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OTTAWA.

Mr. J. R. Shearer preached at both services Sunday in Mackay street Presbyterian church, filling the vacancy of the pastor, Rev. P. W. Anderson, who is absent on his holidays.

Rev. J. H. Turnbull, pastor of Bank street church, has left for a month's vacation. Rev. J. R. Conn of Napanee, will preach at both services in the church next Sunday, Rev. A. S. Ross of Westboro, the following Sunday, and Rev. Mr. MacFarlane, of Bristol, Que., the last two Sundays.

TORONTO.

The service at 7 p.m. last Sunday in the Davenport Road Church was conducted by Rev. Dr. Gilray, of College Street Church.

Rev. J. D. Reid, a recent licentiate and graduate of Knox College, is called to Boyce avenue church; and the call will come before a special meeting of Toronto Presbytery on 2nd August.

Duntroon Church has extended a call to the Rev. C. G. Tough of Hanbury. Mr. Tough is at present in Manitoba. No action will be taken in the matter until the fall meeting of the presbytery in September.

After being without a regular pastor for more than a year the congregation of St. Giles Presbyterian Church, on Wednesday night, extended a formal invitation to the Rev. Robert Herbison, B.A., Ottawa. The recommendation of the session and managers to allow the matter to lie for a month to permit of a reply from Rev. Thomas E. H. Jones, was not adopted. Mr. Herbison is a graduate in arts and divinity of Queen's University. The salary attached is \$1,500 a year.

Arrangements are already being made for the Knox College Alumni Conference, to be held during the first week in October. It will be combined with the college opening and the installation of Rev. Prof. MacLaren as Principal and Rev. Drs. Kennedy of Scotland and Kilpatrick of Winnipeg as professors. Among those who are expected to take part besides the alumni are the following:—The Principal and staff of Knox College; Prof. A. H. Young, Trinity College; Rev. Dr. Milligan, Prof. R. G. Munison, Prof. J. C. McLennan, Prof. J. Howe Cameron, Rev. Prof. Ballentyne, Rev. Prof. McFayden, Rev. J. A. MacDonald. Some of the subjects to be discussed are as follows:—"The Minister's Library," "Early Narratives of Genesis," "The Ethics of Subscription," "Hero Stories of the Hebrews," "Michael Angelo," "John Knox," "Voltaire," "Radium," and "The Gospel of Paul."

WESTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. W. T. Allison, of Stayner, has been visiting friends at Collingwood.

At Barrie Presbytery leave was granted the Collingwood congregation to borrow \$1,000 in order to improve the Sabbath School building.

Rev. Wm. Ross, of Guelph, and Rev. Dr. McMullen, of Woodstock, has been preaching in Central Church, Galt.

It was an error to say that Rev. D. B. Marsh, Sc. D., F.R.A.S., of Hamilton, had been called and had accepted a call to Ladnor, B.C.

Prof. Burt, choir leader of the Presbyterian Church, Collingwood, has resigned to accept a dual position in Toronto as teacher in the Conservatory of Music and also in the Presbyterian Ladies' College.

The Rev. W. Moffat of London, Ont., under the auspices of Knox Church Ladies' Aid, will give an illustrated lecture, "If the cap fits put it on," in the Orange Hall, Sundridge, on Wednesday evening, August 16th.

EASTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. Dr. Campbell of Perth, conducted the services in St. John's church, Almonte, last Sunday morning and evening.

Rev. Dr. Harkness, Mrs. Harkness and family, Cornwall, have gone to Listowel, Ont., where they will visit friends for a short time.

The Presbytery of Brockville is considering the desirability of re-arranging the congregations of Dunbar and Colquhoun by uniting the former with Chesterville and the latter with Aultsville. Mr. Logie, in company with Messrs. Stewart and Lundy, has the matter in hand and is at present conferring with the congregations interested.

Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Woods, of Metcalfe, have left for a three weeks' vacation, visiting at Bishop's Mills and Prescott, and thence to Atlantic City. Rev. Mr. Baldwin, of the Methodist Church, conducted service in the Presbyterian church last Sunday in Rev. S. A. Wood's place.

The death is announced at Cannington, Ont., of Mr. John Houston, a native of Tyrone, Ireland. He was for many years manager of the Standard Bank in Cannington. Deceased was a fine specimen of the North of Ireland Presbyterian, taking an active interest in church work, and highly esteemed in the community.

Rev. John Hogg, D.D., of Winnipeg, is in Rainy River looking after the interests of the Presbyterian Church there. He will remain for a few weeks. This important work could not be in better hands.

The Rev. C. H. Stewart, of St. Paul's Church, Winnipeg, filled the pulpit of the Presbyterian Church in Neepawa on a recent Sunday.

Rev. J. A. Wilson, B.A., of Hamilton, in visiting in Peterboro', and preached in St. Paul's and St. Andrew's churches, morning and evening respectively.

