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OTTAWA.

Rev. Principal Gordon, D.D., of Queen's, was the preacher in St. Andrew's Sunday evening.

Rev. Dr. Armstrong, of St. Paul's, exchanged with Rev. J. T. Pitcher, of the East End Methodist Church.

Mr. Mac B. Davidson, son of Mr. W. J. Davidson, 85 MacLaren street, has been appointed to the secretaryship of the McGill College Y. M. C. A., an appointment as popular as it is important. Mr. Davidson's splendid character and brilliant attainments were also recognized by the congregation of Erskine Church, Montreal, which offered the position of assistant minister.

The last of a successful course of Sunday afternoon addresses at the Y. M. C. A. was given on Sunday by Rev. Herbert Symonds, D.D., vicar of Christ Church Cathedral, Montreal. Among other good things he said: "Religion was the essence of our life, some people keep it in watertight compartments, thus shutting out the influence from the business part and from the other parts of life. A man's religion and his business should go hand in hand. Religion was something like an engine—the engine and the work it did could be seen, but the power was hidden. Aspire to the top of the mountain. The loftier their aim the higher they would climb. The Christian life should be an every day life."

Last Sunday the Ottawa Oddfellows celebrated the eighty-seventh anniversary of the establishment of the Order by meeting for public worship in their hall, corner of Sparks and Bank streets. There was a large attendance of the members. Fraternal love was the keynote of the service, and Rev. P. W. Anderson, of McKay Church, delivered a telling sermon appropriate to the occasion. He paid a glowing tribute to the good work of the Independent Order of Oddfellows. In his pastoral work he had frequently encountered beneficiaries of the order. "The truest spirit of brotherly love is that which prompts a man to regard the unfortunate as his brother, for that was the spirit shown by Christ. While all cannot do great things, yet he who does ever so little in the name of a disciple of the Lord will earn a disciple's reward."

WESTERN ONTARIO.

London Presbyterians are making active preparations for the approaching meeting of the General Assembly.

Rev. A. H. MacGillivray, of First Church, Chatham, has been lecturing on "Volcanoes"—a timely subject and well handled.

Rev. Dr. Moore, of Ottawa, secretary of the Canadian Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis, has been lecturing in Spencerville on that subject.

Last Friday week Rev. J. T. Hall of Rockwood conducted the preparatory services in Knox Church, Acton, preaching an impressive and appropriate sermon.

A Warden Memorial Church is erected in Cape Breton. It is pleasant, says the Presbyterian Witness, to associate the names of good and great men with churches. Of course there is no danger of these names coming between us and the Name that is above every name.

Owing to the relapse in the health of the Rev. J. G. Stuart, B.A., of London, who is again confined to his room, Knox Church pulpit is being supplied by Presbytery. On Sabbath the 29th inst. the morning diet of worship was conducted by the Rev. James Rollins of East London, and the evening service by the Rev. Dr. MacCrae of Westminster Church.

EASTERN ONTARIO.

The next meeting of Whitby Presbytery will be held at Brooklin on July 17th at 9.30 a.m.

Rev. A. G. Cameron of Apple Hill, exchanged pulpits with Rev. Mr. McVicar, of Finch, on a recent Sunday.

Rev. Henry Gracey, M. A., preached before the Odd Fellows of Gananoque in St. Andrew's Church last Sunday.

Rev. A. Govan of Williamstown preached in St. Andrew's Church, South Lancaster, a week ago last Sunday afternoon.

Rev. H. D. Leitch, of St. Elmo, and Rev. A. Morrison, of Kirk Hill, were recent visitors to the Dunvigan manse.

Rev. N. Waddell, recently inducted into the pastorate of Hepzibah Church, Williamstown, has been heartily welcomed by the members of the congregation and townspeople generally.

Mr. A. V. Brown, B.D., of Montreal College has accepted the call from the congregation of Newcastle, and Newtonville Presbytery of Whitby will make arrangements for his induction at their meeting in Toronto during Synod week.

Rev. Dr. Campbell of Perth has been appointed moderator of session of St. Andrew's, Smith's Falls, during the 6 months' absence of Rev. C. H. Cooke, who is going west. The interests of this important congregation is thus in good hands.

Prof. G. D. Ferguson's History of the Middle Ages is the latest addition to Lancaster Public Library. This valuable work comes as a gift from Hon. James McLennan, Judge of the Supreme Court, Ottawa, and is a welcome addition to the special works of Canadian authors already in the library.

Exactly one hundred students graduated in the arts, science and theological faculties at Queen's University this session. The list of degrees shows 68 graduates in arts, 20 in science and 12 in theology. Two Ph.D. degrees are given, W. J. MacEachren, M.A., of Glencoe, and R. A. Wilson, M.A., of Renfrew.

