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OTTAWA.

At the morning service in St. Paul's Church, Mr. Blackett Robinson was inducted as elder.

Rev. Dr. Ramsay, of Knox Church, exchanged pulpits with Rev. N. H. McMillan, of St. John's Church, Cornwall.

Rev. A. H. Scott, M.A., who has been visiting Toronto, and other places in the interest of the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, and with gratifying success, preached in Bank Street Church last Sunday morning.

The Mission Band of McKay Presbyterian Church held one of the most successful concerts in the history of the organization in the Sunday School hall last week before an audience which taxed the seating accommodation. The hall was beautifully and artistically decorated with flags, bunting and flowers which added much to the beauty of the scene. A choice programme of songs, recitations, drills duets and choruses was rendered in a pleasing manner. The National Anthem brought a most successful concert to a close. Rev. P. W. Anderson presided.

Those who were fortunate enough to hear the lecture on French-Canadian folk songs, given under vice-regal patronage in St. Andrew's Church, owe a debt of gratitude to Mr. Benjamin Sulist. The hall was filled with a large and fashionable audience. His Excellency and party occupied seats in the gallery. Rev. Dr. Herridge briefly introduced the speaker as one of Canada's foremost historians, possessing both knowledge and enthusiasm in his pursuit. The lecturer explained that these songs, every one of which was at least 300 years old, were not peculiar to the French-Canadians, but came from one region in France. Mr. Sulist, in his inimitable witty way, went on to explain a charming little song in detail, with many clarifying little historical references. The influence of the missionaries accounts for the modifying changes from the rough chansons of the French peasantry. Wherever you find the French people in North America these hearty songs are sung and cherished. Dr. Herridge, in his usual happy manner, voiced the opinions of all present in moving a hearty vote of thanks. He dwelt briefly upon the cordial relationship existing between the races in Canada today, and of the mutual lessons which might be learned. After the singing of God Save the King, copies of which, printed in French, had been distributed, tea was served in the cosy parlors of the church by the ladies of the choir.

In connection with the recent anniversary services of Embo Church, Rev. Dr. Neil, of Toronto, gave an interesting address on a "Trip to Europe." The Rev. G. C. Patterson presided and conveyed the thanks of the audience to Dr. Neil for his entertaining and instructive address.

Upon his departure from this city a few years ago, says the Hamilton Times, Rev. Dr. H. S. Beavis, formerly acting pastor of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, and, for a time, pastor of First Congregational Church, went to Denver, Col., to take of a small Presbyterian Church. His many friends here will delight to learn that he has been eminently successful.

The corner-stone of the new St. Andrew's Church, Hamilton, was laid on Saturday afternoon by Lieutenant Governor Clark. Rev. J. A. Wilson, pastor, presided, assisted in the services by Revs. Dr. Fletcher and P. C. McLaren, moderator of the Hamilton Presbytery. W. R. Leckie read an historical sketch of the church. The old church was torn down entirely, and the new structure will cost \$17,000. The old church, built in 1887, was known as the Wentworth Presbyterian Church. Its name was changed in 1904 to St. Andrew's.

EASTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. John Hay, of Renfrew, exchanged pulpits with Rev. R. Mackay, of Maxville, last Sunday.

Rev. Jos. White, of Ottawa, conducted the services in St. John's Church, Almonte, last Sunday week.

Rev. D. W. Best, of St. Andrew's Church, Beaverton, held service in the old stone church, Thorah, on a recent Sunday.

Rev. D. Strachan, of Brockville, will declare the pulpit of Lyn Church vacant next Sunday. During the vacancy he will be moderator of session.

Rev. C. D. Campbell, who has been lecturer in Chicago university for the past year, has taken charge of the Presbyterian congregation at Copper Cliff.

The wife of Rev. Mr. Robb, pastor of the Bristol Church, was presented with an easy chair by the members of that congregation recently as a birthday gift.

The Rev. D. Torrance, of St. Paul's Church, Peterborough, has been nominated for moderator of next General Assembly by the Presbytery of Peterborough.

On Sunday last Rev. A. C. Wishart, M. A., of Knox Church, Beaverton, exchanged pulpits at the morning service with Rev. S. T. Tucker, of the Methodist Church.

Rev. A. T. Love, B.A., of St. Andrew's Church, Quebec, who has been sojourning in Scotland for several months, has returned in improved health.

The choir of St. Andrew's Church, Tamworth, on behalf of the congregation, recently presented Mrs. James Elliott, who is leaving the town, with a handsome Bible, Hymnal and purse, along with a very kindly worded address.

At the last communion in St. Andrew's Church, King street, Toronto, there was an addition of 37 to the membership; 25 on profession and 12 by certificate. This is the largest number of new members added at one communion for a long time.

