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OTTAWA.

Rev. Dr. Ramsey has resumed his pulpit and pastoral labors after holidaying at Norway Bay and down the St. Lawrence.

Rev. Robert Gamble, B. A., of Wakefield, took the services in St. Paul's last Sunday. Rev. Dr. Armstrong preaching semi-jubilee anniversary sermons at Wakefield.

Rev. John Hay, B.D., of Renfrew, was the preacher in St. Andrew's on Sunday. He will again fill the pulpit next Sunday. Dr. Herridge is given a fine holiday season by his people, but he always manages to arrange for the best of pulpit supply in his absence.

TORONTO.

Rev. J. G. Potter, M.A., of St. Andrew's Church, Peterboro, was the preacher in St. Giles Church last Sunday.

Rev. Dr. Milligan, pastor of Old St. Andrew's Church is at present staying on the Isle of Orkney, and reports that he is greatly improved in health. He expects to return to Toronto this month.

A Canadian, Rev. E. A. Wicher, D.D., of San Francisco Theological Square church last Sunday. Wonder if this influential congregation can induce Dr. Wicher to return to his native land?

The Ewart Missionary and Deacons Training Home has entered into possession of its new premises at 60 Grosvenor Street, Toronto, and everything is being got in readiness for the next session, which opens at the beginning of October. The new training home, which is a finely equipped building with spacious grounds, will accommodate thirty resident students.

The death is announced of Rev. J. B. Duncan, father of Rev. J. McD. Duncan, D.D., associate editor of our Sabbath school publications, aged 85 years. Mr. Duncan was one of the strong men in the Church some years ago, but latterly has been living in retirement. He held charges at Perth, Chicago, Forest, Paisley, and Parry Sound. He is survived by six sons and two daughters.

The members of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in connection with College Street Church held a pleasant meeting to bid farewell to Rev. Henry Anderson, who with his wife has been on furlough in Canada for a year. They have gone from here to Springfield, Mass., where they join other missionaries returning to India. Rev. Dr. Gilray presided at the meeting and delivered the farewell address.

Rev. Alexander Esler, formerly minister of Cooke's Church in this city, but now devoting himself to evangelistic work, "has just completed," says the Philadelphia Westminster, "two weeks of very successful meetings in the tent at Westmoreland and E. Streets. The message from Mr. Esler and the gospel singing of Mr. Patterson have been the means of helping Kensington and Frankford very much."

It gives us pleasure to note that Rev. Dr. Pitblado, some time ago reported as dangerously ill, is now making satisfactory progress toward a complete recovery.

The first consignment of frozen pigs from China to London has just been unloaded from the steamship Palermo in the Albert docks. There were in all 4,463 frozen carcasses.

EASTERN ONTARIO.

The Kilmurn Sunday School picnic at Marshall's Bay was a decided success.

Rev. J. W. S. Lowry and family, of Fitzroy Harbor, have been visiting friends at Kilmurn.

Rev. W. J. Knox, of Calvin Church, Pembroke, has returned to work, after a few weeks' holidays spent in Western Ontario.

Rev. Dr. McMillan, a former pastor, but now of St. Matthew's, Halifax, has been preaching in St. Andrew's, Lindsay, and renewing old friendships.

Rev. W. W. Peck, M.A., has resumed his pastoral duties at St. Andrew's, Arnprior, after a pleasant two weeks' cruise on Lake Ontario.

Rev. P. W. Anderson and family of McKay Presbyterian church, returned last week from their vacation at River Desert, Que. Mr. Anderson occupied his own pulpit on Sunday.

Rev. Mr. Brokenshire, who has been supplying the pulpit of Mill street church, Port Hope, has been invited to continue his services, which have proved most acceptable to the congregation.

Rev. W. C. McIntyre, pastor of the First Church, Ogdensburg, N.Y., and his mother, Mrs. W. D. McIntyre, of Newington, were recent visitors of the latter's sister, Mrs. (Dr.) McDalruid, of Maxville.

Says the Winnipeg Free Press:—Rev. R. W. Dickie, pastor of the Presbyterian church in West Selkirk, and one of the best known preachers in Manitoba, has received a call to Ross avenue church, North Toronto, and will accept. He is a graduate of Manitoba College, and was the first Presbyterian missionary to the Yukon.

WESTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. W. H. Sedgewick, of Central church, Hamilton, has been preaching at Burlington.

Rev. Colin Fletcher of Thames Road occupied the pulpit of Knox church, Listowel, last Sunday.

Rev. R. Stewart, Motherwell, was the preacher in St. Andrew's church, Stratford, last Sunday.

Rev. T. H. Mitchell, pastor of New St. James' church, London, having returned from his vacation, occupied his own pulpit at both services last Sunday.

Rev. A. McVicar, B.A., of Atwood, is called by the congregations of Essex and Willis, Presbytery of Barrie. Mr. McVicar is also called to Rothsay and Cotswold, Presbytery of Saugeen. Stipend promised \$900, manse and three weeks' holidays. Provisional arrangements were made for the induction to take place on Thursday, the 9th of September at 2.30 p.m. at Rothsay. Rev. Mr. McNamara, moderator, to preside, Mr. McKay to preach, Mr. Currie to address the minister and Mr. Cranston the people.

Seldom has the little village of Weston seen so sad and impressive a funeral as that of John and James Hamilton, the two sons of Rev. R. M. Hamilton of Weston, who were drowned some days ago at Muskoka. The whole village was in mourning, and many were the floral tokens and expressions of kindest sympathy tendered to the parents. Rev. Dr. John Neill of Westminster church, Toronto, and an old friend of Rev. Mr. Hamilton, conducted the service, and the church was filled with friends of the drowned boys. Twelve classmates acted as pallbearers.

MONTREAL.

Rev. W. D. Reid, B.D., of Taylor Church, has been spending a few days in camp at St. Andrew's East.

Rev. W. R. Cruickshank, D.D., was the preacher in Calvin Church last Sunday; and Rev. C. H. Stewart, of Winnipeg, in Crescent St. church.

St. Paul's Church, closed for the 29 August and 5th Sept. will be reopened 12th Sept. Rev. Dr. Barclay officiating at both services.

The Rev. Dr. Campbell has returned to town from Cap a l'Aigle. During the holidays he also visited New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, investigating the fungi of these provinces.

'Park St. Louis Church' is the name selected for a new place of worship at the corner of Mance street and Atlantic avenue, in the north end of the town of St. Louis. Quite a large number of Presbyterians have moved into this locality from down town of late and it has been decided to build a church for their accommodation as soon as possible. Three lots have been secured, and it is hoped to have the building ready for occupation before Christmas. The land is about five thousand and six thousand dollars, and will be constructed so as to be enlarged conveniently when the necessity shall arise, as it is likely to do before many years. The Presbyterian Union has promised a liberal amount towards the building fund and Crescent Street Church is understood to have offered a thousand dollars to start the cause.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES.

Under date, July 30th, 1909, Rev. Dr. MacTavish, of Kingston, convener, has issued the following circular:

The General Assembly's Committee on Young People's Societies is hereby called to meet in the school room of St. James' Presbyterian church, Toronto, Wednesday, September 8th.

The following are some of the items which should receive attention: (1.) Report of Committee on Literary Studies, Rev. A. Shepherd, convener; (2.) Report of Committee on Bible Study, Rev. J. J. Monds, B.A., convener; (3.) Report of Committee on Programme on Young People's Day, Rev. R. G. MacBeth, M.A., convener; (4.) Report of Committee on Daily Readings, Rev. W. R. McIntosh, B.D., convener; (5.) Appointment of writers of Topics of Presbyterian Record; (6.) What action, if any, should be taken, in view of the decision of the Assembly, regarding amalgamation of committees on Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies; (7.) How to give effect to the recommendations adopted by General Assembly; (8.) Shall the schedules be received; (9.) Appointment of Committee to attend to emergent business; (10.) Literature for 1910; (11.) Organization and further development.

It is important that you attend the meeting, but whether you can be present or not, you can greatly assist me by giving your views, in writing, regarding any features in our work, and especially regarding any of the items mentioned above.

N.B.—Special rates to Toronto at the time of the meeting, on account of the Exhibition there.

On Sept. 1 next the recently enacted Hungarian Immigration law will come into operation. The law contains several strong regulations for the protection of emigrants, and provides for the creation of an emigrants' fund. Worthy of note is the stipulation forbidding, under pain of severe punishment, emigration to Brazil and Canada.