dr. Campbell referred to the death of the late Dr. Warden, who was for twenty years a member of the Presbytery, and who, by his wisdom and helpfulness, added much to its counsels. He proposed that a resolution be passed expressing the loss which they felt at his death, and this was agreed to, Drs. Campbell and Scrimger being asked to draft the resolution.