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Ministers and Churches.

THE Rev. R. N. Grant has just completed the tenth year of his pastorate in Orillia.

THE Rev. Mr. Carriere, Presbyterian minister of Grand Bend, occupied the pulpit of the Lieury Presbyterian Church, on July 24.

THE death is announced from Cap a l'Aigle of Miss Eleanor Campbell, daughter of Rev. Dr. Campbell, of St. Gabriel Church, Montreal.

THE Rev. E. F. Torrance, B.A., pastor of St. Pauls Presbyterian Church, Peterboro', who is spending six weeks holidays in Halifax, N.S., writes that he is enjoying his outing greatly.

THE Rev. W. H. W. Boyle, formerly pastor of Knox Church, St. Thomas, and for many years in Paris, is suffering from another attack of hemorrhage of the lungs, and is very low. Mrs. Boyle is also ill with gastric fever.

THE Rev. W. S. McTavish, B.D., of St. George, is at present visiting friends at his old home in Nasagaweya. Mr. McTavish is one of the rising young men of the ministry. He was recently elected Moderator of his Presbytery.

PRINCIPAL GRANT has just received a cheque for \$156.80 from "an old friend of the late Sir John Macdonald," which is to be applied to the memorial fund for establishing a Sir John A. Macdonald scholarship in Queen's University, Kingston.

THE officers of Knox Church, Dundas, Society of Christian Endeavour for the present term are: Miss Kyle, president; F. Weidenhammer, vice-president; Miss Flora McKenzie, treasurer; John Ferguson, recording secretary, and Miss Laing, corresponding secretary.

THE Rev. Walter B. Floyd, M.A., formerly of New York, occupied the pulpit of Knox Church in this city the past two Sabbaths, during the absence of Rev. Dr. Parsons. Mr. Floyd preached most acceptably and also conducted the prayer meeting and Bible class with great satisfaction.

WE understand that it is the intention of a lady friend of the Presbyterian Church, Prescott (who does not wish her name given), to present the congregation with a new bell, to replace the one destroyed at the time of the disastrous fire last January. The new bell will weigh about 3,200 lbs.

ON Sabbath afternoon, July 24, a large congregation gathered in the Presbyterian church, Tavistock, to listen to an interesting sermon given by Rev. Dr. Howie of Palestine (who is blind). He was dressed in the fashion of the Eastern countries. He also addressed a very large meeting on Tuesday evening, relating "The story of his life," which was listened to almost with breathless silence.

THOSE who were unfortunately absent from the complimentary concert in aid of the Presbyterian church, Prescott, given through the courtesy of Mr. J. P. Wiser, at Victoria Hall, on Friday evening, July 15th, missed what was undoubtedly the finest concert ever rendered in Prescott. The whole affair was a pleasant and thorough success, and it is to be sincerely hoped that we may enjoy a repetition of it.

THE induction and ordination of the Rev. D. McVicar, B.A., took place in Knox Church, Amos, Tuesday, 26th July. The following rev. gentlemen were present and took part in the services: Mr. McKellar, Moderator, Messrs. Jansen, of Durham, Young, of Clifford, and Miller, of Holstein. Mr. McVicar enters upon his new field of labour with the favour and good will of all his congregation. He is a young man of energy and ability, and is much appreciated as a minister.

THE Rev. Alex. Bell, Presbyterian minister, formerly pastor of St. Andrews Church, Peterboro', died at his residence, Euclid Avenue, Toronto, on Tuesday, July 26th. Rev. Mr. Bell was pastor of St. Andrews for about fifteen years, succeeding Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, now pastor of St. Andrews West, Toronto. Rev. Mr. Bell had marked ability as a preacher, and his many friends in Peterboro', while regretting his death, will cordially extend their sympathy to the bereaved wife and orphaned family.

AT the close of the prayer meeting recently in the Presbyterian church, Aurora, Mr. David Johnston, on behalf of the ladies of the congregation, read an address to the pastor, in which they gave expression to their good will and regard toward him. They also expressed their desire that he should take a rest of a few weeks; and to make their desire more effective the address was accompanied by a very handsome gift of money. Mr. Amos replied, thanking the ladies for their seasonable kindness.

THE successful ministrations of the Rev. John Hogg have increased the attendance at the North Presbyterian Church, Winnipeg, to such an extent that the managers have decided to enlarge their present church building. When it was first erected it was built with a view to extension. An addition will be constructed to the front and to the sides, making the church take the formation of a cross. It will increase the seating capacity of the edifice from 300 to 500, which is considered sufficiently large for the present. The original cost of the church and four lots was nearly \$10,000, and a sum of \$1,000 has been raised which, when paid, will almost free the congregation from debt. This is considered a good showing when it is understood that four years ago forty members were all that took upon themselves the burden of forming a congregation, paying a minister \$1,000 and a free house. Last winter they raised the salary of Mr. Hogg to \$1,200 and their finances are at present in excellent condition.

