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OTTAWA.

Rev. George Whillans of North Georgetown, conducted the services last Sabbath in St. Andrew's Church.

Dr. Harper, of Liverpool, England, has been appointed organist of St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa, at a yearly salary of \$1,200. Over 100 applications were in for the position.

Rev. R. W. Anderson and family, of MacKay Street Church, will spend their holidays at River Desert. Rev. J. W. S. Lowry, of Fitzroy Harbor, and Rev. Wm. Black will successively take the services.

Rev. C. H. Daly, of Almonte, was the preacher in St. Paul's Church last Sunday, exchanging with Rev. J. B. Edmondson, who took the services in St. John's, Almonte, where he had been pastor for several years before going to New Jersey.

Rev. James Taylor, of Chelsea, was one of the speakers at the Orange celebration here on the 12th inst. At the annual picnic of the Public school children, Mr. Taylor was made the recipient of a handsome gold watch by friends in town and congregation.

During Rev. Dr. Ramsay's holidays the pulpit of Knox Church will be filled by Rev. George McKinnon, on Aug. 8, by Rev. Dr. Smith, of St. Catharines, on Aug. 15. For the past two Sundays Rev. J. A. Wilson, of St. Andrew's Church, Hamilton, was the preacher.

Mention was omitted at the time of the lawn social given by the King's Daughters of St. Paul's Church, on the handsome grounds of Mrs. Henry Waters, Laurier Avenue. It was admirably successful, the attractive programme on the lawn, aided as it was by the ideal weather, conducting to a large attendance. Miss L. Jalland was the general convener. Miss K. Erskine and Miss F. Campbell were the ice cream committee. Mrs. Campbell and Miss E. Graham looked after the strawberries, whilst Miss H. Hambleton and Miss E. Whillans had charge of the candles.

TORONTO.

Rev. G. B. McLeod, of Deer Park, will spend his holidays in Nova Scotia, returning at the end of six weeks with his family.

Dunn avenue congregation, of which Rev. A. L. Geggie is pastor, was granted leave to add a debt of \$18,500 to the present mortgage, making a total of \$29,500. They have purchased some property immediately to the west of the church, with the intention of erecting an additional Sabbath school room and a recreation room.

At the last meeting of Presbytery a resolution of sympathy with the family of the late Dr. Gregg was adopted. Also letters were ordered to be sent to Rev. Dr. Milligan, who has been seriously ill, expressing the sympathetic concern of the Presbytery, and to Mr. A. T. Crombie, and to the family of the late Mr. Charles Culross, who was the representative of St. Giles' church.

Those remaining on the old site retain the name of Royce Avenue Presbyterian church. They were organized about a month ago as a mission congregation, with 113 members. At the meeting of the Presbytery yesterday they asked to be recognized as an augmented charge, and it is their intention in the near future to call a minister of their own.

Finding that an eight-year-old girl knew nothing of the Bible, the Manchester (England) coroner could not administer the oath to her at an inquest.

EASTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. and Mrs. John Hay, Miss Jean and Master Jack Hay, of Renfrew, are summering at Norway Bay.

Rev. L. Beaton, of Moose Creek, is taking a well earned vacation down among his kinsfolk in Cape Breton.

Rev. D. N. Coburn and Mrs. Coburn, of Smith's Falls, are occupying Dr. Connerty's cottage, Rideau lake, for a few weeks.

The next ordinary meeting of Kingston Presbytery will be held in John Street Church, Belleville, on the 21st of September, at 11 a.m.

The induction of Rev. H. W. Reede, recently of St. Thomas, is appointed to take place in St. John's Church, Pittsburg, on 12th August, at 2 p.m.—Mr. McInnis to preach; Mr. Gracey to preside and address the minister; and Mr. Stuart the people.

The lawn social on the grounds of Mr. Peter Speirs, under the auspices of the ladies of St. Andrew's Church, Appleton, was a decided success. The grounds were prettily decorated. The Almonte band was present and did much to make the evening enjoyable by their pleasant music. The proceeds amounted to over \$70.00.

The minister and congregation of Balderson are to be congratulated. At the last quarterly Communion nineteen new members were added to the roll, principally on profession of faith. Rev. J. S. McIlwraith has now been pastor within a few months of 20 years. Coming to the congregation after graduation, consequently it is his first and only charge. He is what might be called a native—being in his own county, in his own presbytery wherein he was born, and preaching only a few miles from the old homestead and the village and town where he went to the Public and High schools. His many friends will wish him continued success in his life work.

WESTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. S. F. Sharp, of Alliston, has been called by the congregation of Exeter, the charge made vacant by the resignation of the Rev. W. M. Martin.

A call from Beeton and Tottenham to Mr. A. McCuaig, a licentiate, has been sustained by Barrie Presbytery, and provisional arrangements were made for his ordination and induction at Beeton on the 28th inst.

At the recent meeting of Barrie Presbytery, Rev. C. H. Cooke adhered to his resignation which was accepted. He will preach his farewell sermon on 1st August. The Bradford Witness says: Resolutions expressing the highest appreciation of Mr. Cooke and his work, and the regret of his resignation had been passed by the congregations at the Scotch Settlement and Bradford, were read in Presbytery. In one of these deep sympathy with Mr. Cooke was expressed that he had had to face and deal with a condition of things that made a case of discipline an absolute necessity, and that because of the wholly unjustifiable feeling that arose over this, he had thought it best to resign, and the resolution went on to say: "As a congregation we give our strongest assurance to him of our continued confidence, esteem and affectionate regard, and we believe that his work in dealing with the deplorable conditions that existed is of incalculable value, whether from the viewpoint of the spiritual interests, or of the material prosperity, of the congregation." Testimony was also borne by the congregation's representatives to the exceptional character of Mr. Cooke's preaching, and of his pastoral work in cases of sickness and bereavement.

WESTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. Hector Mackay, of London Junction, has been elected moderator of London Presbytery.

Rev. W. P. Lane, Bonhead, has been appointed interim moderator of the Bradford charge.

Rev. H. Berlis, called to Victoria Harbor, will be inducted there on the 27th inst.

Rev. Dr. Isaac Campbell has been received and name added to appendix to roll of Barrie Presbytery.

At the communion service in Haynes Ave. church, St. Catharines, on the 4th inst., twenty united with the church.

Much sympathy is expressed for Rev. Dr. Ratcliff, of St. Catharines, in the death of his son, Dr. W. G. Ratcliff, a promising young physician of that city.

Rev. Dr. Fletcher was appointed to represent the Hamilton Presbytery at the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Presbyterian church, St. Ann's.

Owing to the increased cost of living it is proposed by London Presbytery to increase the stipend in all weak congregations within the bounds to a minimum of \$900 per year.

Paris Presbytery sustains the call from First Church, Chatham, to Rev. Dr. Dickie, of Woodstock, and his translation will take place at an early date. Rev. Dr. McMullan will be interim moderator during vacancy.

The death is announced of Rev. D. B. Macdonald, recently pastor of Haynes Avenue church, St. Catharines, and formerly for 18 years of St. Andrew's church, Scarborough. Besides the sorrowing widow, he is survived by four sons and two daughters.

Rev. J. Gibson Inkster, pastor of the First Church, London, left for Scotland recently, accompanied by his wife and child. They will spend the months of July and August in Scotland.

Rev. Dr. Dickie, of Montreal, will be in charge of the church during July.

At Paris Presbytery, Rev. R. G. McBeth, M.A., of Paris, was elected moderator. A motion introduced by Rev. Mr. Ellison to the effect that sessions have the privilege of appointing their own representative to the Supreme Court of the Church, was carried unanimously.

At London Presbytery, Rev. T. A. Watson, of Thamesford, presented the report of the committee on evangelism. It recommended that meeting be held for two or three weeks at a time simultaneously in all the different congregations in each district into which the presbytery is divided.

The manse at Blyth was destroyed by fire on the morning of the 15th inst. The minister, Rev. J. L. Small, loses his horse, much of his furniture and many of his books. In the meantime the family are living in the basement of the church, but the Blyth Presbyterians will soon provide better accommodation for their minister.

Rev. R. B. Cochrane, of Knox Church, Woodstock, is taking a prolonged western trip. Stopping at various points he will go through to the coast. On his return Mr. Cochrane will join friends and go into camp with the members of the Alpine Club of Canada at Hector, Alta, and attempt the qualification climb, which, if successful, will make him a full member of that national organization.

Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Alexander Urquhart, of Yandotte, Mich., will spend the month of August at the family home near Thamesford, Ontario. Dr. Urquhart will supply the pulpit of St. Andrew's church during the absence of the minister, Rev. T. A. Watson, who expects to spend his vacation at Muskoka.