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EASTERN ONTARIO.

The Sabbath school workers of Kingston are considering the advisability of having a house-to-house visitation soon.

Twenty-one new members were received by Cooke's church, Kingston, before the communion on December 8th.

The next regular meeting of Lanark and Renfrew presbytery will be held in St. Paul's church, Smith's Falls, on February 17th, 1908, at 3.30 p.m.

The anniversary social of the Marvelville Presbyterian church was held on Monday, Sept. 16th, in the church at that place. The Sunday school will hold its Christmas tree on Christmas night.

The anniversary services of, Knox church, McDonald's Corners, were held last Sunday, when Rev. Dr. MacGillivray of Kingston preached at both services. On Monday evening a tea meeting and concert were held in the church.

Rev. Orr Bennett, of St. Andrew's church, Almonte, was unable, on account of illness, to preach on December 8th, and his pulpit was therefore filled in the morning by Dr. P. C. McGregor, and in the evening by Rev. F. Millar.

The induction of Rev. W. J. Hewitt will take place at Middleville on Thursday, December 19th. Rev. J. A. McLean, of Weston's Corners, will preach, preside and induct, Rev. W. McDonald will address the people and Rev. J. S. McIlraith, the minister.

The mission field of Braeside, Sand Point and Dewar's, lately vacated by the translation of Rev. Wm. Moon, now becomes an augmented charge, but pluckily increased its own givings so that it will only need a grant of \$75 per annum. This compact triangular charge, when the Sabbath's drive is only nine miles, is under the moderatorship of Rev. W. W. Peck, of Arnprior.

The anniversary services in St. Paul's church, Bowmanville, held on December 8th, were attended by large congregations. Rev. Wm. Beattie, Cobourg, who has recently returned from a holiday trip to England and Norway, was preacher for the day. His sermons were thoughtful, forcible and stimulating. A free-will thankoffering of \$300 was asked for and about \$315 was placed on the plates. Well done, St. Paul's.

A meeting of the Presbytery of Peterborough will be held on the 30th December at Colborne, when the members will take part in the jubilee of Rev. Peter Duncan, moderator of the presbytery, who has for fifty years been pastor of Colborne Presbyterian church, and is, after a life filled with devotion, service and zeal for his Master, retiring from the work of the active ministry. The Synod of Toronto and Kingston is recognizing the semi-centennial of Mr. Duncan and the Presbytery of Peterborough will join with that body.

The Rev. Prof. A. R. Gordon of the Presbyterian College, Montreal, was the preacher in Queen's University, Kingston, on the afternoon of December 8th. This was the Professor's first visit to Kingston, and the impression he created was most favorable, the college men listening to him with keenest interest. On the evening of the same day he preached a most helpful sermon in Cooke's church, showing, as he did, the place which work holds in the development of Christian character. The congregation was large and the whole service was truly uplifting.

The death of Rev. Charles E. Gordon-smith, F.S.Sc., of Demorestville, Ont., removes one of the best known of the Presbyterian ministers of Ontario and Quebec. He had preached the Gospel for over forty years and was well known as a platform speaker and lecturer. He was a great believer in pastoral visitation and he was always welcome in the homes of his people, few ministers having the confidence of the members of his various congregations as he had. Mr. Gordonsmith was born in Glasgow, Scotland, on May 14, 1844. He went to England as a young man and after a course in theology was ordained as a Congregational minister. He soon became noted as a preacher and lecturer, and in the latter capacity toured the United Kingdom. In 1883 he resigned the pastorate of Well Street Congregational church, Coventry, England, to become pastor of the First Congregational church, Stratford, Ontario. Four years later he accepted the pastorate of a Presbyterian church, St. Andrew's, at Lancaster, Ontario, where he labored with much success for the next ten or twelve years. After that he held pastorates at Metis, Que., at Bancroft, Ont., and Demorestville, near Picton, Ont., resigning the last-named charge on account of failing health on October 30. An impressive service in his memory was held on Sunday afternoon in the Presbyterian church, Demorestville, Ont. Rev. William Shearer, of Picton, preached from the text, "These are they which came out of great tribulation and have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb" (Rev. vii, 14), and in the course of his sermon spoke of his own knowledge, as a near neighbor, of the worth of him whose loss they mourned. The body was taken to Montreal for burial, the funeral taking place from 35 Milton street, the residence of his eldest son. The service was conducted by the Rev. Dr. Fleck, who was assisted by the Rev. Dr. Wardrope, the Rev. Dr. J. A. Gordon, the Rev. Thomas Harris, the Rev. P. A. Walker and the Rev. J. U. Tanner.

