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EASTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. F. C. Harper of Knox Church, Sydenham, has received a call from Pickering and Broughman Churches.

The Rev. Dr. Grant, has returned from his holiday, and occupied his own pulpit last Sunday.

The Rev. J. J. Elliott of Midland, has resumed his pastoral duties, after enjoying a brief vacation.

Rev. Dr. John Gray, of Ordillia, celebrated his eighty-first birthday on September 1st.

Rev. William Tanner, late of Sawyerville, P. Q., spent a few days recently with his brother, Rev. J. U. Tanner of Lancaster.

Rev. T. C. Brown, M. A., of Richmond, Ont., a Queen's graduate, filling the pulpit of St. Andrew's, Toronto, has accepted a call to the assistant pastorate of Knox church, Winnipeg.

Rev. Dr. A. W. McKenzie, New York, formerly pastor of the First church of Brockville, arrived from Montreal, where he had been spending a few holidays.

Rev. J. Cormack, of Ottawa, conducted both services in St. Elmo Church on a recent Sunday. Passing through Maxville, where he ministered for several years, he was warmly greeted by many old friends.

Rev. James Camberland, M. A., Amherst Island, and Rev. J. R. Conn, M. A., Napanee, exchanged services on Sunday last.

Rev. J. Greig, of Calvin Church, Bathurst, has not yet accepted the call extended to him from Scotland and Micksburg, and his present congregation in Bathurst and South Sherbrooke earnestly hope he will not. Every member desires him to stay.

The Rev. A. E. Duncan who came with the intention of permanently assuming the pastorate of Knox Church, Sandridge, and associate stations, found after three weeks trial that he was not physically strong enough to continue the work and left on Monday to join his family at Niagara-on-the-Lake. Says the Echo: Mr. Duncan is a very able and earnest preacher and it was with regret that his people and others bade him goodbye.

Previous to the departure from Avonmore of Rev. George Weir and Mrs. Weir, a large party of friends called at the house to say farewell. Dr. Whittaker occupied the chair, and after solos by Miss Tina McIntyre and Miss Leila Nesbitt, Rev. Mr. Morrison, of Dalhousie Mills, spoke in glowing terms of the work of Rev. Mr. Weir and Mrs. Weir, during the last eight years, in Avonmore and Gravel Hill. Rev. H. D. Leitch of St. Elmo also spoke briefly. Vocal music was contributed by Miss Millie McKee, Miss Maggie McIntyre, and Rev. Mr. Weir. Mrs. Dr. Whittaker, president of the W. F. M. S., then read an address to Mrs. Weir, asking her acceptance of a beautiful cut glass fruit bowl, which was presented by Mrs. J. M. Beggs on behalf of the society. After Mrs. Weir had acknowledged this handsome gift, D. D. McIntyre, on behalf of the congregation, presented Rev. Mr. Weir with a good sized cheque, which was also properly acknowledged.

A pleasant event occurred at "The Breakers," the summer home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Copeland of Collingwood last week, when the members of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the Collingwood Church did honor to two of their valued and highly esteemed members, Mrs. W. J. Frame and Mrs. J. A. Cranston. After a short prelude of music, Mrs. Bassett

presented Mrs. Frame with a life membership certificate of the society, while Mrs. Copeland also handed a similar document to Mrs. Cranston. In making the presentations, Mrs. Bassett and Mrs. Copeland spoke briefly, expressing the pleasure it gave the members of the society to thus give testimony of their appreciation of the good and faithful work of the two ladies, who now were enrolled among those who had seen years of service. Mrs. Frame has been connected with the local branch of the society for twenty-two years, while Mrs. Cranston has not only been an arduous worker in the society before and since coming to Collingwood, but has taken an unusual interest in the advancement of the Mission Band, which is to-day one of the most flourishing organizations of the church here. After fitting replies from Mrs. Frame and Mrs. Cranston, refreshments were served, followed by an hour of pleasant social intercourse.

