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OTTAWA.

Rev. Mr. Drumm, of Belleville, continues to supply the pulpit of the Glebe church, in the absence of Mr. Milne, who is holidaying in Britain.

In St. Andrew's church, Rev. A. B. Cameron, D.D., of Bermuda, was the preacher. Next Sunday Rev. Dr. Guthrie, of Baltimore, Md., will fill the pulpit.

Rev. T. G. Thompson, who is at present summering at Britannia, was the preacher in Erskine church at both services on Sunday. Erskine congregation, disappointed in their proposed call to Rev. Mr. Reid, of Montreal, will now hear several ministers before making another effort. Rev. Dr. Ramsay is interim moderator of session.

Rev. E. C. Gallup, an old Ottawa boy, who is now pastor of Knox church, Saskatoon, Sask., and moderator of the Presbytery there, spent a few days in the city last week with his brother, A. H. Gallup, of the P. O. Department. Mr. Gallup's congregation has given him three months' leave of absence, and during this time he will visit England and the continent.

After attending the General Assembly at Winnipeg, Rev. Dr. Ramsay visited the Pacific coast, calling at various points on the way; and at a recent evening service gave the people a glowing account of the progress of Western Canadian Presbyterianism. There are now in the new provinces 150 self-supporting churches, 75 with augmented support, and 325 mission fields. He also reviewed the work from its inception in 1853 at Kildonan, and paid a tribute to the pioneers, Dr. Black, Mr. Nisbet, Dr. Robertson and Dr. King. Particular interest was aroused by the references made by the doctor to Indian Head, Saskatchewan, where he was the first missionary and was in charge of three other stations. At present the minister there devotes all his time to Indian Head and receives a salary of \$1,200. To build the first church, Dr. Ramsay had to break virgin prairie, while at the present time a structure costing \$25,000 was being erected.

His many friends in Canada will hear with regret of the death of the Rev. John M. McCarter, who for nearly a quarter of a century labored in different fields of church work in the Dominion. Mr. McCarter returned to Scotland six years ago, and for the past eighteen months had been in ill-health. Death took place at his residence, 70 Promenade, Portobello. His active life was spent in missionary enterprises in South Africa, Canada and Scotland. He was born in Ayr, about seventy-five years ago, studied at Edinburgh University, and took his theological course in the Free Church College. In 1863 he, with six others, responded to a call to labor abroad, and was settled as a minister of the Dutch Reformed Presbyterian Church in Natal. A work on the relations between the Dutch Reformed Church and the other denominations in South Africa, written by him, is much esteemed by churchmen. In 1874 he left South Africa, and, after carrying on mission work in Scotland for three years, came to Canada, where his charge included Metis, Mille Isles and Montreal. Mr. McCarter devoted not only his life but his means as well to his work, and was ably assisted by his wife, who survives him, and who is a sister of Prof. J. Porteous Arnold, of Roslyn Ladies' College, Westmount. In his obituary notice the "Scotsman" describes Mr. McCarter as a most distinguished Scottish missionary.

EASTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. D. M. MacLeod, late of Billings' Bridge, has been preaching at Vankleek Hill.

Rev. G. T. Bayne, of Ashton, is spending a few weeks' holidays at his old home at Merivale.

Rev. H. E. Abraham, M.A., of Port Hope, has been elected moderator of Peterboro Presbytery.

Rev. Mr. Stewart, of Finch, preached in the Apple Hill church on Sunday, in the absence of Rev. James Hastie, who is enjoying a two weeks' holiday.

Rev. A. H. Scott, of St. Andrew's, Perth, was the preacher in Chelsea church last Sunday. Rev. James Taylor, the pastor, taking the services for Mr. Scott.

The next meeting of Peterboro Presbytery will be held in Campbellford on Sept. 29, at 10 a.m. At this meeting commissioners to the General Assembly are expected to report.

Rev. J. Hay, Renfrew, and Rev. A. Mackenzie, of Douglas, spent a couple of days at the Eganville manse last week; and in company with Rev. Mr. Rattray enjoyed a day's trout fishing.

The congregation of Windham and Delhi in the Paris Presbytery will be vacant by August 1st. Any minister wishing to preach in this charge with the view to a call will correspond with Rev. J. J. Brown, Tillsonburg.

Rev. Wm. F. Crawford, B.D., of Chesterville, is unanimously called to Buckingham. The Chesterville congregation is greatly attached to Mr. Crawford and look forward to his early removal with sincere regret.

Rev. George Yule, of St. Paul's, Winchester, is at present holidaying in Scotland. He is expected home about the middle of August, although his term of absence does not expire until the first week in September.