In St. Andrew's church, Hamilton, the third anniversary of the induction of the pastor, Rev. Mr. Wilson, was recently celebrated by a social gathering of the congregation. Tea was served by the ladies in the early part of the evening, and an excellent programme followed. Mr. A. E. Croal ably filled the chair. Addresses were given by Rev. Dr. McIntosh, of Elora, Rev. Dr. Nelson of Knox church, W. R. Leckie, J. Jamieson and the chairman, all of whom congratulated the pastor and the church upon its prosperity under him. Rev. Mr. Wilson replied feelingly to the many expressions of good will and kindness, and thanked the members of the congregation for the sympathy and support which had so greatly helped him in the Master's work.

The laymen's forward movement for missions was splendidly inaugurated in St. Andrew's church, London, when a large and representative gathering of the laymen of that city decided to raise \$50,000 for foreign missions this coming year. Stirring addresses were delivered by Mr. J. Campbell White, of New York, secretary of the laymen's movement, and by Rev. J. Lovell Murray, a returned missionary from India. Mr. C. B. Keenleyside presided.

At the bazaar recently held by the Ladies' Aid of Knox church, Galt, the sum of \$400 was realized to help in building a new Sunday school hall.

OTTAWA.

Rev. Dr. Moore preached in Stewar-ton church last Sunday.

Rev. Professor Fraser, of the Presbyterian College, Montreal, preached at St. Andrew's church at both services last Sunday.

Professor R. E. Welch, D.D., of Montreal, preached anniversary sermons in St. Paul's church last Sunday. On Monday evening an anniversary social was held, when a very fine programme was rendered which was much enjoyed by the audience.

The bazaar recently held by the Young People's Society of St. Andrew's church was a great success, both socially and financially. The bazaar was open for two days, high tea being served on the second day. Over \$800 was realized, the money to be used for completing the furnishings for the eye and ear ward in the Protestant General Hospital and for other benevolent objects of the society.

The Girls' Mission Band of Stewarton church made a great success of the little play, Cinderella, which was put on by them last week. The acting was good and the scenery well arranged. The story was chiefly told in song, and the voices of the singers surpassed their acting in excellence. Mrs. Darragh and Miss Seymour supervised the play, and much credit for the manner in which everything passed off must be given to them as well as to those who actually participated. The Sunday school hall of the church, where the entertainment was given, was filled to overflowing.

The annual meeting of the Young People's Association of McKay Street church was held last week, when the various reports for the year were presented showing excellent work done. Through the coming year it was decided to have one meeting night of each month the programme for which will be optional. The following officers were elected: Honorary president, Rev. P. W. Anderson; hon. vice-president, Mr. Wm. Girard, Mr. F. E. Perney, B.A., Mr. W. Lunan; president, Mr. C. H. Putnam; vice-presidents, Miss I. Elliott, Miss L. Clement; secretary, Miss M. Dudley; treasurer, Miss E. Clement; organists, Miss L. Ryan, Miss R. Ralston. The conveners for the different committees are: Prayer meeting and topic, Mr. T. B. Rankin; Flower and Decorating, Miss R. Ralston; Visiting and Social, Miss I. Ralph; Refreshment, Miss J. McLatchie.

There was a large attendance of ministers and elders at the December meeting of the London Presbytery. Among other items of business, a circular letter from Rev. Dr. Somerville relating to the filling up of Statistical schedules was read. An interim report on the settlement of vacancies was given by Dr. Ross, and the plans submitted left over till 21st January for more mature consideration. Rev. Mr. Geddes of Ailsa Craig and Carlisle invited the Presbytery to be present at the celebration of the jubilee of the latter congregation on the 11th and 12th of January.

Dr. Nixon, Hyde Park, was appointed convener of Presbytery's Committee on Systematic Benevolence and Church Schemes, and delegates were appointed to visit the aid-receiving congregations within the bounds and report in March.

Rev. Dr. Eakin preached to large audiences in St. Andrew's church, Guelph, on the 8th December.