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WESTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. F. W. Gilmour, B.A., of Pentanguishene, preached at Bradford last Sunday.

Mr. J. S. Clayton, B.A., a recent graduate of Knox College, is called to East Oxford and Blenheim.

The young people of the London Presbytery are aiming this year to raise \$500 for home missions, and \$500 for foreign missions.

London Presbytery nominates Rev. W. D. Reid, B.D., minister of Taylor Church, Montreal, for the chair of Practical Theology in the Montreal College.

Rev. A. McD. Haig, B.A., of Oro, accepts the call to West Lorne, Ont., and his induction to his new charge will take place on the 20th inst.

Meeting at St. Thomas last week members of London Presbytery were entertained at luncheon by the minister and ladies of Alma church, who were cordially thanked for their abounding hospitality.

The Presbyterians of Norwich are actively making preparations for celebrating next month the sixtieth anniversary of the organization of the church in that locality. Rev. J. A. McConnell is the minister.

At the last meeting of Barrie Presbytery the congregation of Pentanguishene asked to be separated from Wybridge. After considerable discussion a committee was appointed with instructions to visit the field and report at next meeting.

The engagement is announced of Miss Davena Mary McCrae, eldest daughter of Rev. Dr. and Mrs. McCrae, Wilton Grove, to Mr. Andrew Gordon Murray, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Murray, Westminster. The marriage will take place quietly in June.

Rev. W. A. Martin, pastor of Zion Church, Brantford, and Convener of the Assembly's Foreign Mission committee, will take three months' leave of absence. His many friends sincerely wish that he may return to his work completely restored to health.

The new Anglican Primate of All Canada, Archbishop Matheson, is a cousin of Rev. R. G. MacBeth, of Paris, and comes of a Presbyterian family, having been adopted in early childhood by relatives belonging to the Church of England. Two brothers are Presbyterian elders in the West.

The death is announced of Rev. John Ramsie, who for 17 years was minister of St. Andrew's Church, Chatham, Ont. In 1876 he resigned and accepted an appointment under the Colonial Committee of the Church of Scotland in British Guiana, where he remained for 27 years, retiring six years ago from active ministerial work. Since then he has been living in England. At the time of his death he was in his 83rd year.

At the last meeting of London Presbytery the clerk presented the following statistical report for 1908:—Self-sustaining charges, 32; aid-receiving charges, 38; preaching stations, 59; communicants, 8,946, being an increase of 45; accessories, 759; infant baptisms, 252; adult baptisms, 63; elders, 305; Sabbath school and Bible class enrollment, 5,038; given for stipends, \$39,022; given for missions, \$24,872; all purposes, \$115,753; by women's societies, \$5,303; S.S. and Y.P.S., \$6,424; debt on property, \$65,612.

EASTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. G. I. Crow, of Ivy, declines the call to Omemee.

Rev. H. Cameron, of Morrieburg, has been visiting friends at Russell.

Rev. Mr. Bell, of Finch, preached the Avonmore pulpit vacant last Sunday.

Mrs. (Rev.) T. A. Sadler, of Cardinal, is the guest of her mother, Mrs. D. Meharey, Russell.

Rev. Mr. Monds, of St. Andrew's church, Carleton Place, exchanged pulpits with Rev. Mr. Horton on a recent Sunday.

Rev. R. MacKay, of Maxville, and Rev. W. A. Morrison, of Dalhousie Mills, exchanged pulpits on a recent Sabbath, when it was announced that Mr. Morrison was called to South Mountain. Should he decide to accept much regret will be felt by members of his present charge.

Much regret is expressed at the near prospect of losing Rev. W. A. Morrison, who has greatly endeared himself to the congregation at Dalhousie Mills, and upon their departure he and Mrs. Morrison will carry with them the best wishes of this congregation for continued success in the Master's service.

Last Sunday evening in Knox Church, Lancaster, Rev. John Pate, M.A., gave the first of a series of addresses on "Some great Religious Movements and their Leaders," taking for his theme "William Booth and the Salvation Army." Next Sunday evening the subject will be "John Wesley and Methodism."

