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## Ministers and Churches

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## OTTAWA.

The newly elected elders of Stewarston church are Messrs. Hugh M. Williams, Chas. Cooke, Geo. H. Barr, Jas. Daragh, A. J. Meiklejohn, M.A., P. W. Currie, B.Sc., Geo. H. D. Gibson and Andrew Miller.

A number of the Men's Association of Erskine church visited Aylmer last Thursday evening. The trip both ways was enlivened by the singing of the old familiar hymns, and people along the way "wondered." On arrival at Aylmer the party proceeded to the Presbyterian church, where they were met by Rev. Mr. McGregor and his energetic workers of young people. After brief addresses, quartettes and chorus singing, an adjournment was made to the basement, where tables were spread and appetizing refreshments were much enjoyed. It was an evening of solid enjoyment.

On Thursday afternoon the Ladies' Aid of Knox church held a very largely attended at Home in the church parlors. The ladies were received by Mrs. (Dr.) Ramsay, Mrs. W. Graham and Mrs. Campbell. A great many new members were present and a very pleasant social time was spent. A number of instrumental solos were given by Miss McJanet, who played in an attractive manner. Vocal selections were also given by Miss M. Askwith and Miss Wilson. At the tea hour refreshments were served. Mrs. (Dr.) Robertson had charge of this part of the afternoon's entertainment.

Under the auspices of Zion Presbyterian church choir, Hull, a most successful concert was held on Thursday night in Marston's hall. The attendance was large and the programme throughout was well received. Foremost among those taking part was the Hiawatha Quartette, whose vocal selections were all pleasing. Miss Halpenny was heard to advantage in an appropriate recitation and Miss Edith Cowan gave a reading selection. Miss Morris acted quite acceptably as accompanist. At the close those taking part remained and refreshments were served. Among those who assisted in the event were: Mr. S. S. Cushman, Miss Elsie Cushman, Mrs. C. H. Shantley, Mrs. Wm. Duncan and Miss Bertha Pritchard.

Last Sunday week Rev. Wylie C. Grier, of Chalmers church, Quebec, preached anniversary services in Erskine church. The subject of the evening discourse was "Jacob and Esau," and in it the preacher showed why God loved Jacob the liar and thief more than Esau, the man with abundant advantages. The reason was that Jacob with all his faults sought to do right, though he pursued wrong means. Esau, on the other hand, who was a model of physical perfection and vigor, was a profane and Godless man. That sin was punished on earth, declared the preacher, was also manifested in this story. Jacob lied to his father, and in turn his sons lied to him. Rebecca, the ambitious and unscrupulous mother, was repaid for her sin by never seeing her son again.

St. Paul's Church, Victoria, B.C., had a good year in all departments of the work. All financial obligations were met and a fair contribution made to the schemes, with a small credit balance. This completes the twenty-second year of the congregation's history and the pastorate of the Rev. D. MacRae.

A united effort is being made to retain Rev. D. Currie, who is called to Buckingham, as pastor of Knox church, Perth.

## TORONTO.

Rev. Dr. Milligan is delivering a two weeks' course of lectures on "Preaching" to the theological students of Queen's University, Kingston.

Miss Gillespie, principal of File Hills Indian school is in Toronto, and addressed the W.F.M.S. Presbyterian annual meeting at the afternoon session in Old St. Andrew's Church last Friday.

The laymen of Emmanuel Church, held a banquet last week. The topic of the lay movement was discussed. Rev. A. E. Armstrong and Rev. H. A. McPherson, of Chalmers' Church, gave addresses.

The social meeting held at the Davenport road Presbyterian Church was a most happy one. Practical truth was emphasized by song and story in a most harmonious manner by William Douglas, Mr. Hazeldean, Mr. Parke and Rev. A. L. Geggie. Mr. and Mrs. Wanless were the recipients of a gold-mounted umbrella, a leather suitcase and a magnificent basket of beauty roses as a token of the esteem in which they are held.

Rev. William McKinley, for eleven years pastor of Southside Presbyterian church, on Parliament street, was presented with a purse of gold and an address last night by the congregation on the occasion of his severing his connection with the church. The presentation which took place in the church, was made by Mrs. G. McKinnon. Mr. J. L. Swain read the address, expressing the congregation's deep regard for their pastor. Mrs. McKinley received three handsome pieces of cut glass.

