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OTTAWA.

The fifteenth annual meeting of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of St. Andrew's church was well attended. Rev. Dr. Heridge was present and addressed the ladies, expressing great regret concerning the retirement of Mrs. Peter Larmonth, who has held the office of president for the past five years. Reference was also made to the general increase of interest in foreign missions as shown by the Laymen's Missionary Movement. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: Honorary president, Mrs. W. T. Heridge; president, Mrs. W. Dunlop; vice-presidents, Mrs. Wm. Saunders, Mrs. Levi Crannell and Miss Ross; recording secretary, Mrs. Jas. MacLennan; treasurer, Mrs. George Hunter; corresponding secretary, Mrs. C. J. Brooke; Leaflet secretary, Miss Mary Brough; programme committee, Mrs. Lyons Biggar, Mrs. T. D. Patton, Mrs. H. H. Pitts, Mrs. Gilbert Allan, Miss Edith Crannell, Miss Sutherland; pianist, Miss Crannell. The delegates appointed to represent the society at the Presbyterian meeting to be held in the Glebe Presbyterian church on November 3rd and 4th are Mrs. Goodwin Gibson and Mrs. Wm. Young. Mrs. H. H. Pitts was elected as a representative to the local council.

The induction of Rev. J. Steele, B.D., into the pastoral charge of Campbell's Bay and Bryson, took place at Bryson on Tuesday afternoon, in the presence of a large congregation. In the absence of Rev. J. H. Turnbull, moderator of the presbytery, Rev. Geo. Hackney of Bristol presided. The other members of the presbytery present were Rev. D. J. Craig of Shawville; Rev. W. M. Hay of Ottawa, and Messrs. A. Stevenson and Peter Lunan of Campbell's Bay. The sermon of the occasion was delivered by Rev. Mr. Hay, from the text, "I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel." The speaker showed that faith, as in the case of the centurion whose servant "was dear unto him," should manifest itself in two directions, in zeal for God's worship and in love for one's fellow men. Rev. Mr. Craig then addressed the minister, mentioning some of the causes of pastoral discouragement and indicating means whereby they might be overcome. Rev. Mr. Hackney, who has been interim moderator of the vacancy, gave the address to the people, speaking of what the pulpit should expect from the pew. The people were urged to zeal, faithfulness and sympathy with their pastor. After the formal ceremony of induction, Rev. Mr. Steele was conducted to the church door by Messrs. McCuaig and Stevenson and there met the members of his new congregation. In the evening the church was crowded to hear the program which had been prepared by the choir, with Rev. Mr. Hackney as chairman. A fine selection of vocal and instrumental music was rendered, interspersed with short humorous and congratulatory speeches by the ministers present. Following this, bountiful refreshments were served by the ladies and an appreciative vote of thanks tendered Mr. Hackney for his efficient services in acting as interim moderator. Mr. Steele, who is a native of Bruce county and a graduate in arts and theology of Queen's university, comes to Bryson with the fruits of a fine experience in pastoral work, both in various charges in Ontario and in the Eastern townships. He and his family have been met with a most kindly welcome by the people of his new charge and he enters upon his work at Bryson under very hopeful auspices.

EASTERN ONTARIO.

The congregation of Claremont has given a unanimous call to Rev. W. R. Wood. The salary is \$800 with a manse.

Last Sunday Rev. G. T. Bayne preached his farewell sermon to his late charge at Ashton and Appleton. He leaves at once for his new field of labor at Pasqua, Sask.

At the annual thank-offering meeting of W. F. M. auxiliary of St. Paul's Church, Bowmanville, the sum of \$106 was realized; and Rev. H. Munroe, B.A., the pastor, gave a very helpful address on "Some elements of the Missionary Spirit."

The Rev. A. J. McMullen was inducted into the congregation of McDonald's Corners, Elphin and Snow Road on Tuesday, Oct. 29th. Rev. Dr. McTavish of Kingston, presided and preached. Rev. Henry Gracey, Gmanoque, addressed the minister and Rev. J. Binnie, Tweed, addressed the people. Mr. McMullen begins his work under favorable conditions.

