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The annual thanksgiving meeting of St. Andrew's Auxiliary W. F. M. S., Winnipeg, took place on Tuesday afternoon, Oct. 17th. Seventy ladies were present. The president, Mrs. Hogg, gave a short spirited address touching on comparative religions and their relation to women. Mrs. Watt, the presbyterial president, whose presence was a source of gratitude to all, spoke earnestly on the cause for thanksgiving, noting especially the growth of missionary work in lands beyond the seas, and the evidence of the divine blessing upon the society throughout the Dominion. Miss Bruce, presbyterial vice-president, spoke a few minutes on the responsibility and privilege of being engaged in so great a work. Thank-offerings and thanksgiving texts were an important part of the programme. Fifteen new members were added.

The following are the conclusions of the Rev. Dr. McKay, of Woodstock, upon prohibition and high license, formed from observations made during a visit to the Fair at Chicago: "First, high license does not restrict. In Chicago they have a \$500 license, and yet there are no less than 7,000 licensed places, besides, perhaps as many unlicensed. The amount of drinking is enormous. Second, prohibition does prohibit. On the Fair ground no spirituous liquors are sold and a case of drunkenness is seldom or never seen. These grounds average a population of 300,000 daily, and a more good-natured, orderly crowd you never saw. Why? Because, it is a great prohibition city. Thirdly, I have learned in Chicago that the hotel business can be carried on well without the sale of liquor. In three-fourths of the hotels in Chicago no liquor is sold; the same with the restaurants—no liquor there. Yet they do a flourishing business. Why should liquor be a necessary adjunct to a good dinner or a good bed? Let us push the plebiscite and in less than five years our people will have an ocular demonstration how well we can get along without whiskey."

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**Ministers and Churches.**

Rev. M. McKenzie, Presbyterian minister at Eganville, has resigned, and will remove to the Pacific coast.

The ladies of Knox church, Cannington, intend holding a Thanksgiving social on November 23rd, Thanksgiving day.

Messrs. Slater, Hilborne, Darrow and Geddes were ordained as elders, on Sabbath, 12th inst., in the Presbyterian church, Tilsonburg.

The Sabbath School Association of Ontario appointed Rev. J. McEwan, Lakefield, as permanent normal teacher, at a salary of \$1,000 a year.

Rev. R. W. Ross, M.A., of the School of Practical Science, Toronto, preached in the Presbyterian church, Port Stanley, on Sabbath, the 12th inst.

The Presbyterian manse grounds at Cannington are being improved by gravelling. The new furnaces have been put in position and are now ready for use.

A mass meeting was held in Woodstock, on Thursday, the 18th inst., to protest against the Canadian Chinese poll tax. Rev. Dr. Mackay, from Formosa, spoke.

Lady Marjorie Gordon, Hon. Archie Gordon and Miss Westerman paid a visit on Saturday afternoon to the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Crombie, the Manse, Cote des Neiges.

The Rev. G. D. Bayne came down from Mattawa on Monday morning, bringing a fine deer and a number of partridge, which he shot while on a short hunt during his missionary tour.

Rev. John Somerville, M.A., of Owen Sound, a former head master of the Collegiate Institute, preached at both services in Knox church, St. Thomas, on Sunday, the 12th inst.

The anniversary services of the Central Presbyterian church, Galt, were held on Sunday, Oct. 31st. Rev. J. Cumming Smith, eldest son of Rev. Dr. Smith, formerly of Galt, officiating.

The First Presbyterian Church, Chatham, was crowded on both occasions, on a recent Sunday, to hear Rev. W. J. Clark, of London, who preached two impressive and eloquent sermons.

Rev. A. H. Kippman occupied the pulpit of Mill street church, Port Hope, on Sabbath, 12th inst., and preached two excellent sermons. Unusually large congregations were present at both services.

The last annual report of Queen's College showed an accumulated deficit of revenue for the past six years of about \$12,000. John MacLennan, Lancaster, has sent a donation of \$200 to assist in paying this debt.