Mr. Henry A. Berlis, a native of Russia, has been appointed assistant in Cook's church. Mr. Berlis was born in Mitau, Province of Courland, and won admittance through the gymnasium of Tsarskoje-Sgelo, St. Petersburg, to the theological seminary, where he intended to study for the priesthood. The Government, however, regarded him as too liberal in his views, and he was forbidden to proceed. He went to London and afterwards returned to the continent. Five years ago he came to Canada and joined the Salvation Army. Rev. A. Esler, of Cook's church, Toronto, chanced to meet Mr. Berlis, and introduced him to the Presbytery of Toronto. He was recommended to the Senate of Knox College, and is now in his second year in divinity. He has proved himself an excellent student, and gives promise of great usefulness in dealing with the large influx of foreigners into Canada.

It is reported from Winnipeg that Rev. Dr. Sinclair, who has been so ably filling the pulpit of St. Andrew's Church for the past six months, during the absence of Rev. J. W. McMillan, has been tendered and accepted a call to the Presbyterian Church of Dawson City. He will leave for his new charge about March 15. Dr. Sinclair, who is a young and able man, is well adapted to the position he has accepted in the far North. Before studying for a considerable period in Germany he was pastor of a large congregation in Port Hope, Ontario. Rev. Mr. McMillan is expected to return about April 1.

The thirteenth anniversary of Rev. A. Scott's induction to the pastorate of Zion church, Carleton Place, was celebrated on Sunday, 16th ult.

## WESTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. Murray Tait, of Knox Church, Wallaceburg, has been preaching on Night Scenes of the Bible. The last was on He went a Little Farther, Matt. 26:39.

Rev. Dr. Hubert Ross, a Canadian, but for several years minister of an important charge in Erie, Pa., preached in Westminster church, Mount Forest, last Sunday.

Rev. C. H. MacGregor, at present assistant minister of the Orillia Presbyterian Church, is to be called as colleague and successor to Rev. Dr. Grant, for so many years the greatly esteemed minister.

Last Friday night Rev. Dr. Pidgeon, of Victoria Church, Toronto Junction, baptized two of his congregation, who believe in immersion, in the Disciples' Church of Christ kindly offered for the occasion.

At the induction of Rev. R. C. McDermid into the Stayner charge, Rev. J. A. Cranston presided and Rev. C. T. Tough, of Duntroon, addressed the newly inducted minister, emphasizing the three fold nature of his work, as a man, a pastor and a preacher.

The attendance at the evangelistic and prayer services in Chalmers' church, Guelph, is well kept up and the interest has been increasing. Rev. J. B. Mullan, of Elora, was the speaker on Wednesday evening of last week, giving a suitable and fervid address.

Rev. Neil McPherson, formerly minister of St. Paul's Church, Hamilton, but now of Indianapolis, is called to Louisville, Ky. His many Canadian friends will be glad to hear of his re-established health, and will await with interest his decision as to the Louisville call.

Says the Mount Forest Confederate: Rev. John McKay, of Montreal, who at one time attended school in Mount Forest, is nominated as the Principal of the new Presbyterian College that is being established at Vancouver. Our friend, Mr. John McCall, may well be proud of his former Sabbath School scholar, and he will be all the better a principal for having had tuition from Mr. McCall, we venture to say.

## HAMILTON.

Individual Communion cups are about to be introduced in St. Andrew's Church Rev. J. A. Wilson, pastor.

Rev. Dr. Fletcher, interim moderator, preached in Knox Church at both services on Sunday, and dispensed Communion at the morning service.

The 75th Anniversary of the founding of St. Paul's congregation was fittingly celebrated on Sabbath, March 1st, by special services at which Rev. Dr. Kilpatrick of Knox College preached.

An effort is being made to unite Chalmers' and Barton churches and leave St. James' as a single charge with the popular pastor, Rev. T. McLachlan, free to devote all his energies thereto.

The Laymen's Missionary movement is now well under way in Hamilton. On Sunday, the 23rd ult., the Presbyterian pulpits were manned by prominent laymen from Toronto, and earnest discourses on missionary problems were given. The next evening, Monday, in the schoolroom of Central Church, a popular meeting of representative men from the various Presbyterian churches in Hamilton was held, when Rev. Alfred Gandier of St. James' Square Church, Toronto, spoke on missionary problems.