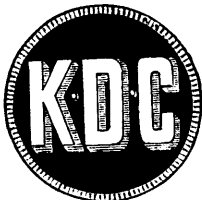


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Ministers and Churches.

Rev. Mr. Johnson, from Winnipeg, has been holding divine services through the Icelandic settlement.

A large bale of clothing was sent out to the Northwest last week by the W.F. M.S. of the Presbyterian church, Princeton, Ont.

Rev. J. A. Macdonald, St. Thomas, has returned home and occupied the pulpit of Knox church, at both services, Sabbath, Sept. 3rd.

Rev. W. J. Clark, London, is about to commence the annual visitation of his congregation. Tuesdays and Fridays are the days he may be expected.

The Rev. R. Wm. Ross, M.A., occupied the pulpit of North Bruce and St. Andrew's, Saugeen, on the 20th and 27th ult., with much acceptance.

The Rev. W. S. McTavish, B.D., of St. George, occupied the pulpit of St. James' Square Church, on Sabbath, the 3rd inst., both morning and evening.

Rev. Mr. Stewart, of Melbourne, preached in the Presbyterian church, Laurence Station, Sunday, Sept. 3rd. He delivered a very able and eloquent sermon.

Rev. Mr. Staples, of Lyons, occupied the pulpit of Knox church, Aylmer, in the morning, and Rev. Mr. Pomeroy, of Centerville, in the evening, of Sept. 3rd.

The Young Women's Missionary Society of Knox Church, St. Thomas, was addressed by Mrs. Shortreed, Toronto, Home Secretary of the W.F.M.S., on the evening of Tuesday, Sept. 5th.

At the preparatory services in Knox church, Winnipeg, on Friday evening, 1st Sept., the congregation was addressed by Rev. R. G. MacBeth. Eleven new members were added to the roll.

The Rev. A. McLeod, B.A., B.D., of New York, on a visit to the parental home in Zorra, was last Thursday attacked by a vicious cow, and received very grave injuries to the chest and limbs.

A telegram from the Rev. Dr. McKay, the intrepid Presbyterian missionary in Formosa, states that he will sail from Hong Kong on September 6th, by the Empress of India, for Canada, on a furlough.

The Rev. J. C. Gilchrist, who was called to Baltimore to attend the funeral of his mother, visited a few friends in the neighborhood of Sebright, his old charge, on the way back to his home at Blythe wood, Ont.

Mr. John Russell, Presbyterian missionary at Clarksville, held a thanksgiving service in the Lincoln school house, on the 3rd of Sept., and a number of the congregation decorated the school house for the occasion.

Rev. Prof. Mowatt, of Queen's University, occupied the pulpit of St. Matthew's Church, Osnabrock, on the 20th ult., and preached earnest and edifying sermons to large and appreciative audiences. The pastor, Rev. J. J. Cameron, assisted.

Donald McDonald, father of Rev. Dr. McDonald, formerly pastor of St. Andrew's church, Carleton Place, died at his home in Gairloch, N.S., recently, at the great age of 100 years. Mr. McDonald was an old soldier, and one of the few survivors of Waterloo.

Mrs. Gilchrist, mother of the Rev. J. C. Gilchrist and of the Rev. J. R. Gilchrist, Baltimore, Ontario, died lately, at the residence of the latter. Mrs. Gilchrist was many years an invalid, and bore her sufferings with much patience, devotedly nursed by a loving daughter.

Preparatory services were held in St. Andrew's church, Winnipeg, on the evening of Sept. 1st. Over 30 persons were admitted into membership. The sermon was delivered by Rev. S. Polson. Rev. Joseph Hogg addressed the new members. The sacrament was dispensed at the following Sunday morning service.

Miss Rose Swayze, mission school teacher, at Norway House, Keewatin, arrived in Winnipeg on the 30th ult., and is the guest of Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Semmens. The lady brings with her the news of the finding of the body of Rev. Edward Eves, Methodist missionary, who was drowned on 6th June last. The body was interred at Pelican Rapids, where the missionary lost his life.

The work of erecting the new Presbyterian church, Paris, is steadily progressing, and it is now pretty well forward. The brickwork is two or three weeks behind. The Sunday school in the rear is completed, so far as the bricklayers are concerned, and the brickwork in connection with the church proper will, it is expected, be completed in the course of a few weeks.

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed in the Presbyterian church, Inwood, on Sunday, the 10th inst. The Rev. Mr. Graham, of Watford, officiated. The Rev. Mr. Mildrew has completed a term of six months at Inwood, in connection with the tenth line Presbyterian churches. An effort is being made to retain him another term, if the consent of the Presbytery can be obtained.

Rev. J. L. George, pastor of John St. Presbyterian church, Belleville, resumed his duties on Sabbath, Sept. 3rd, after an absence of a month in Nova Scotia. He returns to Belleville much improved in health, and his sermons yesterday were delivered with renewed vigor. In the morning he preached from Timothy ii. 17, "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear, but of power and of love, and of a sound mind." In the evening he based his remarks on Jer. ix. 23, 24.

The Ancient Order of Foresters, and kindred societies of St. Thomas, to the number of about 200, attended divine service in a body at the Alma street Presbyterian church, on Sabbath, Sept. 3rd, when the annual sermon was preached by Rev. R. McIntyre, who preached an able and appropriate sermon from Mark xi. 13, "And when He came to it He found nothing but leaves." During the course of his remarks the reverend gentleman referred to the good work done by this fraternal and benevolent society, which was unsurpassed by any similar organization.

