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OTTAWA.

In St. Paul's church, next Sunday evening, Dr. Armstrong will deal with the Conversion of the first woman in Europe; to be followed by an exposition of Psalm xx. A short service of song will also be given.

The ladies' aid of Emmanuel church, (Congregational), last week gave a pleasant hour to the members of the Ottawa ministerial association and their wives. Covers were laid for about sixty, and the gathering around the festive board was a happy and fraternal one. Rev. A. D. Cousins, pastor of the church, and president of the Ministerial Association, presided. After the good things so bountifully provided by the ladies were leisurely disposed of, the following toasts were ably given and ably responded to:—The Presbyterian Church, proposed by Dr. A. A. Cameron, responded to by Rev. J. W. H. Milne; The Methodist Church, proposed by Rev. Dr. Ramsay, responded to by Rev. G. F. Salton; The Baptist church proposed by Rev. William McIntosh, responded to by Rev. R. M. McKay; The Congregational Church, proposed by Rev. W. F. Parker, responded to by Rev. H. I. Horsey. The Reformed Episcopal Church, proposed by Rev. P. L. Richardson, responded to by Rev. E. C. Russell.

WESTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. P. C. Currie, of Port Colborne, accepts call to Warsaw and Dummer.

Rev. Dr. Murray, of Kincardine, has been visiting relatives at Golspie.

Rev. N. A. McDonald, of Dornach, while taking in the Synod of Toronto and Kingston, visited friends at Sutton.

Rev. W. J. Hewitt, of Severn Bridge, conducted the services at Conn and Woodland the last two Sabbaths.

Mr. L. A. Wood, B.A., of London, will take charge of Knox church, St. Mary's, till last July.

Rev. Thomas Paton, of Merriton, has accepted a call from Lucan and Fraser, in the Presbytery of Stratford.

Sherman Avenue Presbyterians (Hamilton) propose erecting a new church to cost \$18,000.

Amos Church, Dromore, has contributed \$60 and Knox church, Normanby, \$42—over \$100 for the Chinese famine fund.

On request of Rev. Mr. McKinnon, Stratford Presbytery will meet at Milverton in September to aid in celebrating the congregation's jubilee.

Rev. Mr. Wood, of Shakespeare, has been appointed representative of Stratford Presbytery to attend the jubilee celebration of Avonton and Harrington, to be held in June.

Rev. W. J. Cook, in charge of Serat Sprucevale, is expected to visit Doe Lake every Sunday and Banbury every two weeks. He has about all one man can take care of.

Rev. J. H. MacVicar, of Fergus, filled the pulpit of Westminster church on Sunday with great acceptance. Rev. Mr. Hanna conducted anniversary services in Melville church, Fergus.

Rev. Robert Tait, at present without a charge, has accepted a call from Windham and Delhi; salary \$800, with \$75 towards rent of manse and three weeks' holidays. Induction has been fixed for 30th May at Delhi.

Mr. A. D. Cornett, B.A., who recently graduated in the Arts department of Queen's University, has begun his duties at Carling Mission Field, in the vicinity of Parry Sound. We wish him an enjoyable and prosperous summer.

EASTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. R. Young, B.A., of Pakenham, attended the Queen's College graduates' banquet at Carleton Place last week.

Mr. McNeill, of the Presbyterian College, Montreal, conducted services at Apple Hill last Sunday.

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was observed in the Valleyfield Presbyterian church last Sunday, when 34 new names were added to the roll.

Rev. Charles H. Daly conducted anniversary services at Braeside on Sunday, St. John's pulpit Almonte being filled by Rev. Mr. Moore of Braeside.

The Pembroke Standard says: Rev. Dr. Bayne, who has been confined to the house through illness for the past week, we are glad to report, is recovering.

Rev. H. J. McDiarmid, of St. Lambert, Que., when on his way to the meeting of Synod at Brockville, visited friends at Kempsville, much to the delight of many former parishioners there.

Says the Almonte Gazette: Rev. Donald Stewart, of Morewood, conducted the services in St. John's church on the 12th inst. During the evening he preached a sermon that marks him as a powerful and well-informed preacher.

Mr. J. Melroy, of Montreal, who has occupied the pulpit in the Apple Hill church almost every Sunday since the beginning of February, has accepted a charge for the summer at Richmond, Que.

Rev. Mr. Currie, of Knox church, Perth, returned last week from Saranac Lake, N.Y., where Mrs. Currie is seeking restoration from a serious attack of pneumonia. He found her doing well. Her physician is confident of a complete recovery.