Before his departure for his new field of labor, Rev. H. D. Leitch of St. Elmo was tendered a complimentary banquet of the Glengary County Orange Association as a token of the high esteem in which he is held by his brethren of the order. At the same time he was also presented with an address accompanied by a purse of gold. Mr. Leitch acknowledged the presentations in suitable terms, expressing his regret at parting with the brethren of Glengary.

Many in Glengary and elsewhere will regret to hear of the death, at Red Deer Lake, Alberta, of Mrs. (Rev.) Hugh McKellar, on the 18th April. The deceased had not been in good health for several years. Her maiden name was Catharine McDiarmid, and has two brothers and two sisters living, one of the former being the Rev. Hugh S. McDiarmid of St. Lambert, near Montreal. Her husband was the pioneer minister at Prince Albert, Sask. Coming east he was minister at Vonn and Woodland for several years, after which he went to Martintown. About two years ago he resigned his charge there and resided in Hamilton for a time, going to Red Deer Lake last May or June. In all these changes Mrs. McKellar was his faithful companion and helpmeet, very much esteemed for her great kindness of heart. She leaves, besides her sorrowing husband, a son, Hugh, living at Grenfell, Sask., and a daughter, Miss Kate McKellar, B. A. (Qu'ens), who is also a graduate of the Normal College, Hamilton, and to these the sympathy of many friends will be extended.

HAMILTON.

The corner-stone of the new St. Andrew's Church will be laid on Saturday, May 12th. His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, Wm. Mortimer Clark, will be present to officiate at the ceremony.

A congregational farewell to Rev. R. McDermott of Locke St. Presbyterian Church took place on Monday evening, April 30. Rev. D. R. Drummond of St. Paul's Church is interim moderator.

Rev. S. Burnside Russell of Erskine Church contemplates a visit to the old country this summer. He will be accompanied by Mr. Souter, one of the officials of his church.

A committee of Presbytery, consisting of Rev. J. Young, Rev. D. R. Drummond, Rev. J. A. Wilson, and Sir Thos. Taylor visited Binbrook and adjacent fields recently with a view to a possible rearrangement of the various appointments in that district.

The congregation of Sherman Avenue Church unanimously agreed to tender a call to Rev. J. Roy Van Wyck, a recent graduate of Knox College. Mr. Van Wyck has for some time been the student pastor of this growing charge and his people look forward with interest to his permanent settlement among them.

At a pro re nata meeting of Hamilton Presbytery held on Thursday, April 26, the call from Knox Church, Regina, to Rev. E. A. Henry was officially dealt with. Mr. Henry accepted the call, and will preach his farewell sermon on May 13th. Rev. Dr. Fletcher was appointed interim moderator.

MONTREAL.

The late Rev. Wm. Forlong, whose death was recently announced, was the eldest son of Mr. Wm. Forlong, of Erin's, Argyleshire, Scotland. He was born in Glasgow on Jan. 16, 1816. In early life his father wished him to go into the army, consequently, he entered the Royal Military Academy at Woolwich to prepare for it, and passed, but was undecided whether to take it up. In the meantime he took a voyage to China, and served as a midshipman on board a large East Indian ship. Although liking the sea, the life on board was distasteful to him, and a longing for the Lord's work was laid on his heart. Consequently, he decided to study for the ministry in Edinburgh under Dr. Chalmers. His first charge was Kirkcaldy, Wigtonshire, Scotland, where he was ordained. While laboring there, his health became impaired, and being advised to try a warmer climate, he was appointed to do duty in Bermuda to the 42nd Highlanders, known as the 'Black Watch.' However, the climate was found to be too relaxing, so he came to Canada and was called to the congregation of Cornwallis, N.S., on May 22, 1859, where he labored successfully for ten years. Afterwards he was called to Lachine, Que., and was inducted on Feb. 21, 1872, where he remained until he retired from active duty, on April 24, 1892. In 1859 he married Catherine, only child of Mr. James Lowe, of Burnhead, Kincardineshire, Scotland, who survives him, with two daughters and three sons as follows: William Gordon, of Richmond, Virginia; James, of Vancouver, B.C.; Luke R. C., of Montreal; Mrs. E. Christie, of Chicago; and Thomas H. Forlong of Montreal.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed in St. John's church, Almonte, on a recent Sunday, Rev. T. R. Shearer, of Melbourne, Middlesex Co., conducting the service. Mr. Shearer is on a visit to Ottawa friends, and kindly filled in a Sunday most acceptably for St. John's people.