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OTTAWA.

There was a record attendance at the Erskine Church Sunday school on the 22nd inst., when 688 members were present; and at the afternoon meeting for men there were 80 in attendance—the largest yet.

The "At Home" given by the Ladies' Aid Society of St. Paul's church last Friday evening was a decided success in every way. The attendance was large, the programme interesting and the social intercourse most enjoyable. It goes without saying that the refreshments served at the close of the programme were—as is the rule in St. Paul's—first-rate. Miss Bourne, Miss Dunnet, Mr. Brown and Mr. Sorley contributed songs, and Miss Chalmers and Miss de la Ronde gave recitations—all of which were well received. Dr. Armstrong presided and gave a reading by request.

Zeal in the cause of missions was the most prominent feature of the meeting of the general committee of the Presbyterian Laymen's Movement, held in St. Andrew's church parlors last week. Mr. J. A. Machado, the convener of the committee, presided. The report of the publicity committee, which it was decided should be a permanent body, showed that the amount given to missions by the Presbyterian churches of Ottawa in 1907 was:

Bank street	\$1,862.17
Billings' Bridge	160.25
Erskine	1,133.51
Glebe	497.00
Knox	2,090.00
Mackay street	581.86
St. Andrew's	3,451.50
St. Paul's	1,048.27
Stewart	382.42
St. Mark's (French)	15.00
Hintonburg	793.00
Zion	31.00
Total	\$12,043.78

As several of the churches were newly erected and there were heavy debts on them it could hardly be hoped that Ottawa could, like Toronto, treble its missionary gifts, but the amount of last year might be double. The members of the publicity committee, Messrs. James Hope, chairman, W. T. Macoun, John McKean and E. S. McPhail, showed much ardor in the work. Mr. Hope offered to print the first 1,000 copies of the leaflet which the committee will issue, and Mr. W. T. Macoun consented to collect the material for it and edit it. This leaflet shows the objects of the association and what is now being done in the Presbyterian churches in Ottawa for missions.

Of the visit of Dr. Ramsay to Mount Forest, the Confederate of last week says: Rev. Dr. Ramsay's lecture in the Presbyterian Church on Friday night was very largely attended. The doctor gave a very graphic account of his European trip, dwelling particularly on his visit to Paris, London, Oxford and Chester. The proceeds amounted to \$90. The reverend gentleman filled the pulpit yesterday, both morning and evening, and was greeted by large congregations. In another part of the same paper it is said: The visit of the Rev. Dr. Ramsay, of Ottawa, for a few days the past week, to his former congregation of Westminster Church, was one much enjoyed by large numbers in the community generally, and more particularly by the members of his former congregations here and at Bethel, who remember his faithful ministries with gratitude and affection, and greeted him with a warmth which must have been very cheering to him. The attendance was large, both at the lecture and reception on Friday evening and at the Sabbath services.

EASTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. D. Currie, M.A., of Knox Church, Perth, declines the call to Buckingham.

The next ordinary meeting at Kingston Presbytery will be held at Kingston in Cooke's church, on 1st July next.

Rev. Wm. Thos. Wilkins, M.A., the capable clerk of Kingston Presbytery, is nominated by that Presbytery for the moderatorship of the Montreal and Ottawa Synod.

Rev. R. McKay, of Maxville, visited Toronto last week for the purpose of joining Mrs. McKay, who had been confined to the hospital there for some three weeks.

The Rev. W. C. McIntyre, B.A., formerly of Woodlands, now of Barre, Vt., has received a call to the Presbyterian church at Ogdensburg, N.Y., and has it under consideration. Mr. McIntyre is an old Stormont boy.

A Men's Bible Class has been organized in St. Andrew's Church, Almonte, with the following officers: President, Mr. R. L. McDonald; vice-president, Mr. Apinall, and secretary-treasurer, Mr. Bert Gunn. The pastor, Rev. Orr Bennett, was in the chair.

The annual report of the Dalhousie and Cote St. George Churches has just been issued and cannot fail to be deeply gratifying to the pastor, Rev. W. A. Morrison, and his devoted corps of workers. The total amount collected during the year for all purposes was \$3,151, of which amount \$752 was expended for missionary and benevolent purposes.

The following were appointed commissioners to next General Assembly, by Kingston Presbytery, viz.: Ministers, by rotation, Prof. Ross, Principal Gordon and W. T. Wilkins; by ballot, Mr. Drumm, Mr. Smith and Dr. McTavish. Elders, Messrs. Chas. Hay, S. Russell, Alex. MacDonald, R. J. Craig, R. Montgomery, W. H. Little and D. A. Mitchell alternate for any of the others.

