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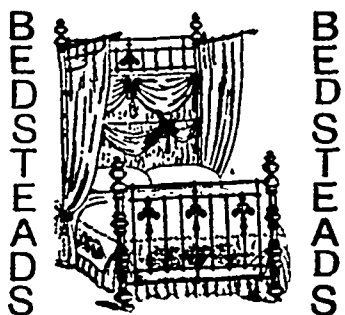


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The stated bi-monthly meeting of Guelph Presbytery was held on the 18th ult., in Chalmers Church, Guelph, Mr. A. Blair, B.A., of Nasagaweya and Campbellville, Moderator. Mr. Charles Davidson reported from the Finance Committee the probable expenditure for the year, with a statement of the amount of arrears due the Presbytery Fund, and recommended that a rate of ten cents per family be levied to meet liabilities. The report was received and the recommendation adopted. A report was submitted from the committee appointed to consider whether an annual missionary sermon should be preached in congregations, and an annual missionary meeting held in each. The recommendation that the Presbytery enjoin the preaching of a special sermon either by the pastor or some member chosen by him was adopted, all being required to report their fidelity in this injunction at the meeting in November. The second recommendation, that week day meetings be held in each congregation at which the work of the church in the different enterprises which she has felt herself called to undertake should be presented, explained and their wants and claims enforced, was modified by the omission of "week day," thus leaving it optional with kirk sessions whether this be done on a week day or on the Sabbath. The Presbytery took up the application of Hawkesville and Linwood for the services of Mr. Henry Knox for one year as an ordained missionary, submitted at the meeting in Eramosa in the beginning of August, which was again produced. A card was read from the clerk of the Presbytery of Barrie to the effect that that Presbytery had authorized him to give Mr. Knox a presbyterial certificate when he left their bounds, also a letter from Mr. Knox transmitting the same. After deliberation it was agreed that the application from Hawkesville and Linwood for the services of Mr. Knox be granted, and that he be instructed that he is expected to enter upon his duties there on the first Sabbath of October. Dr. Jackson, convener, presented a report from the committee on Evangelistic services, containing a number of recommendations as to holding such services. These were considered seriatim and adopted—reports as to such services as having been conducted to be made at the meeting in March. The clerk reported the amounts required from congregations in the bounds for the schemes of the church, with the proportion falling to each, when he was authorized to issue the usual notices to sessions and Boards of Managers. Copies of the proposed new hymn book were circulated so far as received and a committee was appointed to look into the same and report at a future meeting. A joint committee of the conveners of the Committee on Temperance, the State of Religion, Sabbath Schools, Sabbath Observance and Systematic Benevolence was appointed, with Dr. Torrance, convener, to arrange for the usual conferences on these subjects at the meeting in March. Mr. Rae requested that the conference be held in Acton, and his request was cordially received and granted.

Ministers and Churches.

A new organ has been placed in St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa. It cost in the neighborhood of \$4,000.

About \$45 was recently made by the Ladies' Aid Society of Knox Church, Beaverton, through the medium of a social.

Mrs. (Dr.) McKay, of Woodville, who has been sojourning with friends in Scotland for the past three months, returned home recently.

The Rev. A. MacWilliams, of Peterboro, Ont., officiated at the anniversary services in St. Andrew's Church, Sherbrooke, Que., last Sunday.

The magnificent organ for the new Presbyterian Church Kincardine, has been placed in position. It is one of the finest instruments in Western Ontario.

Rev. G. C. Patterson, M.A., pastor of Knox Church, Embro, preached a memorial sermon on Sunday morning last to the memory of the late Jas. Mann.

Mrs. (Rev. Dr.) Torrance, of Guelph, left last week on a visit to her sister, Mrs. Patterson, Flint, Michigan. She expects to be absent about two weeks.

In the Presbyterian Church at Lakefield, recently, Miss McWilliams, a returned missionary from Indore, Central India, delivered an address on her work in that section.

Both Mrs. (Dr.) Johnston, of Jamaica, and Rev. Jonathan Goforth, of Honan, China, have recently been delighting large audiences in Knox Church, Galt, by extremely interesting addresses.

Rev. Dr. Somerville, of Owen Sound, officiated on a recent Sunday at the opening of the Presbyterian church at Rocklyn, Rev. Mr. McLaren, of Rocklyn, occupied the Denison Street Church pulpit by way of exchange.

Rev. J. J. Cochrane, M.A., of Knox Church, Sundridge, preached on Sunday last at Berriedale and Eli Presbyterian Missions. Mr. T. Dodds, student in charge of that field, occupied the pulpit of Knox Church.

Rev. Dr. Dickson, of Galt, conducted the anniversary services of the Presbyterian Church at Atwood, recently. The large church was crowded to overflowing, both morning and evening, by an appreciative audience.

