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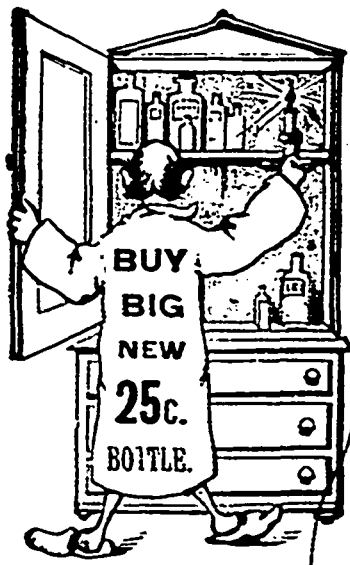
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## Ministers and Churches.

DR. DICKSON preached a sermon to the Chosen Friends in Central Church, Galt, on Sabbath last.

THE Presbyterians of Grafton are building a handsome manse for their new pastor, Rev. C. D. McDonald, late of Kildonan.

KNOX CHURCH, Owen Sound, has been closed for the past three weeks undergoing thorough cleaning and re-decoration.

It is reported that Rev. J. K. Smith, formerly pastor of Knox Church, Galt, but now of British Columbia, has accepted the call from the First Presbyterian Church, Port Hope.

Rev. and Mrs. John Kay, Milverton, are visiting with relatives in Elkton, Mich. Rev. Mr. Graeb, of Stratford, will occupy the Presbyterian pulpit during his absence.

THE Rev. Dr. Henderson, of Crieft, Clerk of the General Assembly of the Free Church of Scotland, preached in Knox Church, Galt, on Sunday evening. He preached in the U. P. church in the morning.

REV. R. HENDERSON, Bayfield, occupied the pulpit of Union Church, on Sabbath last, the pastor going to Bayfield to declare the church vacant, and will then act as Moderator *pro tem.* during the vacancy.

On a recent Sunday Rev. Mr. Hastie brought before his congregation, Knox Church, Cornwall, the matter of contributing toward rebuilding the churches in St. John's, Newfoundland. In response a collection of \$40 was given.

PROFESSOR BRYCE, of Manitoba College, Winnipeg, has received two additional grants of money towards the building fund of the new wing: one from Mrs. E. F. Bronson, Ottawa, of \$1,000, and the other from her son, Mr. E. H. Bronson, M.P.P., of \$2,000.

DR. JOHN G. PATON, of New Hebrides; Drs. Field and McGill, of Ireland; and Dr. Sexton, of New York, occupied London pulpits on Sabbath last. Large congregations attended the services held by them in the Presbyterian churches, and all who heard them were greatly pleased.

THE congregation of Lochaber Bay, in the Presbytery of Ottawa, showed their high appreciation of the services of Mr. P. D. Muir, student, who laboured with great success during the summer among them, by presenting him with a purse containing \$25 on the eve of his departure for college.

A PLEASANT time was spent at the farewell social given Mr. Anderson on his leaving Leeburn for college. He will be very much missed, as he became strongly attached to his congregation this summer. Mr. Mahaffy, of Port Albert, fills the pulpit of Leeburn Church for the next two Sabbaths.

LAST week Mr. S. Russell, editor of the *Deseronto Tribune*, was married to Miss Evelyn Davis, daughter of Mr. James Davis, mechanical superintendent of the Rathbun Company. The people of Deseronto manifested regard by choice presents. The Presbyterian congregation gave Mr. Russell a handsome silver tea set and Miss Davis also received pretty gifts from Church societies.

PASTOR ALBERT BROCHER, of Brussels, a delegate from the Missionary Christian Church of Belgium to the Pan-Presbyterian Council, gave an account of work which he and his fellow-labourers are accomplishing to a large congregation in Knox Church last Sabbath morning. Pastor Brocher is a native of Geneva, Switzerland. He has devoted twenty-five years to evangelistic work among the Roman Catholics of Belgium.

THE Rev. Professor F. R. Beattie, D.D., of South Carolina, preached in the Westminster Presbyterian Church on Bloor Street, on Sabbath evening last, from Luke xviii. 37. Dr. Beattie drew valuable lessons from the Scripture story, and emphasized the importance of each individual confessing his sins, obtaining divine grace and following in the footsteps of the Saviour. The Doctor left early in the week to resume his duties in Columbia Seminary.

THE Rev. J. Ramsey, LL.B., of Ballymoney, Ireland, will deliver a lecture on Ireland in Cooke's Church on the evening of Friday next, October 7. The lecture will be illustrated by stereopticon views of Irish life and scenery. A collection of 25 cents and upwards will be taken at the doors, and the proceeds will be devoted to defraying a debt of \$4,000 on the church buildings at Ballymoney. The doors will be open at seven o'clock, and the lecture will commence at eight o'clock. Mr. Ramsey is the gentleman who so distinguished himself at Niagara Falls on Saturday week.