The Presbyterian church at Stirling is nearing completion. The dedication will take place on Sunday, Nov. 26th. The Rev. Dr. Grant, of Kingston, will preach in the morning, and the Rev. T. W. Joliffe in the afternoon.

At a meeting of the Ladies' Aid Society of the Presbyterian church, Lumsden, on Saturday, Oct. 29th, it was decided to hold an entertainment in the church on the Wednesday before Christmas day, December 20th.

On a recent Sunday a fine gathering of Highlanders assembled in the Presbyterian church, Priceville, to commemorate the Lord's Supper in the good old-fashioned way. The pastor, Rev. D. McLeod, preached a good Gaelic sermon for the occasion.

The Rev. H. W. Fraser, of Manitoba, preached in the Wingham Presbyterian church, on Sunday last. He will also conduct the services on Sunday next. Mr. Fraser spent three years as a missionary in China, and only returned on account of his health.

Rev. D. C. Johnston, who has been residing in Beaverton during the summer, leaves this month for London, Ont. The rev. gentleman will leave many friends both in his own and other congregations. His sterling qualities tell wherever he chances to cast his lot.

On the evening of the 9th inst., a very pleasant event took place at Knox church, Portage la Prairie. A very large gathering attended the weekly prayer meeting. At the close of the meeting the Treasurer of the church, W. W. Miller, addressing the pastor, said that he had a pleasing duty to perform on behalf of the church, Session and friends, and in a few well chosen remarks, addressed the pastor and handed him an envelope filled with money, stating that his friends wished to defray his expenses while he went to the World's Fair, and to show their esteem of their beloved pastor. Mr. Wright made a feeling reply in accepting the kind token of esteem.

The resignation of Courtwright and Sombra by Mr. Beamer was accepted, to take effect immediately. Mr. Beamer goes to Marine City, Mich.

On his leaving Nelson for Nanaimo, on the 18th ult., Rev. Thos. H. Rogers, the first Presbyterian missionary located in South Kootenay, was presented with a purse of money as a mark of esteem from the community.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, of Erskine church, Ottawa, held a largely attended meeting on the 7th inst., at which Mrs. Dr. Thorburn read a most interesting paper on mission work in the New Hebrides.

The Rev. W. J. Dey, M. A., of St. Paul's church, Simcoe, after five months' absence from his pulpit through sickness, returned to work on Sabbath, Nov. 12th, looking more robust than ever, and preached with all his former clearness and enthusiasm.

We are glad to announce that the Rev. Mr. Urquhart, of Brandon, was able to occupy his pulpit in the Presbyterian church again, on Sabbath last, after his recent illness. We also take pleasure in noticing the improvement in the musical service of the church lately.

At Cannington a bee was held for the purpose of gravelling the sheds at the Presbyterian church and the rear portion of the manse grounds. About 27 loads of gravel were laid down. The new furnace is in position in the church, but the improvements are not all completed yet.

The W.C.T.U. workers of Aylmer have secured the services of Rev. W. A. McKay, B. A., D. D., of Woodstock, who will make an appeal to the electors of this locality, on the present crisis in temperance work. Dr. McKay is considered a silver-tongued orator, and an ardent advocate of local prohibition.

Rev. Mr. Geddes was inducted, Friday, the 10th inst., into the pastoral charge of Haynes avenue and St. David's Presbyterian churches by the Presbytery of Hamilton. There was a full attendance of the ministers of the neighborhood, and of members of the congregations specially interested.

Evangelists Crossley and Hunter have gone to Brooklyn, N. Y., to hold meetings for a few weeks. Their recent work in Brampton was taken part in by all the ministers, the Church of England clergyman being one of the most enthusiastic. On the afternoon of the last day all the places of business were closed.

Chalmers church, Guelph, has chosen the following elders, who will fill the places of those who in recent years, through death or other causes, have been removed from the church:—W. J. Dobbie, A. Hill, Jas. Grant, W. McKenzie, Dr. Wardrope, W. McCrea, J. Watt, W. Tytler, David Young, George Watson, and James Lennie.

