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LETTERS

OTTAWA.

Rev. Dr. Ramsay and family have gone to Norway Bay for the summer season.

Rev. D. Stewart of Finch, will be the preacher in St. Paul's church, next Sunday.

Rev. J. H. Turnbull, of Bank street church, along with his family, will spend the summer in his cottage at Meach Lake.

Rev. P. W. Anderson, of Mackay church, goes to Fitzroy Harbor for four weeks, commencing with the last week of July. His pulpit will be filled by Rev. A. Stuart Woods, B.A., of Chesterville, during his absence from the city.

A wonderful example of well-sustained strength and vitality is presented by the Rev. Dr. McKeekin, who, notwithstanding his advanced years, preaches every Sunday with such power and unction as to make him a welcome pulpit supply wherever he is able to respond to requests for services in that capacity. For the last two Sundays he has been preaching at Athens; for two previous Sundays he took the services in St. Andrew's church, Buckingham; for eight or ten weeks before that he acted as stated supply at Vars and Navan; and next Sunday he will occupy the pulpits at Shawville, Starks and Bristol Corners, Que., where three services are involved, and several miles of travel. This veteran will overtake the work with comparative ease, and without any complaint of fatigue. Certainly it does not often happen that a minister in the neighborhood of four score years shows the physical and mental powers displayed by Dr. McKeekin.

The following from the N.Y. Christian Intelligencer will be interesting to many of our city readers. It has reference to Dr. Elliott's recent visit to the Capital: "The work was truly a wonderful illustration of the triumph of the Gospel in answer to prayer, and as a result of careful preparation and persistent effort. The chief meetings were held in the large Stewart Presbyterian church, Rev. W. A. McIlroy, pastor. This great church, with its large membership and seating capacity of about twelve hundred, assumed all the responsibility and extended the invitation to the evangelist, but other churches gladly co-operated in the work. From the outset God's blessing seemed to be upon the work and it steadily grew in interest and power until the whole city was mightily moved. One who had long been a resident of the city and who had watched and worked in some of the former efforts under Dr. Chapman and Dr. Torrey, said that in his judgment none of these had gripped the city more profoundly than the mission under Evangelist Elliott. * * * One of the striking incidents of the campaign, and one that made a very deep impression, was connected with the visit of a woman of considerable wealth and social position, who came from one of the neighboring towns to Ottawa to attend the meetings. She took rooms at the Young Woman's Christian Association Building and was regular in her attendance and outspoken in her appreciation of the blessings received. Coming back to the building one Friday she gathered about her a group of the young ladies, told them of the sermon and of her impressions, referred to the preacher's wonderful voice and earnestness, and gave a testimony for the truth that impressed the young ladies deeply. Saturday morning she was dead."

WINNIPEG AND WEST.

Rev. W. D. Tate, of Q'Apple, Sask., has been elected Grand Master of the Masons of the Province of Saskatchewan.

Rev. Dr. Du Val, it is hoped, will be able to re-open Riverview church after repairs and enlargement.

In the course of his discourse in St. Andrew's church on a recent Sunday evening, Dr. Perry alluded to the scarcity of men for the ministry which contributed one of the most serious problems which the church had to face. This he attributed to a growing spirit of materialism which was benumbing and deadening spiritual life.

Rev. J. U. Tanner, of Lancaster, and Rev. A. Lee, of St. Elmo, were guests at the Appie Hill manse last week.

Rev. Dr. McPhail, of Kirk Hill, preached in Dalkeith school house last Sunday evening. There was a large congregation present.

The Westboro congregation held a lawn social on the church grounds last week. Refreshments were served, which with singing, recitations, etc., helped to make the evening a most enjoyable one.

The Foreign Mission Tidings for July gives the following list of life members:

