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## OTTAWA.

The Presbytery of Ottawa met on Tuesday 3rd July, at 10 a.m., in Mackay church, Ottawa. Rev. A. S. Ross, Moderator in the chair. There was a good attendance of members, and considerable routine business was disposed of.

Two cases were dealt with, one from Bishop's Mills and Oxford, in the Presbytery of Brockville, in favor of Rev. N. McLaren, ordained missionary at River Desert, which was supported by Rev. J. Chisholm, of Kemptonville. Mr. McLaren accepted the call and Presbytery agreed to release him from his present appointment on the 15th of July inst.

The other call was from Montreal West, in favor of Rev. A. S. Ross of Merivale, and Westboro. Rev. W. R. Crnkshank presented the call on behalf of the Presbytery of Montreal and the congregation calling, and representatives of the congregation of Merivale and Westboro were heard. The call having been placed in the hands of Mr. Ross, he intimated his acceptance of it, whereupon Presbytery agreed to his translation to take effect after the 22nd of July inst. The Rev. H. Eadie of Hintonburg was appointed interim Moderator of the session of Merivale and Westboro, and will declare the pulpits vacant on the 29th of July inst.

Standing committees were appointed, of which the following are the members: Church Life and Work, Rev. D. M. MacLeod; Sabbath Schools, Rev. E. G. Robb; Home Missions, Rev. Dr. Armstrong; French Evangelization, Rev. M. H. Scott; Statistics, Rev. R. Gamble; Examination for License and Ordination, Rev. T. A. Sadler; Students' Exercises, Rev. W. A. McIlroy; Church Property, Rev. Dr. Moore; Young People's Societies, Rev. Dr. J. Craig; Augmentation, Rev. D. M. Ramsay; Supply of Vacancies, Rev. A. E. Mitchell; Foreign Missions, Rev. J. H. Turnbull; Aged and Infirm Ministers and Widows and Orphans' Fund, Rev. Dr. W. T. Herridge; Evangelistic Services, Rev. D. J. Craig; Systematic Benevolence, Rev. J. W. H. Milne.

The Rev. A. S. Ross resigned the Moderatorship of Presbytery owing to his approaching removal from the pulpit. His resignation was accepted, and Rev. A. E. Mitchell was appointed Moderator for the remainder of the term. The commissioners to the General Assembly who were present reported diligence and gave interesting accounts of the meeting.

The ladies of Mackay Church provided an excellent dinner for the members of Presbytery, which was much appreciated, and a very pleasant noon interval was spent in speechmaking and social intercourse.

The next regular meeting will be held in Bank Street Church, Ottawa, on the first Tuesday in September, and the evening sederunt will be devoted to a conference on Young People's Societies.

The July Communion was held in Stewarton Presbyterian church last Sabbath evening. There was a large attendance. Forty-four additions were made to the church membership—30 by profession of faith and 14 by certificate from other churches. A number of those who joined by profession of faith were converts from the Torrey-Alexander revival services.

At Hamilton Presbytery Rev. J. H. Ratcliffe reported the augmentation committee had paid claims for the half year ending April 1, at the rate of \$800 a year, and Rev. Mr. Mitchell reported that under the guidance of Messrs. Dey and Howard, the congregations of Blackheath and East Seneca, had become self-sustaining.

## WESTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. James Gourlay, of Dunnville has been elected moderator of Hamilton Presbytery.

Rev. W. J. Dey, M.A., Simcoe, has been appointed interim moderator of the town, vacant through the resignation of Rev. A. E. Armstrong, and to declare the pulpit vacant on 15th July.

At the meeting of Hamilton Presbytery the other day Dr. Lyle called attention to the destruction of the Central church by fire, and said that the congregation had not yet decided whether to rebuild on the old site or choose a new one. In the latter event neighboring congregations would be notified.

At the Presbytery of London the resignation of Rev. J. H. Courtenay of Port Stanley was considered. Notwithstanding the Presbytery's unanimous request that Mr. Courtenay withdraw his resignation, the reverend gentleman adhered to his determination, and his withdrawal was sanctioned, to take effect immediately.

Rev. M. W. Mackay of Toronto is likely to supply Port Stanley for the summer.

At London Presbytery a request from Chalmers church, London, for power to mortgage their property to the extent of \$3,000 was granted. A call was presented to Rev. James Argo, B.A., of Duart, from Lobo and North Caradoc, and its acceptance was very strongly urged. Dr. McCrae and Mr. Currie were appointed as the Presbytery representatives on the Executive of the Young People's Presbyterian Society. Mr. J. H. Woods, B.A., of Queen's College, was examined and licensed to preach.

