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OTTAWA.

Mr. Thompson, of the Montreal College, preached morning and evening in St. Paul's church.

Rev. J. W. M. Milne, of the Glebe church, exchanged on Sunday with Rev. N. H. MacGillivray, of St. John's church, Cornwall. Both congregations were pleased and edified.

Mr. Thomas McJanet, principal of the Kent street school, and an elder in Knox church, is the unanimous choice of the public school teachers of Ottawa as one of the candidates for election to the advisory council of education for the province. Mr. McJanet well deserves this honor at the hands of his fellow teachers. He is himself an able and experienced educationist, possessed of progressive ideas, and, if elected, will make a useful member of the council. Voting from third Wednesday in October till first Wednesday in November.

Mr. W. W. Brownell of Avonmore, Ont., father of Mrs. (Dr.) Kirke, 18 Somerset street, has returned from conducting a mission at Lashburn, Sask., since last May. Mr. Brownell, although 74 years of age, volunteered to undertake this work when lay missionaries were called for, and rendered splendid service for the Presbyterian church in his field. In all he conducted 38 services, 17 Sunday school sessions, 16 prayer meetings, paid 135 visits, visited 57 families, travelled on horseback 1,479 miles, walked 100 miles, attended two funerals and two baptismal services.

Rev. Dr. Lyle, Moderator of the General Assembly, preached twice in this city on Sunday, in the morning in St. Andrew's, and in the evening in Knox. On both occasions he presented the claims of Home Missions and Augmentation clearly and powerfully, explaining the many difficulties that confronted the church of Christ in Canada. There was the great extent of Canada, 5,000 miles from ocean to ocean. If this was a thickly settled country the task would not be so hard, but it was in many parts sparsely settled and this necessitated weak and struggling congregations. There were congregations that must be helped. Then another difficulty was a divided church. "I am speaking of the church in the broadest sense for the Roman Catholic Church is also a part of the great church of Christ. But we are all divided, in history, in tradition, in prospects and in fields. Referring to the home missionary work of the Presbyterian church, he said that when that prince of home missionaries, Rev. James Robertson, was in the work in the West he had charge over a district that since then has grown to three times the size it then was, and that was not so very long ago. During the past 25 years the Presbyterian church of Canada had given on an average \$26,000 a year for augmentation. This year it was asking for \$52,000. As a result of this giving, 30,000. As a result of this giving, each congregations were being added each year to the Presbyterian church in this country and these were giving to the funds of the church at least \$80,000 a year. Was not that good investments? In a short time the church would be adding 52 congregations a year.

The sacrament of the Lord's supper was observed in the Presbyterian church, Alexandria, last Sabbath. There was a full attendance of members, the solemn service being conducted by the pastor, Rev. D. Stewart, M.A., who also preached the preparatory sermon on Friday evening. The additions to the membership were seven, all by certificates from other congregations.

EASTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. T. A. Sadler, of Cardinal, has been visiting friends at Russell.

A new organ has been purchased for the Woodville Presbyterian Sabbath school.

Rev. A. C. Watt, of Bond Head, conducted anniversary services at Phikerton last Sunday.

Rev. T. O. Millar, from Paris Presbytery, has been inducted to the charge of Quaker Hill, Ont.

Rev. Principal Scrimger, D.D., of the Montreal College, conducted special Thanksgiving services at Gravel Hill and Monkland last Sabbath.

Rev. P. F. Langill, of Carp, and Rev. J. W. S. Lowry, of Fitzroy Harbor, when attending a meeting of the Ministerial Association in Arnprior, were guests at St. Andrew's Church manse.

Anniversary services were conducted last Sunday in St. Andrew's church, Arnprior, by Rev. Professor Welch, of Montreal College, who also lectured on Monday evening. Subject: "Mark Twain."

Rev. D. Stewart, M.A., of Alexandria, conducted the service preparatory to the communion at St. Elmo on Saturday afternoon. The pastor, Rev. Mr. Lee, conducted the observance of the Lord's supper Sabbath last.

Rev. D. N. Coburn, of Smith's Falls, conducted anniversary sermons in St. John's church, Almonte, on the 19th inst. The attendance was good, especially in the evening, when the congregation of St. Andrew's joined their sister church in worshipping.

Mr. Arthur Barnard, son of the late J. Barnard, was ordained and inducted as pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Burk's Falls on Tuesday. He is a graduate of Queen's University and is totally blind. Mr. Barnard was a brilliant student. This is his first charge.

