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OTTAWA.

Fully two hundred were present last evening at the congregational "At Home" in the Glebe church, under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society. Organ numbers by Mrs. R. F. Parkinson were highly appreciated, as were also vocal selections by Mrs. Nimmo, Mrs. Throop, Miss Perry, Mrs. Lyle Reid and Mrs. D. S. Johnson; violin solo by Miss Kerr.

The Rev. James Little, B. A., last Sunday evening commenced a series of sermons on the General Epistle of James, which will be continued for eight or ten weeks. They promise to be highly useful discourses on a portion of Scripture which abounds with exhortations to patience and practical piety, and which condemns in no measured terms the vices prevalent in Jerusalem at the time it was written.

On Friday evening at 8 o'clock, under the auspices of the Ladies Aid society, a social will be held in the lecture room of St. Paul's church, when a full attendance of members and their friends is invited. The ladies of St. Paul's never fail to make their socials very pleasant to all concerned, and it may be confidently taken for granted that the one on Friday evening will be no exception to the rule. There will be music and light refreshments.

At the meeting of the Presbyterian Ministerial Association of Ottawa on Monday, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Rev. J. H. Turnbull; secretary, Rev. J. F. McFarland; visitors, Normal School and County Jail, Rev. Dr. Armstrong; Rescue Mission and Orphans' Home, Rev. Dr. Ramay; Home for Friendless Women, Rev. J. F. McFarland; Perley Home for Incurables, Rev. Dr. Herridge; Children's Aid Society, Rev. J. H. Turnbull; trades and labor organizations, Rev. Wm. Hay. At the next meeting the programme for the season will be adopted.

Mrs. John Thorburn, after seventeen years of fruitful service, has resigned the presidency of the St. Paul's Church W. F. M. Society. In accepting her resignation a resolution, moved by Mrs. W. G. Charleson and seconded by Miss Gibson, expressed the high appreciation of the retiring president's years of faithful work. Mrs. Thorburn has also held office in the Missionary organization of the Ottawa Presbytery for thirty years. To fill the vacancy, Mrs. J. R. Hill was elected president. Other officers appointed for the coming year were: Hon. president, Mrs. (Rev.) J. Little; vice-presidents, Mrs. J. Thorburn, Mrs. (Rev.) W. D. Armstrong, Mrs. Gallaher; treasurer, Mrs. W. J. Irvine; recording secretary, Mrs. E. George Brown; corresponding secretary, Mrs. C. Blackett Robinson; secretary of tidings, Mrs. Knauf; superintendents scattered helpers, Mrs. T. W. Anderson and Miss Marjorie Gallaher; executive committee, Mrs. Henry Watters, Mrs. W. H. Taylor, Mrs. Joseph McNab and Mrs. Thomas Whillans. Much activity in the missionary cause was also reported, the total givings by this Society being \$226.89. Rev. James Little, the pastor of the church, was present and gave an address.

Rev. W. A. MacKenzie, D.D., was inducted at Westport in the presence of a large and enthusiastic congregation. The moderator of Brockville Presbytery, Rev. Norman A. MacLeod, H.D., presided and inducted. The sermon was preached by Rev. C. C. Salisbury, of Kemptville; Rev. A. G. Cameron addressed the minister, and Mr. James Cumming, elder, the people. After the service, Dr. MacKenzie met many members of the congregation, and cordial greetings were exchanged.

EASTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. W. H. Brokenshire, M.A., is called to Pontypool and Corbettown.

Rev. Wm. Johnston, of Millbrook, has been appointed interim moderator of Mill street church, Port Hope.

The Rev. D. D. McDonald, of Keene, preached very acceptably to the Springville congregation on the 28th ult.

Rev. H. J. Keith, of Peterboro, is interim moderator of Lakefield, vacant by the resignation of Rev. S. S. Burns.

Rev. C. E. A. Pocock, of Lyn, who has been away for several weeks in the west, has returned to his congregation in the best of health.

Rev. J. L. Murray, D.D., of Toronto, supplied the pulpit of St. Andrew's church, Beaverton, for three weeks, the minister, Rev. D. W. Best, M.A., being absent from the town.

The anniversary at St. Paul's church, Port Hope, Sunday, was large attended, and the Rev. Pogue, of Peterboro, delighted his hearers with two very helpful sermons.

Rev. J. G. Greig, of Cumberland, conducted anniversary services in Bathurst and South Sherbrooke on a recent Sunday. The people were glad to listen to their former pastor again.

The 75th anniversary of the Omemece church will be observed in the near future. On the interesting occasion Peterboro Presbytery will be represented by Rev. D. A. Thompson, of Hastings.

The call from St. John's church, Cornwall, to Rev. A. B. MacLeod, Thuro, N.S., has been sustained by Gleggary Presbytery, and should it be accepted, the induction will take place at the earliest date possible.

