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OTTAWA.

The Bank street church Thanksgiving service was held on Monday morning, when Rev. J. F. Turnbull preached a sermon appropriate to the occasion. In reviewing the financial situation, he expressed the belief that the country was recovering from its recent depression. The stringency in one sense had been a good thing. It taught nations to go a little more slowly. There was a danger, however, in the rapid recovery, of the lesson being quickly forgotten and reckless speculations again plunged into.

In the course of his Thanksgiving sermon on Sunday evening, Rev. Dr. Herdridge said: We have exhibited the usual prelection spasm of indignation and wrath against evildoers, and in some cases have, perhaps, manufactured evildoers in the hope of making party capital. Now it remains for us to search a little more closely and dispassionately into the matter. I am well aware that the House of Commons is not a judicial tribunal, and that any system of party politics involves a measure of compromise. But I believe that the moral sense of the country demands housecleaning wherever it is needed, either to the right or to the left of the Speaker's chair. We want to know just where we stand as a people, whether politics is to be a game of self-interest, played with unblushing effrontery, or a high vocation, which, in some cases, may call for direct self-sacrifice, but, in any case, calls for sincere and final regard for the general welfare.

A large number of members were present at the Home Missionary meeting of St. Andrew's church, and in the absence of Mrs. Walter Bronson, president, the chair was occupied by Mrs. W. T. Herdridge. Several letters from missionaries were read, telling of the work being accomplished in the Northwest. Rev. James Smith, of Dunbar, Manitoba, wrote that his church there is now completed and ready for occupation. Mr. W. L. Scott, president of the Children's Aid Society, addressed the ladies on the treatment of the delinquent child, and much sympathy and interest on the part of those present was evinced in this work. Attention was called to a very sad case in Hintonburg, where the mother of three children is suffering from tubercular trouble. The youngest of these children is a deaf mute, and the others are physically weak, chiefly from lack of proper nourishment. The Ladies' Aid of St. Andrew's church have sent some assistance and are making further efforts in the way of relief.

NOTES FROM VICTORIA, B.C.

Special services were held in St. Paul's church, Victoria, B.C., on Sabbath, the 25th October, in connection with the 17th anniversary of the opening of the church, which, also, within a few months, marked the 23rd anniversary of the founding of the mission by the minister—the Rev. D. MacRae—from which the congregation has grown to its present prosperous condition. The Rev. J. M. Miller, M.A., B.D., of St. Andrew's church, Nanaimo, and moderator of the Synod of British Columbia, was the preacher of the day, and needless to say the services were of an impressive character and highly appreciated by large congregations. Before, as well as since, his call to the moderatorship of the synod, Mr. Miller's services on special occasions have been in frequent requisition. On the Tuesday evening following the anniversary social took place and proved an occasion of interest and enjoyment.

OTTAWA W.F.M.S.

The twenty-second annual meeting of the Ottawa Presbyterian Women's Foreign Missionary Society was held in the Glebe church on the afternoon of Tuesday of last week with Mrs. Alexander, the president, in the chair.

About eighty delegates are attending the convention, two from each auxiliary, and one from each mission band. Mrs. George Hay, the recording secretary, read the annual report, in which she observed that there is a slight decrease in auxiliary membership, yet an increase in the general society membership. Four life members have been enrolled during the year—Mrs. Elizabeth Dickson, Mrs. Urquhart, Mrs. W. D. Armstrong, and Mrs. Silas Harris.

Excellent reports of the annual meeting held in Toronto in June were given by Mrs. Armstrong, Mrs. Alexander, and Mrs. Grant Needham.

The secretary draws special attention to the fact that there is difficulty in getting membership commensurate with the number of women in the different congregations. This year there have been 229 scattered helpers, an increase of 30; their contributions amounted to \$155.63; \$21.73 more than was given by them last year. The country branches were heartily congratulated on their continued efforts on behalf of missions and perseverance at all times.

Knox church, Ottawa, is a banner auxiliary, its members having contributed \$214 to missions during the past twelve months. The membership of the 27 mission bands is 570; and that of the 27 auxiliaries is 701; total of 1,271. The bands contributed \$335.33; the auxiliaries \$1,956.47, making the grand total of money raised \$2,217.01.

Miss Masson, secretary of supplies, reported that five large bales were sent to the Regina Indian school, valued at \$625.63, and another bale was shipped containing clothing for aged men and women. Next year the members will work for the pupils in the Lake of the Woods school.

