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Ministers and Churches.

Dr. Caven will lecture on the Higher Criticism at the Knox College Conference which begins January 30th.

Mr. Urquhart, Presbyterian minister, has transferred his residence from Pipestone to Roslin, and is now teaching during the week.

At the meeting of the Evangelical Alliance at Toronto on Thursday evening the 11th inst., Hon. S. H. Blake was elected president for next year.

A branch of the Young People's Home Mission Society, in connection with the New Glasgow Presbyterian church, was formed lately by Rev. Thos. Wilson, of Dutton, last week.

The Rev. Dr. Barclay, of St. Paul's, conducted the inauguration services on Sunday morning, 14th inst., at the private chapel recently completed by His Excellency the Earl of Aberdeen, at Rideau Hall.

Last week the Board of Managers of the Presbyterian Church, Nanawee, materially reduced the indebtedness on the church, by paying \$500 principal and \$75 interest on the debt. This leaves but \$1,000 remaining.

R. G. Barnwell, Chas. May, Wm. Bailey, Thos. Smith, John McLean, Alex. Campbell, Thos. Anderson, Arch. McDonald, H. H. Lang and Geo. Stockdale, were recently ordained as elders in St. Andrew's Church, Winnipeg.

Rev. Dr. Barclay, the well known preacher of Montreal, occupied the pulpit at St. Andrew's church, Ottawa, at the forenoon service on the 14th inst. In the evening Rev. W. T. Herridge, B.D., preached an earnest sermon on the Individual, his Rights and Responsibilities.

Rev. Dr. Moore not being well, Rev. Mr. Herridge preached in Bank Street Presbyterian Church, Ottawa, on Sabbath morning, 14th inst. The Rev. Dr. Barclay, of Montreal, occupied the pulpit in St. Andrew's Church in the morning. Rev. Dr. Moore was well enough to conduct service in Bank Street Church in the evening.

The anniversary of Guthrie Church, Harriston, will be conducted on Sabbath, Feb. 4th. Rev. J. M. Glassford, of Chalmers Church, Guelph, will preach that day, morning and evening. The managers are pleased that he has consented to exchange with Mr. Munro to conduct these services and also to be present on the following Monday evening.

Rev. J. McNeil, Uptergrove, who has been visiting his father in Cape Breton the past three weeks, is expected home in a day or two and will occupy his pulpit here next Sunday. Mr. Chas. Drummond, his brother-in-law, preached in the church the past two Sabbaths. Mr. McNeil, sr., has been in very poor health, but is somewhat improved now, we are glad to say.

Professor Shortt, of Queen's University, has concluded his series of lectures on the economic and commercial history of Canada in its early days. The lecture dealt with the administration of justice under the English and French reigns. Prof. Shortt pointed out the evils that were brought about by the Quebec Act, as passed by the British House of Commons in the reign of George III.

The call extended by the Presbyterian congregation of Glencoe, to Rev. R. W. Ross, M.A., was presented on the 9th inst., at the Presbytery meeting in St. Thomas, and was supported by Messrs. Alex. Cameron, J. A. Young and Alex. Stuart from this place. It is altogether probable that Mr. Ross will accept the call, and his induction will take place on Monday, 29th inst., at 2 p.m.

Reports from the S. S. and Ladies' Aid Society showed these to be both in a flourishing condition. A touching reference was made to Mrs. Judge Ross, who was the friend of all and beloved by all, both old and young, and whose removal to a more glorious inheritance has left a vacant chair in our church. A resolution was brought forward to name the church "Bethany Presbyterian Church," and it was unanimously carried.

Rev. N. Lindsay, of Ivan, a member of the London Presbytery, was returning home, on the 9th inst., and while driving through London West his horse became frightened and ran away. Mr. Lindsay was thrown out on the hard road and severely cut about the head. He was discovered shortly afterwards, and removed to the residence of Rev. W. J. Clark, where the wounds were dressed. The reverend gentleman is now doing well.

Rev. John Mutch, of Toronto, conducted the anniversary services of the Glen Allan Church on Sabbath, the 14th inst. Very large congregations were present at both services and a liberal contribution was made to the building fund. Rev. H. Norris has been pastor here for eleven years. He has done much to increase and consolidate the church in this place. Mr. Norris is an able preacher and is much beloved by his people.

