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OTTAWA.

Rev. Dr. Armstrong and Rev. Dr. Ramsay exchanged last Sunday morning; and both congregations profited by hearing the old truths presented by a new voice.

Next Sunday evening in St. Paul's church, Rev. Dr. Armstrong will deal with the subject: "What can Ministers of the Gospel do to Promote a Revival?"

Rev. Wm. McIntosh, pastor of the First Congregational church, who has been confined to bed for some time, is up again, but will not be able to leave the house for some days yet. Mr. McIntosh had many sympathetic enquiries made about him during his illness.

Erskine Church Young People's Society gave their third annual concert on Tuesday evening, and it proved quite successful. The society have during the winter provided a series of entertainment at the hospitals of the city, and purpose developing the work of this kind still further in the future.

Rev. A. A. Cameron, preaching on the greatest sin, said:

"Profanity grows amongst us. Men and women swear in Ottawa. But no gentleman nor gentlewoman swears. Fathers and mothers, sisters and brothers swear, but this is not our greatest sin. Their greatest national sin is their attitude towards the Saviour. What is the attitude of the nation? When was the Lord Jesus Christ invited to Rideau Hall or when was He consulted about the class of schools to be established in the Dominion of Canada? The nation is responsible for its attitude towards God. Fashion or pleasure seeking is not the greatest sin in society. It is unbelief in God."

Many of the Chinese laundries and restaurants were short-handed Monday night, when the annual entertainment of the Chinese class in Knox church was held. It was a very successful and enjoyable event both for the Celestials and for the teachers and friends. Rev. Dr. Ramsay was chairman, and associated with him was Mr. J. H. Macleod, the founder of the class, who had done so much to lift up the moral tone of the Ottawa Chinese colony. Previous to the program, games were indulged in and a social hour was spent. The ladies served an excellent supper, which was enjoyed to the full. The entire Chinese class united in the singing of a number of hymns, under the leadership of Miss I. Kennedy, and admirably well. Recitations and addresses in English were given by Tom Wing Yu, Hong Dean, Hum Haw and Hum Quon. They all expressed pleasure at the entertainment and appreciation of the work done by the Sunday teachers. Mr. Macleod came in for a special share of praise from his Chinese friends, by whom he is greatly beloved. Hum Quon also gave an address in Chinese. A hymn was well sung by Hum Yum. There are now over thirty pupils in Knox church Chinese class and under the intelligent direction of Mr. Macleod they are making great progress. In addition to the numbers from the Chinese, the program included: Song, Mr. Kenneth White; recitation, Miss M. Dooley; Little Miss Vivian Leslie, Master Vere Leslie and Master James Adamson; vocal duet, Miss Pearl Powers and Miss Grace Scott; vocal solo, Miss Scott. All were exceedingly well rendered. Miss Gertrude MacKay was accompanist. During the evening books, purses, etc., were presented to the Chinese as rewards for faithful attendance at the classes.

On his semi-jubilee Rev. M.P. Johnstone, of the Middle U.F. Church, Greenock, was presented with pulpit robes and a purse of sovereigns.

WESTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. Dr. Ross, of St. Andrew's church, London, occupied the pulpit in Knox church, Embro, last Sunday.

The Rev. Dr. McCrae, of Westminster, occupied the pulpit of Knox church, South London, at both services.

Rev. J. C. Wilson, B.A., and Rev. A. Blair, B.A., Nasagaweya, exchanged pulpits on Sunday. Rev. Mr. Blair's able discourses were much enjoyed by large congregations.

Rev. Dr. A. B. Meldrum, Cleveland, preached the sixty-first anniversary sermons in Knox church, Hamilton, last Sunday. Rev. James Little, assistant pastor, of Central church, preached farewell sermons. He is going to the church in Brampton.

Anniversary services will be held in the Presbyterian church next Sunday and Monday. Rev. W. R. McIntosh, B. D., of Elora, will preach on Sunday morning and evening. On Monday evening Rev. R. E. Knowles, of Galt, will deliver his celebrated lecture, "Abraham Lincoln."—Rockwood.

Mr. Walter Nichol, M. A., the newly appointed assistant of Knox church, Woodstock, was tendered a hearty reception in the lecture room of the church a few evenings ago. Refreshments were served and Mr. Nichol had a pleasant introduction, especially to the younger members of the congregation.

Rev. Samuel F. Sharp, B. A., a graduate of Auburn Seminary, and now of Tottenham, Ont., received the degree of Bachelor of Divinity at Knox College convocation. Mr. Sharp was formerly pastor of Grace Presbyterian church, Rochester, N. Y., but has been received by the Presbytery of Toronto and proposes to take up work in Canada. Mr. Sharp was born at St. Mary's, Ont.

