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Ministers and Churches.

The Rev. C. B. Pitblado, has been elected Moderator of the Winnipeg Presbytery.

The Rev. W. W. Peck, LL.D., of Kingston, will be inducted at Napanee to-morrow, 3rd inst.

Rev. J. Hay, of Cobourg, preached in the Presbyterian Church, Oshawa, a few Sabbaths since.

Rev. W. M. McKibbin's salary as clerk of the Stratford Presbytery has been fixed at \$75 per annum.

Rev. W. McKenzie, B.A., of Brockville, conducted services at John Street Church, Belleville, recently.

Gillies Hill Presbyterians have elected Messrs. John McLaggan and John Taylor as elders of the congregation.

Rev. Dr. Robertson while in Vancouver, B. C., recently was the guest of Mr. J. B. Kennedy, M.P.P.

The Rev. J. Buchanan, of Eburne, has been elected Moderator of the Westminster Presbytery, British Columbia.

Rev. Duncan McLeod, of Salcoats, has been elected Moderator of the Presbytery of Minnedosa for the current term.

The Rev. A. C. Reeves, of Lakefield, has been elected Moderator of the Peterboro' Presbytery for the ensuing six months.

Rev. S. C. Murray, B.A., of Port Arthur, lectured in the Presbyterian Church, Keewatin, on Thursday evening of last week.

Rev. Dr. McDonald, of Seaford, returned home a week ago from Detroit, where he had been spending a portion of his holidays.

The Rev. Robt. Pettigrew, M.A., by appointment of Presbytery, has preached in the vacant pulpit of the Presbyterian Church, St. George.

Rev. John Becket was elected Moderator of the Chatham Presbytery for the coming six months at their meeting on Wednesday at Chatham.

Rev. G. T. Bayne, of Ashton and Apple on, exchanged pulpits on a recent Sabbath evening with Rev. A. E. Mitchell, of St. John's Church, Almonte.

At the Presbyterian Indian Mission, Portage la Prairie, a new school building is being erected, on stone foundation. It will be a fine frame structure.

Rev. J. McLaren, pastor of Carp and Kilmartin Presbyterian congregations, has returned from his trip to the old land, and is much improved in health.

Rev. William Wylie, of Philadelphia, formerly pastor of River Street Presbyterian Church, Paris, has been spending a few holidays with Paris friends.

The Rev. J. R. McKnight made application to the Peterboro' Presbytery to be received as a minister of the church under charge of Presbytery. Consideration deferred.

The call extended to Rev. W. A. Cook, of Dorchester, by the Presbyterian congregation of Thorold was signed by no fewer than 120 communicants and a number of adherents.

Rev. J. McMeachin, of Port Perry, preached in the Presbyterian Church, Brooklin, last Sunday morning and dispensed the sacrament of the Lord's supper to a large congregation.

The W. F. M. S. of Knox Church, Belmont, has packed a bale of clothing for the Northwest Indian Mission. It was valued at \$76.75. The Kilmartin Society packed a bale valued at \$65.

The anniversary services were held in Knox Church, Beaverton, a week ago Sabbath. The pastor, Rev. M. N. Bethune preached able and instructive sermons morning and evening to large congregations.

We regret to learn that the Rev. T. G. Thomson, pastor of Locke Street Presbyterian Church, Hamilton, has been ordered by his physician to give up preaching for some time on account of a severe affection of the throat.

The Presbyterians of Collingwood are about to enlarge their church by the addition of two transepts and a gallery, at a probable cost of \$4,000. The present church is much too small for the ever-increasing congregation.

The Presbyterian Church at Ballinasfad has been unable to agree on the selection of a pastor. The Presbytery has consequently appointed Mr. Carson, of Caledon East, an ordained missionary, to take charge for a couple of years.

It is intended to have one of the large windows in the new Presbyterian Church, Blenheim, handsomely illuminated in honor of Rev. A. W. Waddell, who labored so faithfully as pastor for thirty-five years, and who is still living in town.