The Rev. Dr. D. A. McPhail, late of Mount Stewart, P.E.I., was inducted to the charge in connection with the Church of Scotland, at Lochiel, on Friday. The Rev. Dr. J. Edgar Hill, of Montreal, presided and preached. He also addressed words of congratulation, counsel, and encouragement to the minister and congregation respecting their respective duties.

The men of Calvin church, Pembroke, to the number of nearly one hundred sat down to a luncheon provided by the young ladies of the Mission Band on Friday evening, and to hear an address from Dr. Grant of the Yukon, who gave a vigorous talk on manhood, and strongly urged on his audience the necessity of following in the footsteps of the Man of Nazareth if they wanted to be true men. Dr. Grant, despite his being a Scotchman, proved that he was not devoid of the saving grace of humor, and thrust his points home with many telling incidents. On the previous evening Dr. Grant addressed the Women's Home Missionary Society of Calvin church on his work in the hospital and on the trail in the Yukon.

A new departure has been marked by the designation, by Toronto Presbytery, on the 26th ult., at St. Andrew's Church, Scarborough to the office of Deaconess, of Miss Lisea Glendinning. She is the first woman publicly set apart for this work under the sanction of the General Assembly. Miss Glendinning received her training in the Ewart Missionary and Deaconess Training Home, Toronto, and won the diploma of that institution at its recent closing exercises. She has accepted an appointment in St. Andrew's Church, Moose Jaw, where she will at once enter upon her work.

Rev. J. C. Robinson removes from Sharbot Lake to take another charge in Maitland Presbytery.

HAMILTON.

Presbytery met in St. Catharines on Tuesday, May 4th inst.

Rev. W. H. Sedgewick, of Central Church, preached at Binbrook on Sunday last.

Hamilton Presbytery appointed a committee to collect funds in aid of the Armenian sufferers.

Rev. F. W. K. Harris has been called to Chalmers and Barton churches, and the hope is entertained for a speedy settlement.

Rev. D. R. Drummond preached an inspiring sermon to the 91st Highlanders on Sunday. Mr. Drummond is chaplain of the regiment.

Rev. Mr. Van Wyck, upon the earnest solicitation of his attached people, has withdrawn the resignation which he read at a recent Sunday evening service.

During Rev. A. E. Mitchell's absence in connection with the campaign in the Kootenay, Knox pulpit is being acceptably filled by Mr. Norman McEachern, of Knox College, Toronto.

Hamilton Presbyterians are preparing to receive the commissioners to the approaching Assembly. The billeting committee is hard at work. Names of commissioners from some of the Presbyteries have not yet been received, but it is hoped that the lists may be complete this week.

The following are the Commissioners to the General Assembly from Hamilton Presbytery:—Rev. Dr. Lyle, Hamilton; Rev. Dr. Anderson, Burlington; Rev. Dr. Ratcliffe, St. Catharines; Rev. W. J. Day, Simcoe; Rev. W. T. Ellison, Cayuga; Rev. D. M. Buchanan, Jarvis; Rev. D. M. Robertson, Strabane; Rev. J. A. Wilson, Hamilton. Elders:—Messrs. Charles E. Gray, Hamilton; David Gibson, Caledonia; W. J. Quincy, Cayuga; Adam Craise, Port Dalhousie; John Madill, St. Catharines; George Black, Hamilton; Charles P. Hardy, Hamilton; George Urie, Carluke.

At Hamilton Presbytery Rev. D. R. Drummond, from the Committee on Statistics, gave the information that there are at present 40 self-sustaining congregations, with 50 ministers, an increase of two over last year; nine augmented congregations, with 11 preachers; five missions with seven preachers; increase of two. There are at present 5,848 communicants, which shows an increase of 336, and 12,936 adherents in the church. An effort should be made to stimulate systematic and proportionate giving in aid of missions. Sunday offering from the children in the Sunday schools was urged. If every member of every congregation would give 10c per Sunday the desired \$1,000,000 could be secured.

Says the Winnipeg Free Press:—Rev. Dr. Denny, one of the leading theologians in Great Britain, who has been the guest of Rev. Principal Patriok, of Manitoba College, has left Winnipeg to continue his journey to Vancouver. He has recently delivered a series of lectures in Halifax and he is going through to the Pacific coast to lecture in Westminster Theological college in Vancouver, the principal of which, Rev. Dr. McKay, was formerly one of his students in Glasgow.