Rev. Dr. Marsh, of Springville, is moderator of Mill street church, Port Hope, vacant by the resignation of Rev. Mr. Brokenshire, and would like to hear from ministers desiring a call. He is also moderator of the vacant charge at Pontypool, and the congregation desires to hear candidates.

At the meeting of Peterboro Presbytery, September 26th, the Presbytery accepted the resignation of the Rev. S. S. Burns, B.A., who is going to pursue graduate work in Princeton University for a year. Mr. Burns has been pastor of the Presbyterian church, Lakefield, during the past four years, and his departure is generally regretted.

The congregation, Sunday school and Young People's Society of Gordon church, St. Elmo, presented Miss Lee, who is about to enter upon a new and interesting relationship, with two addresses, accompanied with valuable gifts, including a roll of bills, a beautiful Bible and Book of Praise, and a cut-glass bowl of exquisite workmanship. The Rev. A. Lee responded for Miss Lee, thanking the congregation and young people for their valuable tokens of esteem. Mr. David McGregor presided.

Says the Orillia Post:—"The Rev. J. W. Penman and his elders spent three days last week visiting the congregation of Ardrea and Gray church. They received a hearty welcome everywhere. The result is an increased attendance at divine service. Mr. and Mrs. Penman purpose visiting Washago congregation this week. The recently inducted minister of Washago is evidently going about his pastoral work in a very orderly and thorough manner. And it will not lessen his usefulness that he has the co-operation of the Mistress of the Manse in the work.

Rev. J. M. McGillivray, B.A., of Queen's College, is called to Aylmer and Springfield. Stipend, \$900 with manse.

The attendance at the last communion service in Knox church, Lancaster (Rev. John Pate, minister), was the largest in the history of the congregation. The solemn and impressive yet simple rite was marked by the deepest reverence on the part of the worshippers. Rev. Allan Morrison, of Kirkhill, was the preacher on Sunday. He also conducted the Monday evening meeting.

At the recent meeting of Peterboro Presbytery a deputation consisting of Rev. A. K. McLeod, Brighton; Rev. D. A. Thompson, Hastings; Rev. H. J. Keith, Peterboro; and Mr. J. F. Clark, Port Hope, was appointed to wait on Rev. Wm. Bennett, and convey to him the greetings of the Presbytery. Mr. Bennett is the father of the Presbytery, and still retains a keen interest in the affairs of the church, not only in the Presbytery, but at large. He appreciated the visit of the deputation. A similar deputation, composed of Rev. Mr. Beatty, Cobourg; Rev. Mr. Thornton, Colborne; and Rev. Mr. Stuart and an elder from Grafton, was appointed to wait on Rev. Peter M. Duncan, of Colborne, and extend to him the good wishes of the Presbytery.

The thankoffering meeting of Knox Auxiliary, Beaverton, was held in the church on the evening of October 13. The Rev. T. A. Symington, M. A., pastor, addressed the meeting. His subject was a sketch of the rise and progress of the Layman's Missionary Movement and the Students' Volunteer Movement and what they meant in the life and work of the church. There was a large and interested audience present. Mr. G. F. Bruce presided as chairman. The Mission Band sang a selection and Mrs. Leigh and Mrs. Ross sang a duet. It was the largest and most successful meeting ever held in connection with the auxiliary. The offering was \$40.50, with quite a number of members still to hear from.

In connection with the item elsewhere given the following brief reference to the ministers who have occupied the pulpit of St. John's, Brockville, will be interesting:—In 1836 Rev. Peter Colin Campbell came from Scotland as a missionary, and was settled in Brockville that year, preaching in the school house until St. John's was finished. He remained until March, 1842, when he was appointed professor of classics in Queen's College, Kingston. Mr. Campbell afterwards became professor of Greek and finally principal of Aberdeen University. Rev. Mr. Campbell was succeeded in St. John's by Rev. John Cruickshank, who remained in charge until 1846, when he left for Niagara. In 1848 Rev. Thos. Haig was inducted and on leaving for another charge in 1851 was followed by Rev. J. Whyte, who remained four years. After him, in October, 1856, came Rev. Duncan Morrison, and after a pastorate of ten years he accepted a call to Owen Sound and was succeeded in St. John's by Rev. Daniel McGillivray, a native of Nova Scotia and an alumnus of Queen's, who was ordained and inducted July 16th, 1867. Mr. McGillivray remained pastor until 1880, when he was succeeded by Rev. Dr. Jardine, who was called in March, 1881, remaining until the close of 1886. The following year Rev. Alex. McGillivray was inducted pastor. Those following him were Rev. C. J. Cameron in 1891, Rev. D. Strachan in 1897, and Rev. A. G. Cameron, the present pastor. The church was destroyed by fire on Feb. 12th, 1889, and re-opened exactly one year from that day.