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OTTAWA.

Mr. Thompson, of the Montreal Presbyterian College, was the preacher in St. Paul's Church on Sunday. It is expected that at an early date this congregation will secure a successor to Dr. Armstrong.

The installation service in connection with the induction of Rev. Dr. Armstrong, late of St. Paul's, into the Presidency of the Ottawa Ladies' College, will be held in the Sabbath School Hall of St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa on the evening of Nov. 1st, at 8 o'clock. Rev. Dr. Herridge is to give the address of the evening. All the Presbyteries of the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa will send representatives. Rev. N. H. McGillivray, of St. John's, Cornwall, will represent the Presbytery of Glengarry and conveying greetings.

At the morning service in the Glebe Church, Rev. Mr. Milne, pastor, preached from the text Happy is the People Whose God is the Lord. He dwelt on the material resources of Canada, of its abundant harvests and its general prosperity. He referred to the great influx of immigration, and said that while this latter was a cause for a rejoicing it was also a cause for care. The many thousands of people coming here from other lands whose customs and ideals were so different from those of the people of this country was a thing which needed great thought. There should be great efforts put forth to instruct them into the ways of this country and of Christianity.

On Sunday evening Rev. Dr. Herridge preached an eloquent Thanksgiving sermon in St. Andrew's Church to a large congregation which included Earl Grey and party from Government House. In the course of his sermon Dr. Herridge said it could be nothing short of a catastrophe if the rampant military spirit of Europe was allowed to become fastened upon this continent. No country better holds the golden mean between thralldom and lawlessness than Canada. Referring to the French Catholic Canadians, and English speaking Protestant Canadians he said that no one but a bigot will regret the enrichment given to Canadian annals by two great races and two great forms of Christianity.

Obedience to God's will is the condition of a Nation's True Greatness, was the subject of Rev. Dr. Ramsay's Thanksgiving service in Knox church on Sunday. "The forces," he said, "that give virility to a people are not so much material as spiritual. Today we are supposed to give thanks to God for the success of this season's labor, and with larger crops than ever before in the West, as well as great prosperity in every part, we have reason to be thankful. But the discoveries which have proven that Canada is more than a few acres of snow have upset our judgment of the relative values. It is not the man of lofty character, but rather the millionaire that is idolized. We have gone far in the belief that luxury assures happiness but this text tells us that it is the seeds of a nation's death."

On Oct. 11 the congregation of Avonmore met for the purpose of making choice of a pastor. Rev. W. D. Bell, moderator pro tem, wrote the names of the candidates on a blackboard, 12 in all. A vote was taken and the result was that Rev. G. D. McPhee, B.A., of Belfast, P.E.I., was the choice of the congregation by a large majority. This choice was made unanimously by a standing vote. The stipend is \$1,000, payable monthly, and four weeks' vacation.

EASTERN ONTARIO.

Mrs. Rev. Keith, of Prescott, who has been seriously ill for over a month with typhoid fever, has been pronounced out of danger, and though still very ill is on the road to recovery.

Rev. A. G. Cameron and wife of Brockville, spent a brief holiday at Fitzroy Harbor, renewing acquaintance and taking a needed rest. Mr. Cameron conducted the Presbyterian church service last Sunday night.

The re-opening services of St. Andrew's Church, Appleton, were conducted by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Henderson, and proved most successful. On Monday evening a social was held at which an attractive program was presented. The proceeds amounted to over \$60.00.

The Brockville Presbyterian Union of the Young People's Guilds will hold its annual convention in St. Paul's Church, Winchester, on Monday evening, November 1st, and all day Tuesday. The principal speakers who will be heard at the sessions are Rev. Dr. MacGillivray, Toronto, and Rev. A. E. Mitchell, Hamilton.

Rev. Wm. Mackenzie, of Douglas, and Rev. Dobbin, of Braeside, exchanged pulpits on a recent Sunday. Mr. Mackenzie, as representing the Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew, urged on the congregation of Braeside, Dewars and Sand Point an increase in their givings that the Augmentation Fund may be relieved to the extent of its grant in support of ordinances at the places above mentioned.

The W.F.M.S. of the Spencerville Presbyterian Church held its annual Thankoffering meeting in the church on Thanksgiving evening. A short musical program was rendered by the choir, with duets by Mrs. and Mr. Chas. Small, and Messrs. Small and McGuire. Rev. Mr. Keith, of Prescott, was the speaker of the evening, and his address on "The Privilege of Giving" was listened to with great pleasure by all present. After the program the ladies of the auxiliary served refreshments, and a social hour was spent. The offering amounted to \$36.68.

