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OTTAWA.

Rev. Jos. White of Ottawa, occupied the pulpit of the Wakefield Presbyterian church last Sunday week.

Rev. R. and Mrs. Gamble attended the closing exercises at the Ottawa Ladies College on Thursday. Rev. Mr. Gamble, as moderator of the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa, was also present at the laying of the corner-stone of the new Stewarton church and took part in the ceremony.

The corner stone of the new Stewarton church was laid Thursday night by the Hon. Mortimer Clark, lieutenant-governor of Ontario. His Honor delivered an address emphasizing the indebtedness of the state to the church in the upbuilding of strong moral forces which support law and contribute to the stability of the state. His Honor in gracious words described the privileges and functions of a church, and congratulated the Rev. W. A. McElroy and people on the fine new church being erected. Addresses were delivered by a number of city clergymen of a congratulatory nature.

The donations prepared by the Ottawa Presbyterian, to be sent in the Mission Bale to India, were on exhibition last Tuesday in the basement of Knox Church, Ottawa. The gifts included kimono, aprons, work bags, eye shades and bandages, and almost everything the mind can suggest that would be suitable for the orphanages and hospitals in that climate. Among other things were some samples of crochet lace, in varied and beautiful design, worked by an invalid member. The mission bands contributed about 200 dressed dolls with other articles. The city and country auxiliaries showed their appreciation of this work by sending only the best in both material and workmanship. The contributions will be forwarded to India for distribution among the Presbyterian Mission stations.

The special feature of the programme at the closing exercises of the Ottawa Ladies' College was the presence of his Honor, Lieutenant-Governor Clarke, of Toronto, who gave a thoughtful address to the graduating class and the students generally. "I feel particularly pleased at the present scope of your curriculum," he said, "and hope that your domestic science may produce domestic happiness. The ability to cook a beefsteak properly has often proved to be of greater value than the many other things learned at school." Mrs. Grant Needham, the principal, presented the thirty-second annual report, which was heard with great pleasure. The chief event during the session was the affiliation with Queen's University. There were registered at the college 176 students, of whom 64 were boarders, and 16 are now graduated. This is just double the number of last year. The classes in domestic science, physical drill and art have been largely attended and proved of the highest possible benefit. An Alumnae Association with a membership of 65 was formed recently. In closing the principal emphasized how much the reputation and future of the college depended upon its graduates. Mrs. Grant Needham presented the medals, certificates and diplomas to the students, and his honor the lieutenant-governor presented the Bibles that had been awarded to the eleven girls, who received them as awards for memorizing Scriptural lessons.

Church of Scotland communicants in Glasgow are 1,500 more than last year, and contributions £2,000 more.

TORONTO.

Messrs. Joseph E. Wallace and Wm. Hunter have been elected elders of Knox church.

Rev. Dr. McLaren, General Secretary of the Presbyterian Home Missions, left for Vancouver to visit the home missions on the coast.

On the eve of leaving for his holidays, Rev. P. M. Macdonald, of Cowan Avenue church, was presented with a purse of \$200—a good way to help a pastor to a pleasant vacation!

The congregation of St. Mark's church at a social gathering presented the pastor, Rev. I. R. Robinson, M.A., Ph.D., with a handsome gold watch, in recognition of his securing the degree of Doctor of Philosophy, from Toronto University.

A handsome sum was realized in aid of the building fund from a successful lawn social held by the Kew Beach Presbyterians. The same thing may be said of the recent garden party given by the Chester Presbyterians. Both congregations are steadily growing.

A call has been extended by the congregations of Binbrook, Salfleet and Chalmers church to Mr. Sarkissian, a recent graduate of Knox College, and assistant to Dr. Neil, in Westminster church, Toronto. Mr. Sarkissian is a young Armenian, who has just completed his college course here.

Mr. K. G. MacKay, a graduate of the Agricultural College, Guelph, goes out to work among the Bhils in India, in conjunction with Dr. Buchanan. Miss Florence Clearhue, of St. John's church, Toronto, will go to Central India. They will be accompanied by Dr. R. P. MacKay, who goes out on his tour of inspection, and will sail in September.

Several additions have been made to the ranks of the foreign missionaries working under the Presbyterian Church. Rev. Andrew Thompson, who graduated this year from Knox College, the winner of the Gordon Clark scholarship, and holding first place in his year, will go to Honan, China. He will be accompanied by his bride, Margaret Smith MacKay, only daughter of the Rev. R. P. MacKay. They will be supported by the American Presbyterian Church, Montreal.

