

In response to a petition from the congregations of Daywood and Johnson for services on alternate Sabbaths, a committee was appointed to visit the field and report to the next regular meeting of presbytery on the 2nd of July.

The N. P. church, Galt, having complied with all the legal formalities was gladly welcomed into the Presbyterian church in Canada by Guelph Presbytery at its recent meeting. Rev. R. E. Knowles was appointed interim moderator, and the congregation was granted permission to secure its own pulpit supply.

At its recent meeting, the Presbytery of Guelph took up the Resolution on Union, which was "express our appreciation of the results already obtained and approval of a continuation of the negotiations in the direction of union," which had been held over from a previous meeting. It was unanimously agreed to adopt the resolution as read.

The corner stone of the new St. Andrew's church, Brantford, was laid with befitting ceremonies in the presence of a large crowd. The alterations will be effected at a cost of about \$10,000, and already half of this sum has been subscribed. The corner stone was laid by Hon. Mortimer Clark, lieutenant-governor, who made an appropriate address. Congratulatory speeches were also made by W. F. Cockshutt, M.P., T. H. Preston, M.P.P., and leading city clergymen.

Last week at a social held in the lecture room, the Orillia congregation extended a hearty reception to Rev. Donald C. MacGregor, who recently commenced his duties as assistant to Rev. Dr. Grant. Addresses of welcome were given by Dr. Beaton and Mr. J. E. Dickson on behalf of the Session; by Mr. E. B. Alport for the board of managers; and by Dr. McLean for the adherents of the congregation. Mr. MacGregor replied, very happily. There was a large turn out, and the evening was most enjoyable.

TORONTO.

The congregation of Knox church decided to appoint an assistant to Rev. A. B. Winchester.

The Rev. Edward and Mrs. Cockburn, Brunswick avenue, announce the engagement of their eldest daughter, Mary Gould, to Mr. John C. Ross, M.A., Montreal. The marriage will take place on the 19th of June.

The choir of St. Mark's church, an organization of 40 mixed voices, under the leadership of Prof. A. Y. Grant, and assisted by several soloists, and Mr. George Drinnan, reader, gave a Scotch concert to an overflowing audience, in the church last week. It was a great success.

Rev. Prof. Ballantyne declines to be placed in nomination for the Principalship of Knox College. The nomination of a principal will be held meanwhile in abeyance, pending the securing of a capable financial agent, who will organize the campaign for the raising of funds for the erection of new college buildings fronting on the University lawn. A committee, consisting of Messrs. J. A. Macdonald, W. A. J. Martin, Prof. Kilpatrick, Wm. Houston, W. R. MacIntosh, Alex. Macgillivray and Hon. R. F. Sutherland, was appointed to report on the question. Principal MacLaren continues in his office. He is in his 80th year, and is anxious that his term should not continue beyond another session. No meals will be served in the dining hall the coming college session. Students may, however, procure rooms in the college for \$1 per week.

MONTREAL.

Arrangements for the entertainment of members of the General Assembly is in the hands of an excellent committee with Rev. W. R. Cruikshank as convener. Mr. Cruikshank has the work well in hand, and with him at the helm everything will run smoothly. To this end commissioners should give all the assistance in their power.

The members of the Montreal Protestant Ministerial Association held their closing meeting for the year at Ste. Anne de Bellevue. Professor Robertson met the preachers at the station and conducted them to the large hall of the Macdonald College where he gave them a most interesting address on the work to be undertaken by the college. After inspecting the buildings they were entertained to luncheon at Prof. Robertson's residence. A vote of thanks was tendered the professor on motion of the Rev. Messrs. Reid and Pedley, supported by the Rev. Messrs. Young and Gordon.

In commemoration of centennial of China Missions, Crescent Street church will hold a series of meetings as follows: June 3rd., Young People's Rally; June 4th., Missionary Mass Meeting; June 5th., W. M. Society Celebration at 3 p. m.; and at 4.30 p. m. a General Sunday School Gathering. The two first meetings will be held at 7.45 p. m. Each day may be seen in the church rooms an interesting display of curio and literature connected with Foreign Missions; and doubtless the addresses at the meetings and the exhibition will attract large numbers of people.

WINNIPEG AND WEST.

Rev. Professor Hart, D. D., who had been called East by the death of his mother, has returned to the city.

Rev. W. G. Fortune, of Red Deer, Man., preached the annual sermon to a large gathering of Oddfellows on their anniversary.

