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EASTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. Mr. Pocock, of Thessalon, is called to Lyn, Ont.

Rev. Orr Bennett, of St. Andrew's Church, Almonte, exchanged on a recent Sunday with Rev. W. E. Wallace, of Middleville.

Rev. J. R. Conn, of Napanee, and Rev. J. F. Millar, of Blakeney, have been visiting at the manse, Pakenham.

Rev. Robert Patterson, B. A., formerly of Glenboro, Manitoba, is called to Binscarth, in the Presbytery of Yorkton. The stipend offered is \$1,000, a manse, and four weeks holidays.

Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Maclean, of Avonmore, Ont., have left to spend the month of September at various points in Quebec Province. The Rev. James Hastie, B.C., of Mouinette, will occupy the pulpit during the pastor's absence.

The death is announced of Mrs. Martin, wife of Rev. D. M. Martin, Cannington, of tumor on the brain. Deceased was the only sister of Mr. W. J. Paul, M.P.P., and daughter of Mr. Robert Paul, of Prince Albert, Sask. The interment was at Mount Forest, Ont.

On his way home from Halifax and the Atlantic coast, where he spent his holidays, Rev. Alfred Gandier, B.D., of St. James' Square church, Toronto, preached on a recent Sunday evening to his father's congregation at Newburgh. The Methodists withdrew their service for the occasion.

Rev. Dr. Bayne, of Pembroke, and Mr. Hassard of the Y.M.C.A. tent at the military camp, exchanged duties on a recent Sunday. Rev. Dr. Bayne preaching to the military in the morning and conducted a service in the Y.M.C.A. tent at night, while Mr. Hassard occupied the pulpit of Calvin Church morning and evening.

The recent social of Hephzibah congregation, Williamstown, held on the lawn of Mrs. (Dr.) Mowat, was a great success. The music contributed by Mrs. (Dr.) Rogers of Ottawa, Miss McGillivray, the Misses Ferguson, Miss McDonald, Miss Bouchard, of Montreal, and Miss Waddell was highly appreciated. The recitations by Miss McIntosh were much enjoyed, as were the speeches of Rev. Mr. Govan and Rev. Mr. Scott, of Perth.

Dr. Torrance, of Peterboro, has been preaching in St. Paul's church, Port Hope, from II. Corinthians viii. 9. Among other things he said: "The Son of God possessed the heavens and the earth. The silver and the gold were His, and the cattle on a thousand hills; and legions of angels stood ready to do His bidding; but in order to save men from the curse of sin and eternal death, He divested himself of His riches and glory, became poor for our sakes, and humbled Himself unto death, even the death of the cross that we might be saved and inherit eternal life."

Rev. A. S. Ross, M.A., who has for seven years been pastor of the congregation of Westboro and Merivale, was given a farewell social at the residence of Mr. J. G. Clarke, by the friends and members of the Westboro church, prior to his leaving for Montreal West, his new charge. After refreshments had been served, Mr. Ross was presented with an address, accompanied by a well-filled purse of gold—a token of esteem in which he is held by the people of Westboro. His labors in that congregation have been very faithful and have been highly appreciated by the people, who regret very much his removal, but heartily and affectionately wish him God-speed in his new field of labor. Mr. Ross has many friends in Ottawa, who, while regretting his de-

parture, wish him abundant prosperity in his new charge.

On a recent Sunday, in Mill street church, Port Hope, Rev. R. B. Nelles, discoursing on the "Rich Young Man," said: "One thing thou lackest." In our day there is a self-confident spirit abroad and nominal Christians are rocked to an eternal sleep in the cradle of pride. The young ruler protests when a doubt is cast upon his life. He resented Christ's words. The same spirit prevails to-day. Let a minister in all sympathy reveal the lack in the individual or congregational life, and he is unkind; let him be sensational and he is popular. The words of Christ come with startling import to many a professing Christian. Church attendance, giving, charity and the like, are good enough in themselves, but are only the veneer. The real Christian man or woman is one who thinks God's thoughts after Him and is moved by the Holy Spirit. If we lack assurance in God, we lack peace, joy, happiness and all else.

The Carleton Place Herald says that "One of Rev. Mr. Woodside's most vivid memories of his Northfield experiences was an address by the British orator, Dr. Johnston Cross. The Doctor maintained that the church and the home were the only social groupings which lasted and that the greatest gift of Christianity was the home, bearing out the material relation which was God's plan for the race. He said eminent scientific thinkers confessed that there was reality in so-called conversions. The moral world is as much a cosmos as the physical, although between the two there is no stepping-stone. Those who are trying to interpret the moral world in terms of the physical are suffering from the measles of agnosticism. Sir Sheng-Lung, Lang-Cheng, the Chinese minister, who had arrived in his touring-car, heard the address and several times nodded his approval. Mr. Woodside wishes that every minister of the gospel in Canada could have attended the convention."