The Rev. Alex. Robson, of Fort Qu'Appelle, preached in Knox Church, Ayr, on Sabbath evening last. He and his wife leave for their home this week. They have just returned from Scotland and both are looking hale and hearty.

Mr. W. Wilson, who has been a resident of Dutton for some time, left there on Friday to study at Knox College, preparatory to entering the ministry. While in Dutton Mr. Wilson has been an active worker in Knox Church, being president of the Christian Endeavor Society.

During an entertainment in Knox Church, Mitchell, recently, the pastor, Rev. A. F. Tully, presented a handsome gold-headed cane to Mr. John Whyte, sr., in behalf of the Building Committee and Board of Managers, as a recognition of Mr. Whyte's services as inspector. Mr. Whyte was taken quite by surprise.

The Rev. F. H. Larkin, B.A., of the First Presbyterian Church, Chatham, one of the most popular preachers in the western peninsula, occupied the pulpit of the Presbyterian Church, at Tilbury Centre, a week ago Sunday, the occasion being the first anniversary of the ordination of the pastor, Rev. James Hodges, B.A.

The choir of the Presbyterian Church at Seaforth gave a successful concert last Thursday evening. The Misses Grace McFaul and Miss Ewing, and Messrs. Rae and Guthrie, took part in the programme. Dr. McDonald, pastor of the church, occupied the chair, and, as usual, added not a little to the enjoyment. The proceeds amounted to about \$60.

Rev. R. C. Reeves, who has been preaching for the past five months in Blenheim and East Oxford Presbyterian churches, has accepted a call to Lakefield. This will be a great grief to the people of Blenheim and East Oxford, as they were building up hopes of having a settled charge. Mr. Reeves was licensed by the Presbytery of Paris at its last meeting and is a young man of excellent promise.

"Temperance" was the subject discussed at the last meeting of the Christian Endeavor Society in connection with the Presbyterian Church at Paris. It was introduced by Miss Malcolm. Rev. E. Cockburn spoke with regret of the removal from the society of one of the most active and energetic members, Mr. Blaney, who, in reply, assured the members present that the regrets were mutual. Miss Cockburn favored the meeting with a vocal solo.

At a regular meeting of the London Presbyterian Council, held recently, Rev. W. J. Clark in the chair as president, an admirable paper was read by Mr. A. Thomson on "Term Eldership." Mr. Thomson favors a term limit rather than the present life tenure, apparently carrying his hearers largely with him, judging from the drift of the interesting discussion that followed, though substantial arguments were not wanting in favor of the present system.

The services in connection with the formal opening of Erskine Church, Montreal, were held a week ago Sunday. Rev. J. S. Black and Rev. Louis H. Jordan, former pastors, preached in the morning and evening respectively. The church was crowded on both occasions. At the afternoon Sunday School service, Rev. A. J. Mowat, the present pastor, and Rev. James Fleck, aside from the reverend gentlemen previously mentioned, delivered addresses. Over \$10,000 was contributed during the day towards the building fund.

A very successful tea meeting was held in St. Andrew's Church, Enderby, B. C., on Tuesday, Sept. 11th, in honor of the visit of Kamloops Presbytery. Tables were spread in the town hall; the programme was rendered in the church. Addresses were given by Rev. Dr. Robertson, W. R. Ross, A. Lee, G. A. Wilson, Paul F. Langill of our own church, and W. D. Misner, of the Methodist church. Music was furnished by Mrs. J. K. Wright, Miss Caldwell and Dr. Offerhaus.

At an organization meeting of St. Andrew's Church, Strathroy, the following officials were appointed: President, G. Smith; vice-pres., J. Drynan; secretary, Miss I. Robertson; treasurer, B. Monkman; registrar, C. Gordon; monitors, S. Thompson, J. McIntosh, Misses Mabel Sutherland and Edith Taylor; programme committee, J. Drynan, J. Currie, W. Barclay, W. Saxton, Misses G. Robertson, M. Macintyre, J. Gordon, Ethel Sutherland and Minnie Craik; organists, Misses Gordon and Drynan.

Mr. G. R. Reid, Presbyterian missionary at Roland, Clegg and Rosebank, is shortly to be removed to another field. Mr. Reid is one of the five students, lately sent out from Scotland to spend a year in the mission fields of Manitoba and the North-west, and it is deemed advisable that they should see as many of the fields as possible, and the needs of the country, so as to report on their return. Mr. Reid has been very successful in his labors in his present field, and his prospective removal is very much regretted by the people at large.

Rev. R. G. S. Sinclair has been inducted into the pastoral charge of Port Elmsley and Oliver's Ferry. Rev. Mr. Currie, interim moderator of the session, conducted the devotional exercises. The charge to the new minister was delivered by the Rev. A. H. Scott, who was followed by the Rev. T. Nixon in an address to the people. Refreshments were served. Kindly allusions to the old minister, Rev. Neil Campbell, were made in the course of the day. Rev. Mr. Sinclair enters upon the work of his new charge under auspicious circumstances.

