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OTTAWA.

Rev. M. H. Scott, pastor of Zion church, Hull, announced to his congregation recently that it had now developed far enough to be self-supporting. Twelve years ago, when he took charge, it had a membership of fifty and received a grant as a mission station of \$400 per annum. Now the membership has increased to 125, and it is independent of outside aid for its support. Twenty-eight new members were admitted at last communion. The Sunday school is also in a flourishing condition. The attendance now was 110, 12 years ago when Mr. Scott assumed the pastorate it was about 50. In assisting the school to attain to this high state of efficiency, the indefatigable pastor has been ably assisted by a number of efficient and unselfish workers, including Mr. J. R. McKay, the superintendent; Mr. J. S. Taylor, secretary-treasurer; Miss Cushman, teacher of the infant class, and Mr. R. G. Nesbitt, another leading teacher. We offer hearty congratulations to Mr. Scott on the satisfactory results of his able, faithful and persistent labors, during the past dozen years.

MONTREAL.

The congregation of Chalmers along with his ministerial brethren, and many friends of all denominations, will welcome back to his work the Rev. G. Cooburne Heine, B.A., who resumes his pulpit a week ago last Sunday after some months of enforced rest.

Five new elders, Messrs. H. Nichol, D. Swinton, W. Duff, H. T. Love and David Paterson were ordained to the eldership in Taylor Church at the evening service last Sunday. The Rev. L. H. Jordan, formerly of Erskine Church, of this city, preached the ordination sermon. Although this makes thirty elders on the session of Taylor Church, yet it is felt that they are all needed to properly handle the great and growing work of the congregation.

A pleasing feature of the last meeting of the governors of the Montreal Protestant Refuge was the unanimous election of Mr. James Moore as honorary life president, in succession to the late Mr. Charles Alexander. The honor is well deserved, as Mr. Moore will well fill the vacancy caused by the lamented death of Mr. Alexander who for nearly half a century was the recognized head of this useful institution.

In connection with Knox Church Chinese Sunday-school last week there was an event of much interest in the baptism of ten scholars and their reception into church fellowship. Besides fully a hundred Chinese, there were many teachers present, representing Knox and several other schools as many of the scholars attend one or two other classes during the day. The Rev. Messrs. Patterson and Kinnear were also present, with representatives of Knox Church session, besides the others taking part. The Rev. Principal Scrimger made some remarks urging the candidates to walk worthily of their high calling, and after the usual questions put in Chinese by Dr. Thompson, performed the act of baptism. Prayer was then offered by Mr. William Robertson, superintendent of the Chinese Sunday School, and the Rev. Dr. Fleck, who presided, presented each of the new members with a Chinese and English Testament with their names inscribed. The interesting proceedings were brought to a close with song, and by Rev. Dr. Fleck pronouncing the benediction.

EASTERN ONTARIO

Rev. A. D. McIntyre and wife, Cumberland, have been visiting friends in Finch.

Rev. A. Govan, of Williamstown, is a mighty hunter as well as an effective preacher. He has just returned from an expedition into the wilds of New Ontario with two fine specimens of his prowess.

The Communion Service at Newington on Sabbath was the last under the pastorate of Rev. D. N. Coburn, as he leaves shortly for his new charge at Buckingham, Que.

The new Presbyterian Church at Burk's Falls is nearing completion and the contractor says he expects to have the whole structure ready for occupancy by Xmas or sooner.

Kingston Jews have raised \$200 for the relief of the persecuted Jews of Russia; and of this amount St. Andrew's Presbyterian church contributed almost \$60.

At the meeting of Glengarry Presbytery the following were elected commissioners to the next General Assembly:—Rev. Messrs. MacVicar, Burnet, Langill and McCallum, and Messrs. McGillivray of Alexandria and William Dingwall of Cornwall.

Special services were held on Sunday at Apple Hill to mark the anniversary of the opening of Zion Church at that place and on Monday evening Rev. Prof. E. A. McKenzie, Montreal, delivered his popular lecture on "Gladstone."

The annual meeting of the Finch branch of the W.F.M.S., held in St. Luke's church on Dec. 5, was fairly well attended. The following officers were elected for the coming year:

President—Mrs. (Rev.) D. MacVicar; secretary, Mrs. D. P. McKinnon; treasurer, Mrs. A. F. Day.