WESTERN ONTARIO.

The following is the programme of Orangeville Presbytery conference on Church Union:

Rev. Geo. Kendall, of Conn and Woodland, preached in Knox Church, Harrison on a recent Sunday. Rev. M. Cameron preached anniversary services in the above places.

On their return home Rev. Mr. McIntosh and bride, of Mitchell, were tendered a reception, and presented with a purse of gold.

Rev. Walter Moffatt, of London, under the auspices of the Sundridge "Sons of Temperance," gave an interesting and educational lecture on "A Modern Babylon." There was a good attendance.

At the next regular meeting of Orangeville Presbytery, to be held in St. Andrew's Church, Orangeville, on Tuesday, 10th September, at 10.30 a.m., a conference will be held on Church Union. It is expected the meeting will be one of great interest.

The death is announced at Tiverton, at the age of 81 years and ten months, of Margaret Kennedy, wife of Rev. John Anderson, who for many years was minister of the Presbyterian church in that locality. Mr. Anderson, who is still living, in fairly good health, is one of the oldest surviving Presbyterian ministers in Canada, and did noble and self-sacrificing work in that northern country during the pioneer days. His wife, like himself, was greatly respected by all classes of the community.

At the morning service last Sunday a most gratifying letter was read to the congregation from Rev. W. Harvey Gränt of the Wei-Hui Mission staff, China. The expenses of the Wei-Hui Mission station, to the amount of \$800, are met by the congregation of Chalmers church, Guelph, and the letter read was the second one received this year, thanking the people for their deep interest in the work. A letter has also been received from the Home Mission station, of Golden, B.C., stating that, owing to the generous support extended to it by Chalmers church during the past two years, the field had now been placed on the Augmentation Fund, with a settled pastor. Thus earnestly and actively is Chalmers congregation seeking to carry out the great missionary commission of the Master.

How such a Union as proposed would affect the Doctrinal Standards of the Church? By Rev. Hugh Matheson, Caledonia East; How would it affect the Government of the Church? By Rev. James Buchanan, Dundalk; Does Union appear to you feasible or desirable from the Evangelical view point? If so, Why? By Rev. J. A. Matheson, Priceville; What impressions did you gather at the General Assembly, or elsewhere, concerning Union? By Rev. J. Gordon Cheyne, Claude; How will such a Union affect the constitutional and institutional element? By Mr. Alexander Steele, Orangeville; How will the laymen, or rank and file of the Church, view, in your opinion, the question of Union? By Mr. Alexander Smith, Shelburne. Ministers and elders are urged to come prepared to add their quota to the Conference. It is hoped that this Conference will help to crystallize the opinion of the Presbytery on the subject of Union.

Too often the church grounds and surroundings generally are the most ill-kept and least attractive in the whole neighborhood. Evidently this can not be said of Knox Church, Galt. The Reporter remarks—Not only is attention paid to the floral attractions of the foreground, but the south side of the edifice is also handsomely embellished, and in the rear a great profusion of lovely flowers is to be seen. There are beds of balsams, geraniums, colous, asters, golden glow, gladioli, columbine, dahlias, sweet-peas, nasturtiums, oriental poppies, perennial phlox, tiger-lilies, holly hocks, Canterbury bells, jarkspur, ranunculus, and wild flowers of many kinds. On the north side huge ferns grow in every window corner, while Boston ivy creeps up the walls and lends relief to the sombre stone. In the lounain, fed by a natural spring from an adjacent hill, are fish of several kinds disporting themselves in the cold, clear water.

At Knox church, Woodstock, last Sunday morning, Rev. R. S. Laidlaw, of Belleville, formerly assistant pastor, was heard with keen pleasure and profit by a large congregation, says the Sentinel-Review. Mr. Laidlaw delivered an able and forceful discourse on the importance of the individual application of religion. The present day tendency was to attach responsibility for wrongdoing on others. One political party accused the other of wrongdoing. A certain trade blamed the members of other crafts for all prevailing evils. People listened to the arguments of a minister and remarked after the sermon, how the discourses must have appealed to certain individuals in the congregation. There was a regrettable absence of examination of self. More of the "Is it I?" spirit of Christ's disciples was required. Each was subject to sin by reason of his natural selfishness. The development of sin was dependent on the general conditions and environments of the individual, and it was the primary duty of each and everyone to guard against its growth.