THE *Winnipeg Free Press* says the classes in Manitoba College will open on Monday, 3rd, at 9 a.m. The old portion of the Manitoba College building will be finished by that date, but it has been thought better to give more time especially for the dormitories to be fairly done and in good order. Accordingly arrangements were made with the board of Knox Church last evening by which the five class rooms connected with the Church will for the three or four weeks be at the disposal of the college. Efforts are being made also to provide private boarding places for the students for the month of October. From the number of applications already received for rooms in the new college, it is certain that the students during the approaching session will be much more numerous than in any previous college year.

ON the eve of the departure of Mr. E. A. Henry, of Knox College, Toronto, from Maynooth, North Hastings, where he has been labouring for the past summer, a farewell gathering was held on Saturday evening week in one of the homes of the people, and after social intercourse and partaking of the good things provided, Mrs. S. Hayett, President of the Ladies' Aid, in the name of the Ladies' Aid and Christian Endeavour Societies, presented Mr. Henry with a purse of money and an address ex-

pressing the thanks and appreciation of his people for his efforts in their behalf. Much good has been done in the field, and a large number made a profession of faith for the first time at the communion this year. The best wishes of the people here attend Mr. Henry, whose labours have been abundantly blessed.

THE Rev. John McEwan, Edinburgh, preached an earnest and impressive sermon in St. James Square, on Sabbath morning. The pulpit was occupied in the evening by Professor Leitch, D.D., who gave a discourse full of power and fervour. Both sermons were directly practical. The pulpits of the east end Presbyterian churches were occupied last Sabbath by delegates to the Council who have not yet left the city. In Leslieville Church (Rev. W. Frizell's) the morning services were conducted by Rev. W. Scott Whittier, of New South Wales; in the evening by Rev. W. Park, M.A., of Belfast, Ireland. In Oak Street Church (Rev. J. M. Cameron's) the preachers were, at the morning service, Rev. Professor Smith, New College, Edinburgh, Scotland, and Rev. W. Scott Whittier in the evening. At all the services the congregations were very large and appreciative.

THE Rev. John Ramsey, LL.B., of Ballymoney, Ireland, preached an interesting and impressive sermon to a crowded congregation in College Street Presbyterian Church last Sabbath morning. He also delivered a discourse in the afternoon at the Young Women's Christian Association Hall on Elm Street. The hall was well filled, and all denominations in the city were represented. The audience was made up exclusively of women, young and old, and the sermon, which they listened to with earnest attention, was delivered in an eloquent and forceful manner. Rev. Mr. Ramsey took for his subject Ruth's resolve, "Thy people shall be my people and thy God my God." His opening thoughts were directed to the contrast between Ruth and the Judges. An analysis of both, he said, would be conclusive evidence that one presented a scene of peace and the other a scene of bloodshed; one a picture of light and the other a picture of darkness. Continuing, he explained how God by these gleams of sunshine lets us know that the truth still exists, and that the truth will ever exist. God has made manifest His power in the preservation of the Waldenses in the days of the pilgrim fathers in England, and kings had not changed since. He was ready and willing to reveal himself to his people today. The rev. gentleman concluded by showing that the two chief thoughts in the resolution of Ruth were the brotherhood of Christianity and the fatherhood of God. In the evening Rev. Mr. Ramsey preached to a large congregation in Knox Church, and later spoke to the members of the Young Men's Christian Association at Association Hall.

THE *London Advertiser* says: Rev. Dr. Mackay, of Chalmers Church, Dunwich, will be retiring from the active duties of the ministry at the end of the year. He will then make his home in Guelph, or with relatives in New York city. Dr. Mackay preached his first sermon in 1856. He graduated from Knox College, Toronto, in 1859, having been ordained and inducted as the pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Tiverton in 1860. There he laboured faithfully and diligently in the Master's work till 1868, when he was transferred to Knox Church, Elmira, Illinois. Continuing there as pastor till 1873, he was transferred to the pastorate of Duff's Church, East Puslinch, where he continued as pastor till August, 1889. He then retired to Guelph, where his home has been ever since. In December, 1891, he was settled as pastor of Chalmers and Duff's Churches, Dunwich. Advancing years and weakness of voice are among the reasons assigned for his retirement. Rev. Dr. Mackay had the degree of M.A. in 1875; Trinity University, in the United States, conferred on him the degree of D.D. This degree was very heartily and unanimously conferred on him by the authorities of that institution. Dr. Mackay, in his earlier years, was in the habit of writing articles for the newspapers, both in English and Gaelic. Few of the present generation of ministers have preached so frequently in Gaelic. He always took great delight in conducting divine worship in this ancient language, wherever opportunities presented themselves. He was for some time inspector of forty-three public schools in Bruce county. In his early years he was a school teacher, and taught for some time in the High School at Chatham. He commenced to prepare for the ministry at the age of twelve years, pursuing his studies at Knox College and Toronto University for seven years. The study of Latin, Greek and Hebrew was a specialty among the subjects to which he devoted much attention.

