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Rev. J. H. Woodside, North Gower, moderator, presided at last meeting of Presbytery.

Rev. George MacGregor has resigned charge of Aylmer, and Presbytery accepted same. Mr. MacGregor will remain in the neighborhood, but without in the meantime looking for another church.

Rev. Kennedy Palmer, who has been efficiently discharging pastoral duties in Erskine Church during Rev. Mr. Nicol's absence, will continue in charge in the meantime, and until the congregation make other arrangements.

Rev. C. W. Nicol, of Erskine Church, who has had leave of absence for the past six months on account of illness, tendered his resignation. At the request of the session it was laid on the table for two months, when action will be taken thereon. The hope was expressed that before the expiry of two months Mr. Nicol may be able to resume work.

St. Paul's Church, renovated and re-decorated throughout, will be re-opened next Sunday morning, when the pastor, Rev. James Little, B.A., will preach and conduct the service. In the evening the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed. Preparatory service on Friday evening at 8 o'clock.

The Ottawa Ladies' College, the only ladies' college under the control of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, came up for a lengthy discussion at last meeting of L. and R. Presbytery. The college and grounds are owned by the Presbyterian Church. There is a small debt of \$1,000 upon the property, and it was agreed by Presbytery to take steps to pay its share of this debt (\$1,500) in the near future.

The Cardinal church, which has been thoroughly renovated, was reopened on Sunday, 4th inst. The church looked very pretty and the new electric light fixtures are a very great improvement. The services were very well attended and much appreciated. The Rev. Dr. Armstrong, pastor emeritus of St. Paul's church, Ottawa, and President of the Ottawa Ladies' College, preached both morning and evening, who was assisted at the evening service by Rev. H. Walker, B.D., of the Methodist church, which had in a brotherly spirit withdrawn their service for the occasion. Rev. T. A. Sadler, the pastor, took the opportunity to thank minister and people for their courtesy in this connection.

The September issue of the F. M. Tidings contains the following list of new life members: Mrs. Wm. Beaton, presented by W. F. M. S. Auxiliary, Forest; Mrs. A. T. Taylor, presented by a friend, Cooks' Church, Auxiliary, Toronto; Mrs. R. J. McQueen, presented by Miss Annie Watt, Knox church Auxiliary, Elora; Mrs. Thomas Anderson, Roger, presented by Knox church Auxiliary, Owen Sound; Mrs. Lawson Coates, presented by St. Paul's Auxiliary, Brandon; Mrs. Peter McCallum, presentation, St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Almonte; Mrs. J. Moore Hart, St. John's church Auxiliary, Toronto; Mrs. Bella Leard, St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Hamilton. A birthday gift from her husband; Mrs. Janet Hogg, W.F.M.S. Auxiliary, Seaford; Mrs. Thos. Wallace, W.F.M.S. Auxiliary, North Bay. Presented by her son, J. M. Wallace; Mrs. John B. Graham, Foreign Branch St. Giles church Auxiliary, Hamilton. A birthday gift; Miss Christabel Anderson, presented by Knox church Auxiliary, Goderich; Miss Mara McGillivray, presented by the Mission Band, W.F.M.S. Auxiliary, Van Kleek Hill; Mrs. Jas. Taylor, presented by Knox church Auxiliary, Guelph.

EASTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. James H. Borland, M.A., of Columbus and Brooklin, has resigned his charge.

Rev. A. A. Scott, M.A., Zion church, Carleton Place, is moderator of L. and R. Presbytery for the ensuing six months.

Rev. A. T. Barnard, of St. Andrew's, Burk's Falls, exchanged pulpits with Rev. Mr. White, Katrina, on a recent Sunday.

Rev. J. A. McKeen, B.A., Orono, preached most acceptably in the Oshawa Presbyterian church at both services on a recent Sunday.

L. and R. Presbytery appointed deputations to visit the various charges with the view, if possible, to bring the stipends of ministers up to \$850 and a manse.

Rev. S. D. McPhee and his wife, on their return from a holiday trip to the Maritime Provinces, were presented with a kindly worded address and a purse of \$233 by the friends in the Avonmore congregation.

Rev. N. H. McGillivray, pastor of Taylor church, Montreal, preached on Aug. 28 to large congregations in Knox church, Lancaster, who listened with rapt attention to his sermons, strong, practical and instructive.

The sacrament of the Lord's supper was observed last Sabbath by the St. Columba congregation, Kirk Hill. There was a large attendance. Rev. Dr. McPhail was assisted by Rev. H. N. McLean, Ph.D., of Avonmore.

