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OTTAWA.

The next meeting of Ottawa Presbytery will be held in Bank Street Church, on Tuesday, 6th Nov.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed in St. Paul's Church, next Sunday morning. Preparatory service on Friday evening at 7 o'clock.

Rev. W. T. Pretty, of Vernon, has been appointed to convey the Ottawa Presbytery greetings to the W. F. M. Presbyterial which meets in Erskine Church on 6th Nov. next.

The Metcalfe session has been granted permission to build a church near Edward's station for the purpose of accommodating the people who live in that vicinity.

At the meeting of Ottawa Presbytery on Tuesday, Rev. A. E. Mitchell, M.A., minister of Erskine Church, was elected moderator. There was a full attendance of members, and much business was transacted.

The committee on systematic benevolence, of Ottawa Presbytery, was authorized to take the whole matter of contributions to the different schemes of the church into consideration with a view to having the funds increased by the end of the year.

Important reports were presented to Ottawa Presbytery, by the Rev. Dr. Ramsay, on Augmentation, recommending the necessary grants to different fields; by Rev. M. H. Scott, M.A., on French Evangelization; and from Rev. Dr. Armstrong, upon Home Missions.

Visitors to the Ottawa Presbytery were Rev. Principal Mackenzie, of the Elmira Ladies' College, who has been preaching in St. Andrew's Church for a couple of Sundays; Rev. W. W. McCuaig, formerly of Levis, Que.; Rev. D. M. Solandt, lately of Kingston, but now residing in this city; and Rev. Mr. McGregor, who, for sometime has been filling the pulpit at Cumberland. They were all invited to sit as corresponding members.

Provision has been made for the induction of Rev. J. S. Caldwell, B.A., a recent graduate of Queen's, who has accepted a call to Cumberland and Rockland. Rev. A. E. Mitchell, the moderator of Presbytery, will preside; Rev. Mr. Langill of Vars will preach; Rev. Mr. McElroy of Stewarton church, Ottawa, will address the people; and Rev. H. Taylor, of East Templeton, will address the minister. The date of induction will be fixed by the clerk on hearing from Mr. Caldwell.

Ottawa Presbytery has made an important move in appointing Rev. R. J. Craig, of Aylmer, as a special evangelist to take up work of that character in the congregations of the presbytery. Rev. Mr. Craig will cease his duties at Aylmer at the end of this month. In the meantime a successor will be looked for to take charge of his congregation when he leaves. In the new work he will take up he will act under the guidance of a special committee appointed by the presbytery to organize the work and place it on a footing that will make it of the most possible benefit. To the various congregations that he will visit Mr. Craig goes with the full authority and backing and good will of the presbytery. It is expected that this work will prove a living power for good amongst all the congregations.

A Montreal exchange mentions that Rev. Dr. Herridge, of Ottawa, had taken the union services at Murray Bay during the season.

WESTERN ONTARIO.

Mr. Waghorn has been appointed leader of the Wallaceburg Presbyterian choir.

Rev. H. Peckover, of Sunderland, in the absence of the pastor, occupied the pulpit of the Innerkip church.

Rev. Mr. Pogue, assistant minister of Bethany church, Philadelphia, has been preaching at Hamilton and Hespeler.

Rev. Dr. Grant, of Orillia, has returned from his vacation, and resumed his pulpit ministrations last Sunday.

The congregation of St. Andrew's, Creemore, are extending a call to Rev. G. Crawford, of St. Catharines.

Rev. James W. Orr, Alma, is called to Crumlin and Dorchester, to succeed Rev. W. M. Kay, who recently resigned.

Rev. Dr. Smith, of Comber, has been visiting members of his former charge at Bradford and vicinity.

Rev. Donald Currie of Hillsdale has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Currie, of Nottawa.

The members of the Nottawa choir and friends recently spent a pleasant evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. Brown.

Local papers note the marriage at Hespeler, of Rev. Albert V. Brown, B. A., B.D., of Newcastle, Ont., to Miss Wilhelmina V. Rudell, of the former place.

Rev. Dr. McCrac, of Westminster, is taking a month's vacation by exchange with brethren. Last Sunday his pulpit was filled by Rev. E. H. Sawers, of Brucefield.

The Rev. S. O. Nixon, Ph.B., of Ayr, has been unanimously called to succeed the Rev. W. M. Rochester as minister of Knox church, Kenora. The congregation gives the free use of a manse and a salary of \$1,000 a year.

A very pleasing event occurred in the Newtonville church last Wednesday evening, when Miss Stella Barrie, the organist for the past four or five years, was made the recipient of a purse as a slight recognition of her faithful and gratuitous services in that capacity.

