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OTTAWA.

Rev. Dr. Herridge is spending a well-earned holiday season at Murray Bay, Que.

The next meeting of Ottawa Presbytery will be held in Bank street church on Tuesday, 1st September, at 10 o'clock.

Rev. A. H. Drumm, of Belleville, is supplying the pulpit of the Glebe church for a few weeks during the absence of the Rev. J. W. H. Milne in Britain.

Dr. Armstrong gave notice that at the next regular meeting of Ottawa Presbytery he would move that the minutes of Presbytery be printed. Rev. Mr. Taylor recommended that the Bible Society repeat this year the Bible store at the exhibition.

Rev. Mr. Gregg, of Cumberland, and the ladies of the church, entertained the members of Ottawa Presbytery at dinner on the manse lawn last week, an ideal place on such a hot day. After a splendid dinner, short speeches were made, thanking the ladies for their kindness; but their hospitality did not stop there, for following the afternoon session, ice cream and raspberries were served on the lawn.

WESTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. J. F. Scott, of Rodney, accepts the call to Port Stanley.

Rev. E. A. Henry, B.A., Regina, Saskatchewan, preached in Knox church, Hamilton, last Sunday evening.

Rev. D. Anderson, of Burlington, has been elected Moderator of Hamilton Presbytery for the ensuing six months.

On 5th July, Rev. Thomas Mitchell, B.D., of London, preached semi-centennial sermons in the Brookdale church, which were largely attended and proved most interesting.

Rev. George Gilmore, B.A., Blenheim, is called to Fingal; stipend \$1,000, with four weeks' holidays. In anticipation of his accepting the induction was fixed for 30th July at 2 p.m., Rev. T. A. Watson, the moderator, to preside and preach, Mr. Kelso to address the minister, and Mr. Pidgeon the people.

A new congregation, St. Giles, has been organized in a Hamilton suburb with a membership of 76. An interim session was appointed, with Rev. D. Anderson as moderator and Geo. Rutherford, R. L. Smith and W. R. Leckie as elders. The moderator was empowered to moderate in a call whenever the congregation is ready.

The magnificent new organ, which it was found impossible to have ready in time for the dedication services in Central church, Hamilton, was used for the first time last Sunday, when the congregation was afforded a rare musical treat by the organist, Mr. C. Percival Garratt. It is said to be the largest and probably the finest organ in Canada, containing 3,000 pipes and weighing 36,000 pounds.

Dr. Lyle, at the Methodist Conference in Hamilton recently speaking on church union between the Methodists and Presbyterians, said there was only a thin line between them. They belonged to the same race, held the same religion, spoke the same language, and were one in God.

During the months of July and August the congregations of St. Paul and MacNab Street Churches, Hamilton, are to worship together, the result of four Sundays to be in St. Paul's church and the other four Sundays in MacNab. This is an arrangement that might well be carried out in many of our towns and cities.

EASTERN ONTARIO.

The next meeting of Glengarry Presbytery will be held at Maxville on Tuesday, 3rd Nov.

Rev. N. Waddell, B.D., of Williams town, has been elected moderator of Glengarry Presbytery for the ensuing term.

Rev. K. A. Gollan, of Dunvegan, has been appointed clerk of Glengarry Presbytery, in place of Rev. David MacLaren, resigned.

In a recent sermon Rev. Shearer, of St. Andrew's Church, Picton, gave "A Short History of a Great Crime." (The Opium Traffic.)

Rev. T. G. Thompson, recently of Vankleek Hill, was the preacher in the Presbyterian Church, Alexandria, last Sunday.

A deputation consisting of Rev. Jas. Taylor, Dr. Armstrong and Dr. Ramsey was appointed by Ottawa Presbytery to visit Lochaber, Thurso and Gore on July 21.

Prior to leaving Alexandria, after a successful pastorate of twenty-two years, Rev. David and Mrs. MacLaren, were presented by the citizens, irrespective of denominational bias, with an appreciative address along with a costly cabinet of silverware. And the congregation, also, in token of good will, handed Mr. MacLaren, through Mr. M. Munro, a purse containing a cheque for a considerable sum. Mr. and Mrs. MacLaren remove from Alexandria to Toronto amid the sincere regrets of the entire population.

