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## OTTAWA.

The congregation of Bank street church were favored on Sunday by hearing, both morning and evening, Rev. Prof. MacKenzie of the Presbyterian College, Montreal. At the evening service the preacher dealt with the subject of "The Unsaved."

Rev. Professor Gordon, of the Presbyterian College, Montreal, was the preacher in Erskine Church last Sunday. It was, we believe, his first appearance in Ottawa, but it will not be the last. Forceful and scholarly sermons were preached.

The Beacon Band of Erskine church held its first annual meeting Friday night. Officers were elected, and a programme committee was formed, with Miss H. Hope as convener, to look after a programme for each meeting during the year. Sick and look-out committees were also formed.

The Journal on Monday presented its readers with a portrait of Rev. C. W. Nicol, who, it is expected, will accept the call to Erskine church, in this city. The Presbytery of Quebec will meet at Richmond to-morrow, (Thursday) for the express purpose of dealing with the call; and no doubt Mr. Nicol's settlement as minister of Erskine church will immediately follow.

On the evening of the 7th inst. a very successful congregational tea and social was given in the rooms of the Glebe church under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society. Tea was served to the large assemblage from six to eight o'clock and the ladies were untiring in their assistance. Following this a musical programme was rendered in the body of the church after which the minister, Rev. J. W. H. Milne gave an interesting description of his two months' trip of the past summer through the British Isles.

Erskine Church Ladies' Aid Society held a talent tea last evening in the lecture hall. The congregation was well represented. A short and pleasing programme was given, which was much appreciated. Then followed a presentation to Mrs. Adam Turnbull, Secretary of the society. Mrs. McBean gave the address. She spoke in words of the highest praise of the long and faithful service Mrs. Turnbull had given the Ladies' Aid. Mrs. Pyle then made the presentation of a beautiful gold brooch with a fine stone setting. Mrs. Turnbull was completely taken by surprise, but in a pleasing way expressed pleasure for the gift and appreciation.

At the first meeting of the Home Missionary Society of St. Andrew's Church, there was a letter of acknowledgment read from Rev. W. W. Smith, of Durban, Man., for another donation of \$150 towards the building fund of his church. The most important item of business was the decision to have the society become an auxiliary to the Home Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. The society in St. Andrew's Church is the oldest in Canada, having been organized twenty-one years ago. Three delegates were appointed to attend the union meeting, preliminary to the formation of a Presbyterial of the Ottawa district societies, to be held in Erskine Church on October 8th. The ladies to represent St. Andrew's Society are Mrs. J. McLennan, Mrs. W. R. Dunlop and Mrs. W. C. Gullock. Mrs. Walter Bronson presided during the afternoon.

## EASTERN ONTARIO.

Last Sunday was Rally Day in connection with St. Andrew's church Sunday school, Picton.

Rev. D. M. MacLeod, recently of Ottawa, was the preacher at Martintown last Sunday week.

Rev. S. Rondeau, of Montreal, occupied Knox pulpit, Lancaster, at both services last Sunday.

Rev. A. Lee, M.A., of St. Elmo, preached the sermon preparatory to communion at Cote St. George.

Anniversary services will be held in Knox church, Black's corners, on Oct. 11th, when Rev. Mr. Hay, of Renfrew is to preach.

Knox church, Vankleek Hill, is still without a pastor, as Rev. Mr. Sinclair has refused to accept the call which was extended to him last week.

It has been decided to repaint, re-paper and thoroughly renovate the Apple Hill Church. Under the pastoral care of Rev. H. S. Lee, the congregation is flourishing.

Rev. Norman A. McLeod, of Brockville, preached anniversary services at Monkland last Sunday, and lectured on Monday evening on his recent visit to the Holy Land.

The Rev. A. C. Reeves, B.A., of Cambelford, has received a unanimous call to the Presbyterian church of Moose Jaw, Sask. Mr. Reeves has not yet intimated his decision.

The lecture in St. Andrew's Church, Carleton Place, on "Scottish Life and Character," by Rev. R. E. Knowles, of Galt, was a treat that will not soon be forgotten. The attendance was large.