Rev. R. W. Ross, M.A., one of this year's graduates in Knox College, has resigned the position he held in the University and School of Science, and purposes taking charge of a congregation. Mr. Ross graduated from Toronto University in '89 with first class honors in Natural Science, after which he spent some time in Berlin University. He was appointed to his position at the School shortly after graduation, and for the past three years managed, at the same time, to take his theological work. His resignation will take effect this month.

Sabbath morning, Sept. 3rd, in Central Presbyterian church, Hamilton, Rev. Samuel Lyle preached an impressive sermon from the text, "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes." In the course of his remarks he said that the eyes that were filled with tears should glisten with joy; that in death there is life. On earth we should have a foretaste of heaven, and instead of mourning all our days should learn to sing the songs that fill the heavenly choir. He touched the feelings of his hearers, and their silent tears of love and sympathy attested their grief for the family so sorely bereaved.

About fifty members and adherents of the Presbyterian church, Tilbury Centre, met on Monday, Sept. 4th, for the purpose of extending a pastoral call. Rev. A. L. Manson, of Valetta, occupied the chair. Rev. James Hodges, of Kingston college, was the unanimous choice of the congregation; and after considerable discussion it was resolved that the stipend be \$900 per year and three weeks' vacation. A part of the congregation were heartily in favour of \$850 as the maximum limit, but they acquiesced in the opinion of the majority. It is not known as yet whether the reverend gentleman will accept the call.

Hearty services of prayer and praise in both pulpit and pew keep up large congregations in St. Andrew's church, Belleville, which numbers among its members many of our oldest citizens. The pastor, Rev. M. W. Maclean, chose as his morning text St. John, vi. 17, "If any man do His will, he shall know of the doctrine." The evening text was 1 Thess., i. 7: "So that ye were ensamples to all that believe in Macedonia and Achaia, for from you sounded out the word of the Lord; in every place your faith to Godward is spread abroad." The death of Miss Macleider, an active and zealous member of the congregation was feelingly referred to by the pastor.

There were large congregations at Zion Church, Brantford, on Sunday, Sept. 3rd, where Rev. Dr. Cochrane preached, after his return from Chicago. The rev. gentleman took for his text Acts xxviii. 27, dealing with Paul's shipwreck at Melita, his subsequent meeting with the Christians at Appia Forum and the Three Taverns. The faith and courage of the apostle were ably emphasized and many good points made upon the indifference of young people to the work of the Master. Both sermons were exceptionally impressive and interesting, and the congregation was deeply touched as the pastor eloquently pleaded for that encouragement in the work which only comforted souls could bring to the preacher.

The annual meeting of the Halifax Presbyterian W.F.M.S. was held on Thursday, Aug. 17th, in the church at Lower Stewiacke. The morning session was devoted to business. In the afternoon a public

meeting was held, at which Mrs. Geo. M. Clarke, who has lately visited Trinidad, read a deeply interesting and most instructive paper on that island and the missions established there. Rev. W. J. McKenzie addressed the meeting on our Saviour's last command, "Go ye into all the world." This address was very earnest, enthusiastic and impressive, and will not soon be forgotten by those present. The thanks of the Society are due to the ladies of Lower Stewiacke who so kindly welcomed and entertained the delegates, and also to the railway authorities for reduced fares.

A farewell social was tendered, on Wednesday evening, Aug. 20, to Rev. Donald Guthrie, by the congregation of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, London. A large number of parishioners were present. Mr. Guthrie, who is a student of McGill College, Montreal, has ministered to them during the past two months. His sermons have been greatly appreciated. He is a young man of unusual gifts. He is a logical, eloquent, persuasive and impressive preacher. A vote of thanks was proposed to him by Mr. James McSwren, and seconded by Mr. Alexander Fraser. On being presented to the audience by Mr. J. A. Murray, who acted as chairman, this motion was enthusiastically approved. A programme of songs was rendered by Miss Gilmour, Mrs. A. E. Cooper and Miss Laura Bilton.

The reception prepared by the ladies of the First Presbyterian church, St. Mary's, for their pastor, Rev. T. A. Cosgrove, upon his return from his holidays, was the most successful entertainment that has been held in that church for some time. The floral decorations were unique, and pronounced by those who had been there equal to any of the Chicago exhibits. Evergreen trees were entwined with cereals of various kinds; evergreens were festooned around the windows, chandeliers, and wherever they could give pleasing and harmonious effect. These decorations represented much labor and fine artistic taste. Refreshments were served on small tables, also beautifully decorated with bouquets. The chair was occupied by Mr. Alex. Wood, who kept the large audience in the best of humor by his many witty remarks. The programme consisted of addresses by the elders and Dr. Irving, recitation by Mrs. Moser; violin and piano duet by Misses Maggie and Jeanie Beattie, and a solo by Miss M. Oliver. An address of welcome was read to Mr. Cosgrove.

The Normal School students were right royally entertained by the members of the Y.P.S.C.E. of Knox church, Ottawa, Friday evening, Sept. 1st. The invitation to the reception was general, and all students with three or four exceptions attended. Rev. Dr. Wardrop, ex-Moderator of the General Assembly, presided in a very efficient manner during the evening. The evening's entertainment was opened by singing, "Blest be the tie that binds," after which Rev. Dr. Wardrop addressed words of welcome to the students. In the course of his remarks, he said that he was the teacher in the first grammar school that was opened here, when Ottawa was known as Bytown. Catholics and Protestants attended this school, and he had many happy recollections of these bygone days. After Rev. Dr. Wardrop's address

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