It has been the custom for the members of the China Inland Mission to wear exclusively native dress, so that the sight has not been uncommon, on the streets of Shanghai, of a man in Chinese dress with a red pig-tail! Owing to the progress of Western civilization among the Chinese, this rule has now been modified and the wearing of native dress is optional with the missionaries.

The anniversary services of the Presbyterian church, Spencerville, were held on Sunday, March 15th. Owing to the extremely bad weather the attendance was not as large as it would otherwise have been. The pulpit was occupied at both morning and evening services by Rev. T. A. Sadler, the newly inducted pastor at Cardinal. He delivered very earnest and forceful addresses on both occasions. Special music was rendered by the choir, the soloists being Mrs. F. P. Smith, and Mr. J. V. Jarrel, of Prescott. A platform meeting was held on Monday evening at which addresses were delivered by Rev. Hicks, of the Methodist church, Rev. Sadler, Rev. A. Woods, Metcalfe, and the pastor Rev. J. Macdougall.

The report of the committee on Y.P.S. contained, among others, the following recommendations, which were adopted by the Presbyterian Kingston: That pastors and sessions be earnestly requested to take a live, practical interest in the work carried on by the Y.P.S. in their congregations; that as pastors discover young men of ability they encourage such to consider the advisability of entering upon a missionary or ministerial career; that wherever possible mission study classes should be organized and maintained.

At the recent meeting of Kingston Presbytery Prof. Laird submitted the report on Supt. and Exam. of Students, as follows: Messrs. A. T. Barnard, M.A., Robt. Brydon, M.A., Wm. H. Hay, B.A., John M. MacDonald, B.A., Fred Miller, B.A., and A. O. Todd, B.A., having fulfilled the General Assembly's requirements of candidates for the ministry, desire to be taken on trial for license, and your committee recommends that application be made to the Synod for leave to take them on trial as requested. Messrs. W. T. Carruthers, C. T. Colter, J. A. McLeish, W. L. B. Penfound, W. W. Wernock, and D. M. Young appeared before your committee on 14th Feb. last and were examined with a view to their being recommended for employment in the H. M. field, and your committee recommends that they be certified to the Assembly's Committee as approved by this Presbytery. In addition to the foregoing, 26 students of Queen's formerly employed in the Home Mission work, have sent their names to the committee requesting that they be certified to the Assembly's Committee for work in the H.M. field this summer. Your committee, having considered their several applications, recommend that they be certified for employment.

Rev. J. Steele, M.A., has resigned the charge of Callender.

Rev. S. Childerhose has been elected moderator of North P. y Presbytery.

Guthrie Church, Harriston, will soon have a pipe organ. The sum of \$1,500 has been raised for this purpose.

The Presbyterian Church in Cobalt has increased its membership by nearly four hundred per cent during the past year. Rev. J. O. Byrnes is the pastor, and the congregation is paying him \$1,200.

Rev. W. G. Brown, of New Denver, B. C., has been called to Red Deer, Sask., in succession to Rev. W. G. Fortune, appointed field secretary of the Temperance and Moral Reform League of Alberta.

Recently at Bethune, Sask., Rev. Mr. Patterson, of Lumsden, gave an interesting lecture on the Flag of the Empire. He handled his subject with great ability and skill and was rewarded by frequent and hearty applause.

Rev. J. W. Anderson, who for some time has been conducting services at West Fort, Fort William, has received word of his removal to Stony Mountain, Man. Mr. Anderson will leave shortly for the west, and his removal will be a matter of regret to all who have had the pleasure of coming in contact with him.

The Galt Reporter says: Rev. Dr. McQueen, of Edmonton, is one of the picturesque figures of the West. He is an old Kirkwall boy, a member of the well-known family of that name, and a brother of Mrs. Robert Elliott, of Galt. Dr. McQueen has been twenty years in Edmonton, making his first trip in a buckboard, and has seen the stragling village grow into a metropolitan city. Dr. McQueen was offered some years ago, but declined, the superintendency of missions in Alberta. At a meeting in Toronto the other day, Dr. McQueen made the statement that he knew every white man between Calgary and the North Pole.

The congregation of St. Andrew's Church, Westmount, are about to build a new church at an estimated cost of \$60,000.