The bell for the Presbyterian Church at Winchester Springs has been ordered. It will weigh 1,300 pounds and cost \$150. It is expected that it will be placed in position in about three weeks.

On leaving Brooksdale, Rev. J. D. Ferguson of money. Many nice things were sum of money. Many nice things were said of himself and family at the meeting of the congregation called to say good-bye. The correspondent of a local paper says: It was a beautiful ending to a long pastorate, and will leave its impress for many a year here.

The sudden death is announced of Rev. Robert Ure, D.D., of Goderich, who was called hence on Saturday last while sitting in his garden, in the presence of Miss MacDonald and his nurse. Early in June Dr. Ure was stricken with paralysis and up to a week or so ago his life was despaired of. Recently his mental and physical vigor began to return and made such progress that his many friends hoped that he would be spared to them for some time. Saturday afternoon he chatted pleasantly with his household, wrote some scriptural passages and shortly afterwards passed away so peacefully and quietly that the nurse thought that he was sleeping. Dr. Ure was born in Lanarkshire, Scotland, in January, 1828. When nineteen years of age he settled in Hamilton, and shortly afterwards entered Knox College, completing his theological course in 1850. Dr. Ure took a conspicuous part in bringing about the Presbyterian union. In 1862 he removed to Goderich as minister of Knox church, where he labored until failing health compelled him to relinquish his charge.

The reason why many people will not come to Christ is because of their love of the bad life which they are leading.

BARRIE PRESBYTERY.

This Presbytery met at Orillia, on Tuesday, Rev. J. H. White, the moderator, presiding. There was a large attendance of members, and much important business transacted. Rev. Mr. Mercer's resignation of Coldwater, Fesserton and Waubesa was considered. Messrs. Riddle, Hetherington and Meneilly, of Waubesa; Messrs. McDonald, Carvett and Woodcock, of Fesserton, and Dr. R. R. Harvie, of Coldwater, were present in the interests of the congregations. Presbytery accepted the resignation to take effect first Sabbath in August, when the pulpit is to be declared vacant by Rev. Mr. Burnett, of Victoria Harbor, who was appointed Moderator of Session during the vacancy.

It was moved by Dr. Grant, seconded by Dr. McLeod that the Clerk forward the following motion to Rev. Dr. Findlay: "The Presbytery having learned with sorrow of the painful bereavement which has taken place in the family of the Rev. Dr. Findlay, desire to express their deep sympathy with him and his family in their sore affliction, and assure him that the blow which has so suddenly come upon him, has been felt by every member of the Presbytery. We desire also to put on record our appreciation of the long and valuable services Dr. Findlay has rendered in the Home Mission field in North Ontario, and to express the hope that notwithstanding this sore bereavement he may be able to continue his labors with even increased prosperity."

A largely signed call from the congregation of Cookstown, First Essa and Carluke in favor of Rev. W. N. Carr, offering a stipend of \$900 and two weeks' holidays was presented and the Presbytery arranged for his induction at Cookstown on Aug. 1, at 7.30 p.m., Mr. Morris to preside, Mr. Currie to preach, Mr. Caw to address the minister and Mr. Nichol the people.

Rev. Mr. Cranston presented a unanimous call from Duntroon, West Nottawasaga and Nottawa in favor of Rev. C. Tough, offering a stipend of \$800, four weeks' holiday and a manse, and the Presbytery made provisional arrangements for the induction to take place at Duntroon, on a date to be fixed, Mr. Cranston to preside, Mr. Carr to preach, and Mr. Allison to address the minister, and Mr. McLean the people.

Rev. Mr. McLean presented a unanimous call from Bradford and associate stations to Rev. D. N. Morden, offering a stipend of \$1,000, three weeks' holiday, and a manse. Presbytery made the following arrangements for his induction; Mr. McLean to preside, Mr. Ashdown to preach, Mr. Morris to address the minister and Mr. Cameron the people.

A man of strong and enlightened public spirit, a scholar and a gentleman was the Rev. Thomas Fenwick, of Woodbridge, whose death took place on Friday last. Mr. Fenwick was born in Jedburg, Scotland, 75 years ago, and was brought to Toronto by his parents when he was a year old. He studied in the old Bay Street Academy, at the old Grammar School and at Knox, and was ordained in 1861. For twenty-three years thereafter he was pastor at Metis, Quebec, and while there became intensely interested in French literature and in the story of the Reformation. He translated from the French "The Waldenses in 1686," and wrote many magazine articles on his favorite subject. Mr. Fenwick was also greatly interested in art and used the pencil and water colors freely. From 1884 until the present time Mr. Fenwick has been living retired at Woodbridge. He was an excellent type of the minister with a hobby that hurt no one and kept him in touch with men and affairs from youth to old age.