At a full meeting of the congregation of St. Andrew's church, Belleville, an influential committee was appointed to meet the Kingston Presbytery on Tuesday next, to consider the proposed resignation of the pastor, Rev. M. W. Maclean. The congregation will not listen to his resignation, but will give him an extended leave of absence.

The services in the First Presbyterian church, Port Hope, on the 12th inst., were conducted by the Rev. J. Cumming Smith, of San Francisco, California, son of the pastor of the church, Rev. Dr. Smith. It is just a year since Dr. Smith became the pastor of the First Presbyterian church, and the services held were in commemoration of the event.

Rev. Allan Findlay, superintendent of the Presbyterian missions in Algoma and the Parry Sound district, paid a short visit lately to his old friend, Rev. Mr. Mitchell, of Thorold. He gave an interesting account of his work at the prayer meeting in the evening. During the 18 years that the missions there have been under his care they have grown from 16 to upwards of 200.

Mr. Alexander Harvie, who died on October 19th, at the age of 69 years, was one of the pioneers of South Orillia, coming to the district, when a lad, with his parents. His family consisted of eight children, five sons and three daughters. Rev. R. N. Grant, D. D., and Rev. J. Gray, D. D., conducted the burial services. The funeral was very largely attended. He was a man of sterling qualities, and respected by all who knew him.

It is rumored that Rev. J. McNeill, pastor of the Uptergrove Presbyterian congregation, will resign at the close of the year, the reason being that the strain of preaching both Gaelic and English every Sabbath is too great. Mr. McNeill has been very successful in his ministry; and the Gaelic-speaking people would do well to relieve their minister by foregoing a part of his service rather than lose him altogether.

Rev. Donald McKenzie, B. A., was inducted into the pastorate of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, Orangeville, on the 14th inst. In the evening a reception was given Mr. McKenzie, of which he might well feel proud. The Methodist and Baptist ministers of the town welcomed him on behalf of their respective congregations, and Rev. D. C. Hosack, now of Parkdale, the former pastor there, delivered an address in his usual eloquent manner.

Rev. Mr. Sinclair, Spencerville, preached his inaugural sermon on Sunday, October 31st, and won more friends than ever and increased the love of his former friends by it. He stated as clearly as possible the lines he would follow, and thus people cannot accuse him of deception afterwards, if he does not agree with them fully. He proved himself to be a citizen as well as a minister, and that is the sort of man we need in these times.

Rev. J. C. Smith, B. D., pastor of St. Andrew's church, Guelph, after an absence of some six weeks in Victoria, B. C., preached two very acceptable sermons to his congregation lately, who were glad to welcome him home again. At the close of the sermon in the morning he made touching reference to the sudden death of Mr. David Kennedy, whose loss would be greatly felt by the session, the congregation, the citizens at large and more especially the family.

The Young People's Association, of Knox church, Cornwall, opened their annual series of entertainments with a conversation in the church parlours, on Tuesday evening, 7th inst. There was a large attendance. The President, Mr. J. P. Watson, occupied the chair. A good programme, consisting of addresses by the pastor and others, music and readings, was rendered. A large number of new members were enrolled. The meeting closed with the Joxology.

The new Presbyterian church, Gladstone, Man., which is second to few churches in the provincial towns, was formerly opened on Sunday, November 12th. The building is a neat brick structure, costing over \$4,000. The services on Sunday were conducted by the Rev. Dr. King, and Rev. Mr. Lozeland. On Monday evening a social tea-meeting was held, at which, besides addresses by several gentlemen, a choice programme of vocal and instrumental music was provided.

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed in the Presbyterian church, Orillia, on Sunday morning, Rev. R. N. Grant, D. D., occupying the pulpit and taking for his theme in the various parts of the service Heb. ix. 24: "Christ who is entered into Heaven." About 350 communicants were seated at the table, and the service was a most impressive one. Twelve elders were seated on the platform, only three being absent. Rev. Dr. Gray and Rev. George Grant, B. A., assisted at the service.

The Robertson Memorial church, erected to the memory of the late Rev. Angus Robertson, was dedicated on Oct. 29th, by the Rev. R. A. Munro, who preached from Haggai ii. 9. The audi-

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