At Knox church on Sunday morning, the Rev. James Fleck preached an earnest and convincing sermon from the text, "O Lord, revive thy work." Habakuk iii, 2. Lord, revive thy work." He pointed out the justification that Christians had for looking for a revival. He believed that Canada was about to share in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit that had so abundantly blessed Wales, and urged his hearers to pray for such a revival.

The Royce Avenue Mission, corner Royce Avenue and Perth Avenue, Toronto, has completed its first year of history. The anniversary services on Sabbath last were largely attended. Rev. Prof. McLaren, D. D., preached in the morning, and Rev. Dr. Pidgeon, of Toronto Junction, in the evening. Rev. Alex. McGillivray, of Bonar church, addressed the Sabbath school in the afternoon. The school has grown from 34 at its organization a year ago to 140. A fine site has been secured on Royce Avenue, on which a building will soon be erected. Mr. James Reid, a graduate of Knox College, in charge.

The pulpit of the Thamesford church was occupied on Sunday morning and evening by Rev. D. McKay, of Toronto, financial secretary, who preached two eloquent missionary sermons. In the morning, he gave a vivid description of the various foreign missions and pointed out the great progress that has been made during the past century. He said he believed within the next century the entire world would come within the influence of the gospel. In the evening he spoke of the duty of Christian people to the unconverted and to the heathen. He made a strong appeal to the congregation to give greater assistance to foreign missions and secured a generous response, about \$300 being subscribed. Large congregations were present.

MONTREAL NEWS.

Communion Sunday is always a day of unusual interest in the Point-aux-Trembles schools. At the recent service, Rev. Mr. Bruneau preached, and, assisted by Rev. Mr. Brandt, dispensed the Communion. There was a large attendance, some 75 sitting at the Lord's table. Fourteen young students were received into fellowship with the Church, making a total of thirty-two for the session. At the close of the service Rev. E. Scott and Rev. W. Shearer addressed a few words in English. Dr. F. W. Kelley conducted service in the afternoon and reports that the Communion service witnessed in the morning was one of deep earnestness and solemnity. The session will close on Good Friday and as usual the public will doubtless be present in large numbers.

The inauguration meeting of the Knox Church Young Men was held last week in the parlors of the church, when about thirty-five young men sat down to a banquet. The pastor, Rev. James Fleck, in a few well chosen words, called upon the president, Mr. J. C. Kennedy, to occupy the chair, who outlined the object of the meeting, emphasizing strongly the need for young men to carry on the work of the church. Mr. Walter Paul, the superintendent of the Sunday school, spoke of the young men from a moral and religious standpoint. Those present then engaged in the different games, ending up with a very excellent programme. The following are the officers of Knox Young men: Rev. James Fleck, hon. president; John C. Kennedy, president; Wm. C. Allan, vice-president; D. J. McGillivray, secretary; J. H. McKenzie, treasurer; committee, J. N. McCuaig, J. N. A. Rice, H. K. Miller, and G. Schouler.

A meeting called by the Protestant Ministerial Association of Montreal, and which it is confidently expected will prove to be the beginning of a great religious revival in this city, was held on Saturday afternoon at the American Presbyterian Church. The lecture room was crowded almost to the doors, and among those present were the heads of the Presbyterian, Anglican, Baptist, Congregational and Methodist Churches. Rev. Dr. Symonds, Christ Church Cathedral, presided. Proceedings were in every respect informal, and were in fact along the lines of an old-fashioned revival, except perhaps in a more subdued way. Dr. Symonds in opening said that they had met in response to the feeling that a period of reawakening the Christian spirit was at hand, and it should be their purpose to earnestly pray that the Holy Spirit might descend. Prayer therefore from any one who felt so inclined became the order, but there was also a form of song service that was both fervid and unanimous. The service throughout was touching in its simplicity. Rev. J. L. Gilmour explained at the close that there was no concerted movement for a revival all over Canada, but it was hoped that the spirit that had prompted the gathering would spread throughout the Dominion, and that revival would be witnessed here, such as had recently been experienced in Wales.

A similar meeting will be held next Saturday.

Dr. Andrew Murray is translating S. D. Gordon's "Quiet Talks on Power," into Dutch, intending to give away 3,000 copies to the numbers of the Dutch Bible Prayer Union.

Grosvenor Square Presbyterian Church, Manchester, reports a membership of 570.