AT an adjourned meeting of the Presbytery of Stratford, held in St. Mary's, on the 26th July, it was moved by Rev. A. F. Tully, seconded by Rev. W. M. McKibbin, and unanimously agreed, That

whereas it had pleased God to bring sore trial upon the congregation of Knox Church, St. Mary's, by the total destruction of their beautiful church by fire, and whereas it had further pleased God to move the hearts of the people so graciously under this calamity as that they of their liberality gave, not only enough to meet the cost of reconstruction, but also to have on hand a large surplus; therefore, on this the first occasion of meeting here since these events, this Presbytery hereby expresses hearty sympathy with Rev. A. Grant and his congregation under these trials; and now rejoices with them in the restoration of their house of prayer to more than its former beauty and fitness; and prays God to grant them a continued outpouring of His grace and blessing, to their comfort of heart and joy of hope. Rev. A. Grant gratefully acknowledged this act of the Presbytery, on behalf of himself and his congregation.

THE mission field of Gore Bay is an extensive one, consisting of six country stations in addition to the town congregation. During the present year the membership of the whole field has trebled, increasing from sixty-six to about 200. The membership in the town alone has doubled. Financial matters also are showing signs of prosperity. It is expected that \$100 less will be required in aid from the Home Mission Committee for the coming year than for last, and it will not be long before the congregation will take steps to call a settled pastor. The town church has lately been re-roofed by the managers, and the Women's Band of Workers have expended over \$100 in beautifying the interior. Great praise is due the women for such laudable endeavours on behalf of their beloved Zion. An active Young People's Society of Christian Endeavour is also doing good work in its own sphere, and nowhere, perhaps, is their influence for good more noticeable than in the prayer meeting services of the church, both in the increased attendance and the freedom with which the younger members take part in them. The Sabbath school is also prospering, and the eldership is about to be increased in numbers.

A VERY enjoyable and social gathering was held at the manse, Lansdowne, on Tuesday evening, the 26th ult., under the auspices of the Mission Band. Refreshments were served out of doors. A liberal collection was taken up in behalf of the Society. The feature of the occasion, however, was the presentation of a beautifully-embroidered quilt. The Rev. Mr. Fairlie, in making the presentation, read the following address: To Dr. Elizabeth Beatty, Medical Missionary of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in Indore, India: The accompanying quilt is respectfully presented by the Mission Band of Lansdowne Church. The quilt represents the contribution of \$20 given in the past year to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Fund from many friends in and outside of the congregation, whose names are inscribed upon it. The material was presented to the Band by Mrs. D. Ross, of Kingston, the name inscribed upon it by the members, and the quilting done by Mrs. F. L. Tooker, late president of the Band. In presenting the quilt itself to Miss Beatty, the Band desires in this way to express its sympathy with her in the labours to which she has so nobly devoted herself, and in which she has so unsparingly engaged. The members of the Band trust that a lasting interest has been awakened in themselves in the great Foreign Mission work, and they desire to express the heartfelt wish that in God's good time Dr. Beatty may be restored to such measure of health and strength as shall enable her to resume that work in which they know her heart lies, and to which she has already devoted seven years of arduous and successful labour. Miss Beatty in accepting the gift expressed in a few feeling words her appreciation of it, and her hope that she might soon be able to return to her work in India.

THE regular weekly meeting of the Young People's Christian Endeavour Society of St. Pauls Church, Smith's Falls, lately, was fraught with more than usual interest. There was a large attendance of members, and a great deal of pleasure was derived by all from the proceedings. A very pleasant feature of the evening was the reading of a report of the Christian Endeavour convention recently held in the city of New York, by Mr. W. Robertson, of Montreal, who was one of the Canadian delegates; and his well-written account of the doings in Gotham proved exceedingly interesting and instructive. The reading of the report was interspersed with appropriate and familiar hymns, and at the close a hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Robertson for his very entertaining paper. After a short prayer by Mr. Nixon, Mr. F. T. Frost came forward and announced that he had a very pleasant duty to perform. He stated that one of their number was about to change her place of abode, and consequently it was fitting that they show, in some way, their appreciation of the valuable services rendered on all occasions by the lady who was about to leave them to take up the burden of life elsewhere. He referred to Mrs. J. A. Clark. He thought that all would agree with him that she was deserving of the highest praise that could be bestowed on her for her kind efforts as a teacher and leader of the choir; and that the good wishes and prayers of all the congregation would follow her wherever her lot would be cast. Mr. Frost then presented Mrs. Clark with a purse containing \$50 and a very touching address full of kind wishes. The recipient was totally taken by surprise, but made a feeling reply. She thanked the members of the Sabbath school and choir for their kindness, and said that their thoughtfulness was very touching and gratifying. She had always met with kindness ever since she first became connected with the Church, and would ever remember the members of St. Pauls congregation with feelings of the deepest gratitude. She further stated that she always considered it a pleasant duty to labour in the work of the Church, and did not expect or deem herself worthy of such a reward. After Mrs. Clark had taken her seat, all joined in singing that ever beautiful hymn, "God be with you till we meet again." Miss Keith accompanying on the organ, and Mr. F. T. Frost then closed the meeting with prayer.