Just before her departure for Winnipeg last week, the women of the W. F. M. S. and girls of the Mission Band of Division St. Church, Owen Sound, tendered a reception to Miss Jessie Rodgers in the church parlors. Miss Rodgers has been for several years president of the Mission Band and a most efficient member of the Auxiliary. Sixty members were present and a pleasant social hour was spent and tea served. Before separating they all gathered in the auditorium when Mrs. Somerville, president of the Auxiliary, read an address expressive of their appreciation of Miss Rodgers' valuable assistance in the mission work of the church, and her beautiful Christian life which will long remain an example to all those who were privileged to know her. Miss Burgess, a member of the Mission Band, on behalf of the societies, presented Miss Rodgers with a handsome amethyst brooch, and E. Telford a bouquet of sweet peas. Dr. Somerville spoke feelingly of the great benefit and pleasure he had derived from his visits in the home of her parents, the late Rev. and Mrs. Rodgers, to whom she was a devoted daughter, and testified to her usefulness in the congregation, she was always ready to give of her best and considered it none too good in her Master's work. After brief addresses by Mr. K. C. McLennan and Miss Dow, Miss Rodgers made a suitable reply.

The Packet says: Last Sunday, the services in Orillia Presbyterian church were conducted by the Rev. Charles Cooke, of Smith's Falls. In the evening his discourse was on Christ's first church organization, the twelve Apostles, when the Saviour called men of the most diverse intellectual and spiritual qualities to His service. Peter, the impulsive, bold and quick to act, and prone to make mistakes. John, not naturally gentle, as was shown on the occasion when he wished to call down fire from heaven to destroy the Samaritans who would not receive his Lord, and whose name, Son of Thunder, did not indicate the characteristics generally ascribed to him, but who possessed a spiritual insight and lovable nature that gained for him a special manifestation of Jesus' love. Matthew, the radical, whose disregard for national traditions and sentiment caused him to brave public opinion and accept the position of tax collector for the hated Roman rulers. Andrew, the practical man, who when he believed immediately carried belief into action. Philip, who would undertake no work till he saw the cash

in hand. Bartholomew — or Nathanael — the spiritual, meditative man, one of those whose voice was not often heard in church courts but with a strong regard for the things that Matthew held in light esteem, and mighty in prayer. Thomas, not the doubter, but of scientific mind, who would accept no truth on hearsay evidence, yet once shown proof was ready to follow truth to the death. God had room and work in His church for every man, whatever his intellectual gifts or attainments, and every man, whatever his capacity, needed Christ. And let the man of one view beware how he reject or despise him of other qualifications. The Master had shown that His church was broad enough, and His service wide enough to provide scope for all. The sermon was listened to attentively, and was calculated to make a lasting impression upon the hearers.

WESTERN ONTARIO.

Preparations are in progress for the installing of a new pipe organ in Knox Church, Milton.

The Rev. Mr. McCullough of Knox church, Tavistock, and Rev. Mr. Cowan of Shakespeare exchanged pulpits last Sunday.

The congregation of St. Andrew's Church, Brantford, has extended a unanimous call to Rev. J. F. Maxwell, of Ripley, to become their pastor.

Rev. F. W. Anderson, formerly of Brantford, Ont., has been inducted into the pastoral charge of St. Andrew's congregation, Sydney, Cape Breton.

Rev. Dr. Wardhope, who has been spending the summer with his daughter, Mrs. Grier, of Little Metis, Que., has returned to Guelph and is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Macdonald.

Rev. E. A. Wicher, formerly pastor of St. Stephen's church, St. John, N. B. was in Toronto last week on his way to San Francisco, where he will take up his work as professor in the Pacific Presbyterian College.

Rev. H. Beverly Ketchen, pastor of the MacNab Street Church, Hamilton, who was to have been married last Wednesday, but who was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital a few days ago suffering with typhoid fever, is getting along nicely. It was necessary, on account of Mr. Ketchen's illness, to postpone the wedding.

Rev. Donald Mackenzie completed his holiday engagement in Westminster Church, Mount Forest, last Sabbath. His pulpit ministrations have been greatly appreciated, his sermons being clear, thoughtful and earnest presentations of great truths.

The Rev. E. D. McLaren has returned from his annual tour of inspection of the mission fields of North Ontario and the far west. A startling feature of the mission work is the scarcity of candidates for the ministry. Dr. McLaren reports that in many districts it is impossible to secure missionary workers. In the Northwest and British Columbia a score of positions are vacant with no prospect of filling them.

Rev. W. N. Giles, of Bottineau, North Dakota, occupied the Avonton pulpit on Sunday morning last. A large congregation was present. Mr. Giles being an old Dowie boy, it was quite a pleasure for his old friends and schoolmates to meet him again after an absence of several years in the Western States. After the sermon Messrs. Armstrong and Geo. H. Lamb were ordained as elders of the church by the pastor, the Rev. J. H. Graham.