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Next Sunday evening, in St. Paul's church, Dr. Armstrong will speak of the conversion of the Jailer of Philippi, and give an exposition of Psalm xxiii.

Rev. A. E. Mitchell of Erskine church has been given a two months holiday in Europe by his congregation. This is good for the congregation as well as for the minister. At the end of his holiday season Mr. Mitchell will return to his work refreshed and invigorated by the change, and as a result better fitted for the performance of his arduous duties. We hope to hear of many congregations giving their ministers prolonged vacations this summer.

At the recent thankoffering meeting of the Senior and Junior Mission Bands of Mackay church there was a large attendance and the gathering proved of much interest. An address on Manners and Customs in India was given by Mrs. T. D. Patton. Mrs. F. E. Perney and Miss Margaret Askwith were heard to advantage in vocal solos, accompanied by Miss Naomi Holt. Rev. P. W. Anderson, pastor of the church, presided. The offering was good. The Senior and Junior Mission Bands have each a large membership. Mrs. R. Ralph is president of the Senior Band and Miss Elsie Rankin of the Junior Band.

The Men's Association of St. Andrew's church at its recent annual meeting reported a very successful season, having realized the handsome sum of \$700 from entertainments. This amount has been distributed among deserving institutions. Dr. Herridge complimented the Association on its helpful work; it relieved him from many responsibilities. All members of the congregation wished them Godspeed as they entered on another year's work. Officers for the 1907-8 term were elected as follows: Honorary president, Dr. Herridge; president, Thos. H. Blair; vice-president, C. G. Cowan, Geo. H. Ross; secretary, James G. Davies; treasurer, George Kydd; executive, Geo. I. Dewar, E. A. Linton, H. I. Thomas, J. Wilson, G. A. S. Gillespie; W. L. Currier; D. F. Cruikshanks, W. H. T. McGill and E. A. Oliver.

EASTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. A. E. Camp, B.A., of Havelock, has been called to St. Paul's Church, Stelton, Sault Ste. Marie.

In St. Andrew's Church, Appleton, last Sunday, a collection was taken in aid of the famine sufferers in China.

The Rev. J. H. White, M.A., of Uptergrove, and the Rev. N. Campbell, of Oro Station, exchanged pulpits on a recent Sunday.

The loss to the congregation of St. Luke's, Finch, by the recent fire, was on church and contents \$4,000; insurance \$2,000, in the Royal.

Rev. George Mingie, of North Lunenburg preached at St. John's church, Cornwall, a week ago last Sunday. Rev. N. H. McGillivray took Mr. Mingie's work on the same day.

The members of St. John's Church, Farran's Point, desire to thank John S. Eamoo for his generous gift to the church of a burying ground, which is located alongside of the Woodlands cemetery.

Mr. Berlis, student of Knox College, Toronto, who has been engaged to supply the pulpit of the Coldwater church during the Rev. Mr. Fowle's six months' leave of absence is preaching in such a way as to attract large congregations to all the services.

EASTERN ONTARIO.

Mr. R. Drysdale, of Knox College, Toronto, took the services in the Woodville church on the 19th inst.

Rev. Mr. Kannawin, of Woodsville, preached in St. Andrew's church, Smith's Falls, on a recent Sunday.

Barrie Presbytery appointed Rev. Dr. Grant, of Orillia, and Rev. W. M. Morris, of Bond Head, to present the name of Rev. Dr. MacLeod to the General Assembly for moderator.

Rev. D. W. Best, M. A., of St. Andrew's church, Beverton, after visiting several points in the West in the interest of the Endowment Fund of Queen's University, has returned to his pastoral work.

Immediately on his settlement at Beaverton, Rev. W. W. McRae had the misfortune to lose by fire a valuable horse, cutter and harness. The members of his congregation promptly presented him with a purse of \$300 to make up the loss. The Beaverton people are noted for their liberality and thoughtfulness.

No mention was made at the time of the induction of Rev. W. W. McRae into the pastoral charge of Knox church, Beaverton, and Gamebridge. A few weeks ago Mr. McRae entered on his work under happy auspices, and with bright prospects for a successful pastorate. At the social reception given to the new minister a couple of pleasing incidents happened. One was the presentation to Rev. J. A. Ferguson, of Glenora, moderator of session during the vacancy, of a substantial cheque in slight acknowledgement of his services during the vacancy; and to Rev. D. W. Best, minister of St. Andrew's church, was given a handsome combined bookcase and secretary, accompanied with a kindly worded address, for many kindnesses to the congregation while without a pastor. Both gentlemen responded in fitting terms.