Lindsay Presbyterian H. M. Society was organized at Uxbridge on the 30th ult. with seven auxiliaries. This makes four organized since March, and thirteen of the kind now in Canada. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. H. J. Goud, Uxbridge; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. McDougall, Lindsay; Mrs. McEachern, Leaskdale; Mrs. McPhadden, Cannington, and Mrs. Best, Beaverton; Treasurer, Mrs. J. M. McLennan, Lindsay; Secretary, Miss Jean Walker, Uxbridge; Pioneer and Supply Secretary, Miss Tompkin, Uxbridge.

The new venture by Stirling St. Andrew's church young men is getting into shape. The reading and game room is expected to be open in less than two weeks. A membership fee will be charged for resident men, but the privileges of the rooms will be free to all gentlemen visitors. The room will be open every week night until 10 p.m. On Saturday afternoons it will be open as a rest room to any shoppers and others from the surrounding districts, but the room will be reserved for the use of men only at all other times except Saturday afternoon. The example of the Presbyterian young men of Stirling might well be imitated in other places, especially in the larger towns. Let reading rooms and parlors for innocent games be organized as counter attractions to the saloon and connected billiard rooms.

The Stirling church was well filled at the anniversary services held on the 18th ult. All present were delighted and helped by the earnest, practical messages that were given through the lips of the Rev. Robert Pogue, of Peterboro. Mr. Pogue spent over four years in the world-famous church of John Wannermaker in Philadelphia, and doubtless the extensive experience gained there has enriched his thought and given an intensity to his deliverance. At the close of the evening service the managers announced that \$300.00 had been placed on the plates during the day. This is the largest amount yet received on the one day, although the total amount of one or two former Thankofferings has exceeded the amount mentioned. As further contributions are expected, all past offerings may be exceeded. The result of the services are such as to give increased hopefulness to the future work of this congregation.

WESTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. John S. Hardy, of Listowel, was in Ayr last week after preaching in the Central Church, Galt.

Rev. Walter Moffatt at the York Street Mission, London, gave a most interesting and instructive address on A Trip Around London, England.

Rev. W. G. and Mrs. Wilson, on returning from their honeymoon, received a warm and hearty reception from the members of St. Andrew's Church, Guelph.

At the annual thankoffering meeting of the W. F. M. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's church, Fergus, an able address was given by Mrs. Brown, the pastor's wife, and the collection amounted to \$64.00.

Rev. Mr. Childerhose, superintendent of Presbyterian missions in Northern Ontario, is making North Bay his headquarters. He intends moving his family there as soon as he secures a residence.

On Sunday evening of last week Rev. Dr. Munro, of Birr, was the preacher in St. Andrew's Church, London. His discourse from the words: "I will make the place of my feet glorious," will be long remembered by all who heard him.

Rev. J. Becket, on resigning the charge at Allansville, and retiring from the active duties of the ministry after 40 years service, was presented by the members and adherents with a suitable gift and an address expressive of the high esteem in which he is held by the congregation.

About a month ago, as reported in the Dominion Presbyterian, Rev. Dr. D. L. McCrae, pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian Church, at London, was thrown from his carriage in an automobile accident and severely kicked by his horse. At first it was feared that his internal injuries might prove fatal, but the doctor has improved slowly and is now able to move about again.

The Rev. J. R. S. Burnett, for four years the faithful pastor of the Victoria Harbor congregation, who has resigned his charge to take a much needed rest, preached his farewell discourse on Lord's Day last. Of his removal the Orillia Packet remarks: The reverend gentleman will be missed, not only by his own congregation, but by the members of sister churches, who regret his departure.

At the recent meeting of North Bay Presbytery, Rev. J. Becket, of Allansville, who is now retiring from the active ministry after 40 years of faithful service, was presented with a cane accompanied by an address, which expressed the love and esteem in which he is held by his brethren in the ministry. Mr. Becket is also ex-clerk of the Presbytery, a position which he held for many years.

Meetings in connection with the Chapman-Alexander evangelistic movement are being conducted in Paris, and on Wednesday last Dr. Chapman and Mr. Alexander came over and conducted the evening service in the Presbyterian church. There was an immense concourse of people and the service was of the most uplifting and inspiring character. The meetings are attracting great crowds and doing great good.

The monument to be erected over the grave of the late Rev. Dr. Campbell, Renfrew, will be Gothic in style, and of that type which in Canada are called cottage monuments. As yet it is undecided what will be the marble used. Subscriptions to the amount of \$450 have been secured, and an order has been given to prepare and set up the stone.