The corner stone of the new Presbyterian church at Fingal was laid with simple but imposing ceremonies. The prayer was offered by Dr. McCrae, of Westminster, and the stone was laid by the oldest elder in the congregation, Mr. Barbour, who was presented with a silver trowel. Afterwards the large gathering was addressed by Rev. H. W. Reede, of St. Thomas, Dr. McCrae, and Rev. Messrs. Malcolm, Dutton; Lawrence, Cowal; Mann, West Lorne, and others. Rev. Mr. McDermid, the pastor, and his people are to be congratulated on the success of the occasion. The church will be a beautiful and commodious structure.

## HAMILTON.

Rev. Mr. Sutherland, of Detroit, preached in MacNab Street Church at both services on Sabbath last, the 8th inst.

A call from Binbrook and Saltfleet has been extended to Rev. S. H. Sarkissian, at present assistant to Rev. Dr. Neil of Westminster Church, Toronto.

Rev. J. M. MacDonald, B.A., who is to supply for Rev. D. R. Drummond of St. Paul's during July and August, preached to an appreciative people on Sunday.

Rev. Dr. Felling, who is supplying for Rev. Mr. Russell of Erskine Church, took for his last Sunday's subjects—"The Place of Protestantism in the World," and "Women's Wonderful Work in the World."

Rev. Geo. H. Woodside, of Carleton Place, preached in Knox Church on Sunday. Rev. E. A. Henry, of Regina, formerly pastor of Knox Church, Hamilton, is coming east for his vacation and will preach in his old charge on Sunday, July 29th.

The Presbyterian ministers of Hamilton cordially welcome to their city the four new Methodist pastors who have recently commenced work here—Rev. R. Whiting of Centenary Church, Rev. Dr. Williamson of Emerald St. Church, Rev. T. W. Hollinrake of Zion Tabernacle, and Rev. R. H. Bell of Hannah Street Church.

## EASTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. James McElroy, who had spent six years at Hickson and seventeen years at Poland, died from paralysis at Kingsdon on 4th inst. He was a native of Londonderry, Ireland, and is survived by a widow, three sons and four daughters.

Last Sunday afternoon a severe thunderstorm passed over Beaverton and Knox Church steeple was struck by lightning and badly shattered. There was no fire. The current passed down the outside of the church to the ground. The damage is estimated at about \$1,000, and is fully covered by insurance.

On July 17th, Dr. Reid, M.P., laid the luxurious accommodation of our hertth corner stone of the new church at Bishop's Mills, in the presence of an immense throng. He was greeted with a silver trowel. Rev. Mr. McLean of Desert River is the choice of the Presbyterians of Bishop's Mills and East Oxford for their pastor. It is thought he will accept.

The social on the lawn at Sea Breeze Cottage, South Lancaster, given by the children of the Mission Band of Knox Church, on July 2, was quite a success. Light refreshments were served from 4 o'clock on, and during the evening a programme of patriotic songs, by the children, was pleasingly rendered. A feature of the twilight hour was the presentation of a silver fern dish by the members of the Mission Band, to Mrs. (Rev.) J. U. Tanner. Miss Lillian Stewart read the address, while Miss Catherine Cameron presented the gift. Rev. J. U. Tanner responded very fittingly on behalf of the "lady of the Manse."

The Presbytery of Sarnia met in the schoolroom of St. Andrew's Church, Sarnia, at 11 o'clock. Rev. John Bailey, M.A., of Arkona, moderator, was in the chair. Rev. H. Currie, B.A., of Thedford, officiated as clerk. A call was presented from the congregation of North and South Nissouri, in the Presbytery of Stratford, in favor of Rev. A. E. Hannabson, B.A., of Arkona and West Adelaide. Mr. Hannabson declared his acceptance of the call, and it was decided to release him from his present charge after July 15. After other business, including the appointment of standing committees for the ensuing twelve months, the presbytery adjourned to meet on the 11th of September.

## GLENGARRY PRESBYTERY.

The presbytery met in Maxville on July 3. The Rev. J. Simeone was appointed moderator, and in his absence the Rev. A. Govan took the chair. The Presbytery for some years past has experienced considerable difficulty in satisfactorily arranging the preaching appointments in the west side of its territory. A request was presented from the Presbytery of Brockville asking to have the Pleasant Valley appointment joined to the Dunbar and Colquhoun charge. The request was agreed to, and it is hoped that it may prove satisfactory to the Valley congregation. Woodlands, Farran's Point and Aultsville will then remain under one charge. A request was presented from Farran's Point asking to be constituted into a distinct congregation. It is now simply a part of Woodlands' congregation. The Presbytery decided to delay the consideration of the matter until the case of the Valley and Brockville stations was fully settled. Prospects for settlements in St. Elmo and Martintown are progressing favorably. The commissioners to the Assembly in London gave stirring reports of the meeting. It was agreed that the next regular meeting of Presbytery will be held in Vankleek Hill on the second Tuesday in November. The meeting was closed with prayer by the moderator.