

Northern Ontario.

Children's Day was celebrated at Knox church, Dunchurch, with an exceedingly large attendance. Mr. Hadden, the student, spoke to the congregation on "Christ the good shepherd" and the music was rendered by the children.

Mr. Hadden has organized a society on Maple Island called "The Mizpah Society," which will meet every Wednesday evening in the Union church. A union Sunday School has also been arranged for, to be held every alternate Sunday morning before service.

Ottawa College of Oratory.

It was a large and interested audience that met in St. John's Hall on Thursday evening of last week, to witness the closing exercises of Dr. McMeekin's class of oratory. Miss L. Brian was the winner of the Gold medal, donated by Mr. John Manuel. Miss Gertie Booth, Hull, won Major Ellis' silver medal, which, with the others, was presented by his worship himself. Miss B. McMeekin won the silver medal offered by Mr. J. R. McNeil, and received her diploma; Mr. James Hope's annual prize, the book of poems, was won by Miss Naida Wright, of Hull, who also received her diploma.

In his address, Mayor Ellis, who presided, expressed his pleasure in attending such an agreeable function and dwelt on the value of elocution, not only as an accomplishment for amusement, but in its more valuable sense as a preparation for public speaking, where the youth who has been well trained has such an advantage. He congratulated the successful competitors, paid a graceful tribute to the reverend professor, and announced that he would donate another medal next year. Mr. Pratt, assessment commissioner, also volunteered a medal for next year's competition.

The awards were made in accordance with the judgment of Mayor Ellis, Rev. R. E. Bilkey, Messrs. W. Lake Marler, Abraham Pratt, and C. Blackett Robinson, editor of THE DOMINION PRESBYTERIAN.

Presbyterian College, Montreal.

During the coming Session Dr. Scrimger will take Systematic Theology along with the Principals. Dr. Coussirat will continue his old work in French Literature, Philosophy and Theology. Dr. Fraser, our new Professor, will take the New Testament Literature and Exegesis. Prof. Creelman, of the Congregational College, and Professor Workman of the Wesleyan College, will take Old Testament Literature and Exegesis. Dr. Robt. Campbell, the well known Clerk of the Assembly, will teach Church History—this he also did some years in Queen's College. Dr. R. Johnston, now of the American Presbyterian church here, an old student, has consented to lecture on Homiletics; which he is well qualified to do, having performed the same service in Knox College, during the last two Sessions. Rev. W. D. Reid, of Taylor's church, one of our most efficient pastors and organizers, will teach Pastoral Theology and Church Government. Rev. John McKay, pastor of Crescent street church, will lecture on Apologetics. Rev. W. R. Cruickshank, will give practical instruction in Sunday School Paedagogy.

A course of Lectures from the Rev. J. McP. Scott, of Toronto, on the development of Missionary Spirit in the Churches at home.

Dr. Alex. Johnston, late Dean of McGill University, will take the Literary classes in the Preparatory Course, as last year. Mr. D. Norman MacVicar, son of the late Principal, will lecture on Ecclesiastical Architecture. Mr. Stephen will continue his work in Practical Elocution.

You will notice we have endeavoured to make all these Departments as practical as possible, so that the students may get the fullest benefit. After carefully considering the financial situation of the College, the Board of Management has agreed to pay Dr. Campbell's salary in full to the end of the Church year.

Jubilee of Rev. Wm. McConnell.

A delightful gathering was held at Craigaile on the 26th ult., in which the congregations of Craigaile, Central and Leary assembled to do honor to their pastor, Rev. Wm. McConnell, on the occasion of his having completed a half century of service in the ministry. At the table

of honor were seated the pastor and family, the ministers and invited guests and the elders and their wives. Two beautiful pieces of silverware bearing the inscription "Jubilee 1854 to 1904," and the names of Mr. and Mrs. McConnell were presented by the Ladies' Aid Society, of Craigaile. At the meeting held in the auditorium Rev. G. I. Crow presided and on the platform with him were Revs. Dr. McLeod, J. R. S. Bennett, J. A. Ross, Canon Murphy and Mr. McConnell. Letters of regret from a number of brethren were read as was also a telegram of congratulation from the Presbytery of Toronto. An address from the Presbytery of Barrie was read by the Clerk, Mr. Burnett.

An address was also read by Mr. R. G. McCraw, of Craigaile, accompanied by a well filled purse, presented by Mr. John Beatty, of Lefroy. To both of these Mr. McConnell replied in words of deep feeling and appreciation. Appropriate addresses were given by Dr. McLeod, Mr. J. A. Ross, Drs. Palling and Evans, and Messrs. McCraw and Beatty.

Mr. McConnell has served the congregations faithfully and successfully for the long period of thirty-three years, the early part of his ministry having been spent in New Orleans and Chicago and in Orangeville, Ont. The Presbytery extends sincere congratulations and hopes that the remaining days may be days of brightness and happiness.

Glengarry Presbyterian.

At the 21st annual meeting of the W. F. M. Society of Glengarry Presbytery, Mrs. A. Graham, of Lancaster, presided. Mrs. Harkness gave the first address, the subject of which was "The conditions for having the abiding presence of Jesus."

