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WESTERN ONTARIO

An interesting meeting was held by the amilton Knox Y. M. C. A., at which Mr. G. Parry Jenkins, F. R. A. S., gave an illustrated address on "Chasing a Shadow Across the Wilds of Labrador."

The mid-week service of Knox Church, Hamilton, last week was the annual thank-offering meeting of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society. Rev. E. A. Henry, the pastor, spoke on "The Solution of the Mission Problem."

The Auxiliary of the W.F.M.S. will hold its annual Thank Offering Meeting in the Presbyterian Church on Thursday, Nov. 9th at 2.30 o'clock when Mrs. Steele of Dundas, the Presbyterian President, will address the meeting. All are cordially invited.

Rev. Dr. Torrance was one of the speakers at the fiftieth anniversary of the first tea-meeting ever held in the Hespeler Presbyterian church. The Dr. and others there were present at the first tea-meeting. Rev. Dr. Ross, of Brussels, and Rev. R. E. Knowles, of Galt, were the Jubilee preachers on Sunday.

Commencing on Sunday, November 19, the three churches of the West End of Woodstock, Oxford street Baptist, Dundas St., Methodist and Chalmers Presbyterian will hold revival services. The services will be held under the direction of Asa Gordon, K. C., and his wife, Mrs. Gordon, Ottawa, and will be continued at least two weeks. On Sunday, special services will be held in all of the three churches, morning and evening. Services will also be held each evening throughout the week, each church being used for part of the time.

The London Presbytery met at Appin on Tuesday, when Rev. George F. N. Atkinson, of Wardsville, was formally ordained to the ministry after having sustained a lengthy and thorough examination in systematic theology, church history, New Testament Greek and Hebrew. Mr. Atkinson also delivered a sermon on a text chosen by the moderator of the presbytery. Subsequent to the ordination he was inducted to the pastoral charge of Appin and North Elmdale, to succeed Rev. Alex. Henderson. Rev. T. R. Shearer, of Melbourne, presided, the moderator being absent and the others present were Messrs. Mr. Kelso, of Wallacestown; H. Mackay, of London Junction; Dr. McDonald, of Mosa; A. Henderson, clerk; James Malcolm, of Dutton; D. T. Ellison, of Dunwich; George Weir, of Glencoe, and Principal Merchant, of London.

The monthly meeting of the Ministerial Association of Acton and Georgetown was held at the Presbyterian Manse. Rev. W. D. Turner, of Norval, gave an interesting paper upon the topic, "The Mosaic Cosmogony," which manifested careful research and wide reading. A very spirited discussion followed the paper, in which Revs. J. C. Wilson, B.A., and G. W. Barker, Acton; R. J. Drysdale, H. C. Priest and H. A. Cook, Georgetown, took part. The question of the proposed submission of local option was lengthily discussed, and the following resolution was unanimously carried: "That we, the members of the Ministerial Association assembled, express our fullest sympathy with the movement for the submission of local option at the earliest possible date." At the conclusion of the meeting Mrs. Wilson entertained the members of the association at tea.

Thanksgiving evening saw a goodly number gathered in Knox Church, Acton, ready to do full justice to the good things appealing to both the physical and the mental nature provided. A pleasing supper was served early in the evening, after which the audience gathered in the auditorium. The evening's entertainers were all

well known, but the programme was nearly all of new numbers and was indeed enjoyable. Miss Grace Merry, of Toronto, the reader, gave a variety of selections, embracing the dramatic, the serious and the humorous. "The Jumble Sale," persistently referred to as a "Jungle Sale" by one of the characters, was perhaps as much enjoyed as any, but Miss Merry's dramatic rendering of Dr. Drummond's "Little Red Canoe," fairly made pleasurable shivers run up and down one's spinal column. Miss Lexie Clark was in good voice, and was received just as enthusiastically as usual. Miss Clark seems to have a faculty of choosing songs which no one else sings, and this makes her numbers all the more enjoyable. A wondrous setting of Tennyson's "Three Fishers" was perhaps her best number, for in it she seemed to be much more sympathetic than in the others. Mrs. W. S. Chisholm sang "The Island of Dreams," in a pleasing lyric soprano voice and also assisted the choir, which, by the way, creditably rendered a couple of anthems during the evening. Addresses were announced by the ministers of the town, but Rev. Mr. Barker was the only one to be heard besides Rev. Mr. Wilson, the pastor of the church, who was in the chair. Mr. Barker made a brief, but telling, speech, referring to church union and some local problems, and the chairman also spoke strongly on the same subjects.

EASTERN ONTARIO.

On Sabbath, Nov. 3, there is to be a general exchange of all the ministers in the Presbytery of Grey for the purpose of preaching missionary sermons, particularly, home, foreign and French evangelization.

