

Rev. J. J. Wright, formerly pastor of the church at Lyn, and who for the past four years has been engaged in mission work in the Yukon Territory, is back to Ontario on a two months vacation and is at present visiting friends in Peterborough.

The Avonmore Gleason of the 11th says: "The Rev. Mr. Shaw of White Lake, took the evening service in the Presbyterian church on Sabbath last, and preached an excellent sermon from the 14th chapter and 16th verse of the first epistle of John: 'God is Love.' The church was filled to its utmost capacity on the occasion, and the reverend speaker received an earnest and attentive hearing. Mr. Shaw is a Scotch-born boy, was brought up near Avonmore, graduated from McGill College, and is a brother-in-law of W. J. McCart, M. L. A."

Northern Ontario.

At the recent meeting of Barrie Presbytery the call from Angus and New Lorne to Rev. C. R. Asadom was sustained and the induction fixed for Sept. 27th. Rev. Neil Campbell will preach, Rev. Geo. Crivie will address the minister, Rev. L. M. Lean will address the people, and Rev. Dr. McLeod will preside. A call from Hillsdale and Carleton Place to Rev. D. Currie of Manitoba was presented. It was left to the moderator to get more signatures and to have it forwarded to the clerk of Argoma Presbytery.

London Presbytery.

The last regular meeting of the Presbytery was held in the beautiful new schoolroom of the First Church, London. The attendance was large, including the moderator, Rev. W. Moffat; the clerk, Rev. A. Henderson; the acting clerk, Rev. Jas. Rollins; Rev. D. J. Ross, Dr. M. Crae and Messrs. John Currie, Edmont, J. G. Stuart, A. J. MacGillivray, H. McKay, London; W. J. Redde and D. R. Drummond, St. Thomas; J. F. Scott, Rodney; A. H. Eippen, J. R. Bannell, W. A. Craw, Geddes, Kelse, Watson, Kay, Shearer, Hosie, Jamieson, Leitch and others.

The Rev. D. R. Drummond, B. D., of St. Thomas, was unanimously elected moderator. Rev. Dr. Ross was introduced to the court and received a most cordial welcome.

The proposal to unite West London to Hyde Park and Komoka was left over for future consideration.

Hyde Park and Komoka asked leave to call a minister as successor to Rev. W. A. Wyllie. The request was granted and the congregations will soon be met to extend a call.

Mr. L. J. Macdonnell, M. A., and Mr. Walter L. Nichol, B. A., students, laboring within the bounds of the Presbytery, were examined and recommended to their colleges. Both young men hold a high place in the esteem of the presbytery.

Rev. W. J. Clark moved that hereafter in the election of commissioners to the general assembly, two ministers be elected by ballot, the others to be sent by rotation. Dr. McCreant seconded the motion.

Dr. McDonald and Mr. Lawrence and Mr. Douglas, elders spoke against the motion.

Rev. Frank Ballantyne, Mr. Rollins, Mr. Currie, Mr. Hosie, Dr. Merchant, Mr. Burnett, Dr. M. Crae and Mr. MacKay took part in the discussion.

Mr. Clark's motion was voted down by a large majority.

Mr. Langford, from Proof Line congregation, asked for the consideration of the reunion of Proof Line with Vanneck. A committee consisting of Mr. Wilson, Dr. M. Crae, Mr. Geddes, Dr. Merchant, Mr. Fisher and Mr. Adam Fyfe were appointed to look into this important matter.

After transacting much routine business, the presbytery adjourned to meet at 10.30 a.m. on the first Tuesday in December in St. Andrew's Church.

Presbytery of Owen Sound.

The Presbytery met in Owen Sound on Tuesday, 6th inst. There was a full attendance. The clerk was instructed to write a letter of sympathy to Rev. Mr. Simpson who has been very ill in Thornbury. Rev. Mr. Hunter resigned his charge of Markdale. Mr. Cunningham of Markdale, and Mr. Robertson, of Bealey, spoke in high terms of his work. The resignation was with deep regret accepted. Mr. Matheson was appointed to declare the pulpit vacant on Sept. 11th, and to act as moderator during the vacancy.

Messrs. Aitchison, McAlpine, Somerville and Ritchie were appointed a committee of supply to act along with the moderators of sessions in the vacancies.

Representatives from Allenford and Elsinore showed that those congregations were able to contribute \$750 and manse as stipend. The committee, viz., Dr. Somerville, Messrs. McAlpine and Acheson were instructed to explore with the view of finding a suitable connection for Skipness, and report to a special meeting of Presbytery. Presbytery resolved not to rent or permit leave to sell the Caven church in the meantime.

The resignation of Johnson, etc., by Mr. Smith was accepted with regret by the Presbytery. Testimony was borne to his faithful and devoted service. Dr. Fraser was appointed to declare the pulpit vacant on the first Sabbath of October, and to act as moderator during the vacancy.

Messrs. Currie, Matheson, McNab and Dr. Early were appointed to visit the Lake Shore District with a view of a rearrangement for the more advantageous working of the field.

Mr. Acheson presented his report of the Home Mission Committee, which showed most prosperous work in every mission field.

