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## Ministers and Churches.

The Rev. James Bryant, of Merriton and Port Robinson, has resigned his charge.

Professor James Orr, of Edinburgh, preached in Old St. Andrew's Church last Sunday evening.

Mr. John McLean, a graduate of Knox College, begins work at Claremont at the beginning of June.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Presbyterian Church, Tweed, paid off \$1,000 of the debt on the church last week.

Rev. John W. Tanner, of Windsor Mills, Que., has accepted a call to the Presbyterian church, Omamee.

Rev. Mr. Binnie, of McDonald's Corners, has been elected chaplain of the grand camp of the Sons of Scotland.

Mr. Wm. Patterson, a graduate of Montreal College, has been unanimously called to Knox Church, Leamington, Ont.

The Rev. R. E. Knowles has fully recovered, and preached in his own pulpit last Sunday to the great delight of a large congregation.

Rev. Dr. Hamilton, of Atonbank, has commenced an exposition of the book of Daniel to the ten o'clock class, Sabbath mornings.

Messrs. Geo. E. Armstrong and J. A. Edmiston, of Perth, William Hossie, of Bathurst, and James D. Moodie, of Burgess, have been elected elders of Knox Church, Perth.

The Rev. J. A. F. Sutherland, late of Selkirk in the Presbytery of Winnipeg, was inducted, by the Presbytery of Minnedosa, into the pastoral charge of the congregation of Minnedosa on Monday, May 6th.

St. Andrew's, Kingston, one of the handsomest churches in Ontario, is to have a peal of bells. A committee has the matter in hand; and just as soon as the necessary funds are collected the bells will be purchased.

"Rev. Dr. Grant, of Orillia, has returned from Bermuda much improved in health. This will be welcome news to the thousands who delight in 'Knoxonian's' admirable letters in THE CANADA PRESBYTERIAN" says the Picton Times.

The Rev. D. Millar, has resigned the pastorate of the Presbyterian Church, Brussels. The resignation was accepted by the Presbytery of Maitland, and a resolution expressive of the high esteem felt for Mr. Millar by his co-Presbyters was unanimously adopted.

The Presbytery of Kingston will apply at the next meeting of Assembly for leave to receive as a minister of the Presbyterian Church in Canada the Rev. Thomas J. Thompson, a member of the Presbytery of St. Lawrence of the Presbyterian Church in the United States.

The Presbytery of Huron nominates Rev. Prof. Gordon, D.D., for the Moderatorship of next General Assembly. It also nominates Prof. Beattie, D.D., for the vacant chair in Knox College. The Presbytery of Stratford nominates Rev. Prof. Gregg, D.D., for the Moderator's chair.

Many friends of the Rev. John Mackie, M.A., of St. Andrew's Church, Kingston, will regret to learn that he has never got over the fall he had in the winter, accentuated as it was by a sharp attack of gripple. When walking far or standing long, his back gives him great pain.

"The first marriage ceremony since his induction into the pastorate of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church," says the London Advertiser, "was performed by Rev. Robert Johnston at the manse on Saturday evening, when Mr. Alexander Milne, the well-known piper, was united in marriage to Miss Kathleen Ash, of Picton street."

The new church at Winchester has been completed and will be dedicated June 2nd by Rev. Principal McVicar assisted by Rev. A. Rowat and Rev. M. H. Scott, former pastors. Since the sale of the old building the congregation has been worshipping in the Baptist Church as it is used by that denomination in the afternoon only.

The Rev. J. Fraser Campbell, from Indore, on Sabbath last, gave an interesting account of missionary work and needs in Central India, in St. James Square Church; and in the evening the pulpit was occupied by the Rev. John MacGillivray, B.D., of Cote St. Antoine, who has just returned from Colorado, renewed in health and strength.

We had intended saying that Rev. I. B. Mullan was for twenty-eight years minister of St. Andrew's Church, Fergus; the intelligent composer made it thirty-eight. In September next Mr. Mullan will have completed a pastorate of twenty-four years. May the Moderator of the Synod of Toronto and Kingston be long spared to minister to an attached people!

The *Warder* says: Mr. Fraser, B.A., student of Queen's College, Kingston, who is at present filling the pulpit of St. Andrew's Church, Lindsay, is a young man of more than average ability. His sermons are clear expositions of the texts chosen and would do credit to one who had completed the full course in theology. Mr. Fraser, we understand, is a second year student in theology.

The Rev. D. V. Ross, M.A., of Cannington, is building a summer cottage on the lake shore at Beaverton.

The Rev. Walter Muir, of Carluke, having signified his acceptance of a call to Brucefield, his induction will take place on the 11th prox.

The First Presbyterian Church, Chatham, held their anniversary on Monday evening last. A most delightful programme was presented, and the proceeds amounted in all to \$230.

Knox Church, Beaverton, is to be re-painted and kalsomined throughout the entire inside of the building during the summer. Specifications are now out. The Ladies' Aid Society of the Church have the matter in hand.

