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Ottawa.

The first Sunday in the month is "Mission Sunday" in Erskine Sabbath School. The collection last Sabbath was over \$7.00.

At a meeting of young people at the mission band was organized in connection with Erskine church, and 45 members were enrolled.

A congregational social will be held in the Glebe church on Tuesday, April 23rd. The affair is for the purpose of bringing about more sociability among the members of the congregation.

Owing to Rev. Mr. Milne suffering from a sore throat, Mr. Blair occupied the pulpit at last Sabbath morning's service in the Glebe church. In the evening Rev. Mr. Milne preached another sermon in his series on Pilgrim's Progress.

Special services have been carried on in Erskine Church during the past two weeks. The Pastor conducting the services and preaching every night. Much interest was aroused as was evidenced by the large audiences every night, and the number who signed cards expressing a desire to lead a Christian life. So far the Pastor has received 27 names.

Last Sunday, Revs. W. Timberlake of the McLeod street Methodist church and R. Heribson of Stewarton exchanged pulpits at the forenoon service. Mr. Timberlake's able sermon was highly appreciated by the Stewarton people. In the evening Rev. Heribson preached on "The Glory of Womanhood." The discourse was a fine effort and his tribute to godly mothers particularly effective. On Wednesday evening the two churches are to have a union prayer meeting. This drawing closer together of the churches of Christ is most gratifying and tends very much to that spirit of good will and brotherly love which should permeate the followers of the meek and lowly Nazarene.

At the last monthly meeting of the Bible Society there was a large attendance. There were present Mr. Geo. Hay, president; Rev. Dr. Armstrong, corresponding secretary, and about forty ministers and laymen, friends and workers of the Society. Nearly 40 applications had been received for the position vacant through the death of the late Rev. J. C. Campbell, and a committee was named to take these into consideration. The appointment of speakers at the next annual meeting, in St. Andrew's church, was also discussed, and the following were agreed upon: The Rev. Hugh Peuley of Montreal, Rev. A. E. Mitchell, of Erskine church, Ottawa, and the Rev. S. Goldworth Bland, Eastern Methodist church, Ottawa. The prospects for a good meeting are excellent.

A week ago, last Sunday the quarterly communion was observed at Stewarton Church, the minister, Rev. R. Heribson, being assisted thereat by his predecessor in the pastorate, Rev. R. E. Knowles, B. A.; of Knox Church, Galt. Fourteen were added to the church. Mr. Knowles preached with much power to very large congregations at both the forenoon and evening services. On the Monday following, he delivered his popular lecture "Secrets of Scotch Success" under the auspices of the Ladies Aid Society. Notwithstanding the unfavorable weather, it being a downpour of rain, the Church was filled to the doors, and a gratifying amount of money was realized for the church funds. The lecture was a masterpiece of brilliant rhetoric, full of life and poetry, humor and pathos, yet all perfectly blended in perfect harmony. Again and again, during the delivery of the lecture, Mr. Knowles was applauded, and the bursts of laughter or the tears that would come showed the absolute control he had of his disquieted and enthusiastic audience. Seldom has one the privilege of having such an intellectual treat and Mr. Knowles may be assured a very cordial welcome from his former parishioners and many Ottawa friends whenever he visits the Capital.

The death is announced of Rev. John McNabb at the age of 61 years. Deceased was compelled to abandon active work of the ministry, but although a martyr to the pains of rheumatism for many years discharged the duties of Clerk of Maitland Presbytery with rare faithfulness up to within a few weeks of his death. Mr. McNabb was a graduate of Knox College; was a preacher of more than average excellence and his pastorates at Beaverton, Little Britain, Man., and Lucknow were fruitful of much good to his people. His sorrowing widow and relatives will have the sympathy of many friends in this sore bereavement.

The New York Presbytery voted against the revision of the Creed.

Wick is supporting the Bill to prevent the sale of liquor to children.

The Uganda railway is now open to within 65 miles of Victoria Nyanza.

Dunfermline has resolved to try a public-house on the Gottenburg system.

Rev. Mr. Dickie, Coathbridge, has been elected minister of Wick Parish Church.

Rev. N. D. Mackay, Newtonmore, has been elected minister of the parish of Nigg.

In the five Commonwealth States of Australia there are some 12,500 miles of railway.

