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OTTAWA.

Last Sunday morning services in St. Andrew's was conducted by Rev. Dr. Armstrong. In the evening Rev. James Little, B.A., of St. Paul's preached the baccalaureate sermon to the pupils of the Ottawa Ladies' College.

In St. Paul's the pastor, Rev. James Little, B. A., took the morning service. Rev. Dr. Armstrong preaching in the evening.

Rev. Mr. Cole, of Michigan, preached in St. Andrew's church last Sunday morning; and in the evening the pastor, Rev. Mr. McIlroy, occupied the pulpit, speaking on "The Valor of Love."

Ottawa ministers are preparing for their holiday outing; and in several cases arrangements have already been made for the supply of pulpits during the absence of ministers.

Referring to the appearance of the editor of the Record in the pulpit of his former charge in New Glasgow, N. S., the Chronicle says: In the First Presbyterian church, Dr. Scott of Montreal, preached at the morning service—Time has dealt kindly with him—His many old friends in the church were glad to hear him and all enjoyed his edifying discourse. Dr. Scott is a man everyone delights to meet; always hearty and cheerful, optimism always pervades his presence. The Church has one of her best and most useful officials in the editor of the Presbyterian Record.

MONTREAL.

Rev. N. H. McGillivray, recently settled as pastor of Taylor Church, has removed his family from Cornwall, and will be found at 686 Hubert street. Mr. and Mrs. McGillivray left St. John's manse and the town of Cornwall amid the sincere regrets of all classes in the community, who unite most cordially in wishing them many happy years in their new home. To the larger work and this greater responsibility Mr. McGillivray brings ability, experience and devotion to duty that will help him to a successful career in the congregation over which he has just been placed.

Last Friday night the Rev. K. J. Macdonald, B.A., B.D., of St. Matthew's Church, Point St. Charles, the Rev. Dr. Mowatt, of Erskine Church, the Rev. J. Chisholm, of Victoria Church, the Rev. Malcolm Campbell, First Presbyterian Church, the Rev. A. S. Ross, Montreal west, and the Rev. James Patterson, Presbytery clerk, representing the Montreal Presbytery, met in the Verdun Church, Ross street, and ordained and inducted the Rev. J. W. Johnston, M.A., to the pastoral charge of the church. The meeting having been opened by praise and prayer, the Rev. Malcolm Campbell read the Scriptural lesson from the 55th chapter of Isaiah and also preached a very impressive sermon on "Forsaking Christ." The Rev. K. J. Macdonald then gave a brief history of the church from its formation twelve years ago, as a mission, and also questioned the new minister as to his beliefs and doctrines. The Rev. Mr. Chisholm gave the minister a very earnest address on his duties and responsibilities, selecting 2nd Timothy 2nd Chapter 15th vers for his text, and the Rev. Mr. Ross, addressed the congregation in regard to the duties of the people to their minister and the relationship that should exist between them. This settlement is regarded as a very promising one, and Mr. Johnston enters on his work under most favorable conditions.

EASTERN ONTARIO.

The Lansdowne Presbyterians are installing a new bell in their church tower.

Last Sunday week Rev. Donald Stewart, of Finch, preached in Williams-town.

Dr. P. C. Leslie, of Honan, China, was the preacher in St. Andrew's church, Martintown, on Sabbath evening, June 19.

The members of the Ladies' Aid Society of Woodlands church were entertained at the home of Mrs. R. Vallance on June 8.

Rev. Mr. Dobbin, assisted by the Revs. Messrs. Hay and Robertson are holding evangelistic meetings in the Braeside Presbyterian church.

Rev. Mr. Lee of St. Elmo, on his way from the General Assembly, spent Sunday with his son, Rev. H. S. Lee, and conducted the service in the Apple Hill church on Sunday evening.

Dr. Leslie, returned missionary from Honan, China, gave an interesting address in Hephzibah church, Williams-town, on Sunday morning, June 19. In St. Andrew's, Rev. J. U. Tanner, of Lancaster, preached in the evening.

On Sunday afternoon, 12th June, the congregation at Knoxville held their anniversary services, the sermon being preached by Rev. J. S. LaFair, of the Port Hope Baptist Church. The annual tea and concert on Monday evening was a gratifying success. Rev. Mr. Brokenshire, the pastor, presided at the concert, and announced the numbers of an attractive programme. Proceeds \$75.