Mr. Norman McGillivray, a member of St. Andrew's congregation, Whitby, and a matriculant of University College, Toronto, appeared before Whitby Presbytery for examination at its late meeting in Claremont with a view to study for the gospel ministry. After being examined by a committee the clerk was directed to certify Mr. McGillivray to the Senate of Knox College.

The Rev. George H. Smith, M.A., B.D., of Danville, Quebec, has returned after a fourteen month's sojourn in the Old Country where he has been taking special studies at Oxford, London, Edinburgh and Marburg, Germany. His address at present is Hawkesbury, Ont.

Mr. Sidney M. Whaley, B.A., a graduate of Knox College, has accepted a call to St. Helen's and East Ashfield. The Presbytery of Maitland will meet on Thursday, October 10th, at 1 p.m., in St. Helen's Church to conduct the prospective pastor's ordination trials, and 2.30 the ordination and induction services will commence.

The Carleton Place Herald says:—"Rev. J. W. Mitchell won for himself a tender spot in the affections of our people for his many kindly offices. In the enquiry room Mr. Mitchell's work was especially successful, and many there are who thank him for brushing away the clouds of difficulty and enabling them to see the light."

A new Presbyterian Church was recently opened at Novar by the Rev. A. McGillivray, B.A., of Toronto. On the following Monday evening there was an enjoyable tea, at which Mr. F. E. Pitts, the student in charge, presided. Music and suitable addresses made up an attractive programme. Proceeds of the opening and tea \$66.

The Toronto Bible Training School has again commenced the work of another session with a large attendance at both the day and evening classes. The services of the Rev. Dr. Erdman, so well known in connection with the Niagara Summer Convention, have been secured for a course of lectures in the school. The opening public meeting of the school will be held on Thursday, October 8th, in the Northern Congregational Church, at which Dr. Erdman will be the principal speaker. He will also take part at Sunday services in the city churches on the 6th and 13th of October.

The Brien Church, Plymton (Rev. G. Cuthbertson), was recently re-opened after having undergone a thorough renovation. The decoration has been tastefully done so that the church now presents a bright, cheerful appearance. The re-opening sermons were preached to large congregations on Sept. 1st, by Rev. A. Henderson of Appin. On Monday, Sept. 2nd, a tea and meeting was held which was very successful. The Rev. G. Cuthbertson, who has been pastor for over nineteen years, presided, and, in addition to a number of solos and readings, appropriate speeches were delivered by Rev. Messrs. Pritchard, Henderson and Jordan.

The Rev. John Crawford, M. A., of Niagara Falls, on his return home with his bride, was warmly welcomed by his congregation. The church was tastefully decorated for the occasion, and the attendance of members and friends was large. Appropriate addresses were delivered by Rev. Wm. McGormack, of Stratford, Rev. Jas. Wilson, of Niagara South, and by resident ministers. A purse containing \$100, along with an affectionately worded address, were presented to Mr. and Mrs. Crawford; and after refreshments had been partaken of the company separated with hearty good wishes for the health and happiness of the minister and his young wife.

A Providence, R. I., paper gives the following interesting item concerning a former minister of the Church in Canada, well known to many of our readers: "Under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society, a large number of the members of the First Presbyterian Church recently tendered their pastor, Rev. J. A. F. McBain, D.D., and his family, a very pleasant reception at the residence of Mrs. Edwards, 26 Trask street. The meeting was planned for the purpose of greeting the pastor and family on their return from an extended vacation, and Mr. Charles W. Chapman, as spokesman, gave a cordial welcome to Dr. McBain, to which the latter replied in appropriate terms."

We made mention last week of the purchase of a suitable building for a manse at Merrickville. A correspondent writes: "The congregations are greatly pleased at the success which has attended Mr. Aston's labors, without which the scheme would never have been initiated and brought to so happy an issue. Well known in the Brockville Presbytery for the fire, force, and spiritual earnestness of his preaching; for his genial social disposition, and pastoral diligence, Mr. Aston also enjoys a reputation as a cultured musician, and an expert organist and pianist. His many friends wish him a happy career of usefulness and success in what is now his adopted country and sphere of ministerial effort. Mr. Aston is at present in Montreal completing the list of subscriptions necessary to place the Manse Fund on a satisfactory basis."