On leaving Nananee for Cannington, after a pastorate of seven years, Rev. J. R. Conn was presented with a well-filled purse by his late congregation. Mrs. Conn was also remembered. Both will be greatly missed in Nananee.

The question of union between the Congregational, Methodist and Presbyterian churches will have first place on the docket at the next meeting of L. and R. Presbytery, to be held at Arnprior, 28th November, at 7:30 p.m.

The report of the L. and R. Presbytery's Committee on Evangelism was presented by Mr. McDonald, of Lanark. The results of the simultaneous campaign held in the county of Renfrew in the early summer were spoken of in terms of warm appreciation. The congregations where meetings were held have been quickened and lasting benefits are believed to have been attained.

Miss Mabel Clazie, of Belleville, was designated in Shannonville Presbytery as a church as missionary to Formosa by Rev. R. P. McKay, Foreign Missionary Secretary. Rev. A. S. Kerr of Belleville represented Kingston Presbytery, and Mrs. Binnie of Tweed spoke in behalf of the Women's Foreign Mission Society. Miss Clazie will shortly leave for her field of labor accompanied by Miss Gay, recently designated at Toronto for China, and by Dr. and Mrs. Leslie, who are returning to China after the usual furlough.

The Beaverton Express says: The sudden bereavement which has fallen upon the family of the Rev. D. W. Best, pastor of St. Andrew's church, has filled all hearts with sorrow for the loss of a most engaging and promising little son. While suffering for a few days from what was thought to be only infantile indisposition which did not require medical attention, the child was most dangerously stricken and not until too late for medical assistance to be of avail was the serious nature of the case suspected. The funeral to St. Andrew's stone church cemetery was very largely attended, and it is needless to say the family have the heartfelt sympathy of all in their loss.

Congregations in Brockville Presbytery will be invited to contribute \$250, to the Robert Memorial Fund.

The Union question will be discussed at the December meeting of Brockville Presbytery, which will be held at Iroquois.

The resignation of Rev. Horace Peckover, Morewood, has been accepted, and Rev. S. A. Woods, B.A., Chesterville, was appointed interim moderator of the session.

Rev. N. McLaren, of Bishop's Mills, accepts the call to Woodlands, and he will preach his farewell sermon on the 16th October. Rev. M. F. Boudreau, of Merrickville, was appointed interim moderator at Bishop's Mills.

Rev. J. Fraser Campbell, D.D., at home on a brief furlough, on a recent Sunday, brought the work and needs of our great Central India mission to the attention of St. Andrew's congregation, Kingston. He also spoke on the same day in Cooke's Church.

The pulpit of Mill Street Church, Port Hope, is again vacant through the resignation of Rev. W. H. Brokenshire, who preached his farewell sermon on the 11th inst. During his pastorate of three years Mr. Brokenshire has done excellent work, and his withdrawal is very generally regretted.

Rev. J. A. Shaver, the recently inducted minister of St. Andrew's, Pictou, and his wife, were welcomed at a congregational social at which much good feeling was manifested. Addresses were given by Messrs. McKenzie, Worrell, Buchanan and Boulter, who spoke on behalf of the congregation.

Under the leadership of Mr. W. W. Peck, an attempt will be made to introduce the duplex envelope into all the congregations of the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa for weekly offerings to congregational revenue and for missions. The Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew gave its warm support to this movement and it is hoped this method of giving will be adopted by all the congregations within the bounds.

Elsewhere the resignation of Rev. James Hastie, of the Sawyerville charge is noted. The congregation made strenuous efforts to retain the services of their pastor, but Mr. Hastie pressed his resignation as he desired to return to Ontario. Members of Presbytery expressed their deep regret at Mr. Hastie's departure, and their appreciation of his services. Mr. Hastie's new address will be Moulente, Ont.

After a thorough renovation and re-seating, at an expense of over \$400, St. John's church, Pittsburgh, was reopened by special services conducted by Rev. Prof. Laird, of Queen's University. The other churches in the neighborhood having kindly closed their doors for the day, there were crowded congregations morning and evening. The Ladies' Aid Society, Mrs. Reide, president, raised the necessary funds, and the members have the hearty thanks of the congregation for their noble work in this connection.

Rev. P. A. McLeod, B.D., of Truro, N.S., is called to St. John's church, Cornwall, in succession to Rev. N. H. McGillivray, recently inducted as minister of Taylor church, Montreal. The Maritime Provinces—Prince Edward Island especially—seem to have an almost inexhaustible supply of McLeods. Well, the samples already received are of the best, and Western congregations appear ready to accept many more. Mr. P. A. McLeod is a brother of the minister at Martintown. The stipend offered is \$1,800 with manse and four weeks holidays.