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WESTERN ONTARIO.

The Presbytery of Owen Sound will meet on 3rd September.

The Rev. D. S. Dix, M.A., preached in Knox church, Woodstock, on a recent Sunday.

Rev. Wm. Frizell, Ph.B., of Toronto, for twenty-five years minister of the same congregation, is resigning on account of ill-health.

The call from First church, London, to Rev. Dr. Pidgeon, of Victoria church, Toronto Junction, will come before the Presbytery of Toronto on 3rd prox.

The resignations of Rev. N. A. Campbell, of Newmarket, and Rev. Wm. Morin, of Mimico, will be considered at next meeting of Toronto Presbytery.

The services in Knox church, Embro, Sunday Aug 18, were conducted by Rev. Dr. Grant, of Hanan, China, who is home on furlough. Dr. Grant gave interesting talks of his work in Hanan.

Rev. Mr. Grey, of Dundas, has been preaching in St. Andrew's church, Huntsville, in the absence of the pastor, Rev. Mr. McLennan, who has been holidaying in Hamilton, Ont., and Rochester, N.Y.

Rev. Wm. Wright, of Mount Pleasant, who preached in the Knox Presbyterian church, Cayuga, several weeks ago, has accepted a call from the Presbyterian congregations of St. Ann's and Welland port.

The corner stone of the new Presbyterian church, Monkton, was laid on August 15th, by W. K. McNaught, M.P. P., Toronto, one of Monkton's old boys, and Mrs. Charlotte McPherson, of Carleton Place, the oldest member of the congregation.

Rev. B. B. Williams, who is well known as an able preacher and who has occupied with much acceptance some of our most prominent Presbyterian pulpits, now resides in Paris, Ont., and is available for supply. Letters to this address will receive attention.

Rev. S. M. Whaley, B.A., pastor of Burns and Brookdale congregations, has returned home after his well-earned holidays. Rev. R. Barbour, B.A., who has been supplying the pulpit for the last four Sabbaths, left last week to visit friends in Huron county before returning to Stouffville.

St. Paul's, Thornbury, was re-opened Sunday, Aug. 4th, after being in the hands of masons, carpenters, painters and decorators for over six weeks. The Rev. J. A. Cranston was the preacher for the day, and preached three strong, stirring sermons. Special music was rendered by the choir and by Mr. Chas. P. Barton, senior, of Toronto.

Rev. G. C. Little, B.A., called from Bothwell to Flesherton, was inducted in Chalmers church at the latter place on the 6th inst. Rev. J. H. Edmison, Moderator of Orangeville Presbytery, presided; Rev. Hugh Ross, of Corbeton, preached; Rev. Geo. Ballantyne, of Maxwell, addressed the minister, and Rev. H. M. Phalen, of Horning's Mills, spoke to the congregation. The addresses were all of a high order and the service throughout was deeply interesting. There was a large congregation, who extended a very cordial welcome to their new pastor. Before leaving Bothwell, Mr. Little was presented with an affectionate farewell address, accompanied by a purse of gold and a handsome suit case. Handsome presents were also given to the departing pastor's highly esteemed wife, mother and two children.

At a meeting of the congregations of the Colborne and Lakeport Presbyterian churches it was unanimously decided to extend a call to Rev. P. B. Thornton to become pastor of their church after January next. Rev. Peter Duncan, the present pastor, has sent in his resignation to take effect at that date. Mr. Duncan will then have completed fifty years in the ministry as pastor of the one church. Rev. Mr. Thornton was here assisting Rev. Mr. Duncan in the work of the pastorate last year.

Handsome new electrolites have been placed in Westminster church, Mount Forest, by the Ladies' Aid. New lights at the sides, in the rear and on each side of the pulpit, with a special pulpit lamp have also been installed. The whole effect is brilliant, besides being a decided improvement in the lighting over the single light system. On July 26th, to commemorate the installation the Rev. John Buchanan, of Dundalk, delivered a much appreciated lecture on Scotland, and the North of Ireland, scenes with which the speaker is familiar. A musical programme was also rendered by Misses Waters and King, and Messrs. Plunkett and Nicholson and by the choir, the Rev. W. G. Hanna, pastor, presiding. A vote of thanks, moved by Senator McMullen and seconded by Dr. Jones and Mr. Filshie, was tendered to the lecturer and musicians.

