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## Ministers and Churches.

Rev. R. Ross, M.A., and Mrs. Ross, of Glencoe, are holidaying in Toronto.

The Rev. James Hastie, Cornwall, has returned from a fortnight's outing to the sea coast.

The Rev. David Wishart, of Madoc, was nearly drowned recently through the upsetting of his canoe.

The Rev. L. H. Jordan, B.D., of this city, preached in St. Andrew's Church, Halifax, on the 21st ult.

Rev. W. R. Cruikshank, of St. Matthew's Church, Montreal, has been spending some weeks in Halifax.

The Rev. R. McNair, of Carleton Place, has been exchanging with the Rev. Thos. Nixon, of Smith's Falls.

The address of the Rev. John Anderson, B.A., late of St. Stephen, N. B., is now Covina, Los Angeles, California, U. S.

Rev. J. R. Bartley, late of the Irish Presbyterian Church, has declined a unanimous call to Morewood and Chesterville.

Gaelic-speaking supply wanted at once for Gould congregation, Presbytery of Quebec. Apply to Rev. Wm. Love, Quebec.

Rev. H. C. Sutherland, of Carman, preached lately in Knox Church, Winnipeg taking for his text the words, "We would see Jesus."

Professor Scrimger has lately been preaching in St. Andrew's, St. John, N.B. For some weeks Rev. L. S. McNeil has had a helpful holiday.

Rev. W. S. McTavish, B.D., pastor of St. George Presbyterian Church, recently left with Mrs. McTavish and his family for two or three weeks' holidays.

The Presbyterian congregation at Port Elmsley and Oliver's Ferry have given a call to the Rev. R. C. H. Sinclair, a native of Carleton Place and a graduate of Queen's, Kingston.

Rev. D. Stalker, for many years stationed at Gladstone, Minn., but who is now settled at Calumet, Mich., has been spending a few weeks' holidays with his old friends in the west.

The united congregations of North Augusta, Stone's Corners and Fairfield have given a unanimous call to the Rev. Mr. Danbey, of Ottawa. The induction is to take place on the 14th inst.

The North Mornington congregation has a prayer meeting which in point of numbers ranks among the first in the Province; and also a Y.P. S.C.E., which is a great help to this prosperous congregation.

The all-absorbing question now up for discussion in Knox Church, Ayr, is organ or no organ. As the result of a largely signed petition, the session have decided to allow a vote to be taken by ballot to decide the matter.

At St. Augustine Church, Winnipeg, on Sabbath evening, the 5th inst., the anniversary sermon was preached by Rev. D. J. Macdonnell from the text, "In My Father's house are many mansions, if it were not so I would have told you."

The Perth Courier says: Rev. Prof. Ross, of the Montreal Presbyterian College, made a short visit to Perth and Oliver's Ferry this week, and on Wednesday evening conducted prayer-meeting at his old charge, Knox church, Perth.

The Rev. Peter Wright, B.D., of Portage la Prairie, favored the editor with a brief call last week. Mr. Wright has been for a month past supplying the pulpit of Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, and returned last week to his home, having enjoyed his visit to Toronto.

The Rev. Henry Elliott Mott, of Buffalo, who has a sermon in the August number of the *Pulpit* on the "Clank of the Chain," paid this office a brief visit last week. We do not feel our American brethren strangers and gladly welcome them to our sanctuary.

Knox Church, Cornwall, of which Mr. Hastie is pastor, is putting in a gallery. It extends across the end and half way down each side. A. C. Hutchinson, of Montreal, is the architect, and L. A. Ross of Cornwall, the contractor. It is to be finished by 15th September.

The congregation of the King Street Presbyterian Church, London, held another meeting on Tuesday night, 7th inst. The differences of opinion shown on a previous occasion had vanished, and it was unanimously decided to have the church extensions commenced at once.

On Sunday, 5th inst., the Rev. Dr. McKay, of Formosa, preached in the Bayfield Road Presbyterian Church. He gave a very interesting account of his hardships and the thrilling adventures he had with the natives of the Island of Formosa. The church was crowded to the doors.

Rev. John Wilkie, missionary from Indore, India, preached in the Knox Church pulpit, Galt, Sunday, 5th inst., at both morning and evening services. He vividly described the methods of missionary work in his field of labor, the habits and customs of the people and the success which has attended his efforts.