The Christian Endeavor Society of Knox Church, Acton, has arranged for the lecture of Rev. D. Strachan, B.A., of Hespeler, "Italy and Scotland," to be delivered in the church on Friday evening, May 31. Rev. Mr. Strachan is a most entertaining lecturer.

The Woodstock *Sentinel-Review* says of Rev. Angus McKay, M. A., of Lucknow, who conducted services in Chalmers Church in that town, last Sabbath: "Mr. McKay has many friends in and around Woodstock who were glad to see and hear him. He is one of the ablest young ministers of the Presbyterian Church."

The congregation of St. John's French Presbyterian Church, Montreal, are now feeling jubilant that after their experiences and delays in the erection of their building on the corner of Cadieux and St. Catherine streets, they are now upon the high road of its completion. The congregation will, probably, worship in the new structure this autumn.

Rev. R. Atkinson, pastor of St. Andrew's Church, Berlin, caused a big sensation on Sunday evening, 12th inst., by criticizing, in very plain terms, the town council, the police, the license commissioners, the poker dens, gambling machines, the green house and other questionable places. The clergyman spoke very plainly, and his remarks have occasioned considerable comment. The *Telegraph* says the sermon has aroused much feeling and elicited much commendation, but all agree that the preacher kept strictly within the bounds of fairness and fact.

At a meeting of the Presbytery of Peterborough, held in Orangeville, in connection with the Synod, the induction of the Rev. Mr. Tanner was appointed to be held in Omamee on the 25th inst., at 2:30 p.m., Rev. Mr. McWilliams to preside, Rev. Mr. Somerville to preach, Dr. Tarrant to address the minister and Rev. David A. Thomson the people. Dr. Smith, of Port Hope, was appointed to represent the Presbytery on the Assembly Committee on Bills in London in June next. The Rev. James Deasey, of Scotland, was nominated as a professor in Knox College.

"There is, evidently, a misunderstanding," writes the clerk of the Presbytery of Ottawa, "of what transpired at the nomination of Dr. Armstrong for a chair in Knox College. The mover of the motion indulged in a little pleasantries by saying that every good thing was not found in Toronto. No reference, whatever, was made to the Toronto Presbytery. Both the mover and the nominee are graduates of Old Knox, and refuse to take second place in their loyalty to their alma mater. Dr. Armstrong simply thanked the Presbytery for the unanimous nomination."

At a meeting of the Barrie Presbytery, held a few days ago, it was unanimously decided to recommend the board of Knox College, for financial reasons and in the interests of Theological Education, to divide the chair of the late Prof. Thomson adding Biblical Theology to Old Testament Literature, and making in the meantime two lectureships: (1) Old Testament Literature and Biblical Theology; and (2) Apologetics the salary connected with each to be \$1,500 per annum. Further the Presbytery nominates for the lectureship of Old Testament Literature and Biblical Theology, the Rev. D. M. Ramsay, F.A., B.D., and for the lectureship of Apologetics, the Rev. J. McD. Duncan, B.A.

"The Synod of Toronto and Kingston, one of the six Synods into which the Presbyterian Church in Canada is divided, is to meet in Collingwood next year," says the *Bulletin*. "On the invitation of Dr. McCrae the Synod which met in Orangeville this year unanimously decided to meet, in Collingwood. This will bring to our town for two days some of the most distinguished ministers and laymen in Canada, men like Principal Grant, Principal Cavan, Dr. Milligan, Prof. McLaren, Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, Justice McLennan, Hamilton Cassels, Judge Crescor, and Hon. G. W. Ross. The Synod has met previously in Barrie and Orillia but never in Collingwood."

Professor Francis R. Beattie, D.D., of Louisville, Kentucky, reached Guelph on Saturday evening the 17th inst., being called here by the death of his father. Mr. William E. Beatty arrived from Kentucky on Sunday morning. Dr. Beattie left this afternoon for Louisville, from which place he goes this week to Pittsburgh, Pa., to attend the meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (north). Dr. Beattie expects to visit Ontario again this summer. The Presbyterian Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky., with which Dr. Beattie is connected, is a new institution and is highly prosperous. The first session opened with thirty-one students; the second just closed had an attendance of fifty-two, and the prospect for next session indicates a considerable increase. The endowment already amounts to about \$300,000 and is increasing rapidly. One gentleman recently gave \$50,000 towards it.—*Guelph Mercury*.



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Presbyterianism in Sherbrooke has had a history of struggle and battle, out of which has issued its present influential position. The first religious services held by the denomination, as far as any record can be traced, were in 1862. The Rev. William Shearer, the present minister, is a native of Kingston, Ont., but received his early education in the Public School and Collegiate Institute in Ottawa. He took a partial course in arts in McGill University, after which he studied theology in the Presbyterian College, Montreal, graduating in the spring of 1880. He is a man of energy and tact, living in constant touch with the people; and leading in every movement which tends to promote their welfare. In county Sunday School Associations, and Christian Endeavor Unions, he has frequently been elected either as secretary or president.

As is now becoming more and more the custom—a good one it is—a conference was arranged for previous to the meeting of Synod for business on the following subjects, all of them of practical, living interest:—1. Protestantism within the bounds of the Synod; its present position and

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