The annual congregational meeting of the Hintonburgh Presbyterian Church was held on the evening of the 12th inst., Rev. M. H. Scott, of Hull, presiding. Mr. A. Smirle acted as secretary. The sessional report showed an increase in the membership of 29, the total membership being now 55. The report of the treasurer, Mr. J. M. Fuller, stated that during the year \$371.65 had been received from the general collections and other sources. The total expenditure was \$340.08, leaving a balance of \$31.57 on hand.

A year ago 23 ladies in St. Andrew's Church, Kingston, were given \$1 each to turn to the best account and return the proceeds in January, 1894. On Monday night the cash was summed up and the trustees were amazed to have \$2,318 placed in their hands. Mrs. Mackie, wife of the esteemed pastor, made the greatest gain. Her dollar realized \$160. The Rev. Principal Grant, as an expression of admiration of the lady's success, wrote out a cheque for \$160 more. The ladies will work the scheme again and have set \$4,000 as the amount needed.

At the late annual meeting of the corporation of the Protestant Orphan Asylum, Montreal, Mr. D. McCord read the seventy-second annual report. The expense of maintenance of the asylum during the past year had been \$3,749; 13 boys and 18 girls received the advantages of the asylum. The Endowment Fund has been increased by a legacy of \$1,000 from the estate of Esdaile Molson. The treasurer's report was unanimously adopted. The chairman then alluded to the fact that, after spending seventy-two years in the old quarters, they were about to move into their new building.

The closing Evangelical Alliance meeting was held in the Centenary Church parlors, of Hamilton, on the afternoon of the 14th inst. and was presided over by Rev. Dr. Fraser. Rev. John Morton, gave an address on "The Religious Education of the Young." He urged early religious training as being of the utmost importance and impressively advocated the force of example on the part of parents and guardians as being the means whereby precepts were made acceptable to the young. The address was well received and was one of the most practical in character of the whole series given during the week.

The annual meeting of the Knox Church congregation Ottawa, was held Thursday evening in the Sunday school hall when a large percentage of the members were present. Mr. Alexander Mutchmor, chairman of the managing committee, presided. The statement of finances was most satisfactory, being an improvement over that of last year. The collections during the year amounted to over \$5,000, while the testimonial to the Rev. Mr. Farries was \$1,250. There is a balance on hand of \$90. The report of the various societies showed them to be in a flourishing condition. It was decided to have the various reports printed and distributed among the members of the congregation.

A great many prominent Sunday-school workers will take part in the coming convention of the Sunday School Union of Quebec, at Sherbrooke, on Jan. 24, 25, 26. Those who will take the most prominent part are Miss Bertha F. Vella, of Lynn, Mass., and Dr. Peloubet, of Auburndale, Mass., the well-known editor of the Peloubet series of Lesson Helps. The next annual convention of the Sabbath School Association for North Hastings and Hungerford has been issued. The convention will meet in the new Presbyterian Church in Hungerford, on Tuesday and Wednesday, the 30th and 31st of January, commencing at 2 o'clock p.m. on Tuesday, there being afternoon and evening sessions on that day, and three sessions, morning, afternoon and evening, on the second day. A number of good speakers have been secured for the occasion.

The tenth annual meeting of the Young Men's Christian Association of McGill University took place on Saturday evening, 13th inst. There was a good attendance. The business of the evening was the reception of reports, and the election of officers. The president's report, presented by Mr. Frank J. Day, on retiring from office, was very good. The membership report showed a total of 308 members, distributed throughout every faculty in the university. The treasurer's report showed a good balance on hand. The report of the Social Purity Committee gave rise to a discussion on the moral status of the College, and a motion was passed that the Association secure a reliable list of boarding houses for the use of new students. Great interest was shown throughout the meeting, and the outlook for the association is very promising.

Capt. T. W. Nisbet, of the Boys' Brigade, Sarnia, has received a communication from Lord Aberdeen's private secretary that he will come and formally open the Boys' Brigade hall when that building is completed. In the letter signifying his acceptance of Captain Nisbet's invitation, His Excellency and Lady Aberdeen suggest some means by which Captain Charles Kindersley of the Coldstream Guards, who is Captain of a London Company of the Boys' Brigade, and is at present an Aide-de-Camp on the staff of the Governor-General, may be able to render service to the Boys' Brigade in Canada during his stay in the Dominion. Captain Kindersley's interest in the Brigade may be gathered from the fact that before leaving this country he requested to be allowed to retain his Captaincy of the 41st London, in order that he might take up his old work among the London Boys on his return to England. And we are sure that our friends in Canada will not be slow to take advantage of Lord Aberdeen's suggestion and Captain Kindersley's willingness to be of service.