The mission band reports were given by the bright little misses who are representing their branches at the convention and who deserve credit for their vivacious manner and clear and comprehensive statements.

A public meeting was held in the evening when the Moderator of Presbytery, Rev. J. H. Turnbull, presided, who also conveyed the greetings of Presbytery in the absence of Rev. H. P. S. Luttrell of Hull. Rev. F. H. Russell of Chaz, Central India, who has labored in that district for fifteen years, gave an address, which was listened to with deep attention by the large audience. The choir of the church rendered some splendid music, and Mr. Charles Watt sang a solo during the offering.

All the officers were re-elected by a standing vote, as follows: President, Mrs. J. Alexander; vice-presidents, Mrs. J. R. Hill, Mrs. G. McGregor, Aylmer, and presidents of auxiliaries; recording secretary, Mrs. George Hay; treasurer, Miss E. H. Gibson; Mission band secretary, Miss A. H. Geggie; secretary of supplies, Miss Mary Masson; literature secretary, Miss P. Evans; Tidings secretary, Miss McNicol. An assistant secretary was appointed to help Mrs. Hay in her arduous duties, in the person of Miss Isabella Durie. Mrs. J. R. Hill, the president, received much praise for her faithful services to the society as vice-president. Mr. A. D.

Johnstone, formerly of Turkey in Asia, addressed the meeting on Mission Work Among the Moslems. A telegraphic message was sent by the delegates to Mrs. D. B. Gardner, Toronto, a former president, congratulating her on her recovery to her former health.

MONTREAL AND QUEBEC.

The ladies of Knox Church are holding a sale of fancy work in the lecture room on Thursday and Friday of this week.

The Crescent street congregation, without a pastor since the resignation of Rev. Principal MacKay, D.D., called Rev. R. W. Dickie, of St. Paul's Church, Brandon.

The Rev. Professor Gordon and the Rev. Professor Welsh, of the Montreal Presbyterian College, have been appointed chaplains of the Caledonian Society, for the coming year. Prof. Gordon has been asked to preach the annual sermon on the eve of St. Andrews Day.

Rev. W. D. Reid, of Taylor Church, announces a double series of sermons during the winter months. In the morning he will deal with "Jesus' Teaching on Social Problems." The evening series will be entitled "The Self Portraiture of Jesus." The subject last Sunday evening was: "Christ's Message to the Working Man."

The corner-stone of the new church for the Masonneuve congregation was appropriately laid by Mr. A. C. Hutchinson, president of the Montreal Presbyterian Union. A history of the church was read by Mr. J. J. York. Dr. Mowatt, Rev. P. A. Walker, the pastor; Mr. Justice Archibald, Rev. W. D. Reid and Rev. W. R. Cruikshank took part.

St. Andrew's Church, Sherbrooke, Que., has been rendered vacant in consequence of the translation of the Rev. C. W. Nicol to Erskine Church, Ottawa. Ministers desiring a hearing may communicate with Mr. J. P. Watson, Sherbrooke, Que., Chairman of the Supply Committee; or, the Rev. H. Carmichael, Richmond, Que., the Moderator of Session.

EASTERN ONTARIO.

The anniversary services of St. Paul's Church, Bowmanville, are announced for the 22nd instant, when Rev. J. D. Stephen of Avenue Road Church, Toronto, will be the preacher.

After a successful pastorate at Appleton and Ashton, extending over eighteen years, Rev. G. T. Bayne has removed to Pasque, Sask., where he preached his opening sermon last Sunday.

The 73rd anniversary services of the Oromo Church partook of a Thankoffering character and were conducted by Rev. M. Kerr, of Scarborough. Under the faithful ministry of Rev. J. A. McKeen, B.A., extending over twenty years, this old congregation continues to flourish.

Rev. Mr. Coburn of St. Andrew's Church, Smith's Falls, preached anniversary services at Kempsville last Sunday, Rev. A. L. Howard taking the services at the former place.

At the induction of Rev. F. W. Mahaffy to the pastorate of St. Andrew's church, Parry Sound, Rev. G. B. McLennan preached the sermon and addressed the congregation, and Rev. Robert Drinnan, the minister.

Rev. T. McAfee, of Indian Head, has been unanimously chosen as moderator of the Saskatchewan Synod at its annual meeting last week.