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Ministers and Churches.

Mr. and Mrs. Dr. Ure, of Goderich, have been visiting Mr. John Watson, of Ayr.

The congregation of Duart, Chatham Presbytery, has extended a unanimous call to Rev. James Argo, of Toronto.

Rev. Dr. G. B. Booth, of Erie, Penn., preached very acceptably in St. Paul's Church, Hamilton, last Sabbath.

Rev. Neil McPherson, pastor of the Petrolia Presbyterian Church, has been presented with a bicycle by his congregation.

Rev. Dr. Watson, of Beaverton, paid a short visit to Orillia last week to see some of his old parishioners who are residents there.

Rev. J. Mackie, M.A., of St. Andrew's Church, Kingston, accompanied by his wife, left on Thursday last for a trip to Scotland.

The Rev. Mr. Mahaffy, of Knox Church, Orangeville, has been confined to his house for a couple of weeks with a bad attack of la grippe.

All correspondence intended for the Presbytery of Kamloops should be sent to Rev. Geo. A. Wilson, Vernon, B.C., who has been appointed clerk *pro tem*.

Rev. Robert Johnston, B.A., B.D., of London, officiated at both services in the First Presbyterian Church, Chatham, a week ago Sunday, and preached fervent and eloquent discourses.

Rev. R. G. Sinclair, late of Mount Pleasant and Burford, has received a unanimous call to Canard, one of the most thriving parts of the Annapolis Valley, N. S.

The resignation of the Rev. M. N. Bethune of the pastorate at Beaverton and Cambridge has been accepted. Rev. G. MacKay, of Sunderland, is interim Moderator of Session.

Rev. Wm. A. McCorkle, at one time pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Detroit, and well known in Windsor, died at his residence in Detroit last week. He was seventy-three years old.

The Rev. H. J. Borthwick, A.M., editor of the *Morden Herald*, has sold out his interest in that journal to Mr. C. T. Baylis, lately Presbyterian missionary at Roland, Clegg and Rosebank.

Any minister in Ontario who would like to exchange pulpits with a brother minister in Manitoba, for two months—June and July—is asked to correspond with the Rev. R. P. Mackay, 65 Confederation Life Buildings, Toronto.

Rev. Duncan Robertson's resignation of the pastoral charge of East London Church having been accepted, he and his people spoke kindly words of farewell to each other on April 27th. Mr. and Mrs. Robertson have gone West to visit friends.

The Rev. R. S. G. Anderson and his sister, of Wroxeter, Ont., were the guests of W. E. Roxburgh, of Norwood, last week. Mr. Anderson's many friends will be glad to know that he has greatly benefitted by his recent trip to Scotland, and that he resumes work with renewed health and strength.

Rev. H. Cameron, of Morrisburg, occupied the pulpit at both services in the First Presbyterian Church, Brockville, on Sunday. "His sermons," says the *Recorder*, "were able and eloquent efforts, and were listened to with deep interest and much appreciation by the large congregations assembled."

The Synod of Montreal and Ottawa is appointed to meet in Erskine Church, Montreal, on Tuesday, 12th May, at 3 p. m. Members of Synod are requested to notify the secretary of the accommodation committee, the Rev. J. Patterson, 95 Shuter St., without delay if they desire the usual accommodation to be provided.

The Rev. A. Lee, B.A., late of Kamloops, B.C., was on the 5th day of April inducted into the pastoral charge of St. Paul's Church, Prince Albert. The Rev. J. Bryden, of Willoughby, presided and addressed the minister and the Rev. S. Moore, of Mistawasis Indian Reserve, preached and addressed the people. Mr. Lee begins his work in Prince Albert under very happy auspices, and with every prospect of a successful pastorate.

The Napanee *Beaver* says: "Rev. W. W. Peck last week received from the Session Clerk of St. Andrew's Church, Toronto, an invitation to preach there on Sunday, 17th May, with the view to a call. This is certainly very complimentary to Mr. Peck, St. Andrew's being the first Presbyterian church in Toronto, with a stipend of \$4,700, but he has no desire to sever the most friendly relations existing with his congregation in Napanee and has declined to be a candidate."

The Fergus *News-Record*, referring to the large attendance at the induction service and social for the reception of Rev. J. H. MacVicar and wife, says: "This may be taken as suggestive of a general welcome to the new pastor and his wife by the whole Christian people of Fergus, irrespective of denominations and distinctions. . . . When the Rev. R. M. Craig went away it was felt that the entire community had sustained a loss; and the hope now is that the loss may be made up by the settlement of Mr. MacVicar, who has been so cordially received."

