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OTTAWA.

Dr. F. W. McKinnon and Messrs. S. J. Jarvis, John Eagleson and Wm. Graham have been elected to the eldership in Knox church. Their ordination to this important office will take place on Sunday, 17th inst.

Last week the death by drowning of Rev. T. A. Nelson was noted in these columns. His funeral was largely attended. Interment was made in the Aylmer Road Cemetery, the funeral service being conducted by Rev. J. W. H. Milne and Rev. Dr. Bayne, of Pembroke, at the house, and Rev. Mr. Craig, of Aylmer, at the grave. Other ministers in attendance were Rev. Dr. Ramsay, Rev. Dr. Herridge and Rev. Mr. Ross, of Merivale.

On a recent evening Dr. Drummond, of Montreal, gave some of his "Habitant" readings before a considerable audience in St. Andrew's Church, Sunday School Hall. Sir Wilfrid Laurier presided over the gathering. The readings were on widely different subjects from the Doctor's weeks and given in his usual inimitable way. After the lecture a vote of thanks to Dr. Drummond and Sir Wilfrid Laurier was moved by Rev. Dr. Herridge seconded by Judge MacLavis.

The recent concert of the Golden Band of Erskine Church was an enjoyable affair. The pastor, Rev. A. E. Mitchell, presided, and announced the numbers of an attractive programme. The success of the evening was largely due to Mrs. W. Anderson, who is president of the band, and Mrs. Chapman and Miss Snedden, who assisted her. As a result of their efforts the foreign missions will receive \$36.50, the profits of last evening's entertainment. The members of the band, which is the strongest in Ottawa Presbytery, having seventy-five members on the roll, are to be congratulated upon the successful manner in which the evening passed off.

A pleasant and successful entertainment was that given last week by St. Mark's French church, assisted by the congregations of Erskine church and Zion church, Hull. There was a large attendance, the church, although every inch of standing room was occupied, being far too small to accommodate all that desired admission. A good programme was rendered with Rev. J. W. H. Milne in the chair. It consisted of selections by the choirs of Erskine and Zion churches; vocal solos, Miss Handyside, Miss M. Pattison, Miss Alice Floyd and Mr. H. C. Collins; a solo in French by Miss Ritchard, which was evidently much enjoyed by the singer's compatriots; violin solo, Miss McCaul, Hull; addresses on the French work by Rev. M. H. Scott, Hull, Rev. P. W. Anderson and Rev. A. E. Mitchell. The chairman then introduced to the audience the minister of St. Mark's, Rev. C. H. Vessot, late of Angers, Quebec.

Mr. Vessot, who was very heartily received by the audience, delivered an interesting speech in good English. The receipts will amount to about \$75 or \$80. It is very gratifying to learn that the congregation is making progress under the ministry of Mr. Vessot who was only recently settled as pastor. Anniversary services will be conducted in St. Paul's Church next Sunday by Rev. John McKay, B.A., of Crescent Street church, Montreal, who will preach at both services. The anniversary social will be held in the following evening, when Mr. McKay will deliver an address.

In Japan the Young Men's Christian Association has 57 branches, 2,500 members, and upwards of 1,000 Japanese young men in Bible classes.

MONTREAL.

The American Presbyterian church was well filled on Monday evening, 20th ult., on the occasion of Rev. Dr. Johnston's lectures on "Scottish Heroes." He had some few weeks previous entertained the Caledonian Society with a most graphic address upon Sir Wm. Wallace, and many who had heard that lecture were present anxious for a continuation of the subject and they were not disappointed. Dr. Johnston began his address with a brief reference to Sir Wm. Wallace, and that exciting period, then went on to speak of John Knox and his troublous times. The characters were brought out so vividly that the audience was held spell-bound for upwards of an hour and were loud in their appreciation of the lecturer who covered in his theme the three great epoch-making periods in Scottish history, Wallace, Knox and the covenanting period. The lecture was under the auspices of the Young Men's Guild. Dr. Johnston certainly ranks as a lecturer with Punsdon, Beecher, Wendell Phillips and other great speakers of the past.

WESTERN ONTARIO.

The only vacant charge in the Presbytery of Toronto now is that of the combined congregations of Hornby and Omagh.

Rev. G. B. McLennan, of Huntsville, spent a day at Brennan, and was rewarded by the capture of a fine doe.

On Sunday last Rev. Dr. Eakin, now a lecturer in University College, Toronto, preached his farewell sermon to St. Andrew's congregation, Guelph.