Before leaving Mount Forest for Brandon, Miss Tena McCullouch was presented with a Bible and Hymn Book by the teachers of Westminster Sunday school, Miss McCulloch was a valued teacher in the school for a number of years.

At the induction of Rev. James Argo into the pastorate of Lobo and Caradoc, Rev. James Lindsay, of Kintore, presided; Rev. Mr. Mitchell, of London, preached the sermon; Rev. Dr. Nixon, of Hyde Park, addressed the minister, and Rev. W. H. Geddes, of Ailsa Craig, the people.

Ladies of the Embro church met at the home of Mrs. George Murray, of West Zorra, to hold their fifth annual quilting on behalf of the Indians, to whom the Presbyterian church of Embro has been despatching a box of clothing, etc., every summer. The lawn looked quite gay with its knot of busy workers surrounding the large red comforter tied with the brilliant colors so dear to the red man's heart. An interesting feature of the afternoon was the tying of the first and also the last knot of the quilt by Mrs. Murray, who is now in her eighty-eighth year. After the work was over the ladies of the home served a faint tea, which was heartily enjoyed by all.

Rev. James Buchanan, convener of the committee on "Methods of Finance," in Orangeville Presbytery, is making a systematic effort to increase the givings in all the congregations within the bounds. To this end he furnishes necessary information. In a recent circular a table is printed showing averages for the whole church and Orangeville Presbytery. And then it is intimated: "Orange-

ville Presbytery in its givings for schemes is \$1.37 per family and 93 cents per member below the average of the whole church. That fact is not creditable to our people, and demands that we increase our givings."

The farewell to Rev. Dr. Somerville, for so long the honored pastor of Division Street Presbyterian Church, Owen Sound, was the event of last week in that prosperous and busy town. The pulpit had been declared vacant on the previous Sabbath by Rev. Dr. Fraser, of Annapolis, interim moderator, and on Tuesday afternoon the ladies of the congregation turned out en masse to bid farewell to Mrs. Somerville, to whom, at a pleasant social function in the spacious new Sunday school hall, they presented a chaste and beautiful tea service in sterling silver and a very handsome cut-glass berry bowl. After Mrs. Somerville had made her acknowledgments in a very felicitous address, the whole company sat down to tea and spent a very pleasant and sociable hour. In the evening the church auditorium was filled with Dr. Somerville's friends, met to say him farewell and bid him God-speed. Robt. McKnight, Esq., the county registrar, presided. The appreciation, regrets and good wishes of the congregation were embodied in a beautifully illuminated address bound in morocco and gold, which was read by John Armstrong, Esq., K.C., and the elegant volume presented by Mr. H. H. Burgess, public school inspector. After a most cordial expression of gratitude in Dr. Somerville's happiest vein of humor and pathos, a resolution was read by a representative of the town council, expressing their sense of the loss the town sustained through the removal of Dr. Somerville, and representatives from the Presbytery, the Ministerial Association of the town and the sister congregation of Knox church were heard and the benediction was pronounced, hundreds lingered inspecting the elegant presents and bidding a personal farewell to Dr. and Mrs. Somerville, whose unique place in the hearts of the people of the congregation and town it will be hard to fill. Thus ends a rarely extended and successful pastorate and Dr. Somerville leaves for his new sphere of work and new home with the heartiest good will and good wishes, not only of his own congregation, but of practically the whole town of Owen Sound.

HAMILTON.

Most of the city ministers have returned from their vacation and plans for fall work are being laid.

Rev. H. B. Ketchen, pastor of MacNab street church, has returned from his vacation. His last Sunday's subjects were: "Triumphant Faith," and "Creation and Recreation."

Rev. S. B. Russell, of Erskine church, preached last Sabbath morning on "The Unity of the Christian Life," while his evening subject, "Work," was a sermon appropriate to Labor Day.

Knox church is still hearing men. Rev. R. Pogue, formerly of Hespeler, but now assistant pastor to Rev. Dr. Patterson, of Bethany church, Philadelphia, was the preacher on Sunday.

The warm weather this summer made itself noticeably felt on the diminished congregations during July and August. Most of the ministers very wisely cut their services short.

Rev. Neil MacPherson, who about two years ago was called from St. Paul's church, Hamilton, to a leading pulpit in Indianapolis, has been spending part of his vacation in the city, the guest of Rev. John Young, of St. John's church. On Sunday last, Sept. 2nd, he preached both morning and evening for Mr. Young, and a large number of friends from all the congregations embraced the opportunity of hearing him once again.