

Mr. A. E. Armstrong, B.A., representing the Student's Volunteer movement sent out by the Foreign Mission Committee, preached at Burns' church and Brookside on Sunday last and conducted conference with Y.P.S. of Burns' church on Foreign Mission work on Sunday evening, and at Brookside on Wednesday evening.

Rev. Prof. McLaren, of Toronto, occupied the pulpit in the Rockwood church on Sunday the 10th inst. as Rev. Mr. Hall is still too unwell to discharge his duties. Anniversary services were held last Sabbath when the Rev. Dr. Parsons, of Toronto, officiated.

Rev. A. A. Graham, of Petrolia, preached in First church, Chatham, last Sabbath, it being the tenth anniversary of the opening of the present place of worship. Mr. Graham is one of the most prominent of the younger ministers of the church.

Rev. John Neil, of Westminster church, Toronto, occupied the pulpit of First church, London, on Sunday; and Rev. J. V. Smith, D.D., of Carleton street Methodist church, preached in St. Andrew's church. Both these gentlemen have many friends in London who were glad of the opportunity of hearing and seeing them.

The eleventh anniversary of Rev. G. C. Patterson's pastorate in Knox church, Embro, was observed in a specially interesting manner. The services were conducted by Rev. W. A. J. Martin of Zion church, Brantford, and his thoughtful discourses were thoroughly appreciated. On Monday evening the anniversary entertainment was held. Rev. R. E. Knowles of Galt in his address on "A three months trip in Europe" was a great treat much enjoyed by all. At the close of the programme Rev. Mr. Patterson addressed a few words of thankfulness to those who had assisted in making the anniversary a success, and to the friends from other churches who had shown by their presence a desire to congratulate Knox church on its most successful career.

The Presbytery of Paris met in Paris and was largely attended. R. S. Laidlaw of Knox church passed a highly creditable examination and was licensed to preach the Gospel. Rev. Dr. McMullen reported that Knox church, Calgary, had extended a call to Rev. I. Skinner Scott, B.D., with reasons of translation and that Rev. E. D. McLaren and Rev. Neil Macpherson of Hamilton had been appointed to prosecute the call. The Presbytery ordered that the congregation of St. Andrew's church, Brantford, be cited to appear at a meeting of the Presbytery to be held in Paris on Tuesday, May 26th, at 10.30 a.m. and give reasons, if they have any, why the translation should not be granted. Rev. D. Y. Ross presented a full report of the nature of the deeds under which the church property throughout the Presbytery is held and the amount of insurance carried. Rev. E. Cockburn was appointed to visit the congregations of Wyndham and Delhi in connection with their receiving aid from the Augmentation fund.

The Presbytery of Stratford met in Knox church. There were present Messrs. Dr. McLeod, moderator, Hamilton, Grant, Panten, J. W. Cameron, McLachlan, Ferguson, Leitch, Cosgrove, R. F. Cameron, Haig, McCullough, Hardie, McAulay, Gilmour, Stewart, Wilson, Cowan and McKinnon, ministers, and Messrs. Leslie, Taylor, Sutherland, Forbes, Anderson, Field, Curtis, Flood, Riddell, McKenzie and Laing, elders. Mr. McAulay reported that he had visited Monkton and that the congregation desired the withdrawal of Mr. Abrey's resignation. The resignation was laid on the table pending Mr. Abrey's return from a holiday. Arrangements were made for the ordination and induction of Mr. J. A. James, who has accepted a call to North and South Nissouri, as follows: The Presbytery will meet at 1 o'clock p.m. on the 19th inst. at South Nissouri. Mr. Cosgrove to preside at the induction, Mr. McKinnon to preach, Mr. Grant to address the minister, and Mr. Gilmour the people. Resolutions in regard to deaths of Elder W. Connell, of Milverton, and Rev. Dr. Proffoot, of London, were passed. A helpful address took place on the reports of Sabbath School, Church Life and Work, and Y.P.S. A missionary conference will be held in Stratford on Sunday next in connection with the Presbytery to be held then.

Western Ontario.

The Rev. R. Knowles, of Galt, will conduct anniversary services in the Orillia church on June 7th.

At a meeting of the Barrie Presbytery held on Tuesday of last week, a call was sustained and forwarded to Rev. G. McKay, M. A. of Caledon, from the congregations of Elmvalle and Flos. Rev. Jas. Skeine was appointed to support the call, before the Orangeville Presbytery.

The pulpit of Knox Church, Acton, was occupied by Rev. J. McNair, D. D., of Oakville on Sunday. Rev. Mr. McNair has recently been honored by his alma mater with the degree of Doctor of Divinity. Rev. Mr. McNair read the edict summoning the congregation to appear at the special meeting of Guelph Presbytery next week in connection with the call to Rev. H. A. Macpherson. Rev. Mr. Macpherson preached anniversary sermons at Oakville.

Manitoba.

The Rev. C. W. Gordon some years ago did missionary work in this district, and, indeed, the scene of "The Sky Pilot" is laid in the Foothills, in the centre of which was the ill-fated town of Frank situated.

Mr. Gordon, to a reporter said that Frank, as he knew it, was a hamlet populated by the ministers engaged in the surrounding country, and if the report of the awful loss of life proves correct, he fears that later dispatches will tell of a small town with bright prospects being wiped off the map.