The young people of the South River Church intend having a social and distribution of Sunday school prizes on Friday evening, December 15th, when a good musical programme will be provided.

The Presbyterians of St. Matthews Church, Woodlands, intend holding an entertainment and Christmas tree on Tuesday evening, Dec. 26. A good programme will be rendered.

Rev. Mr. McKay (uncle of the pioneer missionary, Rev. Hugh McKay), and Mrs. McKay, from Elphinstone, Man., were guests of the Rev. and Mrs. Morrison at Rosebank, Cedarville, last week.

Rev. R. S. Laidlaw, B. A., Belleville, will preach anniversary sermons in St. Paul's Church, Bowmanville, on Dec. 10, and Rev. G. M. Milligan, D. D., Toronto,

A gathering of Sunday school workers and others will be held in the Presbyterian lecture room, Barrie, Monday, at which Rev. R. Douglas Fraser, M. A., publisher of the Presbyterian Sunday school papers, will give an address on "Missions in the Sunday School," and the Rev. J. C. Robertson, the newly-appointed Sunday school secretary, will speak on "The Supreme Aim of the Sunday school."

At the last meeting of the Lanark and Renfrew Presbytery the fund for the widows and children of deceased ministers was considered. A report was presented which was the result of a special enquiry into the condition of the fund, and the patronage accorded it by the Presbytery. In the event of the death of those ministers in the Presbytery who are eligible for connection with the fund by the payment of the personal rate, but who have so far failed to connect, the equivalent of interest upon tens of thousands of dollars would be lost to their widows and children. The Presbytery emphasized the importance of changing this condition of things and charged the standing committee on benevolent schemes with seeing that improvement was made.

EASTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. A. H. McFarlane, of Franktown, preached in St. Andrew's church, Appleton, Sunday morning.

Rev. K. A. Gollan, of Dunvegan, conducted the service in the Maxville church last Sabbath evening.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian congregation, Renfrew, has spent a total of \$22,919 during this year and last.

Mrs. (Rev.) MacVicar of Finch addressed the Avonmore Y.W.F.M. Auxiliary on Saturday afternoon.

Rev. A. Logan Geggie, of Toronto, will conduct anniversary services in St. Andrew's, Smith's Falls, on the last Sunday in the year.

Rev. Hugh Munroe, B. A., of Bowmanville, preached the St. Andrew's sermon in Knox church, Whitby, last Sunday evening week.

Mrs. (Rev.) A. M. Currie, of Almonte, gave a very suitable address at the annual thankoffering meeting of St. Andrew's, Appleton, W.F.M.S. on last Monday evening.

Rev. J. G. Greig has been inducted into the pastorate of Bathurst and South Sherbrooke churches. He has for several years been in charge of the mission there which has now been raised to an augmented degree.

At the recent meeting of Lanark and Renfrew Presbytery, one item of business transacted was the separation of Brightside from Rev. J. M. Miller's charge, he having three preaching stations besides Brightside.

An at home was held in Knox manse, Perth, last Friday evening which was well attended. Refreshments were served by the ladies. During the evening a short programme prepared by Mr. Rickwood, the organist of the church, was rendered and was very much enjoyed.

The Sunday school children and teachers of Kinburn Presbyterian church intend giving an "At Home" in the Orange hall on the evening of December 22nd, to which they will invite the Sunday school children and parents of the Lowry congregation.

Rev. A. A. Scott, Carleton Place, preached missionary sermons in St. Andrew's church, Pakenham, last Sunday morning and evening. The evening service was on behalf of the W.F.M.S. and was their annual thankoffering meeting. At both diets of worship the attendance was good and the discourses stimulating.

There was a large attendance at the Mission Band social in St. John's church, Cornwall, last Friday evening. A good programme was rendered by the young people, solos being contributed by Miss Lily Ross, Miss Carrie Algure and Miss Nellie Graveley. Refreshments were served during the evening.

The funeral of Rev. Dr. Warden having been fixed for 2.30 p.m., the Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew, then in session, at that hour intermitted its regular labors and through two of the members engaged in a brief season of prayer. A telegram of condolence drafted by the clerk was sent to the deceased's widow and family.

At the late meeting of Presbytery held in Port Perry the translation of Rev. R. M. Phalen from his present charge to Hornings Mills and Primrose in the Presbytery of Orangeville was granted. Mr. Phalen closes his pastorate in Enniskillen and Cartwright the last Sunday in December and expects to be inducted into his new charge the first week in January. Rev. Wm. Cooper, M.A., of Port Perry, was appointed interim Moderator of Enniskillen and Cartwright during the vacancy.