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EASTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. Dr. McKenzie is a former minister of the First church, Brockville, and the call to Westport is gratifying to his many friends there.

The Rev. Mr. McLean gave an address on Sunday school work on Friday evening in St. Andrew's church, Appleton.

Rev. John Hay, B.D., of Renfrew, a native son of Lanark, who as an infant was baptized by Rev. Thomas Fraser, minister of St. Andrew's, was the officiating clergyman at the service.

Bro. Prof. Jordan, D.D., of Queen's University, Kingston, is in Vancouver lecturing at Westminster College. Since going west, he has preached at Banff, Victoria and in St. John's and St. Andrew's churches, Vancouver.

The Rev. A. B. McLeod, B.A., of Truro, N.S., occupied the pulpit of St. John's church, Cornwall, at both services on Sunday. On Sunday week the Rev. J. M. Nichol, of Warton, Ont., took the services.

Mr. Jas. W. Given, the popular choir leader and organist of Zion church, Carleton Place, has resigned to take a position in the new St. James church in London, Ont. Mr. Given has endeared himself to all classes since coming to Carleton Place, and his departure is deeply regretted.

Rev. Douglas McIntosh, M.A., Professor in Yale University, conducted the services in Knox church, Vankleek Hill, for Rev. C. A. Ferguson on Sabbath last. His discourses were highly appreciated by the large congregation present morning and evening.

At a largely attended meeting of the congregation of Knox church, Westport, last week, an invitation was extended Rev. W. A. McKenzie, of Hanabé, N.Y., to become minister of the church. The call which is unanimous will be sent to Mr. McKenzie immediately.

Impressive ceremonies marked the laying of the corner-stone of the new First Presbyterian Church of Montreal at the corner of Prince Arthur and Mance streets. The new church will unite the congregations of St. Gabriel's and Chalmers churches, the former one of the oldest Presbyterian churches in Canada, with a history running back to 1790. The stone was laid by Mr. J. H. Scott, and the chair occupied by the pastor, the Rev. M. A. Campbell. A number of leading citizens were present, and His Worship the Mayor addressed the assembly, as well as the Rev. Robert Campbell, Rev. G. Colborne Helme and a number of other clergymen of the district.

On Tuesday, St. Andrew's congregation, Lanark celebrated the fifteenth anniversary of the laying of the corner-stone of their church building. The present structure, a substantial stone building, is the third church erected on the same site by the early Scotch settlers of this community, and it is a splendid testimony to the faith and optimism of the fathers of those days. With some changes of interior arrangement, the edifice still furnishes a handsome and commodious church home. The ancient record of the event celebrated last week read as follows:

LANARK, 17th AUG. 1869.

"This day in the presence of a very large audience the cornerstone of the new stone Presbyterian Church was laid by Rev. Thos. Fraser with all due formality, and the following deposits made in a book hermetically sealed."

A church which can scarcely be surpassed in any rural district of Canada for beauty and completeness now stands at Demorestville, Prince Edward county, Ontario. Two years ago

it was decided to erect a new edifice rather than to repair the old building in which the people had worshipped for seventy-five years. Mr. Wellington Boulter, one of the elders, generously offered to duplicate every dollar contributed, and this proved a great stimulus to the congregation. The result was that this handsome and dignified place of worship was opened this summer with fitting ceremony. Among the gifts to the church are memorial windows to his parents, erected by Mr. Wellington Boulter, and one to the Rev. C. E. Gordon Smith, F.S.Sc., who died at Demorestville three years ago, by his widow, who now resides in Belleville. The latter window, which illustrates the Sermon on the Mount, was dedicated on Sunday, August 21st, by the present pastor, the Rev. Peter Nicol, who spoke in warm terms of the influence of Mr. Gordon Smith's life and work. The Rev. Mr. Sharpe, of Exeter, Ont., took part in the service, and the musical programme was exceedingly good, solos being sung by Mrs. Dr. Walker, of Riverside, California. Among those present were Mr. Gordonsmith's widow and eldest son and daughter, Mr. C. Gordonsmith of the Montreal "Witness," and Mrs. J. Charles Langston, also of Montreal.

TORONTO.

Rev. Geo. E. Ross, of Zion church, Charlottetown, P.E.I., took the services in St. James' Square church.

Rev. Wm. Patterson, D.D., formerly of Cook's church, preached at the reopening services in Elm street Methodist church on Sunday.

Rev. Mr. McCorkindale, of Edinburgh, preached in Rosedale church. Rev. D. Strachan will be in his own pulpit on the 2nd of September.

