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## Ministers and Churches.

The Ladies' Aid Society, of the Presbyterian church, Cardinal, presented Mrs. Macarthur with \$50 to aid in furnishing the new manse.

Rev. Dr. Abraham, of Burlington, is telling his people, in an interesting and instructive way, of what he saw at the Chicago World's Fair.

In the absence of Rev. D. McEachern on Sabbath week at Camden and Tamworth, Mr. R. J. Hutcheson, of Queen's College, filled the pulpit at Nanawee with much acceptance.

Rev. Mr. Ross, of Roseneath, occupied the pulpit of the Presbyterian church, Baltimore, last Sabbath afternoon, and delivered an impressive discourse from the words of Isaiah: "We all do fade as a leaf."

The Presbyterians of Winchester have appointed as a committee Messrs. G. Irving, J. P. Fox, A. Cameron and A. Rowat, to visit a number of towns and inspect the churches so as to facilitate the preparation of plans and specifications for a new church in their vicinity.

We are glad to learn that the Rev. Wm. King, of Chatham, now in his eighty-third year, and who has been unwell is well again. The Rev. Mr. King is one of our veteran ministers, and was long well known throughout the whole Church from his connection with the Buxton Mission.

Division St. church, Owen Sound, observed the anniversary of their church opening on the 12th inst. Appropriate sermons were preached by Rev. J. A. MacDonald, of Knox church, St. Thomas, who won the hearts of the congregation by his keen insight into Scripture truth and its forcible application to the individual and national life. The collection amounted to \$200.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Gunn, of Lorne St., Truro, N. S., lately celebrated their silver wedding, in the midst of friends and guests. They were married at Halifax, Oct. 24th, 1868, by the Rev. Dr. Grant, then pastor of St. Matthew's church. During 25 years Mrs. Gunn was absent from church only three Sundays, when her husband was home and attended, and Mr. Gunn has missed only two Sundays out of church in 36 years. Mr. Gunn is now the only person attending St. Paul's Presbyterian church, Truro, who was present at its institution. In closing his remarks Mr. Gunn gave the male portion of his guests some wholesome advice. All departed wishing Mr. and Mrs. Gunn many more years of happy married life together.

There was a large gathering at the Bloor street Presbyterian church, on the evening of the 15th inst., which took the form of an At Home, the primary object of which was to make a presentation to the pastor, Rev. W. G. Wallace and Mrs. Wallace. Mr. Wallace was presented with a handsome pulpit gown, while Mrs. Wallace received a hall chair and a secretary. Mr. Wallace appropriately responded to the address for himself and Mrs. Wallace, thanking her friends very heartily for their kindness, and gratefully and gracefully referring to constant aid Mrs. Wallace rendered him in his work. A couple of solos, rendered by Miss Miller and Miss Hallworth contributed to the enjoyment of those present.

A telegram received by Dr. McMullen on Wednesday from Greenwood, South Carolina, announces the death there on Tuesday night of Rev. D. M. Beattie, formerly of Gobles. Mr. Beattie was well known in this district, having been pastor of the congregations at Gobles and East Oxford for a number of years. He gave up his charge early last summer and went south in the hope of regaining his health, but he had remained too long at his post. Mr. Beattie was a man of good ability and very highly thought of by the people among whom he faithfully ministered. His death is a peculiarly sad one. He leaves a young wife and, we believe, six small children. His brother, Rev. Dr. Beattie, was pastor for some years of one of the Presbyterian churches in Brantford, and is now a professor in a southern university.

At the meeting of the London Presbytery, held on the 15th inst., it was resolved: "That whereas a plebiscite or popular vote is arranged to be taken at the municipal elections throughout Ontario, on the 2nd of January, to ascertain the extent to which the people of the Province desire the total suppression of the manufacture, importation, and sale of intoxicating liquors, and whereas a preponderating affirmative vote cannot fail to encourage the general temperance movement, while a preponderating negative vote would have a contrary effect, therefore, resolved that this Presbytery wishes to place on record its earnest desire and expectation

that all members and adherents within the bounds will do what in them lies to promote a decisive majority in favour of prohibition, and that this motion be recommended to be read in all churches in the Presbytery."

The new Presbyterian church, Stirling, is rapidly approaching completion, and will be formally opened on the 26th inst. by the Rev. Dr. Grant, who will preach in the morning, and Rev. W. T. Jolliffe, in the afternoon. The stained glass and memorial windows are in and present a very beautiful appearance. There are three memorial windows, one each on the east, south and west sides. That on the east side represents "Faith," and is in memory of the late Jane B. McDougall. The one on the south represents "The Good Shepherd," and is in memory of the late Rev. Alex. Buchan, first pastor of St. Andrew's, Stirling. The one on the west represents "Charity," and, though there is no name to it, it is understood to be in memory of the deceased wife of Frank R. Parker, B. A.

In St. Andrew's church manse, Petrolia, Tuesday the 7th inst. the clergymen representing the Presbyterian, Baptist and Methodist denominations of the town held a meeting, and in accordance with the precedent established some years ago, decided upon holding a union Thanksgiving service in George St. church, on Thanksgiving Day, the 23rd inst. The hour was fixed at 10.30 a.m., service to be conducted by Rev. A. McWilliams. The clergymen considered the advisability of forming a ministerial association in Peterborough, the same as exists in Port Hope, Kingston, Belleville and many other towns and cities in the Dominion. It was decided to do so, although all definite matters thereabout were not finished. Rev. E. F. Torrance, of St. Paul's church, was elected chairman, and Rev. J. E. Trotter, of the Murray street Baptist church, secretary.