The application of F. H. Roberts for a hotel license at Portage la Prairie does not meet with the approbation of the Ministerial association. At a meeting held on the 28th ult., by the association, the following resolution was passed:

Whereas, it has come to our knowledge that an application for an additional hotel license in the town of Portage la Prairie; and

Whereas, we have reason to believe that our town has sufficient and adequate accommodation for its present population, and inasmuch as it is both unnecessary and undesirable that another license be granted simply for the sale of intoxicating liquors.

Therefore, be it resolved: That in the judgment of this ministerial association, the board of license commissioners should not entertain, said application, in view of this fact, namely, present ample accommodation for the traveling public and that the granting of another license would prove an undoubted evil and a serious menace to the mortals of the youth of our town. We beg to enter our earnest protest against the granting of an additional liquor license in the town of Portage la Prairie.

A union service to the Oddfellows at Port Arthur last Sabbath is described by local papers as follows:

The Rev. Mr. August delivered a fifteen minute address, taking as the subject "Odd-fellowship was identical with that of Christianity; namely, the teaching of the principle of the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. The speaker declared from personal knowledge that to be a true Odd-fellow one must be a Christian. The hymn "Onward Christian Soldiers" by the assembly was followed by a solo by Mr. Sutherland.

The Rev. Mr. Murray spoke for fifteen minutes on "Truth." It was a splendid exposition of the principle upon which Odd-fellowship is founded. The closing hymn was "Lead Kindly Light," followed by the benediction.

The members of the Fort William lodge attended in large numbers Bro. W. C. Doble acted as conductor.

In the evening service was held in Fort William in the Presbyterian church, Rev. Mr. Rowand presiding.

At a meeting of the license commissioners for district No. 4, Winnipeg, the license of Hormidas Benard, proprietor of the Hotel du Canada was cancelled, the cancellation to go into effect at once.

Information had been sworn out on three courts, the leading one of which was in connection with the round-up of crap shooters, which took place last Sunday morning. Alexander Haggart, K. C., chairman of the committee; D. E. Sprague and William Boyd met in the office of Inspector Penrose, and from the evidence presented, considered that there was sufficient proof to warrant them in acting. Mr. Penrose served the necessary papers on Mr. Renard, and the bar of the Hotel du Craps is no more. Gambling must be put down.

Rev. M. C. Rumball, pastor of Knox church, Morden conducted the annual I. O. O. F. service last Sabbath, giving three sermonettes on the

mystic links of the order interspersed by music by the choir.

Brandon Presbyterians have called Mr. Dickie of Orangeville, Ont. If Mr. Dickie accepts it will be an advantage to the west.

The Central Southern Ministerial Association of Manitoba met in Maine last Tuesday afternoon and evening and spent a very profitable day in discussing interesting matters.

The Synod of Montreal and Ottawa held its annual meeting in St. Paul's church, Smith's Falls. The committee on bills and overtures met at half past seven and arranged the business for the Synod.

At 8 p. m., Dr. Ross of the Presbyterian College, Montreal, ascended the pulpit and conducted divine service.

Dr. Ross preached a suitable sermon from Phil. 3: 17, "Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an example." The preacher pointed out that we should be followers of Paul (1) In his enthusiasm over his commission to preach Christ. (2) In his intellectual outlook. (3) In his buoyant hopefulness.

Dr. G. Dunlop Bayne of Pembroke was unanimously chosen moderator. The retiring moderator was thanked for his conduct in the chair and for his excellent sermon.

The first hour on Wednesday was spent in devotional exercises. Dr. Lyle of Hamilton was heard on Augmentation, he pointed out that the support of the Augmentation Fund was a good business venture, one-fifth of the congregations that compose the general assembly have come into existence under the fostering care of this fund. Church receives \$70,000 per annum for Augmented fields. (2) Presbyterians stand for helping the weak. This was a higher ground to take.

(3) The third plea was that we are in midst of great crisis. We are fighting for supremacy in this country.

The Synod thanked Dr. Lyle for his presence at the Synod and for his address.

Wednesday afternoon was wholly taken up with the complaint against the action of the Quebec Presbytery in dismissing a petition from the disaffected portion of the Kinross Mill congregation praying for a dissolution of the pastorate tie between that congregation and the present incumbent.

Mr. Heine read an admirable paper on "the value and place of the prayer meeting in the congregation" which was followed by an interesting discussion.

Dr. Amaran and Principal Brandt presented the subject of French Evangelization.

Mr. H. Carmichael presented an able report on Church Life and Work. The tone of the report was on the whole optimistic.

The following recommendations were passed: (1) That the Synod express thanks to God that so much of Spirit of Christ is manifested in the family and social life of our people, especially in patient submission to God's will in affliction and their readiness to help the sick and needy.

(2) That pastors and sessions be advised to take into consideration means tending to promote a more general observance of family worship.

(3) That the General Assembly be asked to publish a hand book containing facts respecting the Church History together with Daily Bible Readings.

(4) That the relation of baptized children to the church be emphasized from the pulpit and in the exercise of the

There was also a resolution passed commending the action taken by the Dominion on the prohibition, and of the importation, manufacture and sale of cigarettes. Mr. Hoff presented the report on Augmentation.

Railway Rates to Assembly.

As already intimated by circular, I endeavored to arrange with the Railway Companies that commissioners go by one Company's line of railway and return by another. We could not get this concession made and it is necessary that commissioners go and return by the same Company's line of railway. I call attention to this now because of the fact that some American roads are issuing circulars to commissioners, who do not intend travelling according to the official arrangements made, as per the circular I issued, to make strict enquiry as to the railway line by which they can return, so as to prevent disappointment and, it may be additional expense.

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