The Presbytery of Kingston met in Kingston on the 21st inst., in the afternoon and evening. Twelve ministers were present. The special business was the examination and licensing of students who have recently completed their theological training at Queen's University. These were: Messrs. Brown, M.A., B.D., Munro, B.A., B.D., Watts, B.A., B.D., Beveridge, B.A., and Stewart, B.A. These had been examined by the committee and were recommended for further trial. On hearing discourses or essays, the Presbytery agreed to grant them licenses. This was done at a public meeting held in the evening in Cook's church. Messrs. Munro, Watts and Beveridge were also ordained to administer word and ordinances. All were then suitably addressed by Rev. W. Shearer, Picton, on soul-winning. This was the first and chief object of the preacher. Inducements to this work were seen in the biographies of ministers, the results on themselves and others; and he should himself be saved, be consistent, be humble, self-reliant and courageous. Rev. H. Gracey followed with wise counsel. The spiritual was as much needed to-day as ever. Materialism has tremendous power. So of other evils with hurtful results on many. The preacher should hold the Gospel firmly and declare it boldly. Be sure of your facts. Intensity of conviction has great power. Let the Bible be the source of your message.

WESTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. Peter McNabb, for over fifteen years pastor of the Kilsyth church, has resigned.

Rev. Mr. Scott, of Burford, was the preacher at St. Andrew's church, Muir, last Sunday.

The congregations of Kemble, Sarawak and Lake Charles have tendered a call to the Rev. Mr. McEachern, of Glamis.

The trustees of St. Andrew's church, Barrie, have been granted conditional leave to sell the old burying ground belonging to the congregation.

Mr. Wm. Grant is to be married on the 1st of June to a young lady of Walkerville. His father, the Rev. R. N. Grant, D.D., of Orillia, is expected to perform the ceremony.

Rev. W. J. Booth, moderator of Paris Presbytery, has been kept busy with inductions within the bounds of the Presbytery—no fewer than three in two weeks, and more to follow.

As Rev. R. E. Knowles is still unable to resume work, Rev. E. Cockburn, M. A., of Toronto, will continue in charge of Knox church, Galt, to which he has already given most efficient service.

Drummond Hill church, Niagara Falls, extends a call to Rev. Frank E. Harper, of Pickering. The pulpit of this church has been vacant since Rev. W. B. Finlay was called to Toronto.

Rev. R. J. MacAlpine, M.A., pastor of Knox church, Owen Sound, has accepted a call to the pastorate of North Presbyterian church, Cleveland, Ohio. He will preach his farewell sermon on the 9th June.

Guelph Presbytery sustains the call of Zion church and Cummock, to Rev. Mr. Reed, of Mount Forest, and the induction will take place on the 3rd of June. The call of Rev. Mr. Stewart, of Oil Springs, to the Hespeler church was also sustained, and the induction there will take place on June 18th.

At the May meeting of Guelph Presbytery, Dr. Dickson, of Central church, Galt, was appointed a Commissioner to the General Assembly in room of Mr. Monds, who had removed to the bounds of another Presbytery, and Mr. Thomas Hepburn, of Preston, in room of Mr. Naismith, who had resigned.

At a special meeting of the Owen Sound Presbytery held on the 21st of May, a very hearty and unanimous call from North Presbyterian church, Cleveland, Ohio, in favor of Rev. R. J. McAlpine was presented. Representatives from Knox church, Owen Sound, were heard, who on behalf of the congregation made the strongest possible plea that their minister should not leave them. They said that he could not possibly do more anywhere than he was doing, and that they did not know where they could find one so suited to the work to be done. Mr. McAlpine, while deeply affected, decided that it was his duty to accept the call and he was released from his charge which will be declared vacant on and after June 16th. Dr. Fraser at the request of the session was appointed moderator during the vacancy. A call from Sarawak, Kemble and Lake Charles was reported but was set aside as being insufficiently signed, and Mr. Boyle, the moderator, instructed to moderate again when the congregation was ready.