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EASTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. Dr. McNeil, of Kirk Hill, preached at Dalketh on Monday of last week.

Rev. Dr. McLean, of Ottawa, was the preacher in West church, Kirk Hill, last Sunday morning.

Rev. D. Currie, B.D., of Knox church, Perth, has been elected moderator of L. and R. Presbytery.

On invitation the next meeting of L. and R. Presbytery will be held in St. Andrew's Church, Pakenham.

Rev. J. G. Greig, of Rockland, exchanged with Rev. W. F. Crawford, of Buckingham, Que., on a recent Sunday.

The Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew has nominated Dr. R. P. Mackay for the moderatorship of next General Assembly.

After listening to a vigorous address from Rev. Dr. Shearer, L. and R. Presbytery decided on holding an evangelistic campaign within the bounds next June.

Rev. and Mrs. A. H. Scott, of St. Andrew's Manse, Perth, announce the marriage of their daughter Ethel Naismith to Mr. Walter Leonard McKee, of Montreal. Owing to illness in the family the wedding will take place quietly at the manse about the middle of April.

Rev. E. W. Mackay, B.A., of St. Paul's Smith's Falls, is announced to give his popular lecture on "Scenery, Stories and Songs from the Scottish Highlands," in St. Andrew's Church, Renfrew, on Thursday evening, March 10th. There is a pleasant treat in store for all who may be able to attend.

The annual meeting of St. Andrew's church, Martintown, was attended by a very large representation of the congregation. The pastor, Rev. J. B. MacLeod, acted as chairman. Very encouraging reports were presented from the different committees and organizations of the church. After the business was transacted refreshments were served and a short programme of instrumental and vocal music was rendered.

Mr. W. H. Frost, President, took the chair at the recent monthly meeting of the St. Paul's (Smith's Falls) Men's Association, at which there was spirited discussion of such topics as "Church Union," "Daylight Saving Bill," and "Canada and Imperial Defence." Speaking on the first question, Mr. A. Greenhill showed that as the Anglican and Baptist bodies could not see their way to join, unless as he naively put it, all the others would subscribe to their particular predilections, there remained a possible union of the Presbyterian, Methodist and Congregationalist. He argued strongly in favor of a union, pointing out that the past was the time of disruption, but now was the time for union and reunion.

At last meeting of Lanark and Renfrew Presbytery an informal discussion took place upon that part of the report from the committee on union of the Churches in Canada which bears upon the Ministry and more especially upon the pastoral office including time of service. The Union committee recognized the desirability of preserving the essence of both the settled pastorate and the itinerancy and was of opinion that a harmony of both principles is possible and the best features of both systems may be retained. Although there was not opportunity for extended discussion the Presbytery appeared to coincide with the Union committee, and determined to prepare an overture on the lines of the Union committee's recommendations to be submitted to Synod, and through Synod to the general Assembly.

The Rev. P. U. Sinclair, of Sundridge, was at Magnetawan last week assisting at evangelistic meetings in the Presbyterian church.

The Sunday school anniversary at the Prescott church on the evening of February 24th was very successful. The attendance was excellent and the programme was all that could be desired. Special mention must be made of the squad drill by the boys and the tennis drill by the girls. Prizes were awarded for regular attendance at the Sunday school during the year and a number of diplomas were awarded for the Shorter Catechism and Memory Verses. A vote of thanks was tendered Mr. J. K. Dowsley, the superintendent, as a slight sign of the appreciation of the work done by him in the Sunday school.

The opening of the new St. Andrew's church, Martintown, will be held on Sunday, March 6. There will be the usual morning and evening services, when the pastor, Rev. J. B. MacLeod, B.A., will be assisted by Prof. D. J. Fraser, D.D., LL.D., of the Presbyterian College, Montreal, who will preach morning and evening. On Monday afternoon following, dinner will be served in St. Andrew's hall by the ladies of the congregation, and in the evening an excellent programme of addresses and music will be rendered in the new church. Supper will be served in St. Andrew's hall from 5 to 7 p.m. A sacred concert will be held in the church in the evening, commencing at 8 o'clock.