Rev. Prof. Bryce, D.D., LL.D., of Winnipeg, who was in the city in the interest of the memorial fund to the late Dr. Robertson, preached at St. Andrew's church, King street, in the morning, and in College street church in the evening.

WESTERN ONTARIO.

In the absence of Bro. Robert Stewart, B.A., who is away on his holidays, Rev. Mr. Freed of Fullarton took the service in Avonbank on Sunday afternoon and Rev. Mr. Swann will preach on Sunday.

Rev. J. Little, of Holstein, preached in Cedarville on Sunday afternoon, Mr. Davey preaching in Holstein.

Rev. David Smith is holding cottage prayer meeting every Wednesday evening in Conn.

Rev. Mr. Armstrong, of Toronto, conducted the services in Preston on Sunday in the absence of the Rev. J. R. Johnston, B.A., who is away on his holidays.

Rev. Walter Nichol, M.A., of St. Mary's, returned this week from his old home at Priceville.

Rev. John McGillivray of Picton, who has been taking Rev. D. M. Morden's duties at First church, St. Mary's during the holidays, returned home on Tuesday.

Rev. J. B. Mullen, of Elora, preached in Bellwood on Sunday.

Rev. R. A. Cranston, B.A., Palmerston, has returned from his holidays which he spent at Dwight, Muskoka, and Caledon East. He occupied his pulpit in Knox church on Sunday with renewed vigor.

Rev. Dr. Dickie, of Chatham, after a six weeks' vacation, has returned to the city and conducted services in the First church on Sunday.

Rev. W. L. McIntosh, B.D., of Elora, occupied the Collingwood pulpit Sunday.

The Rev. E. D. McLaren, Secretary of the Home Mission Committee, who has been away in the old country for the past two months, arrived home on Saturday. The object of his visit was to obtain a number of suitable young men for mission work in western Canada, and he has been successful in enlisting the services of a good number of men of the right sort.

At a meeting of the congregation of St. George's Church, London Junction at which the Rev. Walter Moffat presided, a unanimous call was warmly extended to the Rev. John Lindsay, of Kintore. Rev. Mr. Lindsay was offered a salary of \$800 a year, with four weeks' vacation, and a manse.

Rev. P. M. McDonald, pastor of Cowan Avenue Presbyterian Church, Toronto, has refused the call of St. James Presbyterian Church, Dartmouth, N.S.

The Presbytery of London will meet in First Church, London, on Tuesday, 6th September, at 10.30 a.m.

The congregation of Melville church, Scarborough, have called Rev. H. D. Cameron.

Rev. Neil McPherson, D.D., who has been spending the summer in the northern woods, and who now is pastor of the oldest church in Springfield, Mass., was in Hamilton last week, renewing old acquaintances. He preached in St. Paul's church on Sunday.

The charge of Orwold, which is composed of three congregations, Viola Dale, Ellenville and Orwold, and situated along the new line of the C. N. R., which runs north of Hamiota, is in need of a minister this fall. A new manse is being built at Viola Dale, and \$1,000 and a manse is offered. Applications should be sent to Rev. G. H. Crozier, Hamiota, who is moderator.

Rev. J. A. Cranston, late of Collingwood, was inducted into the pastorate of St. Andrew's church, Fort William, on Tuesday evening, August 16th. Rev. D. A. Macdonald, of West Fonth, conducted the service, and inducted the new minister. The charge to the pastorate was given by the Rev. S. C. Murray, D.D., of Port Arthur, and that to the congregation by Rev. Robert Aylward, of Fort Francis. There was a large congregation present and Mr. Cranston commences his ministry in Fort William under very auspicious circumstances. At the close of the service there was a reception for Mr. and Mrs. Cranston, in the lecture hall of the church.

Rev. R. M. Phalen, B.A., of Hornings Mills, in the Presbytery of Orangeville, has been extended a unanimous call by the united charges of Markdale and Berley churches, rendered vacant by the removal of Rev. Alex. Shepherd.

Rev. Dr. Rose, of St. Andrew's church, London, delivered his popular lecture on "Scottish Life and Character," in Bethel church, Proof Line, on Monday evening, under the auspices of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society.

Rev. Dr. McLean of Avonmore, conducted the services on Sunday at Dalhousie Mills and Cote St. George.

Rev. A. Robertson, Plantagenet, exchanged pulpits with Rev. Mr. McFarlane at Fournier on Sabbath last.

The Rev. Dr. McPhail, Kirk Hill, who has been away on his holidays, occupied his pulpit Sabbath morning, and preached in Dalkeith in the evening.

On Sunday the Rev. J. L. Gordon, of Winnipeg, who has so acceptably filled the pulpit of the Crescent St. church, Montreal, preached his last sermons prior to leaving this city.