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## OTTAWA.

Rev. Dr. Ramsay, of Knox church, and Rev. J. W. H. Milne, of the Glebe, exchanged pulpits last Sunday morning.

Special evangelistic services will be held in Bethany church, Hintonburg, during the week beginning the 28th October. Rev. H. J. Craig and the Torrey-Alexander choir will be present.

The congregation of Merivale and Westboro, vacant by the removal of Rev. A. S. Koss to Montreal West, is calling Rev. A. S. Cameron, B.A., of Apple Hill. The call, which is very unanimous, will come before the Presbytery next Tuesday, and the people interested hope Mr. Cameron may see his way to accept.

The annual meeting of the Ottawa Presbyterian W. F. M. S. will be held in Erskine church on Tuesday and Wednesday of next week. An attractive and useful programme is being prepared. It is understood that the principal address will be given by Rev. D. Johnston, of the American Presbyterian church, Montreal. Members will be in attendance from all the congregations within the bounds of the Presbytery.

Mr. Yellowlees of Toronto, secretary of the Sabbath School Association of Toronto, will arrive in Ottawa Thursday, November 1, to organize the campaign for a house to house visitation. The movement is non-sectarian and non-denominational, and Roman Catholics and Protestants are to be invited to co-operate in the work. Representatives from the different churches will meet with Mr. Yellowlees and arrange the details of the campaign.

A Young Men's Guild has been organized in Erskine Church under the presidency of the pastor, Rev. E. A. Mitchell, with Mr. C. W. Dempster as secretary-treasurer. At the first meeting 32 young men enrolled themselves as members. Meetings will be held every Sunday afternoon; and the subject for study during the coming season will be "The Teachings of Jesus." Every month an open meeting will be held, when all the men in the congregation will be invited to attend.

The reception given by the minister and session to the members and friends of St. Paul's church, on Tuesday evening, was a gratifying success. The attendance, especially of the ladies, was very good. Dr. and Mrs. Armstrong, along with the elders and their wives, accorded the visitors a hearty welcome, and all appeared to enjoy the opportunity for social intercourse. It was pleasant to see so many of the young people of the congregation present, and evidently having a good time. The choir, under the capable leadership of Miss Bourne, favored the audience with a couple of suitable selections; Miss Chalmers gave a short recitation, and Mr. Sorly sang a Scotch song. Mrs. Bourne acted as accompanist with her usual skill. All received unstinted praise for their excellent contributions to the evening's entertainment; and words of thanks were tendered them by Dr. Armstrong in behalf of the session.

Says the Stratford Beacon: Those who heard Rev. R. G. MacBeth, of Paris, lecture in Knox church on "Our Canadian West," enjoyed a rare treat. Mr. MacBeth was born in the West and has lived the greater part of his life in that country. His personal experience and sympathy with the great West, combined with intense enthusiasm, makes him a very forcible speaker.

## TORONTO.

On Sunday morning the preacher in St. Andrew's, the Rev. Logie Macdonnell, who has just returned from a visit to Great Britain. He expects to proceed very shortly to a station in one of the western Provinces, where he will be permanently settled. Mr. Macdonnell is a son of the late Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, a former minister of St. Andrew's.

The designation of Miss Florence E. Clearihue as a missionary of the Presbyterian Women's Foreign Missionary Society to Central India took place last night in the presence of a very large congregation in St. John's church, corner of Gerrard street and Bolton avenue. Miss Clearihue expects to sail on the 1st of November from Montreal by the steamship Numidian for Glasgow, leaving by the P. and O. steamer Arabian on the 23rd, and reaching India by Christmas.

A class for Bible study has been organized at St. Andrew's Church, King street. The Rev. Dr. Eakin, professor of Biblical literature in Toronto university, has consented to take charge. The meetings are to be held each Sunday after the evening service in the lecture-room. The class opened on Sunday last with an attendance of over one hundred, when Dr. Eakin gave an introductory address upon prophecy, the subject which he proposes to deal with during the coming months. The officers in charge of the class would like it to be known that all Bible students will be made welcome.