Rev. A. J. McMullen, B.A., for the past seven years minister at Merrickville, has accepted the call to Macdonald's Corners, etc., and his induction will likely take place sometime next week.

The Lanark and Renfrew Presbytery have decided to hold Sunday School institutes at Lanark, Smith's Falls, Almonte, Glasgow station and Cobden, under the direction of the Sunday school committee.

The lecture by Rev. Prof. Jordan, D.D., of Queen's University, in St. Andrew's Church, Arnprior, Monday, was a great success and the capacity of the church was taxed to its utmost with eager listeners. A good tea was served after the lecture.

The third anniversary of the opening of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Port Hope, was held on Sunday, October 4. Rev. Dr. G. C. Pidgeon, of Victoria church, West Toronto, preached both morning and evening. In the afternoon at three o'clock a rallying service was held in connection with the Sunday school when a good program was given by the scholars, and Dr. Pidgeon addressed the school.

The Auxiliary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Prescott, held a very successful Thankoffering meeting in the Presbyterian Church on the evening of Oct. 6th. The pastor, Rev. N. D. Keith, presided. An impressive and eloquent address was delivered by Rev. W. C. McIntyre, Ogdensburg, N.Y., on "The Inestimable Value of the Soul." Excellent music was rendered by the choir. At the close of the meeting a pleasant social hour was spent in the church parlors. Offerings amounted to \$50.

Communion was dispensed in St. Andrew's Church, South Lancaster, last Sunday at the morning service.

On the eve of their departure from Lancaster, a farewell social was tendered Rev. J. D. MacKenzie and Mrs. MacKenzie by Knox congregation. The chair was occupied by D. M. Macpherson. A musical and literary programme was rendered, some of the special numbers being solos by Miss C. E. Cameron, of Montreal and Miss Charlotte MacLennan, of Lancaster. The Ladies' Aid Society presented Mr. MacKenzie with a purse of money and the W. F.M.S. gave a cut glass bowl to Mrs. MacKenzie. The members of Court Cairn, No. 3550, I.O.F., took advantage of the occasion to present Mr. MacKenzie with a splendid suit case and an address. To all of these Mr. MacKenzie replied very feelingly. The ladies of the congregation provided a bountiful tea, which was served in the vestry at the close of the programme.

On Sunday, 4th instant, Rev. Coburn, of Smith's Falls, preached anniversary sermons in the Balderson church, the pastor, Rev. Mr. McIlraith, taking the services in St. Andrew's church for Mr. Coburn. The correspondent of the Perth Courier says: "On Monday evening an entertainment was held in the church and Rev. Mr. Coburn delivered an address which pleased the large gathering entitled 'Leaners and Lifters.' His address is full of wit and humor, and although fairly long was listened to with much interest. From six to eight supper was served in the basement, and of course was up to the standard of the Balderson festivals. The collections on Sunday were very satisfactory and considerably more was added to the fund on Monday evening. On Tuesday evening an impromptu entertainment was given the children and refreshments served. The Balderson congregation have done well and are getting the debt on their new church gradually paid off, and much credit is due their pastor, Rev. Mr. McIlraith. We must not overlook stating that the manse is being thoroughly papered and painted and a new furnace put in, and when complete the church property will be second to none in this section."

## WESTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. C. H. Cooke, of Bradford, preached anniversary sermons at Thornton last Sunday, Rev. Mr. Craw taking Mr. Cooke's appointments for the day.

The members of the Petrolia congregation express universal regret at the prospective removal of their minister, Rev. George Arnold, to Knox Church, Guelph.

The venerable Dr. Gray, as has been his habit for many years, was present at the annual rally on Sunday-School day in the Orillia Presbyterian church, and assisted in the exercises.

In a five minutes' sermon to the young people, Rev. Dr. Ross, in St. Andrew's Church, London, addressing them more particularly on excuses, urged his young hearers not to make excuses when they have done wrong, but to own up and face the punishment whatever it is.

Rev. R. G. MacBeth, M.A., of Paris, has been lecturing in St. Paul's church, Ingersoll, on the "Forward Movement of Missions." It was an inspiring address, and will long be remembered by those who heard it.