At the recent meeting of Ottawa Presbytery the first item on the docket of business was the reception of Rev. Mr. Black, at present in charge of Vars, who was received into the Presbyterian church at the general assembly at Winnipeg. Arrangements were made for the induction of Rev. W. S. Lowry into the pastoral charge of Fitzroy Harbor and Torbolton which will take place at the latter place on July 28 at 2 o'clock. Rev. Mr. Langell will preside, Rev. Mr. Hackney will preach, and Rev. Geo. McGregor will address the minister. As this is the 50th anniversary of the church at Fitzroy Harbor, some suitable service in commemoration will be arranged to take place on the same occasion.

At its last meeting Glengarry Presbytery considered the resignation of Rev. David MacLaren. Representatives from the Session and congregation were present and spoke in the highest terms of the preaching and personal conduct of Mr. MacLaren during the 22 years of service in that congregation. All expressed personal regret at parting with their pastor, and sorrow that he has been for some years so afflicted with rheumatism. Mr. MacLaren then gave a brief outline of his work in Alexandria. Eleven members only of the original membership of 22 years ago, are now in the congregation. Though not very large, the congregation for some years past have not only supported all their own work but have contributed largely to the mission work of the church. The resignation was accepted by the Presbytery and Rev. J. U. Tanner, of Lancaster, was appointed interim moderator.

It doesn't do for the Christian to sit still. He must keep crowding evil along till it falls off the end of the seat.—Zion's Herald.

WIDOW'S AND ORPHAN'S FUND.

At the recent meeting of the General Assembly, Rev. J. G. Potter, Peterborough, moved that the suggested amendments to rules for widows' and orphans' fund (western section) be sent down to Presbyteries for consideration, with instructions to report thereon to the committee before March next, so that the matter can be dealt with by the next General Assembly. The suggested amended rules were as follows:

1. Ministers who enter the fund within four years of the date of their ordination may do so without medical examination.

2. Ministers entering within four years after date of ordination shall pay yearly in advance as from the date of entry one-third of the premium in table hereto annexed set opposite his age next birthday.

3. Ministers who desire to join the fund after four years after date of ordination must pass a medical examination and pay \$1 for each complete period of three months that has elapsed since his ordination, and shall also pay yearly in advance from the date of his entry one-third of the premium in table set opposite his age next birthday at entry.

4. If the wife of any minister die while he is a contributor to the fund, and such minister marry again, his subsequent annual premium shall be one-third of the premium in table set opposite his age next birthday at such marriage.

5. One month grace is allowed for payment of premiums. After one month a fine at the rate of 20 cents per month will be charged upon arrears. Ministers one year or more in arrears can only be reinstated by paying up all arrears with fines and by passing a medical examination.

6. Medical certificates must be upon the forms prescribed by the committee and the medical fee for examination must be paid by the minister.

7. The right of any widow to participate in the fund can only be secured if the minister, in respect of whom the claim is made, shall have correctly supplied the following information at the following dates or soon thereafter:

(a) The date of his own birth at the time of entry upon the fund.

(b) The date of his wife's birth at the time of entry upon the fund, or at the date of marriage if that shall take place after the date of entry.

(c) The date of the birth of each child at the date of each birth.

8. If the minister who has been a contributor in good standing for twenty years or more should, thereafter, fall into arrears and die while still in arrears his widow and orphans shall receive an annual annuity payment that would have been due them had such minister not been in arrears) less one-tenth of the sum necessary to put such minister in good standing at the time of his death.

Massachusetts boasts of one town which expelled the saloon by high license. Through a mistake in the local option election, the town voted wet, and in order to keep saloons from coming in through this technical error, the town council placed the license fee at \$1,000,000. No one took out a license.

Who blesses others in his daily deeds, Will find the healing that his spirit needs; For every flower in other's pathway strewn, Confers its fragrant beauty on our own.