PRESBYTERY OF HURON.—This Presbytery held a meeting on September 13 in Brucefield. It was agreed to dispense with missionary meetings this year, and have missionary sermons preached by ministers exchanging pulpits. Mr. William Bell was ordered to be certified to the Senate of Knox College as a student entering the preparatory course. It was resolved to hold a conference on Sabbath Schools at the January meeting. The amount apportioned to this Presbytery for Home Missions and Augmentation was submitted and action thereon delayed till next meeting. Application from Leeburn and Union Church, Goderich Township, asking that they be put on the list of vacancies, was considered, promising a stipend of \$550 and hoping that they should be supplemented up to the minimum stipend. The Presbytery resolved to delay action in this direction in the meantime, and open correspondence with the Presbytery of Maitland, with a view of having Leeburn united with Dungan and Port Albert. A call was taken up from the congregations of Manchester and Smith's Hill to Rev. R. Henderson, of Bayfield. Parties being cited, appeared, and were heard for and against the translation of Mr. Henderson. Thereafter Mr. Henderson accepted the call, and his induction is to take place on October 13, Mr. Hamilton to preach, Mr. Stewart to address the minister and Mr. J. A. McDonald the people. The stipend promised to Mr. Henderson is \$800 and manse. Mr. Simpson

was appointed to declare the pulpits vacant and to be Moderator of Session. Application is to be made to the Assembly's Home Mission Committee for four dollars a Sabbath to Bayfield during the vacancy.—A. McLEAN, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF GLENGARRY.—This Presbytery met at Lancaster on the 13th ult. Almost all the ministerial members were present, as also a goodly proportion of the elders. The Moderator, Rev. J. J. Cameron, M.A., presided. The Rev. James Cormack, B.A., reported in behalf of the Committee appointed at last meeting to draft a suitable minute anent the retirement of the Rev. Mr. Burnet from the office of the Clerkship. The following is the minute proposed by this committee: "The Rev. J. S. Burnet having, after a great many years of service as Clerk of Presbytery, retired from office, the Presbytery desires to record its deep sense of the value of the services rendered. In his faithful attendance for all these years upon the numerous meetings of Presbytery, and his prompt discharge of all the duties pertaining to his office, the Presbytery recognizes the spirit and the methods of the man of business. And in the uniform correctness which has marked the minutes of Presbytery, and the orderly manner in which its business has been arranged and conducted, the Presbytery feels that it has had a degree of service which the salary pertaining to the office but faintly acknowledges. And it now desires to place on record its sense of the value of the services rendered by Mr. Burnet during the many years in which he filled the office of stated Clerk." This report was unanimously adopted. Rev. J. MacLaren, B.A., gave in his report as to the plan of conducting missionary meetings within the bounds of the Presbytery. This plan proposes to divide the Presbytery into groups, each group with a Convener. The members of each group to exchange pulpits on the Sabbath, and to unite in conducting missionary meetings during the week. The report was received and the plan adopted. The Rev. J. Mackenzie, Moderator of the Session of Avonmore, presented a petition from the congregation, praying for aid to the extent of \$10 in the event of settlement in the near future. Messrs. Campbell, Brownell and Dr. Kirk appeared in support of the petition, holding out the strong hope that this aid would not be needed for a longer period than two or three years. The request was granted, in so far as that lies in the power of the Presbytery. At this stage the Moderator asked leave to retire, as important duty awaited him at home. Rev. D. MacLaren, Moderator, was appointed to preside *pro tem.* Students labouring within the bounds were then dealt with. Messrs. E. Smith and N. A. MacLeod, who were present, were approved, and the Clerk instructed to certify them to their college. Mr. Givan was authorized to receive disbursements from the remaining students, to examine the same and report results to the Clerk, who in turn was authorized to act on said report. Dr. MacLaren and the Clerk were appointed a committee to confer with Mr. MacLennan. The Clerk then read extracts from the Presbytery of Quebec granting the translation of Rev. John MacLeod for induction at Vankleek Hill. Arrangements were accordingly made for his induction, to take place on October 7 next, at two o'clock p.m.; the Moderator to preside, A. K. MacLennan to preach, D. MacLaren to address the minister, and Mr. MacLennan the people. There was read a communication from the Presbyteries of Montreal and Glengarry anent Cote St. George. After deliberation it was resolved to lay the document on the table. It was resolved to rate congregations for the Presbytery and Synod Funds on the same basis as last year. Rev. A. Givan reported as to the state of the mission station at East Lancaster. His report was received, and Mr. Givan introduced to transmit the same to the Home Mission Committee of Assembly. The estimated requirements of the Home Missions and Augmentations

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