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OTTAWA.

The Sacrament of the Lord's supper was administered in Stewarton Presbyterian church on Sabbath, when twenty-four new members were received, four by profession of faith, and twenty by certificate from other churches. The attendance at the communion service was unusually large. In the evening the service was conducted by Mr. Thomas Graham, catechist, who preached an admirable sermon to a crowded and exceedingly attentive audience.

At the Thanksgiving service in Erskine church last week, the subject of the address, which was given by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Mitchell, was the message of the non-Christian world to the church of the 20th century. The first message was that we are accessible to the Gospel now; yesterday Africa was a continent of mystery and tragedy; today it is one of opportunity. This has been brought about first by the improved means of communication, and secondly by the sway of Christian nations. The forces against Christianity are weakening. The last census reveals that while Mohammedism during the last ten years has increased 8 per cent., Protestantism has increased 40 per cent. The weakening is brought about by the influence of Christianity, education and the study of religion.

WINNIPEG AND WEST.

Rev. E. W. Panton, M.A., lately of St. Andrew's church, Stratford, has accepted the charge of Radison and Borden, on the line of the Canadian North ern, in Saskatchewan.

Rev. J. H. Wallis, on leaving Humes, the pastorate of which he has held for four years, was presented with a purse of \$142 and Mrs. Wallis was given an address along with a handsome silver tea service by the ladies of the congregation and the choir.

Alderman Armstrong of London, Ont., accompanied the Canadian Manufacturers' Association in their itinerary to the Pacific Coast. At the request of our missionary, Miss Carrie Gunn, he visited the Presbyterian Mission at Victoria, B.C., and delivered an address to the Chinese members of the mission (interpreted by Mr. Ma, the Chinese Missionary). The mission is certainly doing a useful work and laying the foundation for future advancement.

At the little church of St. John the second anniversary of the opening was celebrated Sunday by special services. The pulpit was nicely decorated with flowers, and the accommodation of the church was taxed to its utmost capacity. The morning sermon was preached by Rev. J. W. Macmillan, of St. Andrew's church. He chose for his text the parable of the Pharisee and the publican, St. Luke XVIII 9-14, from which he drew many practical lessons for everyday conduct. The evening service was taken by the Rev. Principal Patrick, who took his text from St. Mark 5, 34 "Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole, go in peace and be whole of thy plague." Few miracles, said the preacher, had stirred mankind more strongly than had this one, for faith was the keynote, the touch stone, of the Christian life. In the last analysis our faith depended on the cross which was the core of the new testament. Faith was not to be measured by the compass of the intellect but by its incentive to the practise of the Christian virtues.

Rev. S. Banks Nelson, D.D., minister of Knox church, Hamilton, was the preacher in St. Andrew's church, Westmount, last Sunday.

EASTERN ONTARIO.

The Springville congregation will call Rev. Dr. Marsh, of Hamilton.

Rev. John D. Boyd, B.A., pastor of Zion Church, Kingston, has resigned on account of ill-health.

The next meeting of Lanark and Renfrew Presbytery will be held at Carleton Place on 30th Nov. at 10.30 a.m.

The resignation of Beaumont and West Meath by Rev. A. D. Menzies, who is to become agent for the Pte Aux Trembles schools, has been accepted.

Mr. A. E. Redsell, of Toronto, has been appointed organist and choir-master of St. Andrew's church, Cobourg.

Rev. J. B. MacLeod, M.A., late of Kingsbury, Que., has been inducted to the charge of St. Andrew's church, Martintown. A most enjoyable team-meeting followed the induction services.

Rev. R. Young, B.A., of Pakenham, has returned home from his wedding trip and has resumed his pastoral duties. Both Mr. and Mrs. Young received a very hearty welcome from the congregation.

The tea meeting, following the anniversary services in the Balderson church, realized the sum of \$70.00. The programme of speech making and music was of a high order. The pastor, Rev. J. S. McIlraith, discharged the duties of the chair in his usual happy manner.

The induction of Rev. Mr. Pocock into the pastoral charge of Caintown, Mallorytown and Lyn, took place in St. Paul's church, Caintown, on Tuesday evening. Rev. Norman MacLeod, Moderator of Presbytery, presided. The preacher was Rev. D. O. McArthur, of Iroquois. Rev. Dr. Stuart, of Prescott, addressed the minister, and Rev. D. Strachan, of Brockville, the people. The social meeting, arranged for by the ladies, enabled Mr. Pocock to make the acquaintance of a large number of the people under pleasant circumstances.