The Examining Committee recommended that Mr. Cowan be certified to Knox College, and Mr. Malcolm Campbell to Presbyterian College, Montreal. Messrs. Baker and Bayne also appeared before the committee and their examination was sustained. Mr. Mowat was appointed moderator for next six months, and to take the devotional exercises at the December meeting. The Presbytery then adjourned to meet if necessary at the call of the Moderator and Clerk.

Presbytery of Glengarry.

The Presbytery met in Avonmore on Monday evening Sept. 5th with Rev. L. Beaton in the chair.

After opening exercises, Rev. Principal Gordon gave a brief account of the relation that Queen's has sustained to the Church, both before and after the union of 1875. Some years ago a movement was initiated to sever the Presbyterian tie that bound the Arts department to the Church. Before this was finally consummated the mind of the Church, represented in General Assembly at Vancouver, B. C., in 1903, took an opposite view of the subject and decided to retain Queen's as an institution of the Church, and that a special effort be made to raise an adequate additional endowment for the University. This was the mind also of the Assembly in June of the present year. Now the hope is that within the coming few years the sum of \$500,000 will be raised for this purpose. The Principal asked Presbytery to appoint a committee to assist in carrying out this desire of the Assembly.

Rev. D. Currie, B. D., of Perth addressed the meeting on the subject of "Systematic Giving." When an average of a congregation or a presbytery is struck, the weekly or monthly contribution per family is amazingly small. This is for lack of system and the only proper and satisfactory plan to pursue is to give some proportion of income.

Rev. Dr. Harkness of Cornwall read a short paper on the "Personal Responsibility of the Christian to the Church."

On Tuesday morning the Presbytery met. After some routine business had been transacted the court took up the desire of the Church to have the minimum salary of ministers raised from \$750 to \$800. Steps will be taken in those congregations where this applies to have the desire accomplished. This increase is believed to be a necessity owing to the increased cost of living since the \$750 rate was agreed upon.

The Dignity of Labor.

The Rev. D. Rolfe Campbell preached in St. Gabriel's Church, Montreal, last Sunday, on "The dignity of labor," a subject suggested, he explained, by the Labor Day demonstration. There was a time when workmen were ashamed of being in manual labor, but confidence in themselves was rapidly being acquired, and he was struck with the pride of being in the man of the procession, which spoke of contentedness with their lot. He commended working men for the growing tendency they showed to reverence the Sabbath. God's law was "Six days shalt thou labor." Man was sent into the world to work and the wealthy idle classes were violating the fourth commandment, as were also the tramps and mendicants. Not only the manual worker but every man of affairs was a laborer and often the man in the high position was the hardest worker.

Missionary Contributions.

In the beginning of October, payments amounting to upwards of \$120,000 have to be made. This includes the half-yearly grants to all Home missionaries and the ministers of augmented congregations; the half-yearly annuities to widows and also to retired ministers; the salaries of all the missionaries connected with the French Evangelization Board, together with large expenditure in connection with the Foreign Missionary Work, Colleges, etc.

At the present time some of the Funds are largely in debt, for, while comparatively little has come in since the beginning of the church year, the expenditure has been very great, more particularly in connection with the Foreign Mission Fund.

There is at present in the hands of Treasurers of Missionary Associations and congregations, large sums of money which have been collected for the schemes of the church during the past half year. Instead of retaining these until the close of the year, when they are distributed among the schemes of the church, it will be a great help if these are forwarded at once. Contributions thus received are, meantime, placed in an unproductive fund, and, at the end of the year, the money is distributed to the respective schemes according to the desire of the contributing congregations, meanwhile the money is available for use. The General Assembly has recommended for several years that creche be thus forwarded. The Assembly, in June last, adopted a recommendation instructing all congregations in which there are missionary associations, to forward their money quarterly to the Agent of the church. It is hoped that sessions and missionary committees will see that this recommendation is carried out.

A large number of congregations, Sabbath Schools and individuals are supporting Home missionaries in the North West, while a number of others are supporting missionaries in the Foreign field. It will be a great service if these should forward, before the end of this month, the whole or a portion of their contribution for the current year.

ROBERT H. WARDEN.

Toronto, Sept. 13th, 1904.

The Presbytery of Hamilton, will meet in Knox Church, Hamilton, on the first day of November, at 10 a.m.

Hay Fever Unknown.

Certain it is, and many years of careful experience are back of the statement, that hay fever, and kindred annoying and troublesome summer afflictions, distressing to so many thousands all over the country, recurring regularly as July and August, are absolutely unknown in the "Highlands of Ontario." Thousands of people go to Muskoka, Georgian Bay, or the Lake of the Bays every year or not infrequently else but to avoid hay fever, and find perfect immunity from the ailment, and many by going there regularly for a period of a few years are said to be permanently cured.

Hay fever booklet can be had free for the asking, by applying to J. Quintin, Montreal, Que.

Rev. J. Hodges of Oshawa has been appointed interim moderator of session of the congregation of Coombs and Brooklyn. The pulpit will be declared vacant on Sept. 11th.

Liquor and Tobacco Habits.

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