At the annual meeting of the St. John, N. B., Auxiliary of the British and Foreign Bible Society, the Rev. Geo. Bruce proposed in connection with the death of the late Lieutenant-Governor, the Hon. John Boyd, a resolution which was unanimously carried, of which the principal part was as follows: "The committee of the New Brunswick Auxiliary of the British and Foreign Bible Society at its first annual meeting after the death of the late Hon. John Boyd, Lieutenant-Governor of New Brunswick, an old and much respected member of this society, desire to place on record a statement of their deep sympathy with the profound sorrow which has been so keenly felt and so universally expressed in this community and in so many other places in the Dominion as well as beyond our own borders. The committee are conscious of a great loss, almost of a bereavement, on account of his absence from the annual gathering, and they desire to give expression to the warmest and most affectionate tribute of esteem and respect to the memory of their departed friend, and to convey to the widow in her sorrow, the assurance of their sympathy along with the prayer that God may refresh and strengthen her abundantly by His own presence through the promises of that Word which it is the privilege of this society to make known to men for their comfort and salvation."

The Toronto Ministerial Association's first meeting for the year was marked by an animated consideration of the plebiscite victory. It was agreed that so important an event should be recognized by a formal resolution. The Rev. William Burns said that in view of the results of the prohibition vote,

and of the stand taken by the majority of the ministers in regard to that question, and to the prominent part taken in the contest by them, he would move the following resolution:—"That we, as a Ministerial Association, recognize the hand of God in guiding the electorate in the wise decision of the plebiscite election, and hope that it will culminate at the proper time and place in the entire prohibition of the liquor traffic in our province." This resolution was unanimously adopted. A communication from Dr. Rosebrugh, secretary of the Prisoners' Aid Association, asked that a date be set apart for observance as Prison Sunday. It was resolved that the 28th inst. be the date fixed, and that Sunday will be observed in the churches represented in the association by special appeals on behalf of the Prisoners' Aid Association. The Rev. W. Frizzell, president, then conducted the annual election of officers with this result: The Rev. J. F. German, D.D., president; the Rev. Charles Duff, vice-president; and the Rev. W. J. Burns, secretary-treasurer.

A most successful social was lately held in the basement of Westminster Church, Winnipeg, and was a happy augury of the future success of the congregation. No more bright, cheerful and confident gathering ever assembled within a church than was seen there on that evening. Rev. Mr. Pitblado and his faithful wife were early on hand to welcome all and during the evening they moved about dropping a kind word here and there. The programme was brought to a close with a few remarks from the pastor, Rev. Mr. Pitblado. He was in a softened mood, his heart seeming to be full with the scene about him. He was greatly touched with the faithfulness of the men who had started the church. When the call came to him in California and he looked over the names, it went to his heart when he recognized the names that had appeared on the first call that had reached him in Nova Scotia thirteen years ago. Such friends as these he felt should be grappled to the heart with hand (hooks) of steel. Three points were, he said, the guiding principles of the new church, and to them they would adhere, viz., Christian life, Christian liberty and Christian love. He would, in conclusion, give them three wells to stand by, and they all held water: Well-come, Well-doing and well-done. Rev. Mr. Semmens pronounced the benediction.

PRESBYTERY MEETINGS.

The Presbytery of Toronto held its regular meeting on Tuesday, the 2nd of January, Rev. W. A. Hunter, Moderator. An interesting discussion arose in reference to the new book of praise. It had been decided at the December meeting that the Presbytery deems it advisable for conserving the use of the Psalms that selections from these should be inserted in the proposed book of praise. Accordingly, the Presbytery proceeded to consider the selections suggested by the Hymnal Committee. Dr. Caven drew attention to the fact that the instructions given by the Assembly to the Hymnal Committee were that the whole Psalter should be incorporated, and that it was not necessary to discuss selections from the action of the Presbytery at its last meeting made it necessary to consider the selections submitted by the Hymnal Committee. The Presbytery on a vote supported the former position, deciding that they were not committed to the consideration of selections; whereupon it was moved that the Presbytery do now consider that selections shall be recommended, and the motion carried. Several members of Presbytery asked for further time to consider the Draft Book submitted, and it was agreed to defer further consideration till the February meeting. Dr. Parsons reported in reference to the conference with Dunn Avenue and Ruth Street congregations that the committee had decided to remove further south and erect a new building so that the needs of the increasing Presbyterian population might be met, and that, to leave Ruth Street free to do this Dunn Avenue congregation should be asked to assume the mortgage now on the Ruth Street property.

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