The Avenue Road congregation (Rev. J. W. Stephen, pastor) are about creating a new building at a cost of about \$40,000. The design is in the Gothic style, and will be executed in blue limestone, with a stately square tower in the southwest corner. The building when completed will seat about 900 people on the ground floor, whilst the gallery at the end will accommodate another 150. Special attention will be given to the completion of the basement, in which rooms for the various societies will be provided, and a kitchen has also been arranged for in the plans. When the first sod was turned by the pastor the other day there were present, among others, Mrs. J. W. Stephen, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Lytle, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. M. Higgins, Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Scott, Mr. W. J. Ross, Mr. W. L. Symons, Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Coon, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Sinclair, Prof. and Mrs. Ward, Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Gunther, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Houston, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Lanskill, Mr. and Mrs. Keith, Mr. J. Tait, Mr. W. Simpson, and Mr. Henry Swan.

Prof. Bryce, from Winnipeg, whose forebears belonged to Doune, and has connection with the Bridge of Teith U. P. Church, preached in that edifice on Sunday, the 3rd inst.

The death is announced of John Macleod, shoe-maker, Uig, Skye, better known as "Gladstone." He was an excellent speaker, and became famous at the time of the crofter agitation.

EASTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. S. P. Burns, of Sterling, has been called to Lakehead.

The new Presbyterian church at Macdonald's Corners will be known as "Knox".

Rev. Dr. Marsh, of Hamilton, was the preacher in Burns' Church, Martintown, last Sunday.

On the eve of his marriage, Rev. J. U. Tanner, of Lanear, received from his congregation a purse containing the snug sum of \$185.

The next regular meeting of Lanark and Renfrew Presbytery will be held in Zion church, Carleton Place, on 4th September, at 10.30 a.m.

Rev. C. B. Ross, Mrs. Ross and family of Lachine have taken up their residence at their summer home, Gairney, South Lanear.

In the absence of the pastor on a recent Sunday Rev. T. A. Sadler conducted a union service in the Methodist church. And so the union spirit manifests itself!

The Perth Courier says: Rev. James Comack, who supplied so ably for Mr. Scott in St. Andrew's the past few months preached in St. Paul's, Smith's Falls, on Sunday.

The Victoria Harbor Presbyterian congregation presented Mr. M. Vasey, leader of the Union choir, with a beautiful gold headed cane, as a slight token of esteem, on the 22nd ult.

Rev. A. D. Menzies, of Beachburg, is engaged in London proselytism in the interests of French evangelization. His work at Beachburg is being taken by Rev. J. A. Caldwell, who will give the congregation good service.

On Friday and Saturday Rev. W. A. Morrison, Delhousie Mills, was assisting Rev. Mr. Cameron, Apple Hill, at pre-communion services.

Last week Revs. Thompson, Vankleek Hill; Morrison, Kirk Hill; McQueen, Lingwick, were assisting at communion preparatory services at Dunvegan.

The congregations at Bishop's Mills and Patterson's Corners have extended a call to Rev. M. McLaren, who has been doing mission work in the Gatineau district, to become their pastor. He has accepted the call.

The concert under the auspices of the Mission Auxiliary of the Rockland church was a great success. Owing to the rain, the crowds was not so large as was expected, but under the circumstances the place was well represented. Those that contributed to the programme were Miss Laura Woods, Miss Hilda Kirby, Miss de la Ronde and Mr. Britton all of Ottawa. The visitors were all appreciated to the full and received a hearty reception. There were also two dramas by local talent which were good and greatly enjoyed by the audience. The concert closed with the singing of the national anthem.

St. Paul's church, Victoria Harbor, was dedicated here on the 24th. ult. The commodious church was filled to overflowing by the people. The Rev. McI. Duncan, B.A., of Toronto, preached two excellent sermons, morning and evening. In the afternoon he addressed the children. The tea-meeting and entertainment on the 25th was a great success. The entertainment was of a very high class character. St. Paul's church, the gift of Mr. John Waldie, Toronto, is a very handsome structure, beautifully finished inside, lit up by electricity. A fine memorial stained glass window to the respected memory of the late John Eugene Schissler is placed in the west of the building, a gift from the Victoria Harbor Lumber Co. The church is nicely situated on Victoria heights, overlooking the pretty bay.