"I am glad," said Rev. Dr. Milligan in old St. Andrew's Church last Sunday night, "that you have delayed the lifting of the mortgage on St. Andrew's until the present time. It is only those who have struggled on under the burden who can truly appreciate what it is to be in a free church. Not that I worried over it, knowing the men with whom I was associated, but the relief and the spontaneous outburst of affection which has accompanied it has touched me more deeply than I can express. After all the long years I have spent among you I have never known how deep and strong is the tie which binds us together." At both the morning and evening services the sacred edifice was crowded. Referring at greater length to the discharge of the mortgage, Dr. Milligan said: "Let us not think that because we have accomplished this we may live a life of comparative ease. There is much to do. We must remember that we are becoming a down town church."

On the 21st inst., Rev. Robert Martin preached anniversary sermons at Walton, while Rev. Andrew McNab, M.A., of Walton, took the services in Knox church, Stratford.

The reception tendered Rev. Mr. and Mrs. W. A. J. Martin at Zion church, Brantford, by the members and young people of the congregation proved to be one of the most happy and enjoyable functions ever attempted in connection with the church. During the evening, Mrs. D. J. Waterous, on behalf of the ladies of the church, presented the pastor and his bride with a very handsome silver service of four pieces. Rev. Mr. Martin made a very felicitous speech in reply, thanking every one for their kind good wishes and congratulations. Other speakers who followed were Dr. Nichol, Mr. Charles Duncan, Mr. S. M. Thomson, Rev. Mr. Maxwell, Rev. Mr. Pritchard, all of whom echoed the general congratulations.

## EASTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. Mr. Morrison of Kirkhill was assisting Rev. Mr. McLean with meetings at Gravel Hill last week.

At the recent Thanksgiving meeting of the W.F.M.S. of St. Luke's church, Finch, the contributions were the largest ever received by the Society.

The thank offering meeting of the St. John's church W.F.M.S., Almonte, will be held next Friday evening, Nov. 2nd. There will be special music, an address by Rev. Mr. Daly; and then after refreshments will be served.

Rev. Mr. Meikle, the well-known evangelist, will begin a series of special services in St. Luke's church, Finch, next Sunday, Oct. 23. On his return to Evangelistic work Rev. Mr. Meikle was immediately engaged by the Synod of Toronto and Kingston for work within the bounds during the coming year.

The Crysler Society held their annual Thank-offering service on Oct. 16. Rev. D. MacVicar, the pastor, presided. Stirring addresses were delivered by Revs. D. Stewart of Morewood, and A. G. Rondeau of Casselman. The Thank-offering collection amounted to about \$55, the largest in the history of the society.

At a recent meeting of the Avonmore congregation a motion was passed favoring the separation of Avonmore and Gravel Hill; the intention being to retain Rev. Mr. MacLean as pastor of Avonmore congregation at a salary of \$1,000 per year. A canvass of the members and adherents was made, with the result that over that amount was subscribed. The sanction of the Presbytery to the proposed separation will be asked at a meeting of that body in Vankleek Hill on Nov. 6.

The Kemptville charge is at present vacant. The congregation is in good shape. There is a commodious stone church edifice and Sunday school room, modern in every respect. A comfortable manse adjoins the church, making altogether a very complete church property. Kemptville is a thriving town on the Ottawa and Prescott branch of the C. P. R., and the place offers a desirable field for a vigorous minister to take up the work so recently resigned by Rev. John Chisholm, who has returned to his first love—the great West.

The annual thankoffering meeting of the W. F. M. S. Prescott, was held on Tuesday evening Oct. 23rd in the Presbyterian Church, the pastor, Rev. Dr. Stuart in the chair. The attendance was unusually large, and the music exceptionally good. The chief feature of the evening was a most interesting and instructive lecture by Rev. D. Strachan, of St. John's Church, Brockville, who took for his subject, "Raphael, his place in the history of art," illustrated by stereoscopic views of his best pictures. A most enjoyable social hour was spent at the close. Offering \$53.

Rev. Thomas Wilson, of Walkerton, gave his illustrated lecture on India in the Clifford church Tuesday, Oct. 30th, in connection with the Thank-offering meeting of the W.F.M.S.

The new synod of Saskatchewan, in connection with the Presbyterian church, will hold its first meeting in Knox church, Regina, on Tuesday evening, Nov. 6, at 8 o'clock. The synod includes the presbyteries of Qu'Appelle, Regina, Prince Albert, Battleford, Yorkton, Arcola and Melita. As this will be the first meeting of the synod, it is earnestly requested that all the members of the above presbyteries try, as far as possible to be present.