Reference was made last week to the anniversary services conducted at Gravel Hill, by Rev. Principal Scrimger. On Monday following a Harvest Home supper and entertainment were held. The supper was served in the Orange Hall at 6.30 p.m. Afterwards the entertainment was held in the church, the chair being occupied by Rev. Mr. Drysdale, who after a few remarks, called on Rev. Mr. Bell of Finch to address the large audience. Everyone enjoyed his bright and helpful talk. This was followed by a musical program which was greatly appreciated. A very enjoyable evening was brought to a close by singing the National Anthem.

The annual thank offering meetings of the W. F. M. S. of the two churches at Smith's Falls were held on Thursday afternoon, and they were of special interest, as it was the 25th anniversary of the organization of the W. F. M. S. in Smith's Falls. In St. Andrew's church most interesting reminiscences of the work of the society during the past twenty-five years were given by Miss Margaret Campbell, the secretary. An inspiring address was given by the pastor's wife, Mrs. D. N. Coburn, and the offering amounted to \$100. In St. Paul's church the story of the work accomplished in the past twenty-five years was told by Mrs. (Senator) Frost, who was one of the charter members, and a collection amounting to \$63 was taken.

WESTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. E. Leslie Pidgeon, of Knox Church, St. Thomas, conducted anniversary services at Bethel Church, Proof Line, last Sunday.

Rev. W. G. Wilson, M.A., of St. Andrews, Guelph, will not accept the call to Old St. Andrew's, Toronto, as assistant and successor to Dr. Milligan.

Rev. Dr. Wallis, of Caledonia, is called to the Drummond Hill charge, vacant through the recent resignation of Rev. F. C. Harper.

Rev. Dr. McCrae, of Westminster, conducted anniversary services in St. Paul's church, Sarnia, last Sunday. Rev. J. R. Hall, of St. Paul's taking the services at Westminster.

Rev. Dr. Ross, of London, conducted anniversary services—the twentieth in the history of the congregation and the seventeenth of the induction of their pastor, Rev. John Currie,—at Belmont last Sunday.

The Komoka Church, after a thorough renovation, was re-opened last Sunday. Rev. Dr. Nixon preaching in the morning and Rev. Thomas Mitchell, of new St. James Church, London, conducting the evening services.

There has been organized at Pefferlaw an auxiliary of the W. F. M. Society with a membership of sixteen. It will be known as Cooke's. The following officers were elected:—Hon. President, Mrs. (Rev.) Overend, Sutton; President, Mrs. John Evans; Vice-president, Miss C. Armstrong; Organist, Mrs. Wm. Graham; Secretary, Mrs. Boyd Weir.

The mission church sometime ago started by Knox Church, Hamilton, has now become self-sustaining and a movement is on foot for the organization of an independent congregation which shall be aided financially and otherwise by Knox as may be found necessary. Hamilton Presbytery will be asked to take action in this direction at its meeting on first Tuesday in December.

Rev. E. A. Mitchell, of Knox church, Hamilton, in the course of an instructive sermon, made the following pointed reference to the crying vice of the age: Gambling destroys self-respect; develops meanness, ministers to selfishness, destroys industry, take away reverence for God, destroys respect of days, law and home, and is opposed to the spirit of Jesus Christ, good society and good morals.

Rev. George A. Wilson, of Vancouver, superintendent of missions for British Columbia and the Yukon, has been visiting London and neighborhood. He makes a strong appeal for men and money for the work on the Pacific coast. Mr. R. Elliott has offered his services as a lay catechist for home missions in British Columbia for six months in response to Mr. Wilson's appeal.

The Methodists of Camden East, will worship in the Presbyterian Church while the interior of their own is being renovated.

Says the Montreal Witness:—A pretty house wedding took place at Howick when Miss C. A. MacKercher, only daughter of the late Rev. C. M. MacKercher, was united in marriage to the Rev. W. E. Wallace, of Cornwall, Ont. The Rev. R. L. Ballantyne performed the ceremony and Mrs. W. Latimer presided at the piano. Among the many beautiful gifts to the bride were a silver tea service from the Women's Missionary Society of the congregation, and a handsome travelling bag from the Sunday-school. Mr. and Mrs. Wallace left for Montreal on the afternoon train, a host of friends seeing them off.