We regret to notice the death a few days ago of Mrs. Clark, wife of the Rev. W. J. Clark, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, London. In addition to the sympathy of his Session kindly expressed, Mr. Clark has also that of many friends throughout the Church.

The farewell sermons of Rev. J. W. Rae, of Knox Church, Acton, were preached on Sunday of last week to very large congregations. Rev. Mr. Rae made feeling reference to his nine years pastorate, the success of the congregation's efforts during that time and the present satisfactory condition of the charge. A farewell social was held on Tuesday evening, when the retiring pastor was tendered a complimentary address and a cheque for \$100. The *Free Press* says:—"Mr. Rae's removal is much regretted by all denominations, and the prayers of all follow him for his future success."

Early last week Rev. D. R. Drummond, who has been labouring for almost a year as acting-pastor of New St. Andrews Church, left Toronto, accompanied by Mr. Drummond, for his home in Russelltown, Que. Mrs. Drummond is a young man of exceptional ability, and his pulpit ministrations have been marked by distinguished attainments. In the more prosaic duties of the pastorate—such as that of social intercourse—he has not been found lacking, as was evidenced by the large gathering of St. Andrew's people at the Union Station to bid him farewell. Among the members of the Session were noted Mr. Justice MacLennan, Messrs. Maclean, Massie, Wylie, McCurdy, Cassels, Strachan and McLaurin, while, representing the Managers, Col. Davidson, Mr. A. J. Robertson and Mr. Bell were also present.

We cordially agree with every word of the following from the *Halifax Witness*:—"Rev. Dr. Torrance will next November attain to his ministerial jubilee. The celebration will take place in Guelph, where Dr. Torrance has spent his ministerial life, and where his usefulness has been so conspicuous. But Dr. Torrance belongs to the whole Church. Not many men have done more to unify, organize and stimulate the whole Church since the union of 1875. His statistical reports have been of great service to the Church in showing us our strength and our weakness. The labor bestowed on these annual reports by Dr. Torrance has been very great. We mention his statistical work as best known to the Church at large; but his hand has been in countless other forms of work for the good of the Church and of the community. But this is not the time to speak of him or his work. We only wish to mention that he is on the verge of the jubilee year."

ANNIVERSARY SERVICES.

REV. JOHN THOMPSON, D.D., SARNIA.

On Sunday, April 26th, the Rev. J. Thompson, D.D., of Sarnia, celebrated the thirtieth anniversary of his ordination and induction as pastor of St. Andrew's Church of that town. The Rev. W. G. Jordan, B.A., of Strathroy, preached two sermons of singular power and appropriateness, which were highly appreciated by the large congregations assembled at both services. The subject in the morning was Philippians iv. 10-20, being an exposition of the principle of "giving and receiving," as illustrated by the relationship of Paul to his Philippian converts; in the evening Mr. Jordan preached a sermon on "The written word and the living teacher," from Acts viii. 30, 31. At each service Dr. Thompson gave a short address, in which he cordially recognized the kindness manifested towards him by the congregation, and reverently acknowledged the kind Providence that had watched over him during the years of his long pastorate. Without attempting a lengthy and detailed review of his ministry the doctor called attention to some noteworthy facts as follows:—"Thirty years ago he was ordained and inducted to his first pastoral charge, and although other spheres of labor had at times been open to him, he had seen it to be his duty to remain in the same place ever since, doing his work steadily and according to his best ability. Of the 129 who signed the call only 38 now remain, and of the 75 communicants only 17 are left. The population of the town has only doubled in that time while the communion roll has increased tenfold. So that there are now three congregations in the place of the one small congregation. Of those who attended the ordination services on the part of the Presbytery, eight ministers have been taken away, while one, the Rev. G. Cuthbertson, of Wyoming, still lives and works among us. The thirty years of service had been marked by uninterrupted peace and steadily increasing prosperity which should call forth the gratitude of both minister and people. The ladies of the congregation had prepared a surprise for their minister, in the form of a gift of a set of handsome pulpit robes, which the doctor acknowledged in a few well chosen words.

On the following evening a social meeting was held in the school room, which had been conveniently arranged and tastefully decorated for the occasion. A substantial supper was served from 6:30 to 8 o'clock, and afterwards a programme of instrumental and vocal music provided for the entertainment of those present. In the course of the evening short congratulatory speeches were delivered by Revs. G. Cuthbertson and W. G. Jordan, to which at a later stage suitable response was made by Dr. Thompson. The ladies of the congregation are certainly to be congratulated on the very enjoyable and successful social gathering which concluded the anniversary celebration.

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