THE Rev. Dr. C. A. Webster, the missionary who is to enter the field in Palestine as the first representative of the Canadian Presbyterian Church, was ordained at Central Presbyterian Church, Hamilton, on July 28. There was a large attendance, considering the oppressive weather, and the ceremony was of much interest. Among those on the platform were Rev. Dr. Wardrope, Guelph; Rev. Mr. Bell, Niagara; Rev. Dr. Laing, Dundas; Revs. J. G. Shearer, J. Black, T. G. Thomson and S. Lyle, of Hamilton; Rev. Dr. Benson, of St. Catharines, and Messrs. Hamilton Cassels, Toronto, and A. I. McKenzie and George Rutherford, of Hamilton. Rev. Mr. Bell read the lesson, and Rev. Dr. Wardrope made the opening prayer. Rev. S. Lyle briefly addressed the congregation. He said that the Presbyterian Church in Canada was taking a new step in sending a missionary to the Jews in Palestine. The Board offered the position to Dr. Webster, and he having accepted, the ordination had been set for that night. Before the ordination he had a few questions to put to Dr. Webster, with which he immediately proceeded. Having answered all the questions prescribed, the ordination ceremony was proceeded with. At the altar, with the assembled clergy and members of Presbytery standing around him, Dr. Webster knelt, while Rev. S. Lyle offered prayer. Then all those on the platform laying their hands upon the candidate's head, Rev. Mr. Lyle continued: "In the name and by the authority of Jesus Christ, the King and Head of the Church, we, the Presbyterians of Hamilton, designate you to the office of the ministry, and to an important sphere in connection with Christ's kingdom in the mission fields." This ceremony was concluded with a prayer, also offered by Rev. Mr. Lyle, in which a special appeal was made for the work. Dr. Webster was going into Christ's native country and among His native people. Rev. Dr. Burson then addressed the newly-ordained missionary, dwelling upon the great work which he had before him and the honour conferred upon him in being chosen for the office. He also spoke on the text, Colossians iv. 17: "Take heed to the ministry which thou hast received in the Lord, that thou fulfil it." Mr. Hamilton Cassels, Convener of the Board of Foreign Missions, was called upon. He said that it was in the city of Hamilton in 1886 that the project of establishing a mission among the Jews in Palestine first saw the light, at which time a fund of over \$5,000 was handed over to the General Assembly for the purpose. The selection of Dr. Webster he looked upon as very important, not only on account of his zeal and ability in the cause of religion, but also on account of being a medical doctor as well. After a very touching address Mr. Cassels, on behalf of the Board, presented Dr. Webster with a copy of the sacred writings. Rev. Dr. Laing, of Dundas, followed with an address to the congregation, as representing the Presbyterian Church in Canada, the body which was to send Dr. Webster forth. Every member of the Church was bound to give a hearty and an intelligent support to the new scheme, the object of which was to bring the natural seed of Abraham back to their covenant privileges. The fund for the mission is now \$3,000, but that will not do. Other missionaries must be sent and institutions equipped, so that much money was yet needed. The choir, with the assistance of members of other choirs, led the singing. Mr. W. Gillespie sang a solo during the evening. A collection was taken up at the close in aid of the mission.

PRESBYTERY OF BARRIE.—This Presbytery met at Barrie, 26th July. Present fourteen ministers and five elders. In the absence of the Moderator Mr. Findlay occupied the chair. Mr. Leishman was elected Moderator for six months. The Rev. D. A. Thomson, of Peterboro' Presbytery, and Rev. W. S. Smith, of the Kingston Presbytery, being present, were invited to sit with the court. The resignation of the pastoral charge of Penetanguishene and Wye-bridge, tendered by Mr. H. Currie at last meeting.

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