Anniversary services in connection with Zion church took place on Sunday, 26th ult. Prof. Kilpatrick, of Toronto, preached two very impressive sermons in the morning and evening, and in the afternoon addressed the scholars of the Sunday school. On Tuesday evening the annual tea in connection with the congregation took place. After supper had been served in the basement a musical and literary programme was rendered in the body of the church. Vocal solos were given by Mrs. Lapdell and Messrs. W. Milne and J. T. Shaw, and anthems by the choir. Rev. D. Currie, B.D., Perth; Rev. E. W. McKay, M.A., of Smith's Falls, and Rev. Mr. Monds and Rev. Mr. Wilkinson, of town, gave short addresses. At the conclusion of the concert the pastor, Rev. A. A. Scott, M.A., made an appropriate address. The proceeds, which will be devoted to the building fund, of Zion church, Carleton Place, amounted to \$60.

The annual meeting of the Prescott church was from all points of view the most successful in the history of the church. The financial report was of much interest, the sum of the contributions had greatly advanced and this was especially noticeable regarding missions, where the increase was 175 per cent. The church was completely out of debt and was beginning the new year with a balance on hand. The use of the duplex envelope system of contributions had been most successful. It was moved that the brass tablet recently purchased by the young ladies of the church, in memory of their beloved pastor, the late Rev. James Stuart, who served so faithfully and well in the Presbyterian church for 28 years and who departed this life about two years ago, should be placed on one side of the pulpit, and it was further moved that a somewhat similar tablet be placed on the other side of the pulpit in memory of the late Dr. Boyd, who served the church for forty-two years. Messrs. Norton Miller and C. Macpherson were re-elected as the two new managers. Messrs. J. H. McDonald and F. Lambie were appointed auditors for the ensuing year. After the business meeting was over a very pleasant social hour was spent and refreshments were served by the ladies of the congregation.

WESTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. Dr. Armstrong, of Brocksder, has been elected moderator of Stratford Presbytery.

The congregation of Lucan and Fraser will become self-sustaining on and after 1st April next.

Stratford Presbytery nominates Rev. Dr. Carmichael, of King, for the moderatorship of next assembly.

On the 20th ult, Rev. E. A. Mitchell, M. A., of Knox Church, Hamilton, preached anniversary sermons at Grimsby to large congregations.

Rev. W. H. Claris, of the Southern Congregational Church, and Rev. W. Smith, of the Hamilton Road Presbyterian Church, London, exchanged pulpits last Sunday evening.

Rev. R. Martin, pastor of Knox Church, Stratford, has a three months' leave of absence to visit the old land in June, July and August. The Rev. D. J. Davidson of India will fill the pulpit during his absence.

Mr. and Mrs. Wakefield Howard, of Brndhead, on leaving for Aurora, were presented with two easy chairs and a hall seat, along with addresses which voiced the kindly sentiments of the donors—their fellow church members and neighbors.

Referring to a class in a Toronto Sunday school, Rev. J. Goforth told a Hamilton audience that "half of the class could not sing the hymn because they were chewing gum, and those who were not chewing were talking." Children in a Chinese Sunday School were better behaved, he said.

Rev. J. Gibson Inkster, at the First Presbyterian church, London, speaking on "Poverty and Wealth," said: "If more wealthy men would make the poor men happier in this world, more wealthy men would be happier in the next. The sin of Dives is not wealth but neglect of opportunity. Dives' opportunity lay at his door. It was the leprous Lazarus. Dives neglected it, and so he had to suffer. Every man who neglects his opportunities is bound to suffer here and hereafter. The gulf between Dives and Lazarus was a fixed gulf. We see that here. It is hard, almost impossible, for Dives to become a good Samaritan, but this Dives fixed the gulf forever for himself, for he made no attempt to bridge it. The man who is satisfied with a low level of life is surely fixing his gulf here and now."

Rev. Mr. Whaley submitted to Stratford Presbytery the report on moral and social reform. As adopted this report made the following important recommendations:—(1.) That Presbytery advocate teaching the principles of scientific temperance in public schools and lower forms of high schools. (2.)—That the Presbytery support the establishing of juvenile courts for the trial of young offenders and the indeterminate sentence of all convicts. (3.)—That the Presbytery strive for the abolition of the treating system and of all club licenses and the enactment of anti-liquor laws in all military contents. (4.)—That Presbytery discountenance gambling in the stock exchange as well as race track gambling. (5.)—That Presbytery deplore the professionalizing of all athletics, the demoralizing mania for sports and betting at the same. (6.)—That Presbytery approve the enlargement of the Chariton Act so as to extend its provisions to include illicit voluntary cohabitation. (7.)—That Presbytery agitate for examination of all immigrants before sailing with a view to excluding the morally unfit. (8.)—That Presbytery recommend the formation of moral reform councils in towns and cities within its bounds and also in smaller places where practicable.