Referring to the Old Stone church, Thorah, near Beaverton, (The St. Andrew's of bye-gone years), Mr. W. L. Smith, in the Weekly Sun, Toronto, writes:—Here lie the pioneers—the men and the woman whose toil laid the foundations of all that is enjoyed of human comfort, of all that is worth while in moral character, in the community of to-day. It is a fitting resting place. The church, hoary with age, stands like a venerable saint of old showering benedictions on those who sleep in its shadows. A little to the rear is the old manse, half hidden in a mass of trees that temper the summer sun and moderate the winter gales, which, with the passing seasons, beam upon or pass over the sentinel like monuments marking the narrow chambers of the silent dead, while in the ravine to the rear music of murmuring waters mingles with the requiem which the evening breeze sings in the tree tops to the memory of those who are gone.

A few miles to the northwest, away out on Point Mara, on the farm occupied by Donald McKay, is another city of the dead. No stately monuments mark the resting places of these silent sleepers; no altar rises nearby around which descendants of those who are gone maintain the religious rites of departed ancestors; naught remains to remind another race, speaking another language, of those who were there before them, save when the plough in spring turns up the whitened skull of a dead warrior, the stone knife with which the skin was stripped from the fruits of the chase, or a broken fragment of crockery in which some dusky housewife served a feast for her lord. But who shall say? May not the sleep of these, even when wintry gales sweep over the treeless point and accents disconsolate come up from the murmuring lake or which washes the nearby shore, be as peaceful even as that of the burden-weary pioneers of a white civilization who have been laid away beneath the shadow of the 'old

WESTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. A. Mackenzie, of Douglas, was in Scotch Bush last week assisting Rev. Mr. Currie, of Perth, in revival meetings. Rev. E. W. Mackay, of St. Paul's Church, Smith's Falls, will this week assist Rev. Mr. Rattary, of Eganville, in similar evangelistic services.

Rev. A. G. and Mrs. Cameron, of Brockville, have the earnest sympathy of many friends in their recent bereavement through the death from diphtheria of their second son, Archibald Gardner, at the age of seven years, seven months and seven days.

The W. F. M. Auxillary of St. Andrew's church, Smith's Falls, have presented Mrs. Mary McIntosh, the oldest member of the society, with an affectionately worded address along with a life membership certificate in the W. F. M. S. The president, Mrs. James King, made the presentation, and in the absence of Mrs. McIntosh, her daughter, Mrs. J. H. Ferguson, acknowledged the address and gift in suitable terms.

A very successful week of evangelistic meetings has been held in Alma Church under the leadership of Rev. Mr. Reid and a deputation of students from Knox College.

The Rev. Dr. McMullen, of Woodstock, was the guest of his brother, Senator McMullen, of Mount Forest, for a few days the past week.

Mr. James S. Duncan, B.A., will accept the call to Lucknow. He is now visiting friends in Pennsylvania.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Garrett, of Bradford, prior to leaving for the West were made the recipients of an address and valuable gifts from the members of Bradford Presbyterian Church with which they had long been connected. Mr. Garrett was presented with a solid gold locket and chain and Mrs. Garrett with a fountain pen and a beautiful pearl sunburst, the articles being engraved with the initials of the recipients.

Rev. Mr. Mullan of Elora, preached at both services in the Hespeler Church on Sunday in the absence of Rev. J. A. Stewart who was conducting anniversary services at Cromarty.

The ladies of Knox Church, Sundridge, announce they will provide dinners and refreshments at Sledwards on the 12th July. Proceeds in aid of congregational funds.

At the morning service in Knox Church, Galt, on 12th inst., Mr. William Webster, who attained his 90th birthday, and who is the oldest member of Knox congregation, was presented with a handsome Bible by Rev. R. E. Knowles, from the session on behalf of the congregation.

Rev. Joseph Hamilton, of Toronto, preached in the Uptergrove Church on the 12th inst., and Rev. C. H. Cooke, of Orillia, last Sunday.

It is fifty years since the Elmvalle church was organized, and in commemoration of the event a grand semi-centennial celebration is being held from June 20th to 27th. Four sons of the first pastor of the church, Rev. Geo. Craw, will take part in the services, also a former pastor, Rev. James Rollins, B. A., of London, and the moderator of Presbytery, Rev. Dr. McLeod of Barrie. The present pastor is the Rev. G. J. McKay, M.A., whose faithful and untiring labors have maintained the high standard established by his predecessors.

The congregations of McCue and Port Emsley have extended a call to Rev. Alex. Rintoul, a recent graduate of Queen's university.