The Pembroke Standard says: "Mr. Andrew Carnegie, the multi-millionaire, is on a visit to Canada. Some of the papers speak of it as his first visit to Canadian soil. This is an error. In the early eighties Mr. Carnegie visited Pembroke and stayed for a week at the old manse, the guest of Rev. W. D. Ballantyne, pastor of Calvin Church. Mr. Carnegie is a first cousin of Mrs. Ballantyne."

Knox Church, Cornwall, proposes celebrating in June next the sixtieth anniversary of the organization of their congregation, and at the same time the twenty-first anniversary of their present church building. The dates fixed upon for this celebration are Sunday, June 17, and Monday, June 18. The Rev. Professor McKenzie, B.D., of the Presbyterian College, Montreal, will conduct the services on the 17th and will speak the following evening. On Monday evening a brief sketch of the congregation, now in course of preparation, will be read, and there will be also special music. An interesting and profitable time is looked for.

The anniversary social of the Rockland Presbyterian Church was held Monday evening in the church and those who had the good fortune to be present spent perhaps one of the most enjoyable evenings that it has been their pleasure to attend. The Rev. D. D. Miller of Hawkesbury made a most efficient chairman. He is an excellent speaker with big, clear voice, and he has that happy faculty of being able to carry his audience right with him. Miss Gray and Miss Laurie Campbell, of Thurso, and Mr. Wm. Binks, of Ottawa, greatly contributed to the evening's enjoyment by well rendered songs and recitations. Rev. Mr. Coles delivered an effective address on "struggling on to Perfection." All present showed that they heartily enjoyed the evening's entertainment. A good spirit of unity prevailed. After refreshments had been served the evening's programme closed with "God Save the King."

WESTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. Dr. Crawford, of Haynes avenue Church, St. Catharines, has resigned.

The First Church, Erasmus, has called Rev. J. A. Moir, B.A., formerly of Manitowick, Ont.

Rev. George Ballantyne, of London, conducted the services in Ridgetown Church last Sunday.

The basement of the Hagarsville Church has been repainted and made bright and comfortable.

The next meeting of the Synod of Hamilton and London will be held in St. Catharines on the last Monday in April.

The next meeting of Stratford Presbytery will be held in Knox Church, Stratford, on June 26 at 10 a.m.

At the closing meeting of the Chatham Ministerial Association, Rev. Dr. Battisly read an interesting paper on "Early Church History in Scotland."

Last Sunday evening, in Knox Church, Guelph, the pastor, Rev. R. W. Ross, preached an appropriate sermon to the graduating class of the O. A. College.

Six new elders have been added to the session of the Orillia congregation as follows: Messrs. H. T. Blackstone, W. S. Frost, J. M. Horn, R. A. Robinson, Wm. Thompson and J. J. Thompson.

The sixteenth anniversary services of the Caledonia Church were conducted by Rev. W. J. Clark, of the First Presbyterian Church, London. Rev. Dr. Wallace, of Caledonia, preached in Mr. Clark's pulpit.

Rev. Dr. Strachan, who has been stated supply in St. Andrew's Church, Guelph, during the vacancy, has greatly endeared himself to the congregation by his helpful services, heartily rendered for many weeks.

Stratford Presbytery has accepted the resignation of Rev. E. W. Panton, St. Andrew's Church, Stratford, and Rev. Robert Martin, of the same place, was appointed interim moderator of session during the vacancy.

The members of the Ladies' Aid Society of Knox Church, Hamilton, have presented Mrs. Henry, wife of Rev. E. A. Henry, with a china cabinet. Mrs. Henry expressed in suitable terms her appreciation of the gift.

Anniversary services were held in the Rockwood Church, Rev. John T. Hall, pastor, when Rev. F. J. Maxwell, of Brantford, preached morning and evening to large congregations. He also lectured on "Success in Life" on Monday evening.

Mr. Robert McKay, of Toronto, who was to have addressed the young people of St. Andrew's Church, Thamesford, on the evening of the 6th inst., but was unavoidably unable to do so, sent forward a well-prepared and interesting paper on Naham, the Man and the Book.

Rev. Mr. Hackney conducted communion service in the Depot Harbor Church Sunday morning, 6th inst., preaching from the text "I am that Bread of Life," which he treated in an intensely interesting manner, the theme being particularly suitable for a communion occasion.

At last meeting of Hamilton Presbytery, Sir Thomas Taylor, Hamilton, reported for the committee to visit Binbrook with a view to arranging the work there. Rev. Mr. Mitchell agreed to carry on the services for the summer months at Binbrook as heretofore, and the report was accordingly adopted.

On Sunday, May 6, anniversary services were held in Knox Church, Embo, the pastor, Rev. G. C. Patterson, having just completed a successful pastorate of fourteen years' duration. The pastor preached at both morning and evening services, thoughtful sermons, which bore marks of earnest, prayerful preparation, and which were much appreciated by the large and attentive audiences.