The village of Finch has been twice visited by fire within a few days. Nearly all the business portion has been destroyed, and the second fire burned the Presbyterian and Methodist churches. The former was only partially insured; but the congregation is composed of well-to-do people, and re-building on a larger and more substantial scale will be commenced at once.

Rev. D. MacVicar, of St. Luke's church, Finch, tendered his resignation at Presbytery Meeting held at Brockville, last week. On Sunday he preached his farewell sermon; and removes to Mannville, Alta., this week. Rev. Mr. MacGillivray, of Cornwall, has been appointed interim moderator of Session, to whom applications should be made for a hearing.

The destruction of the Presbyterian and Methodist churches in Finch leaves two congregations without a place in which to worship. Mr. H. K. McLean has offered the use of the Oddfellows' Hall, the only place now suitable, free of charge for six months, to the two congregations for joint services. It is likely that the kind offer will be thankfully accepted.

In connection with the destruction of Mr. McNaughton's property, there also was destroyed the table that was used in the first Presbyterian church in Finch township. Old St. Luke's church was built in 1840 on lot 19 Second Concession, and in 1858 Mr. McNaughton attended service in the church. When the church was vacated the table was secured by Mr. McNaughton. The top was of one solid piece of pine, beautifully grained, and fully 36 inches wide and five feet long. Mr. McNaughton still has the old pulpit—the old fashioned kind with stairs leading to it.

SYNOD OF TORONTO AND KINGSTON.

This court met in St. James Square church, Toronto, on Tuesday evening of last week.

The sermon of the retiring Moderator, Rev. R. J. M. Glassford of Guelph, was characterized by Rev. Dr. R. Douglas Fraser, in moving the thanks of Synod to him for the sermon, as well as for his presiding over the meeting of Synod last year, as marked by "brevity, sound, practical common sense, and eloquence." Rev. Principal MacLaren seconded the words of Dr. Fraser.

On the constitution of the court, the retiring Moderator in a brief address referred feelingly to the eight members of the Synod who had been removed during the year by death. The unwonted activity in Sunday school work was noted. Pleasure was expressed at the progress made by Queen's University, and especially that the position of President of the University of Toronto had been offered to one whom many of those present knew and honor. This remark was heartily applauded.

Rev. Peter Duncan, for 50 years minister at Colborne, was unanimously elected Moderator on motion of Rev. W. T. Wilkins, seconded by Rev. J. R. Bell. Mr. Duncan was unable to be present, but until his arrival it was agreed that Mr. Glassford should continue in the chair. The Treasurer's report showed receipts amounting to about \$1,015, and a balance from last year of \$1,062.16. The disbursements were \$883.84, leaving a balance of \$1,132.23. Mr. Crombie was thanked and reappointed Treasurer, and Messrs. Archibald MacMurchy and John Harvie were appointed Auditors. A telegram of sympathy was ordered to be sent to Rev. Dr. Gray of Orillia, Clerk of Synod, who is detained by serious illness.

The progress of mission work in China during the hundred years since Dr. Robert Morrison landed in that country was presented to a good-sized audience in St. James' Square Presbyterian church on Wednesday in eloquent addresses by Rev. W. A. J. Martin of Brantford, Convener of the General Assembly's Foreign Mission Committee; Rev. Dr. J. Fraser Smith of Comber and Rev. Alfred Gandier, pastor of the church. Rev. Dr. Pidgeon presided.

Mr. Martin told of the origin of the Macao mission in the Province of Canton, in answer to the request of Chinese boys in Canada who wanted the Gospel sent to their relatives at home. The sum of \$10,000 is being asked for as a official thank offering from the western union of the Presbyterian church of Canada—about five cents a member—to help the Morrison centenary by extending the work in China.

After Dr. J. Fraser Smith had described the difficulties attending the opening of the Honan mission nineteen years ago, Rev. Alfred Gandier spoke on the present movement in China, and the call which it gives to the Church of Christ, and especially the Presbyterian Church of Canada. China was a giant awakening from sleep. The question for the Church of Christ was, Would this re-birth of China be Christian, or merely intellectual and material? Sir Robert Hart, who knows China as probably no other man does, said that "only a miraculous spread of Christianity could avert the yellow peril." "We believe," said Mr. Gandier, "that Christianity is a miraculous religion, and so have reason to expect its miraculous spread if we do our part. We do not