The new church at Finch is rapidly approaching completion. The congregation will likely take possession by 1st September. It is a beautiful building, an ornament to the town and a credit to the congregation.

Resolutions of congratulations were presented by Peterboro Presbytery to the congregations of Warkworth and Campbellford and also to that of Centreville on the occasion of the jubilees, and Hastings and Norwood, whose jubilees come near the close of this month.

In the Whitby Presbytery the charge of Claremont is vacant. Claremont is a village on the C.P.R., twenty-nine miles from Toronto, and has a fine farming district around it. There is just the one appointment and a good manse. Rev. W. Moore, Pickering, Ont., will be glad to hear from any who desire to preach as candidates for a call.

The Free Lance, of Westville, N.S., says: That the rock ribbed Presbyterian County of Pictou is still the banner Presbyterian County of the Dominion of Canada may be easily learned from the figures. Of Presbyterian Church buildings in the County there are about 40, with over thirty congregations and ministers so that it is more than holding its own. In Pictou town there are three, in New Glasgow, three; in Westville, two; in Stellarton, two; in Hopewell, two; in River John, two; and throughout the County there are large and flourishing congregations. To show the strength of Presbyterianism in the County we may add that not another Protestant Church has a single congregation in any of the country districts throughout the County.

WESTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. F. H. Larkin, M.A., Searforth, has been preaching in Knox church, Stratford.

Rev. R. McCullough, of Innerkip, is spending his holidays in the province of Quebec.

Rev. J. A. Wilson, of St. Andrew's, Hamilton, has returned home from a four weeks' vacation.

Rev. Mr. Boyle, of Kemble, was the preacher in St. Paul's church, Brookholm, last Sunday.

Rev. Mr. P. J. MacLaren, of Shakespeare, and Rev. Mr. Woods, of Tavistock, exchanged pulpits on Sunday.

Rev. R. McIntyre declines the call to Desboro and Holland Centre, Owen Sound Presbytery.

Rev. Mr. Mustard, of Toronto, who is supplying the pulpit of Knox church, Guelph, during the vacancy, is giving the congregation excellent service.

Rev. John Thomson, of Knox church, Ayr, is taking his usual holidays, and during his absence the pulpit is being filled by Rev. Mr. Cameron, of Toronto.

At the recent communion in Erskine church, Hamilton, thirty-six new members were received—nearly all on profession of faith.

Rev. Geo. Arnold, of Mount Albert, formerly of Waubesa, took the preparatory service in the Presbyterian church, Orillia, last Friday evening, and assisted Dr. Grant on Sunday.

The contractors state that the new St. Andrew's Sunday school building, Chatham, which is in course of construction, will be completed in about six weeks.

Rev. A. C. Mackenzie, D.D., of Elmira College, Elmira, N.Y., a son of the late Rev. Donald Mackenzie, of Embro, was the preacher in Knox church, Woodstock, on the 19th inst.

Rev. M. MacKinnon, M.A., of Woodbridge, is holidaying in his native province, Prince Edward Island; while Mrs. MacKinnon and son are summering at that delightful spot, Ethel Park, Beaver-ton, Lake Simcoe.

Rev. W. M. Morris, of Bond Head, has been called to Orangeville, in succession to Rev. Mr. Bird, recently appointed financial agent of Montreal Presbyterian College. Stipend offered \$1,100, manse, and a month's vacation.

On the morning of the 19th July, Rev. Neil MacPherson preached in St. Paul's church, Hamilton, when many of his former parishioners heard him gladly. In the evening he occupied the pulpit of St. John's church.

The services on the 19th at St. Andrew's church, Guelph, were conducted by Rev. D. Strachan. The members of the congregation were greatly pleased to see Mr. Strachan again in the pulpit, and to hear him preach.

In the absence of Rev. Mr. Craw, Mr. McIntosh, of Belwood, preached in Melville church, Fergus, in the forenoon and gave a very impressive discourse. In the evening the Rev. J. B. Mullan occupied the same pulpit, and in view of the Tercentenary at Quebec gave a patriotic address, which was much appreciated by the congregation.

Saugeen Presbytery held two ordinations last week—one of the Rev. Mr. Wilson at Mildmay, and the other of the Rev. Mr. McKay into the charge of Knox church, Harriston. At the latter the Rev. Wm. Cooper, of Mt. Forest, preached the sermon, Rev. T. D. McCullough, of Harriston, addressed the minister, and the Rev. Wm. Farquharson, of Durham, addressed the congregation, which was a very large one.