Sir Edwin Arnold, who has been sorely tried by a long illness, is now practically blind.

Rev. J. W. Mann, Langholm, has been elected minister of Shettleton United Free Church.

There were 6951 persons apprehended for crime in Dundee last year, an increase of 1230.

The Right Hon. H. H. Asquith, M. P., is again to reside in St. Andrew's during the summer.

About Olan heather-burning is in full swing, and after nightfall some of the hills present quite a picturesque effect.

Rev. D. Cameron, Bridge of Allan, and wife have on their marriage been presented with handsome gifts by his congregation.

The Rev. Alex. Auld, Orlig, has been asked by the Business Committee of the U. F. Church to accept the Moderatorship of the General Assembly.

On occasion of his semi-jubilee the other day the Rev. Dr. Fergus Ferguson, Queen's Park Church, Glasgow, was presented with a silver salver and £500.

Actermuchty has a modern Samson. He lifted four gates off their hinges and left them on the roadway. He did it for fun, but had to pay 30s. for the caper.

Greenock United Free Church Presbytery have agreed to relieve Dr. Macmillan of the active duty of the ministry. He is to receive £230, and the colleague £450.

King Edward has become patron of the Aberdeen Society for the benefit of the children of deceased clergymen of the Church and Professors in the Universities of Scotland.

The first Christian Scientist Church in this city was organized in 1887, and the second four years later. To-day in New York City there are eight incorporated churches. In the United States there are six hundred.

George MacDonald's "Malcolm" has been brought within reach of the million, an excellent sixpenny edition of the story having just been published by Messrs. Newnes. It is 27 years since "Malcolm" was written.

Rev. Dr. John Paton's tour in Ireland has raised a wave of enthusiasm and zeal in the cause of missions. In the cities and towns the largest buildings were unable to contain the crowds that thronged to hear him.

Among the schemes which it is understood the King has in contemplation for adding luster to his reign is a great Exhibition in London. There has been no Exhibition in the capital of an international character for nearly forty years.

The National Bible Society of Scotland reports that its work goes on unmolested in Southern China. During the past quarter 16,000 copies of Scriptures have been sold there; and at Peking the work of the Society has been resumed.

Under the ancient shadow of the ancient Abbey of Arbroath, where Bruce presided over the great assembly of nobles that defied the Pope, and where the author of "The Bruce" was born and reared, stands Saint Vigean's Chapel of Ease, or Inverbrothock R. C. Church.

Princess Louise, Duchess of Argyll, celebrated the other day her 53rd birthday and the 30th anniversary of her marriage with the Marquis of Lorne. Next to the Empress Frederick, Princess Louise is the most talented, as she is certainly the most popular, of the daughters of Queen Victoria.

The parlor social at the home of Mrs. S. G. Kitchen, St. George, was both interesting and beneficial. A collection was taken for the Indian missions amounting to \$10.00.

Northern Ontario.

Presbytery of Owen Sound will meet in Knox Church, Owen Sound, the 2nd July at 10 a.m.

Rev. S. H. Eastman, M. A., Meaford, has been elected Moderator of Owen Sound Presbytery for ensuing six months.

The Presbyterians of Brookside, by a practically unanimous vote, have decided to place an organ in the church.

Leave has been granted the congregation of Kemble to sell their old church and to lease the ground on which it stands for a term of ten years.

On the nomination of their respective sessions Owen Sound Presbytery appointed Messrs. Geo. Stodart, Geo. Ledingham and Wesley Baker, as commissioners to the General Assembly.

Owen Sound Presbytery has been petitioned to form a mission station in Brooke; and from members and adherents of Knox church, in same locality, asking that their present relations to Knox be not disturbed. A committee was appointed to report on the whole subject.

Owen Sound Presbytery unanimously adopted the following resolution arising out of the Temperance section of the report on Church Life and Work: "That the Presbytery sincerely sympathize with, and commend the action of brethren actively engaged in seeking to abate the evils of intemperance, and especially in opposing the granting of licenses to houses which are not a necessity to the community."

The Rev. Dr. Jackson, of East Madison Avenue Presbyterian church, Cleveland, lately pastor of Knox Church, Galt, has been elected Moderator of the Cleveland Presbytery.