On the Sabbath named, the Rev. W. C. Macintyre, of Woodlands, will preach in Knox, Cornwall, in the morning, and in St. John's in the evening. The Rev. N. Waddell, of Aultsville, will preach in St. John's in the morning, and in Knox in the evening. The Rev. N. H. McGillivray will preach in Woodlands, Wales and Farraus Point. The Rev. Dr. Harkness will preach in Aultsville and Pleasant Valley. On Monday evening, Nov. 6, there will be a missionary meeting in Aultsville, addressed by the Rev. Mr. McIntyre and the Rev. Mr. McGillivray. On Tuesday evening, Nov. 7, a similar meeting in Woodlands will be addressed by the Rev. Mr. Waddell and the Rev. Dr. Harkness, and on Wednesday evening, Nov. 8, a meeting in Cornwall will be addressed by the Rev. Messrs. McIntyre and Waddell. Knox, Lancaster, will hear the Rev. J. Matheson, of Summertown; St. Andrew's, Lancaster, the Rev. P. F. Langill, of Martintown; Summertown, the Rev. J. U. Tanner, of Lancaster; St. Andrew's, Martintown, the Rev. J. D. McKenzie, of Lancaster; Finch and Chrysler, the Rev. L. Beaton, of Moose Creek; Avonmore, the Rev. D. N. Coburn, of Lunenburg; Lunenburg, etc., the Avonmore supply; Roxborough, the Rev. D. MacVicar, of Finch; Kirkhill, the Rev. A. McCallum, of St. Anne de Prescott; Dalhousie Mills, etc., the Rev. A. Morrison; Vankleek Hill, the Rev. W. A. Morrison, of Dalhousie Mills; Glensandfield, etc., the Rev. T. G. Thompson of Vankleek Hill; Maxville, the Rev. D. McLaren, of Alexandria; St. Elmo, the Rev. K. A. Gollan, of Dunvegan; Kenyon, the Rev. A. G. Cameron, of Apple Hill; Apple Hill, etc., the Rev. R. McKay, of Maxville; Alexandria, the Rev. H. D. Leitch, of St. Elmo.

He who fails bravely has not truly failed, but is himself a conqueror.—Richard Watson Gilder.

St. John's congregation, Brockville, celebrated their 60th anniversary on the 5th inst. Rev. R. E. Knowles, of Galt, preached able and instructive sermons at both services. On the Monday following Mr. Knowles gave his lecture on Abraham Lincoln before a large gathering.

Mr. Hiram Robinson, of Ottawa, president of the Hawkesbury Lumber Company, and Mrs. Robinson, last week celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding. Rev. Dr. Wardrope, then pastor of Knox church, who performed the ceremony, was present at the golden celebration.

The Harvest Home social in the Public Hall, on Thursday evening, under the auspices of the ladies of the Maxville congregation, was a most successful affair. The spacious hall had been prettily decorated for the occasion, with the season's fruits and grains. The refreshments served as well as the programme presented, which included speeches by Revs. R. McKay and J. T. Daley, Maxville, and K. A. Gollan, Dunvegan, were much enjoyed by all, and it is pleasing to know that the ladies netted a handsome amount. A pleasing feature of the proceedings was the presentation of an address, a Bible and purse of gold to Mr. and Mrs. John Clark, who left this week for Liberal, Alta., and who have for years been active members of the local Presbyterian congregation. The address was read by Rev. R. McKay, while Counties' Councillor A. D. McRae, made the presentation. Mr. Clark, who was deeply moved, returned his sincere thanks to the donors.

THE BUILDING OF CHARACTER

By Rev. John Watson, D.D.

Suppose a great building is going to be erected, what do they do?

They put up a wooden structure round the site and erect the scaffolding within; a high wall they put round, so very closely fitted, that as you pass and are filled with curiosity, it takes you all your time to see through the joints and discover what they are doing inside. It stands a mystery, and by-and-by it is covered with gaudy advertisements, at which the people stare.

But that scaffolding is not the building, nor are those advertisements, nor do they give any indication of it.

The building goes on within slowly and surely, stone upon stone, floor upon floor, up to the pinnacles, and when the pinnacles are high enough the people outside begin to realize there is a great building. They do not realize it when it is at the foundations, but they realize it when it is beginning to get up to the sky.

Do you follow me? When the soul is going to be built up in character it cannot be done in an open place. The soul is a great mystery, and all the work in the soul is secret and mysterious; the soul must be fenced round that God may work within undisturbed and in silence.

Lutheran Observer.—The world justly feels that it can put more confidence in those who at least profess reverence for the perfect standards of truth and virtue that are steadily exhibited and enforced in the sanctuary than in those who withhold such profession by restraining their steps from the house of God. Human nature is weak. The forces of sin are strong. The possibility of a moral overthrow is never wholly absent. But if anywhere in the world men are to be found who can be trusted, it is among those who are not ashamed to publicly avow their allegiance to the highest standards of character, and their conscious dependence on God's grace to live up to them.