The W.F.M.S. of St. John's church, Almonte, departed from the former custom and instead of holding a special week-night thankoffering meeting the morning service on a recent Sunday was of a missionary character, and the contributions were presented at that service, the envelopes to be opened at the regular monthly meeting. Rev. Mr. McIlroy, of Stewarton church, Ottawa, was the preacher, and he gave an excellent missionary sermon.

At the meeting of Glengarry Presbytery at Aultsville the evening session was devoted to a conference, when the following subjects were dealt with: "A Real Revival of True Religion," supported by Rev. Messrs. MacKenzie of Lancaster, and McGillivray of Cornwall, and "Evangelistic Work, Its Necessity, Methods and Results," supported by Rev. D. N. Coburn of Lunenburg, and Rev. Dr. Harkness of Cornwall.

Rev. D. N. Coburn, B.D., Lunenburg, gave his popular lecture "Leaners and Lifters," in St. Luke's church, Finch on Tuesday evening, Dec. 5 which was appreciated by all present. On motion of D. P. McKinnon, seconded by George L. McLean and F. D. McNaughton, the lecturer was accorded a hearty vote of thanks. The lecture was under the auspices of the W.F.M.S. of St. Luke's church, and at the close of the programme refreshments were served by the ladies.

On Monday evening following an entertainment was given in the church. The Rev. D. MacVicar, of Finch and Cryslar, presided. Addresses were delivered by Revs. Messrs. A. Rowat, D. Stewart of Morewood, and Rondeau of Casselman. The musical part of the programme was efficiently attended to by Mrs. Shipman of Ottawa and the Finch quartette. Mr.

Rowat gave a very interesting account of the inception of the work in Cryslar 24 years ago.

An interesting meeting was recently held in Knox Church, Perth. This was a reunion of the members who united with the church during the present century, or since 1901. During these five years one hundred and fifty-one united with the church. The great drain upon the churches of Eastern Ontario may be seen in the fact that forty-one, or more than one-fourth of these, have already left the bounds of the congregation and are living in other parts of the continent. Greetings were sent to the meeting by eighteen of those scattered members from such extreme points as Edmonton, Kenilworth, Montreal, Buffalo and Dakota. These letters show continued interest in Christian life and work. The Rev. Mr. Wilson of St. Paul's church, Smith's Falls, delivered an inspiring address on the privileges and obligations of the church of to-day.

Re-opening services were held in the Cryslar Presbyterian church at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Sabbath, Dec. 3rd. The Rev. Mr. A. Rowat, of Athlestone, Que., preached two good sermons to large audiences. The congregation was originally organized by Mr. Rowat, who also built the church and opened it for services on the same date, 24 years ago. The opening services were conducted on that occasion by the late Rev. John Fraser, then of Indian Lands. The church has recently been thoroughly repaired and renovated. When the congregation was first organized by Mr. Rowat he was pastor of Winchester and Morewood. He is also the father of another congregation in this section of the country, viz. Dunbar, which was organized by him about the same time. These two congregations are permanent monuments of his influence and zeal in the Master's service while at Winchester.

WESTERN ONTARIO.

Mr. Carter of Guelph occupied the Mimosa pulpit acceptably for the last two Sundays. After the first of January the pastor Rev. A. W. McIntosh will, it is hoped, be able to resume his ministrations.

Rev. N. A. Macdonald, M. A., of Sutton, Ont., is called to Latona, salary \$800 a year and four weeks vacation. If accepted, the induction will take place in Latona, Dec. 21st. Mr. Black will preside, Mr. Shepherd will preach, Mr. Currie address the minister, and Mr. Matheson the people.

At Owen Sound Presbytery it was agreed that the Sabbath School Committee make arrangements for a conference to be held on the day following the meeting of Presbytery in March in Division Street Lecture Room. A circular letter from the Presbytery of Orangeville on financial organizations was referred to the committee on Systematic Benevolence with instruction to report to the March meeting.

The Presbyterians of Brookholm having built a commodious Sabbath school room asked leave of Owen Sound Presbytery to raise the sum of \$1,000 by mortgage on the property to complete the building. Leave was cordially granted and the Presbytery extended its congratulations to the people in Brookholm for their enterprise in taking up this needy work, and for carrying it out to a successful issue. The presbytery further appointed Dr. McRobbie to be associated with Dr. Somerville and Mr. McAlpine in the opening services on the 17th inst.