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TORONTO.

The first public meeting of the Knox College Student Missionary Society was held in College street church.

Rev. A. Gillray, D.D., outlined the history of the society from its inception in 1849 until the present date.

Mr. C. A. Mustard, B.A., presented the report of his field as a concrete instance of the society's work. He told of the many and varied tasks and experiences that fell to the lot of the pioneer missionary among the Selkirk Mountains. As preacher, confessor, lumberman's friend, undertaker, freighter and skipper of the mission launch, the student prosecutes his work and with dogged determination fights for the moral and social uplift of the community. Christianity alone can save the West, and in the most needy places this comes only through the student Missionary Society, for it among those fields alone that would otherwise remain unoccupied.

Mr. C. F. McIntosh, M.A., reported that last year the fields contributed \$4,374.31, and the friends of the society \$6,527.92, and said that if the work keeps pace with the need a much larger contribution will be necessary.

Rev. Prof. Kilpatrick, D.D., said that the work of the Missionary Society was a standing argument that the critics of the college could not answer.

Mr. D. A. Hayes, vice-president of the American Federation of Labor, speaking in Cook's church, said: "We want the help of the Church, but we do not ask the Church to interfere in our strikes and struggles with employers. We do ask that the Church help to look after the condition of our women and children."

Rev. Dr. Andrew T. Taylor, pastor of the church, spoke briefly after Mr. Hayes, saying that it was the Church's work to deal with the individual men rather than with organization, and accordingly they could not go into the Federation of Labor as a Church. Nevertheless, he recognized an increasing fellowship between the Church and labor.

HAMILTON.

Two delegates from the Wesleyan Convention in the old land are holding special meetings in our city this week for the deepening of the spiritual life.

Provision was made for the ordination of Mr. George Dix who has been in charge of Port Colborne for some months. Strong resolutions were passed anent the present laws concerning gambling and adultery.

Rev. S. H. Gray of Dundas preached in St. Paul's, Hamilton, on Sunday morning. Mr. Gray has been on leave of absence for the last four months on account of illness, but feels quite strong again.

Rev. T. L. Turnbull, late of Oneida, preached in Ct. James' Church on Sunday. Mr. Turnbull is now a resident of Hamilton. Though he has retired from the active pastorate his preaching is still very acceptable.

Presbytery met in Knox Church on Tuesday, Nov. 2nd inst., with a full docket. Rev. W. T. Ellison, of Carleton Place, accepted the call of Allison, Rev. J. Crawford of Niagara Falls, and Rev. J. W. McLeod of Thorold, resigned their respective charges after several years of faithful service. A call from Drummond Hill to Rev. Dr. Wallis of Caledonia and also one from Lachine to the same gentleman was laid before the Presbytery. A number of new members were introduced to the Presbytery—Rev. John Johnston, of Lynedoch; Rev. Alex. Wilson, of Smithville; Rev. J. M. McDonald, of Watertown; Rev. B. M. Smith, of Oneida; Rev. F. W. K. Harris, of Chalmers' Church, Mt. Hamilton.

EASTERN ONTARIO.

Bro. John Pate, of Lancaster, preached in Maxville at both services on the 7th inst., and Rev. J. C. Tanner filled the pulpit last Sunday.

Rev. K. Gollan was at Moose Creek on Oct. 31 assisting Rev. L. Beaton at Communion services. The pulpit of the Dunvegan church was very acceptably filled by Mr. McCuaig of the Presbyterian College, Montreal, formerly of Laggan.

Rev. J. L. Nicol, M.A., preached last Sabbath in Picton. Rev. D. C. Ramsay, B.A., will fill the pulpit next Sunday. Rev. Mr. Shearer is in Worth assisting in evangelistic services, which are being held throughout the Peterborough Presbytery.

The first annual meeting of the Women's Home Mission Society of Lanark and Renfrew was held in Almonte and was well attended. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. W. F. MacKay, Arnprior; 1st vice-president, Mrs. Alex. Fraser, Westmeath; 2nd vice-president, Mrs. C. H. Daly, Almonte; corresponding secretary, Miss B. Campbell, Renfrew; recording secretary, Mrs. H. McEwen, Almonte; treasurer, Miss Dack, Fakenham; and clothing and pioneer secretary, Misses Bell, Fakenham and Stewart, Stewartville. It was decided to hold the next meeting in Arnprior. Reports were read from the various secretaries of the different auxiliaries and mission bands. Mrs. Kipp, of Toronto, addressed the gathering at some length, speaking of the different places where the foreign element was located and touching on the good work done in the hospitals, and telling of the work of Mr. Arthur at Vegreville, Alta.