The manse at Jarratt's Corners was the scene of a very pleasant meeting on Thursday the 2nd inst., when a large representation from Esson church, Oro, drove up and gave the Rev. Mr. Dobson a surprise. Shortly after arriving, Mrs. Richardson, on behalf of the ladies of Esson church, read an address and made a presentation. Mr. Dobson made a feeling reply, saying that he regarded the affection of his people as the most precious thing they could give him, and that without it a minister's work was a sorry thing. Mr. Anderson announced the 103rd Psalm, which was sung. Mr. Wm. Horne offered up prayer. The evening was spent in a thoroughly social way, well filled baskets were opened and a well prepared tea served about 9 o'clock. As the evening wore away the guests departed, leaving various useful articles in pantry, cellar and granary.

The annual thank-offering services of the Coburg Presbyterian church W. F. M. S., held on Thursday, the 9th inst., were very largely attended, and the "offering" showed that a growing interest is being taken in mission work by the Christian women of the church. There were two meetings, one for women only at 3 p.m., and a mixed audience, at 8 p.m. Miss M. Oliver, M. D., missionary at Indore, Central India, addressed both meetings very acceptably. In the evening, the lecture room of the church was filled by members of this and of other churches in town. The Rev. J. Hay acted as chairman. After the opening exercises, Dr. M. Oliver gave an excellent address on the spiritual condition and needs of Central India. The whole amount received at this annual thanksgiving exceeds that of any other year, being \$81.37. The services throughout were much enjoyed by all, and calculated to do much good. "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Knox church, Morden, Man., after having undergone enlargement and a thorough renovation, was reopened for divine service on Sabbath, Nov. 5th. The church was packed at all the services, and at the evening service all who desired could not be seated. The quiet beauty of the interior and the comfortable seats were admired by all. The reopening sermons were preached by Rev. Dr. Bryce, Professor of Science and Literature in Manitoba College. The sermons were of a high order of merit, and were listened to with much satisfaction. The choir, assisted by members of other choirs, conducted the praise service. On Monday evening the Ladies' Aid Society held a tea-meeting in connection with the reopening services, at which the pastor, the Rev. M. C. Rumball, presided. The town hall, in which the meeting was held, was full to overflowing. An excellent programme, consisting of addresses by resident and neighboring ministers, readings, and vocal and instrumental music, was given. The proceeds of the services, Sabbath and Monday, amounted to \$244. The Ladies' Aid Society have seated the church at a cost of \$600, towards which their share of the proceeds go.

After prayer meeting at the Presbyterian church, Regina, on a late occasion, Elder J. J. Campbell was presented by Elder Robt. Martin, on behalf of the congregation, with a very handsomely bound volume of the Scriptures and a valuable gold watch, besides reading to Mr. Campbell, also on behalf of the congregation, an address in which were expressed feelings of the appreciation of the services he had rendered Regina as a citizen, the Church as a member and an office bearer, and the Sunday school as a teacher and superintendent; of deepest regret at his approaching departure, and of sincerest good wishes for his own and family's future welfare. Mr. Campbell made an earnest and feeling reply. This gentleman and his family (with the exception of the eldest son, Norman, who fills a situation in the local Indian Department offices) have left Regina for Ottawa; and the members of Knox church are not alone in regretting the departure from our midst of so worthy a citizen as Mr. Campbell assuredly has been.

The three Auxiliaries of the W.F.M.S., in Guelph, hold union meetings occasionally—these are found to promote a delightful spirit of unity and good feeling among the members of the societies. Last week St. Andrew's church was filled with ladies from these and the sister societies in the city to listen to Dr. Marion Oliver, who gave a most graphic picture of India's women as seen from a medical missionary's point of view. The deep interest which was shown, was a tribute to the speaker and a proof that mission work has a deep root in many hearts. Mrs. Maclean presided, and fittingly welcomed Dr. Oliver. At the close of her address, Mrs. D. McCrae and Mrs. Watt gave expression to the kindly feelings of regard personally felt for her, and the interest with which the work in India had been followed. Mrs. J. C. Smith and Miss Girdwood led in prayer, and the praise, assisted by a union choir of ladies, was very inspiring and hearty. Miss McWilliams, late of India, was present, evidently improved a little in health since her return.

Chalmers church, Kingston, was, on Wednesday the 8th inst., the scene of quite a large gathering. It was a missionary meeting called under the auspices of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. Rev. Mr. Macgillivray presided, and spoke briefly on the subject of missions. The evening's programme consisted of addresses by persons who have been prominently identified with missionary work. The addresses were of a good order, and showed the work that had been done and the necessity for increased effort in foreign mission fields, where were still thousands of benighted people who had not been brought under the civilizing influences of Christianity. A collection was taken up and a considerable sum contributed to the Missionary Society's funds. In the afternoon the annual thank-offering meeting of the Society had been held in the parlors. The attendance at this was larger than that of last year. After the usual devotional exercises, papers were read by Mrs. Nicol, Mrs. Maxwell and Miss Wilkes on missionary topics. Appropriate music was provided by Misses Murray, Gallo-

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