The congregations of Lynedoch and Carholme gave a very hearty reception to their pastor, Rev. D. A. McKeracher, and his bride on Thursday evening, the 8th of August, at the Manse grounds at Lynedoch. The grounds were beautifully decorated and lighted with Chinese lanterns. A sumptuous supper, prepared by the Ladies' Aid Societies of the two congregations, was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Mr. and Mrs. McKeracher were presented with an address and a well filled purse from the two congregations. The Junior Mission Band of Lynedoch then read an address, and presented Mr. and Mrs. McKeracher with a half-dozen sterling silver tea spoons. Mr. McKeracher, who is a son of the late Rev. Donald McKeracher, of Wallaceburg, and Mrs. McKeracher, a daughter of Rev. James Black, of Hamilton, begin their work together in these two congregations with the best and hearty wishes of all.

The ordination of Mr. Wm. H. Alp, which took place in Sundridge on the 7th of August, was witnessed by a large number of people and was a solemn and interesting service. The church was tastefully adorned with flowers and plants and it was evident the ladies of the congregation had spared no pains to make their church beautiful for the occasion. Rev. R. McNabb presided and at the close of the devotional exercises the Rev. J. Beckett through the unavoidable absence of the Rev. G. W. Thom, preached the ordination sermon. Rev. R. McNabb, B.A., put the usual questions before ordination and also conducted prayer. Rev. J. Steele addressed the minister, and Rev. G. McLennan, the people; Rev. G. Thom, who had arrived late, pronounced the benediction. It is evident that Mr. Alp has the sympathy and appreciation of a large portion of this community and has begun his ordained ministry with the good wishes of the people of South River.

Rev. D. N. Coburn, M.A., of Buckingham, has been extended a unanimous call by the congregation of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, Smith's Falls. He will likely accept.

EASTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. M. McLennan, of Edinburgh, Scotland, during the past week has been visiting members of his old charges at St. Elmo and Kirk Hill.

The congregations of Cardinal and Mainsville have extended a call to Rev. W. F. Crawford, of Chesterville, to become their pastor in succession to Rev. George McArthur, resigned.

The Presbyterian church at Dunvegan was struck by lightning and considerable damage was done to the interior. The current entered by the spire and splintered the doorway to the main building.

The congregation of Middleville and Darling, in Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew, is anxious for a settlement. Salary \$800 and manse. Candidates who would like to visit the field, kindly address Rev. J. A. MacLean, Watson's Corners, Ont.

The Times of two weeks ago says:—Brockville this week mourns the death of John Menish, aged 67. Deceased (who was a brother-in-law of Rev. Dr. Campbell) had been laid aside by illness since May. The Times says that Brockville lost a good citizen, one who stood high in the estimation of his fellows. The deceased was ever a big-hearted, generous and kindly man, charitable, and possessing a high sense of the duties and obligations of life, which he fulfilled in an honorable and upright manner. He was beloved and respected, and his memory will long be cherished by those who had the pleasure of his acquaintance. Mrs. Menish died some seventeen months ago, and eight months later his eldest son died very suddenly, as the result of an accident. He leaves one son, J. Stanley, and one daughter, Mrs. (Rev.) Kainawin, B.A., of Woodville, Ont.

The return of the Rev. Allan Morrison to his pastoral charge at Kirk Hill, after a visit to the Old Land, was made the occasion of a very happy gathering of his congregation. The most important item of a bright programme was the presentation to Mr. and Mrs. Morrison of an address and substantial purse. The former was read by Mr. D. A. McMillan and expressed in very suitable terms the esteem and regard which the congregation have for their pastor and his wife. Several of the neighboring ministers testified by their presence and appreciative words to the cordial relations existing between Mr. Morrison and his co-Prebyterians. The concluding part of the programme was Mr. Morrison's account of his visit to his old home. After a lapse of seventeen years he necessarily saw many changes in his native place but very few in the direction of progress or improvement. More to be regretted, however, were the discord and trouble in religious matters. The bitter feeling still runs so high that when Mr. Morrison was going to preach in the Established Church, some expressed indignant surprise and asked, "Is that the kind of preachers you have in Canada who would preach in any church?" But yet on the following Sabbath the other two churches were closed and Mr. Morrison held a united service in the U. F. church which some of the "Wee Free" people had not entered for eight years. In the words of an old resident "What Principal Rainy had failed to do and Mr. McQueen and Mr. Lee, had been accomplished by the poor boy who had gone out from Shadder." And Mr. Morrison said he considered this one of the best compliments paid to him during his trip.