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OTTAWA.

The young people of the Russell church have organized a Young People's association.

Rev. and Mrs. G. A. Woodside, of Carleton Place, have been visiting Rev. and Mrs. G. T. Bayne, of Ashton.

"What can the members of the Church do to promote a Revival of Religion?" will be Rev. Dr. Armstrong's theme next Sunday evening in St. Paul's church.

Rev. J. Carnock, of this city, who took charge of the Aylmer church during the absence of Mr. Craig, has terminated his engagement, owing to the return of the pastor.

The congregation of Chalmers' church, Richmond, Que., have extended an unanimous call to the Rev. Mr. Carmichael, gold medalist of Queen's University, Toronto, to become its pastor.

The Young People's society of Knox church held an enjoyable social entertainment last week in the Sunday school. Mr. S. J. Jarvis, superintendent of the Sunday school, presided. A well selected programme was given by the members of the society, after which refreshments were served. This society is steadily growing, and is becoming one of the leading ones of its nature in the city.

Nearly all the pastors occupied their own pulpits last Sunday but in one or two cases a change was made. Rev. W. A. McElroy conducted both services in St. Andrew's church, filling the vacancy caused by the illness of Rev. Dr. Herridge. Rev. A. E. Mitchell, of Erskine church, preached in the morning in St. Andrew's church in place of Rev. Mr. McElroy. The pulpit in Erskine church was occupied by Rev. W. Meikle in the morning and by Rev. Mr. Mitchell in the evening. In the other churches, the pastors were present, and in all the sermons were upon the subject of the resurrection.

The American Presbyterian General Assembly meets this year at beautiful Winona Lake, Indiana, beginning May 18, and continuing ten days or more. It promises to be the most interesting session held for years, and the publishers of the "Warsaw Daily Times" have made arrangements to publish a very complete daily report of the proceedings, which will be mailed to subscribers at an early hour each morning during the entire session. Single subscriptions 40 cents; three subscriptions \$1.00. Subscriptions should be sent early so that mailing list can be prepared in advance. These reports should have an interest for many of our readers. Address Reub. Williams & Sons, Warsaw, Indiana.

A very large and representative congregation assembled in the Presbyterian Church, Churchill, on Tuesday afternoon, when the Presbytery of Barrie met to induct the Rev. L. McLean, late of Duntroon, into the vacant charge. The Rev. Mr. Burnett, of Victoria Harbor, preached a very interesting and suggestive sermon, after which the Rev. Dr. Smith put the usual questions to Mr. McLean and inducted him into his new charge. The Rev. Dr. McLeod, of Barrie, then addressed the newly inducted minister in a very helpful speech, and Rev. Mr. Cameron, of Allandale, delivered an earnest address to the congregation. At the close of the service Mr. McLean was conducted to the door by Dr. McLeod and Messrs. Rogerson and McCraw, and introduced to the people as they retired to the basement where an excellent luncheon was prepared by the ladies of the three congregations, and which was most thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

EASTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. N. H. and Mrs. McGillivray, Cornwall, are spending the Easter holidays at the old home in Whitby.

The annual anniversary sermon to the Cannington Odd Fellows will be preached by Rev. D. M. Martin, on 2nd May.

Last Sunday evening in Salem Church, Summerstown, Rev. J. Matheson gave a very interesting account of the Revival in Wales, Great Britain.

Rev. Dr. Smith was presented with \$25 by the Churchill congregation in appreciation of his services as moderator of session during the vacancy.

Friday, May 5th, Rev. Mr. McLeod will lecture on Robert Burns in the basement of First Church, Brockville, under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid.

The congregations of Knox and St. John's churches, Cornwall, worshipped unitedly on Sunday last, the morning service being held in St. John's and the evening service in Knox Church. Rev. Dr. Harkness preached at both services.

The Rev. J. J. Elliott, of Midland, conducted service at Victoria Harbor last Lord's Day evening. He preached an excellent sermon, from the second epistle of John, 12th verse. The musical service was very good.

The Children's Mission Band of the Cannington church held a bazaar Monday evening last which was largely attended. The articles for sale were of the children's own manufacture, and were readily disposed of at good prices.

The members of Oriental Lodge No. 163, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, will attend divine service in St. John's Church, Cornwall, on the morning of Sunday, 30th inst., when the Rev. N. H. McGillivray will preach a sermon appropriate to the occasion.

Rev. J. D. Mackenzie arrived in Lancaster on Saturday and preached in Knox church on Sunday. Mr. Mackenzie will continue to supply Knox pulpit until his induction, which will take place shortly after the meeting of the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa.