The following topics will be treated by Rev. Wm. Shearer in St. Andrew's church, Picton, on the next four Sabbath morning sermons: 1. "The Wisdom that Cometh from Above"; 2. "Love the Divine Principle of Self-obliteration"; 3. "The Angels of God"; 4. "The Devil and his Angels." Strangers always welcome. All pews free.

The choir of the Newington church intend holding a Thanksgiving dinner on the evening of October 25. A good programme of music and speeches will be rendered, after which they will adjourn to the basement and where a real old Thanksgiving dinner of pumpkin pie, roast turkey etc., will be served for all who can attend it.

Sacrament of the Lord's supper was administered in St. Andrew's church, Arnprior, on Sunday morning, 367 communicants sitting at the table, the largest in the history of the church. The service preparatory to the sacrament was held on Friday evening, Rev. A. A. Scott of Carleton Place conducting the service.

Anniversary services were held in St. Andrew's Church, Almonte, on a recent Sunday, and were conducted by Rev. Mr. Anderson, of the McKay street Church, Ottawa. On Monday evening a social was held in the church, supper being served from six until eight o'clock, after which a musical and literary programme was presented.

The Rev. H. E. Abraham, after a holiday of three months, occupied his own pulpit in St. Paul's Church, Port Hope, at both services on Sunday. Large congregations were present and the Rev. gentleman delivered two very interesting and inspiring addresses. He has been given a reception at which there was a representative attendance of the congregation, and an address was presented expressive of the good will of the congregation.

MONTREAL.

Lord Strathcona, on behalf of his wife, has sent \$1,000 for the endowment fund of Lachine General Hospital.

Thursday afternoon, Oct. 7, marked another epoch in the history of the Chateauguay Church, when the Rev. George A. MacLennan was inducted into that charge. The afternoon and evening were ideal in weather conditions, and the union of pastor and people was most happily consummated. The Rev. J. D. Anderson, of Beauharnois, was moderator, and presided and put the usual questions. The Rev. C. W. Shelley, Valleyfield, preached a helpful sermon from 1 Pet. 27. Very fitting charges were given to the pastor and people. The Rev. J. B. MacLean, of Huntingdon, addressed the minister and the Rev. R. L. Ballantyne, the people. At six o'clock a splendid supper was served in an excellent way by the ladies in Tully Hall. Mr. Lockhart presided and gave hearty welcome to Mr. MacLennan and his family. To this Mr. MacLennan feelingly responded expressing pleasure at meeting his new flock, while also feeling the separation from his old charge at Norwood, Ont., where he left a people anxious to retain him; but he felt a call to come to Chateauguay. Congratulatory addresses were given by the ministers mentioned, and by the Rev. Peter Walker, of Maisonneuve. The Chateauguay church has a bright future. A new church costing \$11,000 is in process of erection and will be opened about New Years. The call to Mr. MacLennan was most hearty, and everything points to a happy and successful pastorate.

TORONTO.

Professor James A. Falconer addressed a mass meeting of men in the hall of the C. A. building on Sunday afternoon on the "Divinity of Jesus Christ."

Rev. Professor W. G. Jordan, D.D., of Queen's University, Kingston, preached anniversary sermons last Sunday in Avenue Road church to large congregations.

At a meeting of church-workers, held last week in the hall of Cooke's church to consider the question, "What shall we do with the Chinese?" Rev. A. B. Winchester, of Knox church, who was one of the speakers, made an eloquent defence of the Chinese, urging the churches not to be stampeded by foolish prejudices and unwise and reckless statements. He said in part: I have read the criticisms in the press and from the pulpit, and I have read the pious statements of well-meaning men that it would be better to confine the teaching of Chinese to men. Well, I glory in the fact, and thank God for it, that my wife and my daughter have had the honor of teaching Chinese the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and they are not going to give it up. If women have qualities of head and heart that fit them to teach Chinese; if they have more patience with those strangers than men, are we to retreat because of reckless, injudicious and unfair criticisms of men who do not know the subject, however honest they may be?

Nay, verily. Rev. Dr. J. C. Thomson, Montreal, thought they should try to get closer to the Chinese. They should enter their laundries and talk with them, and he saw no reason why the ladies should not do so. Rev. Dr. R. P. McKay, who presided, spoke of the necessity of facing the problem of the foreigner in Toronto with earnestness, pointing out that the foreign population in the city now numbered 35,000. "We are not going to be frightened or discouraged by criticisms," he said. "We are going to do the work."