Rev. Dr. Barclay, of St. Paul's church, Montreal, has been in the city attending the funeral of his brother, the late ex-Alderman Barclay.

At a recent meeting of presbytery at Red Deer, Rev. H. T. Wallace, B.D., of Queen's university was licensed and his ordination was arranged to take place at Blackfolds on May 28. The presbytery session was marked by able addresses by the moderator, Rev. Mr. McLeod, and Rev. J. E. Hogg, of Wetaskiwin. This was the last meeting of the present presbytery, as the general assembly has been asked to divide it into two, Lacombe and Red Deer.

A joint meeting of Presbyterians and Methodists was held last week for consultation with a view to co-operation in carrying on mission work among the classes of the population speaking foreign languages. Rev. Dr. Patrick was appointed chairman and Mr. G. N. Jackson, secretary. Rev. Dr. Woods, Rev. J. V. Kovar and Rev. H. Wile, outlined the work done by the Methodists, and Revs. Dr. Bryce, Dr. Farquharson and Dr. Patrick, gave account of the various movements promoted by the Presbyterian church. The spirit of denominational union was manifest throughout, and strong desire was expressed on all sides to do everything possible in the way of practical co-operation, without waiting for the completion of the negotiations for organic union. A committee of six was appointed to recommend a general policy to be pursued in further extension of the work.

Rev. John Currie of Toronto has been visiting relatives at Nottawa.

ROCK LAKE PRESBYTERY.

The Presbytery met at Swan Lake and inducted into the pastorate charge there the Rev. J. H. Hutchinson, late of Prince Albert Presbytery. Rev. Mr. Caldwell, Pilot Mound, presided, preached and inducted. Rev. F. J. Hartley Roland, addressed the minister and Rev. C. C. Whiting, Rosebank, addressed the people. After the induction service was over a musical programme was rendered by the choir, and the ladies served a dainty lunch.

At Miami on Tuesday last the Presbytery held its regular meeting. There was a large attendance of ministers and several elders. Miami and Nelson were separated and Nelson given into the hands of the Home Mission Committee. The committee dealing with the Killamey case reported. The report was adopted and the petition was dismissed. A public meeting was held from 8 to 9 o'clock. The discussion was on Congregational Progressiveness. Addresses were delivered by Messrs. Hartley, Whiting and Clarkson.

The Patterson case was adjourned till the September meeting and a committee appointed.

Arrangements made for dispensing ordinances in mission fields. The conveners of the various standing committees were elected: Home Missions; M. C. Rumball; S. Schools, E. Mason; Man. College, A. Hood; Church Life and Work, Chas. McKay; Church Property, Peter Wright; Statistics, Wm. Caver; Y. P. Societies, Clarkson.

A large amount of routine business was transacted and a resolution on Mr. Beveridge's resignation, expressing the loss of the Presbytery and the hope that soon he would be able to take up work again.

Rev. R. McDarmont, of Bala, has accepted a call to Duart, and Rev. A. W. Craw was appointed interim moderator of the Bala session.

The anniversary services of Burns church, South Delaware, were largely attended. Rev. J. W. Orr, B.A., of Dorchester, conducted the services, preaching very instructive sermons. Rev. Robert McIntyre, of Tempo and South Delaware, occupied the Dorchester pulpit, preaching to an immense congregation in the evening on "King Saul and the Witch of Endor." The stirring sermon will not soon be forgotten by those who heard it.

Rev. James Thompson, Durham, N. S., has now reached his 91st year and is still enjoying good health. During his pastorate at West River, 17 young men of his congregation studied for the ministry.

General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

The General Assembly will meet in Erskine Church, Montreal on Wednesday evening June 5th, 1907, at eight o'clock. The opening sermon will be preached by the retiring moderator, Rev. Alex. Falconer, D.D.

The clerks of Assembly, the clerks of Synods and Presbyteries who are commissioners will meet in Erskine church at 4 o'clock p.m. on the opening day to arrange the business of the first sederunt. Travelling arrangements have been made for commissioners, and others who have business with the assembly, and notice has been sent to all commissioners through the clerks of Presbyteries. Commissioners will receive standard railway certificates at the starting point where ticket to Montreal is purchased, and these with a card giving the name and status of the commissioner will be handed in at the General Assembly office in Erskine church, and a copy of the stitched reports will be given to those entitled to receive them.

JOHN SOMERVILLE, } Joint Clerks.
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