Mrs. Mary Findlay, in memory of her daughter, Mrs. T. S. Laidman, Birtle W.F.M.S. Auxiliary, Gladstone; Miss Jean Muir, presented by W.F.M.S. Auxiliary to their organist, Port Elgin; Mrs. A. J. Leslie, presented by Westminster Auxiliary, Mount Forest; Mrs. S. S. L. Smellie, presented by the Sunbeam Mission Band, Fort William, Ont.; Mrs. Kate G. Rowen, presented by her sister, Mrs. Wm. G. Ross, in memory of her uncle, Mr. Peter Ferguson, of Brussels, Ont., McKellar Auxiliary, Calgary, Alta.; Miss Annie Watt, presented by Knox Church Auxiliary, Elora; Mrs. C. W. McMullin, Cook's Church Auxiliary, Toronto; Mrs. John H. Consitt, presented by the W.F.M.S. Auxiliary, Hill's Green, Ont.; Miss Helen Coulthard, presented by Central Auxiliary, Galt; Miss Jenny Murray, Burn's Church Auxiliary, Tazewell, Ont.; Mrs. Johnston Patterson, presented by the W.F.M.S. Auxiliary, Northcote; Miss Jessie Gibbons, presented by the W.F.M.S. Auxiliary, West Toronto; Miss E. Moss, presented by W.F.M.S. Auxiliary, Portage la Prairie; Mrs. J. A. Wilson, presented by St. Andrew's Church Auxiliary, Hamilton; Mrs. Elizabeth Kerwell, presented by Rev. Dr. McLean, Eglington Auxiliary, Eglington; Mrs. Warren Darling, Hopeful Gleaners' Mission Band, St. James Square Church, Toronto; Mrs. F. McIntosh, presented by St. Andrew's Church Auxiliary, Smith's Falls; Miss Jessie R. H. Panton, presented by W.F.M.S. Auxiliary, Oshawa; Mrs. John Fleming, W.F.M.S. Auxiliary, Guthrie Church, Harrison; Miss Susan Thompson, W.F.M.S. Auxiliary, Niagara Falls; Miss Mary J. Crawford, presented by a friend, Knox Church Auxiliary, Dundas; Mrs. John Howarth, presented by Calvin Church Auxiliary, Pembroke; Mrs. Samuel Wallace, presented by W.F.M.S. Auxiliary, Brampton; Miss Eliza Wallace, W.F.M.S. Auxiliary, Brampton; Miss Martin, presented by MacKay Auxiliary, Cowan Avenue Church, Toronto; Mrs. A. M. Stewart, presented by MacKay Auxiliary, St. John's Church, Vancouver; Mrs. E. Garrett, presented by Barrie Presbyterian, Bradford; Mrs. Gilbert Gordon, Hamilton, presented by Mrs. E. Dodds, Cecilia Jeffrey Auxiliary.

WESTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. Dr. McCrae, of Westminster, has been preaching in First Church, London, Ont.

At the last meeting of Chatham Presbytery, Dr. Battisby's name was added to the roll as a retired minister.

The congregation of Newcastle and Newtonville have called Mr. P. McLeod, one of this year's graduates of Knox College.

Rev. Dr. Battisby, of Chatham, has returned from a visit to California, and is announced to preach at Bothwell in the near future.

The Presbyterian garden party at Leffroy last week was a grand success. The programme was good, and the proceeds were over \$100.

Rev. John Bailey has declined the call to St. George's Church, London Junction. Rev. W. Moffat, 362 Horton Street, London, is interim moderator of the vacancy.

The Rev. G. L. Johnston, who has been pastor of North Bay Presbyterian Church for twelve years, has resigned to take effect early in August. He expects to spend the summer at Niagara-on-the-Lake.

On the 25th anniversary of the induction of Rev. A. Blair, B.A., as minister at Nanagawaya, his congregation presented him with a congratulatory address and a purse containing \$300 in gold.

Rev. A. Henderson, Clerk of Presbytery of London, is leaving for a visit to the far west. Parties having business to communicate will kindly write during the next two months to Rev. Walter Moffat, 362 Horton Street, London.

Rev. E. Leslie Pidgeon, of St. Thomas, is invited to become associate minister of St. Stephen's church, Winnipeg, of which Rev. C. W. Gordon, D.D., is minister. The salary offered is \$400. Mr. Pidgeon takes the pulpit during the months of July and August, and his visit may result in his leaving St. Thomas for the prairie city.

At the last communion in Knox church, Paisley (Rev. G. C. Little, minister) 19 members were added to the roll—10 by profession of faith, and 9 by certificate. Since the induction of the present pastor, ten months ago, 82 new members have been added to the roll, and of these 18 united in profession of faith. It is certainly a growing season for this congregation.

The Simcoe Reformer of a recent date says:—"The Rev. W. J. Dey, M.A. pastor of St. Paul's Church, Simcoe, has had the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity conferred upon him. He has been for the past ten years chairman of the International Committee on Psalmody, which represented most of the Presbyterianism of North America. The work of the committee was to prepare a new version of the Psalms in metre. The work was completed last September, and is already adopted by the United Presbyterian Church of the United States as their Book of Praise, and it has been accepted by the other operating churches to be adopted in whole or in part. The United Presbyterian members of the International Committee presented Mr. Dey's name to the board of directors of Westminster College, Pa., their strongest and best equipped institution, and heartily and unanimously his name was enrolled among their doctors and announced at their annual commencement last week." The distinction is well merited; and we join with Dr. Dey's many friends throughout the Church in offering him hearty congratulations on the honor thus conferred on him.