The Arnprior Ministerial Association held its monthly meeting in the vestry of St. Andrew's church on Monday morning last. Rev. W. W. Peck presided, and led the meeting in earnest prayer. After the disposal of some routine matters of business short conferences were held on such subjects as Sabbath Observance, Moral Reform, Gospel Temperance, etc. It was resolved that for the future conducting of the meetings of the first hour should be devoted to business, and the remainder of the time to the hearing and discussing of papers on subjects of the practical interest to the work of the ministry. Rev. J. W. S. Lowry, of Fitzroy Harbor, was appointed to present a paper at the next regular meeting, which will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 1, at 10.30 a.m.

Last Sunday Rev. William Shearer of Picton gave his congregation notice that at the expiration of his year, January 11, 1910, he would hand in his resignation as pastor of St. Andrew's church.

Mr. Shearer's chief reason for leaving Picton is the fact that his family are now nearly all in the west and he feels in the declining years of his life that he wishes to be near his own.

For four years Mr. Shearer has been in charge of the congregation and during that time he has endeared himself to his people. The smallness of the membership has made these ties all the stronger and has caused the minister and the people to be thrown more closely together in their work than is generally the case.

At present Mr. Shearer has no definite course mapped out for himself. He has always led a strenuous life and since his ordination in 1881 he has done much missionary as well as parochial work. He does not expect, however, to take another charge.

There will be no definite action taken until the Presbytery meeting in December and it is to be hoped that Mr. Shearer may reconsider his determination to leave Picton.

Rev. W. C. MacTavish of Cooke's church, Kingston, preached a stirring, eloquent and forcible sermon Sunday morning on the subject of a Canadian navy, in which he took strong and advanced grounds against the proposal to build a Canadian navy, though at the same time he said he would not object to a contribution to the Empire. He took as his text the words 'from Matthew 26:52, "Then said Jesus unto him, put up thy sword again into its place; for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword." He said: "The subject for to-day has been suggested by a discussion which is now being carried on in the press regarding the creation of a Canadian navy. A great many things are discussed in the papers with which the pulpit need give itself little concern, but the formation of a navy is not one of these, for it vitally affects every citizen, and for that reason the time has come for the pulpit to declare itself. I am opposed to the formation of a Canadian navy because the development of militarism is utterly foreign to the spirit of Jesus Christ. Surely the time has come, when professedly Christian nations should settle their differences, not by the clash of arms, but by the more sensible methods of arbitration. If the spirit of the Gospel makes for peace, the opposite spirit cannot be commended. Let us put our trust in God. If He is on our side He will bless and prosper us, as He always defended and prospered those nations which have been true to the principles of His government."

The Perth Courier has the following:

Rev. Dr. Campbell, of Montreal, who after a long pastorate in St. Gabriel's church, Montreal, has been superannuated at the age of seventy-four years, filled the pulpit of St. Andrew's church, Perth, on Sunday morning, having been on a visit to friends in town, and to the scenes of his boyhood. He was ordained in old St. Andrew's church forty-seven years ago, though the family, up to the time of the consolidation of the East Ward congregations, attended the old Rev. Wm. Bell's church near the Scotch Line. Mr. Campbell's late congregation have given him his old manse in Montreal for a residence, and have otherwise treated him as one who has been a faithful witness for Christianity in their midst. Mr. Campbell is a keen and ardent botanist, and is always on the qui vive for new or curious specimens of plant life, of which he has a large and unique collection. Rev. Dr. Campbell has the reputation of being a most strenuous man in whatever he undertakes. When he goes to the General Assembly, he is up at sunrise, generally following his favorite pursuits in botany, perusing after new or strange samples; then at the opening as secretary taking minutes, then speaking on the union question; next upon Queen's University matters, and anything else in which his active mind is interested. As a fighting man there is no end to his resources. His physical frame is wiry and strong, and his whole physique gives him promise of a good old patriarchal age.

The Bank of England has raised its rate of discount to 5 per cent. This is unusually high, and is intended as a warning to speculative financiers to go slower.

All things do work together for good to them that love God. The processes sometimes seem to be slow. The waiting upon God is a factor that is indispensable and unfailing where there is faith.

Mention the greatest cause you have for gratitude.

Give Bible instances of thankfulness. Tell of some rejoicing saints.