At the West End Presbyterian Church, Winnipeg, on Sabbath 5th inst., Rev. C. W. Gordon, the new pastor, preached his first sermon. There were large congregations at both services, and the outlook for the congregation under its new pastor is a very bright one. Rev. Principal King in the morning introduced the new pastor to the congregation.

Mr. W. A. Kirkwood, prior to leaving Guelph for Brampton, was made the recipient of no fewer than three addresses, all expressive of the high esteem in which he is held in the Royal City by co-laborers in religious work. Chalmers Church loses an active member in the removal of Mr. Kirkwood, while Brampton will be a distinct gainer by the change.

Rev. W. R. Ross, of Donald, B.C., at one time Presbyterian minister in Carman, and who has been spending a few days with friends there, occupied the pulpit of the Presbyterian Church, on Sunday evening, July 29th. The church was filled to its utmost capacity. The reverend gentleman took for his text, Luke xliii. 39-43, from which he gave an excellent discourse.

At a late special meeting of the Chatham Presbytery, the first business undertaken was the resignation of Rev. Mr. Morrison, of Dawn, which, after a lengthy consideration, was accepted, and the field ordered vacant. After hearing the reports of the commissioners appointed to visit Knox Church, Chatham township, it was resolved to agree to the separation of this charge from Dresden, and to unite it with Chalmers Church, Dover.

A large number of people gathered together from Plum Coulee, Silver Plains and Carleton lately for the purpose of witnessing the ordination of Rev. Bryce Innis, a graduate of Manitoba College, and his induction to the charge at Morris. The Presbytery met and Rev. R. G. McBeth, preached to a large congregation. After the service dinner was spread upon the lawn adjoining the church, which was much appreciated by those from a distance. In the evening a largely attended reception was held for the young pastor. Dr. Bryce presided, and addresses were given by Messrs. Sutherland, McBeth and Hughes and the pastor.

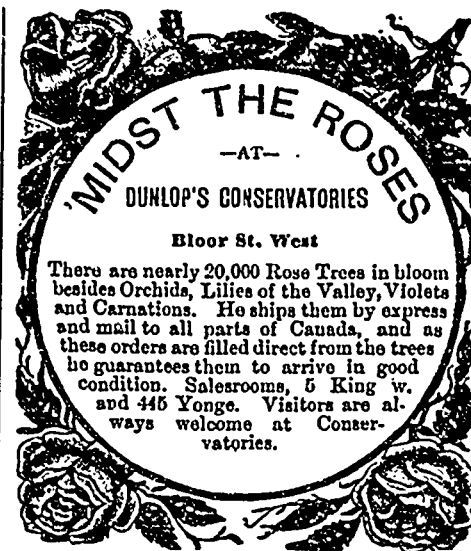
The lecture room of the Young Men's Christian Association, Hamilton, was crowded on the evening of the 10th inst. The meeting was called in the interest of better observance of the Sabbath, and to protest against Sunday cars and boats. Dr. Macdonald, president of the Hamilton Lord's Day Alliance, occupied the chair, and read several resolutions which had been placed in his hands, expressing sympathy with the Hamilton Alliance. Rev. Mr. Shearer said a public meeting should be called for early in September, and Mr. John Charlton, M.P., be asked to speak on Sabbath Observance. This was, after some discussion, put in the form of a resolution, and a meeting will be held accordingly.

Since the meeting of the General Assembly Rev. D. J. Macdonnell and Prof. Hart have been travelling through Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Cape Breton. The Presbyterian Church in all the maritime provinces shows a vigorous growth, and enthusiastic meetings were being held during their visit, commemorating the jubilee of the sending forth of the first missionary from the Presbyterian Church in the maritime provinces. This was John Geddis, who went to Eromanga and of whom it was said "when he went there was not a Christian—when he left there was not a heathen." Prof. Hart has enjoyed his holiday very much, and entered upon his scholastic work with renewed energy. Mr. Macdonnell stays about six weeks in Winnipeg, lecturing to the students of Manitoba College on "The minister and his work."