The reports from the different societies were then read, most of which were very encouraging. Boxes of clothing had been sent to the North-west and other places where there was need. Each society had a good report of money contributed, all of which shows self sacrifice and earnest work.

Several of the vice-presidents reported the work done in their district, and regretted that more of the women of the churches did not join the society.

One very interesting report was given by Mrs. Scott, King's Road, showing how their society had grown in eleven years from 12 to 37; it began in prayer and God's blessing has been upon it. Mrs. Scott being present at a general meeting of the society, (before Presbyterials were organized) was authorized to form societies wherever they were desirous of having them. Since then nine were organized, the first being Avonmore in 1882. The Presbytery was formed July, 1884, at the home of Mrs. Munroe, King's Road, Mrs. Fraser was first president. Three ladies from Cornwall, three from St. Elmo, and ladies of King's Road society comprised the first Presbytery.

In the afternoon Miss Sinclair, missionary to Central India, gave an address to the children, telling them of the lives of the boys and girls of that heathen country, and of the work done among them by the Christian workers. Miss Sinclair read letters she had received from two of these children, one of them written in English and full of love for their teacher, telling her of their efforts to overcome their evil habits and how God was helping them.

Rev. Mr. Weir, M.A., was in the chair at the evening service. After the singing of a hymn Rev. Mr. Leitch, of St. Elmo, read the Scripture lesson, and Rev. Wm. McIntyre, offered prayer. The choir sang a beautiful anthem, entitled; "I will sing of the mercy of the Lord." After which Dr. Whitteker gave the address of welcome.

Dr. Harkness, of Cornwall, representing the Presbytery of Glengarry, gave the next address, and after extending the greetings and goodwill of the Presbytery to the Presbyterial, gave an interesting account of the work done by that body since its organization 21 years ago, and of its growth, their being now 33 societies and 14 mission bands in this presbytery, the total amount of money contributed for the past year being \$3,147. The speaker deplored the fact that while so many were willing to work for home missions they would have nothing to do with foreign. This, the Dr. claims, is not God's plan, and if the people would read God's word and give God a chance to speak to them they would see that like Paul they would be compelled to leave the home work and go to the foreign fields.

Miss Sinclair held the attention of the audience for an hour while she told of her work among the people of India, giving some very encouraging facts.

An arrangement which proved pleasing to all was the serving of meals in the schoolroom, giving the delegates opportunity to become acquainted and advancing the social side of the work. The meetings were well attended, the church being taxed to its utmost to accommodate the large crowd which attended the public meeting in the evening.

SECOND DAY.

After devotional exercises, led by Mrs. Weir and Mrs. Gollan, the minutes of yesterday's meeting were read by the secretary.

This was followed by the president's address. She urged the societies to take more interest in the mission bands, especially the mothers should be interested in this work. Let nothing interfere with the attendance and work of the children.

A lengthy discussion took place regarding the matter of lessening the number of delegates, but no change was made.

Mission bands reports showed that very encouraging work was being done by the children. The corresponding secretary in her report, urged all secretaries to send in their reports in time for her annual report to the home society.

The balance of the forenoon was occupied in discussing Northwest work.

Alexandria was chosen as the next place of meeting.

The officers were re-elected after dinner, the following being the list.

President—Mrs. A. Graham, Lancaster; vice-presidents, Mrs. K. A. Gollan, Dunvegan; Mrs. D. McVicar, Finch; Mrs. McCallum, Glen Sandfield; Mrs. Scott, Martintown; Mrs. J. Fraser, Lancaster; treasurer, Mrs. J. D. MacLennan, Cornwall; corresponding secretary, Miss A. M. Cline, Cornwall; recording secretary Miss M. McGregor, Martintown; F. M. L. secretary, Miss L. Copeland, Cornwall.

Over a hundred delegates were present.

The Steamer Empress.

Perhaps few citizens are aware that the Steamer Empress of the Ottawa Navigation Co., has undergone great improvements the past winter.

With a view of increasing the speed of the steamer and in order to leave Ottawa at a later hour than 7.30 in the morning, the Ottawa River Navigation Company entered into a contract with the Foulthry Engine Co., of Sorel to replace the large radial paddle wheels with modern quick working feathering paddle wheels. This work necessitated considerable other changes and improvements in the machinery of the steamer, all of which was accomplished last winter at Sorel.

The new Empress has, in consequence of the change in the wheels, been fitted with several extra large staterooms, in addition to those she had already, and these rooms are handsomely furnished with brass bedsteads and wash basins with water laid on to each room, which is quite a novelty in steamboat rooms in Canada. Besides new washrooms, there are now two smoking rooms for gentlemen and other improvements noticeable.

The new patent feathering wheels have increased the speed of the steamer so that the Empress will leave the Queen's wharf fifteen minutes later than heretofore, viz., at 7.45 a.m. and it is the expectation of the management that after a time a still later hour of departure may be established.

The company is to be congratulated in their endeavor to keep up with the times. Those who wish a pleasant time should take a trip by the new Empress, leaving at 7.45 a.m.

Tobacco and Liquor Habits.

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