Mr. Robertson, assistant secretary of the Reading Camps Association of Canada, who is now studying theology in Toronto, occupied the pulpit of St. John's church, Cornwall on the 16th inst., and gave an interesting address on his work during the past two years among the lumber camps, mining camps and railway construction camps.

The Presbyterian Synod of Montreal and Ottawa will meet in Knox Church, Vankleek Hill, on Tuesday, May 9th. The synod is composed of the Presbyteries of Quebec, Montreal, Glengarry, Ottawa, Brockville, Lanark and Renfrew, taking in the Counties of Prescott, Glengarry, Cornwall and Stormont, Dundas, Grenville, Brockville, Lanark, Renfrew, Carleton and Russell, in Ontario and the whole Province of Quebec, in which there are 11 self sustaining charges, 36 augmented and 52 mission charges.

On Friday evening Rev. and Mrs. L. McLean of Duntroon, were waited on by some twenty or thirty of their friends from the Town Line. The object of the unexpected visit of the company was to say good-bye to their pastor and his wife who are about to remove to Churchill. During the evening the reverend gentleman was presented with a beautiful gold chain and locket, and Mrs. McLean was made the recipient of a handsome silver biscuit jar. The gifts were accompanied by an affectionately worded address, to which Mr. McLean replied in appropriate terms. He assured them that he thoroughly appreciated the motives which prompted their action and the kindly expressions would long linger in the memory of his wife and himself.

WESTERN ONTARIO.

Anniversary services in Knox church, Owen Sound, were conducted by Rev. A. L. Gregg, of Toronto. The attendance was large.

The Presbyterians of Flora are to hold a meeting of the two congregations to discuss the advisability of union.

The annual sermon to the Sons of Scotland will be preached in Knox church, Acton, by Rev. J. C. Wilson, B.A., on 7th May.

Anniversary services were held in the Rockland church on Sunday. Rev. W. R. McIntosh, B.D., of Elora, preached at both services. On Monday evening Rev. R. E. Knowles, of Galt, delivered a lecture in the church on Abraham Lincoln.

A few friends in Central Church, Hamilton, presented their late assistant minister, Rev. James Little, with a purse of \$200 on his leaving for his new charge in Bramp-ton.

Rev. Dr. MacKay, Woodstock, left on a fortnight's holidays for the benefit of his health. He will spend a week at the Welland Sanitarium, St. Catharines, and will also visit friends in New York State.

A deputation consisting of the Revs. W. Farquharson, Durham, and J. Little, Holstein, visited the Cedarville congregation this week.

Rev. Dr. Smith, of Bradford, who is called to Comber, preached his farewell sermon to a large congregation last Sunday evening.

Rev. Neil M. Leckie, formerly assistant pastor of Central Church, Hamilton, has received a call from the Blenheim congregation to become its pastor.

The name of the "Proudfoot Memorial Chapel," West London, is to be changed to West London Presbyterian Church. The new church is making very encouraging progress.

Erskine church, Hamilton, calls Rev. S. Burnside Russell, of Hillsburg. The congregation of Macnab street church, Hamilton, has formally proceeded with a call to Rev. H. B. A. Ketchen, Peterboro'. The stipend was placed at \$1,800 a year, with a free manse and a month's holidays. Rev. Dr. Fletcher presided.

At Knox church, Ayr., on Sunday evening the pastor, Rev. Mr. Thomson, made a seasonable hit in commenting on the lesson selected, which was the 12th chapter of St. Luke's gospel. Here the lilies of the field are described as clothed in such beautiful array that they exceeded Solomon in all his glory. Whether the reverend gentleman had the Easter bonnet in mind or not, his comment might easily be construed as a rap at the folly of those who go to extremes along that line.

At the regular meeting of the London Presbyterian Council Dr. Merchant and Mr. Thomas Baty led in a discussion of the duties of church elders, in which all those present took an active part. Several important questions will be considered at a special meeting which is to be held on the 28th inst. The following officers were elected:—President, Rev. Hector MacKay; vice-president, Dr. Merchant; secretary, Mr. Thomas Baty; treasurer, Mr. Thomas Ryan.

Rev. Dr. Lyle preached Sunday evening in Central Church, Hamilton, on Dr. Osler's lecture, "Science and Immortality." The reverend doctor combatted Dr. Osler's argument against the immortality of the soul, which, according to the opinions of the philosophers of the world from the earliest times, was false. Dr. Lyle did not agree with the professor of medicine that modern scientific psychology knew nothing of the soul, that was the soul as spirit or mind, not the soul as a third sense, apart from mind or spirit.