In connection with the demission of his charge by the Rev. John Anderson, B.D., of St. Stephen, N. B., to make his home in California, the following joint resolution of the session and congregation was passed: Resolved, that the session and congregation record and express their most unfeigned sorrow and regret at the near prospect of the severance of the pastoral tie that has so fondly and intimately bound pastor and people in this church, and we desire further to record our highest sense of appreciation of the ministrations and pastoral services of the Rev. Mr. Anderson in the period of his ministry here, during which time he has eminently proved himself to be a most faithful preacher of the Gospel and a kind and loving pastor, and whose social qualities have endeared him to all with whom he has come in contact in the community at large. He will ever carry with him the earnest wishes of the session and congregation of this church for his future welfare and prosperity. Signed by Judge Stevens, chairman of the meeting.

Sabbath the 12th inst. was a high day with the Presbyterian congregation of Ailsa Craig. The occasion was the re-opening of the church after renovating it, during which time the pastor, Rev. D. L. Dewar, took his vacation, the congregation worshipping in the meantime with the sister denominations. Revs. M. N. Bethune, of Seaverton, and J. C. Tolmie, L.L.B., Windsor, conducted the re-opening services. Mr. Bethune, morning and evening, and Mr. Tolmie, afternoon. But on account of the other three churches of the village, courteously cancelling their services, it was considered necessary to hold overflow meetings in the Baptist and Methodist Churches, respectively, morning and evening. Rev. J. C. Tolmie officiating. Large numbers turned out from the village and surrounding country and listened to discourses that will linger in the memories of many, and it is hoped will find such warm responses in many hearts as to cause them, through the workings of the Holy Spirit, to start on the journey Zionward.

Rev. C. W. Gordon, who has been in Britain and Ireland for some months interesting the churches there in behalf of our great Home Mission work, was, on a recent evening, given a hearty welcome to the West End Presbyterian Church, Winnipeg, by his congregation. Rev. Principal King, of Manitoba College, was chairman and speeches were delivered by Rev. R. G. McBeth, Rev. Prof. Hart, Rev. Mr. Riddell, Rev. Prof. Baird, Rev. Dr. Bryce and Rev. D. J. Macdonnell. In replying Mr. Gordon modestly said that his success in Great Britain in securing home mission grants was principally due to the strength of the cause he represented. The field was so great and the outlook so



bright that Presbyterians had not the heart to refuse their aid. Since his arrival here he had noticed that everyone had a kindly word for West End Church. Such expressions as he had heard to-night and in the city gave him great hope and renewed courage for his work. He hoped the West End Church would be an influential missionary church and would assist in building up a Christianity for the good of the world and the strengthening of God's people.

The Rev. Mr. Wilkie was ordained and inducted into the pastoral charge of the congregation at Eramosa by the Presbytery of Guelph on the 6th inst. Mr. Atkinson of Berlin preached an appropriate sermon. A petition was presented to the Presbytery from the congregations at Hawksville and Linwood, asking that Mr. Henry Knox be appointed over them for a term as ordained missionary. There was also read a claim, by Mr. William Armstrong, the late pastor of this charge, against the congregation at Linwood for arrears of stipend amounting to a little more than one hundred dollars. The clerk was instructed to inform that congregation of Mr. Armstrong's claim, to remind them of the solemn promise made by their representatives to the Presbytery, when it was agreed to accept his resignation, that all liabilities to him would be removed at or before the dissolution of the pastoral tie, and that the vacancy could not be filled till the existing arrears were discharged. The petition was laid upon the table in the meantime for this and other reasons.

The corner-stone of the new Winchester Presbyterian Church was laid on the 8th inst., with impressive religious services. After a procession which had been marshalled at the old church reached the site of the new one, Rev. Mr. Connery, the pastor, gave out the 100th Psalm, which was sung with spirit by the large gathering. Rev. Mr. McArthur, of Cardinal, followed in earnest prayer. Rev. Principal Grant, who laid the corner-stone, was welcomed in an address presented to him in the name of the congregation by John Rowat and D. T. Sutherland, chairman and secretary, respectively, of the building committee. After an appropriate address the Rev. Principal applied the mortar and laid the corner-stone, having been first presented with a silver trowel, bearing a suitable inscription. The customary documents were deposited in the stone. Prayer was offered by Dr. Grant and after the singing of a hymn and reading a portion of Scripture, an urgent appeal was made for in-

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