The new Erskine Presbyterian Church, Montreal, which was formally opened last Sunday, is no ordinary ornament to that city of handsome and imposing structures. The exterior presents a unique, though pleasing appearance. The interior is chastely decorated, the different colours employed harmonizing perfectly. The novel arrangement of the pulpit, organ and choir seats in one corner adds materially to the general handsome appearance. Incandescent lighting will be used, the fittings being of polished brass. The new edifice is one of which any congregation might well feel proud.

The annual meeting of the Christian Endeavor Society of Knox Church, Dutton, was held recently. The following officers were appointed: President, N. A. Campbell; vice-president, Alex. McKerracher; recording secretary, Jessie Hollingshead; assistant secretary, Jennie Morris; treasurer, Mary McCallum; corresponding secretary, Annie C. Leitch. Committees were appointed with the following conveners: Prayer meeting, J. C. Hertel; lookout, Kate McCallum; social, Martha Parker; Sabbath School, Eliza Jordan; music, Mrs. N. A. Campbell, sick, Fannie Hollingshead, Etta Milloy and Francis Rishven.

The Orillia Times says: It is a source of gratification to the friends of Presbyterianism in this district that Gravenhurst has been favored with a minister of the ripe experience, the more than ordinary abilities, and eminent qualifications of Mr. Burton (Rev. John Burton, B.D.). It is expected that under his ministry Gravenhurst congregation will lengthen its cords and strengthen its stakes. As the centre of a large Home Mission field, its importance cannot be overestimated, and a great and growing work, both in the town and in the outlying districts around, awaits the gifted pastor of the Presbyterian church.

Rev. Robert Knowles delivered a sermon recently in Calvin Church, Pembroke, upon somewhat strong and original lines. He said that the people in the older sections of the country were "preached to death." While this was the case, he pursued, many in the new sections of the land, even near us, are hungering for more of the Word, more preaching; and, continuing, he broadly hinted that some who seem determined to preach should betake themselves to regions where preaching is almost unknown, and where a field is open. The fearless and vigorous utterances of the preacher produced quite an effect on the large congregation. The Rev. G. D. Bayne occupied a seat on the pulpit platform.

In connection with the opening of the new Sunday school room of Knox Church, Hamilton, the children last Thursday gave a very pleasing entertainment. Mr. R. McKee, the superintendent, made a suitable introductory address. Among the numbers on the programme were: Piano solo, Miss Jean McCallum; recitation, Miss Lillie Fraser; recitation, Miss Jessie Irving; duet, Bella and Mary Boyes; piano solo, Miss Lizzie Barton; recitation, Miss Nellie Mason; duet, Ethel and Arthur Leitch; recitation, Master Donald Warren; song, "Battle of Queenston," Master Joseph Ross. The pastor, Dr. Fraser, was present and took part in the service. The children, under the direction of Prof. Johnston, sang quite prettily.

During an address on French Evangelization work in Knox Church, Ottawa, on a recent Sunday evening, Rev. C. E. Amaron, of Montreal, referred to the race and religious problems in the Province of Quebec. He claimed that the progress of Canada, commercially, politically and socially, had been retarded by the influence which the Romish Church has upon the people of this land, and particularly upon the French Canadians in the Province of Quebec. While politicians of both parties had many ways of explaining the cause of the exodus

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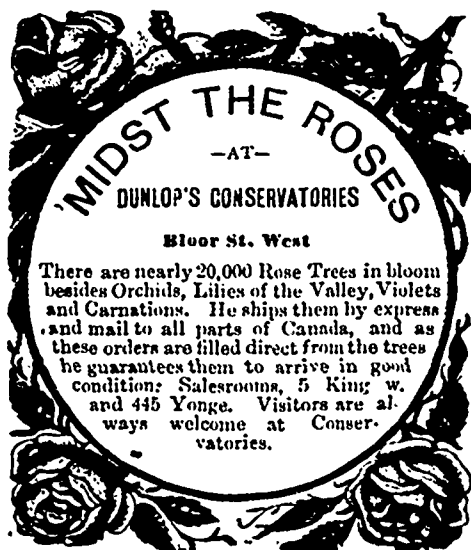
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Here is a resolution, passed at a recent meeting of the Presbytery of Giegarry, which explains itself: Moved by Dr. MacNish, seconded by D. B. MacLennan, Q.C., that the members of Presbytery sincerely regret that as the Rev. Jas. Calder has resigned the charge of Lancaster, they are henceforth to be deprived of his valuable assistance and genial friendship. They esteem him very highly for his amiable character. They recognize him as a minister of great ability, who is wont to

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