The managers of St. Andrew's church, Peterboro, do a wise thing in taking the congregation into their confidence, by placing the requirements of the church before the membership in a clearly worded circular. It is stated that to accommodate the growing attendance a gallery is required at a cost of \$4,000, this with \$3,000 for rebuilding organ, and a floating indebtedness of \$1,500, renders necessary a sum of about \$8,500. The circular indicates how the money can be easily provided; and there is little doubt that the liberal and well-to-do people of St. Andrews will see that the money required is speedily forthcoming. Rev. J. G. Potter, the indefatigable pastor, is sustained by a board of faithful office bearers, who are backed up by a loyal membership.

The Rev. James Fleck, D.D., minister of Knox church, Montreal, has been unanimously nominated by the Brockville Presbytery for the moderatorship of next General Assembly, which meets in Erskine Church, Montreal, in June.

Rev. John Cameron, of Bridgetown, N.S., celebrated his 89th birthday on the 21st ult. He has been in the ministry of the Presbyterian church 62 years. He was present at the union of the Presbyterian church of Nova Scotia with the Free church, Oct. 4, 1860. Of the sixty-five ministers present on that occasion only eleven now survive and Mr. Cameron is the oldest of the eleven.

WESTERN ONTARIO.

The next meeting of Hamilton Presbytery will be held in Knox Church, Hamilton, on 6th Nov. at 10 a.m.

London Presbytery will meet in the First Presbyterian church, London, on 4th December, at 10.30 a.m.

Mr. L. H. Currie, of Toronto, is called to Forest, Ont., in succession to Rev. K. J. MacDonald, recently inducted to St. Matthew's church, Montreal.

Rev. Dr. Herridge, of St. Andrew's, Ottawa, is announced to preach the anniversary sermons in Knox church, Woodstock, on next Sunday, 21st inst.

At the last communion service in Erskine church, Hamilton, thirty new members were added to the roll—seven by certificate and twenty-three on profession of faith.

Mr. M. K. Richardson, ex-M.P., supplied Rev. L. W. Thom's pulpits at Flesherston and Engenia on the 7th instant, and his thoughtful addresses were much appreciated.

Rev. W. Robertson preached his farewell sermon in Duff's church, Morrison, and in Knox church, Crief, and has removed to Toronto. Before leaving he was made the recipient of purses from both congregations; and Mrs. Robertson was presented with a gold watch and chain.

The call from Knox church, Hamilton, to Rev. S. B. Nelson, of Rochester, N.Y., has been sustained by the Presbytery, and arrangements were made for his induction should he accept. The call was signed by 770 members, also by a large number of adherents. The salary is \$2,500, with six weeks holidays.

Rev. James Buchanan, of Dundalk, exchanged pulpits with Rev. L. W. Thom, on Sabbath week, and conducted successful anniversary services at Peaton station. The "social" on Monday evening was addressed by Revs. Buchanan, Ferguson and Thom. The assistance given by the Dundalk Methodist choir was greatly appreciated.

No man can fill another's place, or do another's work, in the plan of God. God wants no man to be just like another man. No one of the Bible heroes could do as well, in the sphere assigned to one of us, as the one who is now in that sphere. We are called to have the best traits, of those men, and to be ourselves in the exhibit of those traits.

Successful anniversary services were held in the Princeton church, conducted by Rev. H. Dickie, M.A., of Chalmers' church, Woodstock. The proceeds of the tea meetings on Monday evening, amounted to nearly one hundred dollars. This is the sixteenth year of Rev. Mr. Shearer's fruitful pastorate in Princeton and Drumbo, and it is the sincere wish of his own people and those of the other denominations that he may long continue to go in and out amongst them.

The services of St. Paul's church, Brookholm, was recently strengthened by the ordination and induction of four additional elders, viz., Thomas McClelland, John Brownlee, Robert Greig and Thomas Edmonstone. Rev. Dr. Fraser, of Annan, conducted the services and administered the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Eighteen new members were received on profession of faith, and six by certificate, making the total membership 108. Excellent work done during the summer by Mr. G. L. MacKay, the student in charge.

The young people of Knox church, Stratford, held a successful "At Home" a few evenings ago, with the laudable object of giving the pupils of the various educational institutions in the city an opportunity of becoming ac-