The Rev. Alexander McLennan, whose death was announced in last issue, was born in Rosshire, Scotland, studied for the ministry in Knox College, graduating in 1866. After spending a year at Princeton he was called to the congregation at Hoath Head where he labored faithfully till compelled to give up work by the illness which terminated in his death on the 19th ult. In the year 1874 he led to the altar Miss Kate Frazer Creelman, daughter of James Creelman, Collingwood, the fruit of the union being four sons and two daughters, who survive him, with his wife. It was a large funeral cortege, many towns-people and friends from Hoath Head being in attendance. Dr. Frazer, Annan; Rev. Dr. Somerville, Rev. W. Forest, Owen Sound; Rev. D. A. McLean, Kemble; Rev. J. McNabb, Kilsyth and Rev. A. Thompson, Chatham, were the pall bearers.

ORDINATION AND INDUCTION.

Whitby Presbytery met on the 24th ult., at Claremont, for the examination, ordination and induction of Mr. John McLean, Licentiate of the Presbytery of Lindsay, and inducted as pastor of Erskine Church in that village. A large and deeply interested congregation convened to join in Divine service and to witness the solemn ceremonies of the day. The Presbytery was constituted by the Rev. John Abraham, acting Moderator, "the edict having been duly published, and no objections offered to the life or doctrine of the minister elect. The Rev. George B. McLeod, of New castle, preached. Rev. Mr. MacLaren, Columbus, detailed the steps taken in connection with the call. The Moderator led in prayer, and by the "laying on of the hands of the Presbytery" the young brother was solemnly set apart to the "pastoral office." The Rev. Mr. MacAulay, of Pickering, delivered "the charge" to the minister, and Mr. McLean addressed the congregation. The services were of a high order, and greatly appreciated. The settlement is a very harmonious one, and gives promise of spiritual prosperity. Duncan McNabb, Esq., entertained the Presbytery at dinner and a successful social was held in the Sabbath-school room in the evening, followed by speeches, and vocal music furnished by the Stouffville choir.—J. McMAHAN, Clerk.

PRESBYTERY MEETINGS.

LONDON: This Presbytery, at its regular meeting on the 10th September, elected Mr. D. L. Dewar, as Moderator for the next six months. Mr. Dewar reported on the condition of East Williams congregation to the effect that nearly all the members forming the congregation had united with the neighboring congregation. At a subsequent stage of the Presbytery's proceedings, a committee was appointed to visit East Williams, and report on the condition of things as regards the church property. A circular from Mr. Blackett Robinson, agent Sabbath School registers, was read, and ordered to be referred to Sabbath School Committee. It was agreed to leave the supply of North Ekfrid station in the hands of Home Mission Committee; it was also agreed "to grant to the Augmented charges the half years' allowances respectively, according to the grants made last March." The Presbytery's attention was called to the intention of the Assembly's Committee to withdraw the grant from Alma St. Church, St. Thomas, at the close of the current half year. After hearing Mr. McIntyre, and making special enquiry as to the state of the congregation, the Presbytery resolved to ask the Augmentation Committee to continue the grant for twelve months. The Presbytery resolved to call the attention of the Moderator of the Synod of Hamilton and London, to the fact, that no convener was appointed on Synod's Augmentation Committee suggesting that he should appoint one meantime. A deputation from Aylmer congregation appeared before the Presbytery, stating that on account of the removal of a number of families from the congregation, they are unable to meet current expenses. They simply ask the Presbytery's counsel in the matter. The following committee was appointed: Messrs. Geo. Sutherland, J. A. Macdonald, D. L. Dewar, and J. Cernie, ministers; Dr. Hodge and Mr. A. Thomson, elders, to meet with the congregation and report. Leave was given to Knox Church, London South, to mortgage their church property for

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