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OTTAWA.

It is arranged that the induction of Rev. A. G. Cameron, M.A., of Merivale, as pastor of St. John's Church, Brockville, will take place on the evening of Thursday, 27th inst.

Of the Upper Canada boys who entered the ministry, the most prominent were the late Archbishop Sweatman, Primate of All Canada, and Rev. Dr. Armstrong, of St. Paul's Church, Ottawa, the latter being head boy in 1866.

The ladies of the Glebe church with characteristic enthusiasm have already raised \$1,200 out of \$1,500 to meet an offer of \$1,500 from Mr. Andrew Carnegie to buy a \$3,000 organ. The \$300 additional will be ready in time for the installation of the instrument this coming autumn.

Last Sunday evening Rev. Dr. Hertridge concluded the series of sermons to men, so much enjoyed by all privileged to hear them. The subject was "The Power of Character." A choir of male voices had charge of the musical service. Thereafter Dr. Hertridge held his usual reception in the parlors of the church.

Miss Hattie O'Donnell, who is probably the first lady missionary sent out from Ottawa, is in the city, the guest of Mayor and Mrs. Hopewell, and last Sunday evening gave an address in Bank Street Church lecture hall. Miss O'Donnell was a member of Mrs. Gordon's Bible class up to seven years ago, when she went out as a missionary to India.

The Rev. Dr. McMeekin, formerly minister of Aylwin and vicinity, spent a few days at the manse last week and on Sunday morning took the service at Aylwin and in the evening preached at Kazubazua. His sermons were very much appreciated by all who were fortunate enough to be present. Time does not seem to have diminished the doctor's power and eloquence in the pulpit, such were much in evidence throughout the services.

At the last monthly meeting of the local auxiliary of the B. and F. Bible Society there was a good attendance, with the president, Dr. Armstrong, in the chair. Favorable reports on the work were received. As the treasurer, Mr. Jas. Gibson, is leaving the city for a time, Mr. Jas. Hope was chosen to act as treasurer in his absence. Mr. David McElroy, the agent for the society, will shortly start on his annual round. He will visit 12 counties in the Eastern part of Ontario and will address over 200 meetings in behalf of the work of the society. Ottawa branch is the second largest contributor to the work of the society in Canada, giving last year \$5,525.

In our report last week of the W. F. M. meeting no mention was made of the reception given the delegates and friends by the ladies of St. Andrew's Church. It was a greatly appreciated and thoughtful kindness, and the pleasant hour spent in social intercourse will long be remembered by the visitors. It was a fitting close to a very successful annual meeting of the women's parliament. In this connection it may be said that the members of the billeting committee—Miss Durie, convener—were untiring in their efforts at making the visitors comfortable; and it goes without saying that the Ottawa ladies did everything in their power to aid the committee. "Ottawa is a nice place to visit," was the opinion expressed by everyone.

If a man speaks or acts with a pure thought, happiness follows him like a shadow that never leaves him.

TORONTO.

The Rev. Dr. Barclay, of St. Paul's Church, Montreal, was the preacher in Westminster Church, Bloor street east, last Sunday, morning and evening.

The trustees and managers of a church in this city are being sued for \$5,312, balance alleged to be due on contract for erection of the church. There must be a mistake somewhere, the congregation in question is both able and willing to meet all just demands made upon it from any quarter.

The Globe, making mention of Professor Jordan's appearance in the pulpit of Rosedale Church, in the absence of Rev. D. Strachan, last Sunday, says:—Dr. Jordan is known as the most vital and effective preacher in the Canadian church, and his recent contribution to the Old Testament problem makes him one of the most interesting scholars in the religious world.

"I haven't heard of it officially," said Rev. A. Logan Geggie, of Parkdale Presbyterian church, when a newspaper reporter showed him a dispatch relating to a call to St. Andrew's, Winnipeg. But he admitted that the matter had been mentioned to him in a casual way. "And I have not, of course, considered it. Any consideration that would cause me to think of a change would lie in Winnipeg, not in Toronto. I suppose Winnipeg does present opportunities," said he with hesitation. "However, I repeat, the matter has not been considered yet." Mr. Geggie was a graduate of Edinburgh University before coming to Toronto, where he has served ten years in Parkdale, where his salary is \$3,250 without a manse. "St. Andrew's, Winnipeg, will have to do some hustling to get Mr. Geggie away from Toronto," said one prominent member.

The Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Gregg were at home to all their friends on an afternoon last week, the occasion being the sixtieth anniversary of their wedding. Telegrams and cables of congratulation were showered on the old people, and many tributes of affection and esteem in the form of flowers were also received. Tea was served by Miss McMicking, Miss Marjorie Gregg and Miss Kerr, and amongst those present were Sir Mortimer and Lady Clark, President Falconer, Principal Gandler, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace, Prof. Ballantyne, Mr. and Mrs. Gunther, Prof. and Mrs. McCurdy, Mr. Frank Yeigh, the Rev. Mr. Strathcona, the Rev. Mr. Wishart, Mrs. Gunn, Mrs. McMechan, Mr. and Mrs. William Greig, Dr. and Mrs. Stewart, Clinton; Mr. and Mrs. Gregory, Mr. and Mrs. David McLaren, Mrs. Bertram, Mrs. Hamilton Burns, Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Duncan, Mr. and Mrs. William Davidson, Prof. and Mrs. Fletcher, Miss Lizzie Burns, Mrs. William Kerr, Dr. and Mrs. Kennedy, Mr. and Mrs. Henderson, Prof. Hume and Mr. A. F. Wickson.

MONTREAL AND QUEBEC.

Rev. C. B. Ross, of London, has accepted the call to Brandon.

Rev. Dr. David Crombie, who is on furlough from the John G. Paton Mission, New Hebrides, where he has spent the last seven years was the preacher in St. Paul's Church last Sunday evening.

Rev. James MacKay, of Chippewa, has been unanimously called to the pastorate of Calvin Church, in succession to Rev. Mr. George, who recently resigned, owing to ill health. It is expected that Mr. MacKay will accept. The congregation is gratified not to have to face a long vacancy.

Rev. McEachern, of Leaskdale, in the absence Rev. Mr. Fraser, from illness, took the services at Uxbridge two Sundays.

WESTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. Neil M. Leckie, B.D., of Burne, is called to Kirkwall.

Rev. Alfred Bright, of Ingersoll, has been conducting preparatory services at Tavistock.

Rev. Mr. Hall, of Sarnia, and Rev. Mr. Fee, of Wyoming, exchanged pulpits on a recent Sunday.

Rev. A. D. McHaig, of Jarratt, preached his farewell sermon last Sunday, and will at once leave for Lorne.

The Rev. F. W. Gilmour, of Penetanguishene, has declined the call extended to him by the congregations of Tottenham and Beeton.

Rev. A. Henderson, clerk of London Presbytery, preached Dorchester and Crumlin pulpits vacant last Sunday. He will act as interim moderator during vacancy.

On Wednesday evening of last week Rev. Mr. Stephenson, lately of Edmonton, was inducted at St. Andrew's church, Keewatin. A reception and supper followed.

Miss Nellie Hodgins, who for eighteen months very acceptably filled the position of soprano soloist in Knox church, Woodstock, was presented with a kindly worded address and a purse of gold on her leaving the city.

On the tenth anniversary of his pastorate, Rev. W. A. J. Martin of Zion Presbyterian church, Brantford, was waited on by the church representatives and presented with \$600 and granted three months' holidays.

Mr. Alexander McMurdo, who is leaving for the West, was tendered a farewell social and an address by the First church, Galt; also a watchguard and suit case. Mr. McMurdo had always taken a deep interest in the choir and church work generally, and he will be greatly missed.

The Confederates, of Mount Forest, in noticing a lecture in Westminster church by a well-known Toronto divine, says: Dr. Gilray's bright, breezy style, varied by sketchy, but graphic word-pictures, illumined with flashes of humor, and impressive with serious reflections, made the lecture one long to be remembered.

Mrs. Carruthers, on leaving Bracebridge for Orillia, was entertained by the ladies of the congregation and presented with a pretty china tea service and silver tray. Mrs. Brown presided, and after a few words called on Mrs. Bastedo, who read an address in which Mrs. Carruthers was thanked for her past services and efficient help and the wish expressed that she would be blessed in the future, wherever she might be called upon to labor.

Seldom does a St. Mary's audience have the opportunity to hear and enjoy such a beautifully classic programme as that given at the organ recital in Knox church last Monday night under the auspices of the Anna Hudson Club, says the Journal. It was a "veritable musical treat," and special mention was made of the singing by Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Riach. Mrs. Riach's beautiful rich soprano voice being heard to great advantage in "Go, Campion's" "Ninety and Nine."

Rev. A. H. Denoon has been inducted into the pastorate of the Presbyterian Church, Antigonish. The choice of the Antigonish brethren was a splendid one, says the New Glasgow Chronicle. Mr. Denoon is a fine type of the able young Pictonian, a clever preacher and a popular gentleman.