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OTTAWA.

Rev. Jas. Cormack, B.A., of Ottawa, has been preaching with much acceptance at Metcalfe.

Fifty new members were added to the roll of Stewarson Presbyterian church at the quarterly communion service yesterday morning. Of these 20 were by profession of faith and 30 by certificate. At the commencement of the year the congregation membership stood at 610. The present strength of 738 constitutes Stewarson congregation, the second largest body in the city.

Rev. A. G. Cameron, of City View, a suburb of Ottawa, has received an unanimous call to St. John's Church, Brockville, in succession to Rev. D. Strachan, who was recently settled in Rosedale church, Toronto. Mr. Cameron is a graduate of the Montreal College. As a student he distinguished himself, being first in several departments, and winning the Crescent Street Church Scholarship for general proficiency. St. John's Church does well in securing as its minister a man of the ability, experience and high Christian character of Mr. Cameron.

At a meeting of the Men's Association of St. Paul's Church, Mr. E. S. McPhail was elected to represent the association at the National Missionary Congress held last week in Toronto. Mr. J. McNabb, president, occupied the chair, and read an interesting paper on Early Missions in the Northwest Territories, beginning with telling about the settlement of the Red River Colony, and the first mission, organized by Rev. Dr. Black at Kildonan, and dealing with the mission matters there till 1888, when Rev. Dr. Black died. Rev. Dr. Armstrong, Dr. Thorburn, Mr. William Whillans and Mr. Jas. Dunnett also spoke, the latter showing that through missions the Indians in the northwest had become amenable to civilization, and had not been stirred by the Red River rebellion.

TORONTO.

The late Donald MacKay, among others, made the following bequests to Presbyterian objects: Knox College, \$2,000; Manitoba College, \$500; Home Mission Scheme, \$500; Foreign Mission Scheme, \$500; Widows' and Orphans' Fund, \$1,000. He leaves an estate of \$400,000.

Owing to the serious illness of his little boy, Rev. J. D. Morrow, of St. Mark's church had to call off his proposed trip to the east, where he was to take part in evangelistic services. The child has scarlet fever and as Mr. Morrow is quarantined with him he will be unable to get out for some little time.

The April number of the F. M. Tidings contained the following list of new life members: Mrs. Pettit, presented by W.F.M.S. Auxiliary, New Ileskard; Mrs. A. J. MacKenzie, St. John's Church Auxiliary, Hamilton; Mrs. D. L. McCrae, presented by London Presbyterian, Wilton Grove; Mrs. Geo. Houlding, Farlington Auxiliary, Brantford; Mrs. V. Sloan, presented by Parkdale Auxiliary, Toronto; Mrs. (Dr.) Ramsay, presentation Knox Church Auxiliary, Ottawa; Mrs. W. L. Innes, St. Paul's Church Auxiliary, Simcoe; Mrs. (Dr.) John McNair, presented by W.F.M.S. Auxiliary, Oakville; Mrs. R. Sim, presented by W.F.M.S. Auxiliary, Renfrew; Mrs. D. McBean, W.F.M.S. Auxiliary, Forest; Mrs. Agnes B. Spence, St. Paul's Church Auxiliary, Peterborough; Mrs. John Waddell, presented by W.F.M.S. Auxiliary, Harriston.

WINNIPEG AND WEST.

Rev. A. E. Henry, of Regina, has been preaching in Westminster pulpit.

Six weeks' leave of absence has been granted to Rev. Thurlow Fraser by Knox Church, Portage La Prairie, that he may take part in the evangelistic campaign in the Kootenay.

A few weeks ago the Chinese of four of the Winnipeg schools banquetted their teachers and friends. On the programme were such widely varying numbers as a solo in English by Fong Ping and an address by Dr. DuVal.

The first service of the newly-organized church in Weston was held on Sunday evening 28th ult., and was largely attended, practically all the seating capacity being taken up. Rev. Dr. Bryce officiated and preached a very forcible sermon from Acts 8, verses 4 and 5.

Rev. David Fleming, formerly of Strathcona, was inducted into the pastorate of the Dauphin church in the presence of a large congregation. Rev. E. W. M. Johnson, of Gilbert Plains, conducted the service. Rev. A. W. Churchill, of Grandview, addressed the newly-inducted pastor, and Rev. Alex. Kemlo, of Roblin, addressed the people. At the conclusion of the ceremony a reception was held when those present were made acquainted with Mr. and Mrs. Fleming. Later in the evening refreshments were served.

EASTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. Mr. Fairbairn, of Appleton, has been preaching in the Methodist church, Ashton.

A very pretty wedding of considerable social interest took place at the residence of James MacGregor, Sandringham, Ont., on March 24, at 2 p.m., when his daughter, Miss Ellen M. MacGregor, was married to Duncan A. Cameron, of Finch. Rev. A. Lee officiated. The gifts received were numerous and costly, and testify to the esteem in which the young couple are held. They included a valuable silver service, the gift of Mr. S. H. Cameron, of Edmonton, and a handsome cheque from the groom's brother. The young couple will reside at Finch.

A most enjoyable time was spent at Grafton on Wednesday, March 17, when Mr. and Mrs. William K. Stewart celebrated their golden wedding. All the members of the family that could possibly attend were present. Mr. and Mrs. Stewart have ten children and nineteen grandchildren living. They were married in Woodstock, March 17, 1859, and they spent the first thirty-three years of their wedded life in West Zorra. For ten years Mr. Stewart was in the Government service in Penetanguishene and the last seven in Cobourg, and is at present living with his youngest son, Alexander, who is minister at Grafton. Mr. Stewart retired from the Government service in November last. Mr. and Mrs. Stewart, surrounded by members of their family, received the congratulations of their many friends and the many valuable tokens they received showed the esteem in which they are held by them. A purse of gold was presented by their sons and daughters. The Dominion Presbyterian extends to Mr. and Mrs. Stewart heartfelt good wishes on this auspicious occasion. May they yet be spared to each other for many happy years.

WESTERN ONTARIO.

The next regular meeting of Algoma Presbytery will be held at Little Current on the evening of 6th July.

Algoma Presbytery sustains the call from Thessalon to Rev. Mr. McNichol, who is at present laboring in Nova Scotia. The stipend promised is \$900 with manse and three weeks' holidays.

Mrs. (Dr.) H. R. McCullough, of Harrieston, entertained the choir of Knox church at her residence, when a most enjoyable evening was spent, eliciting a hearty vote of thanks from the guests. The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was observed at Chalmers' church, South River, at the morning service last Sunday, Rev. G. L. Johnston, B.A., of North Bay, occupying the pulpit both morning and evening.

Rev. James Rollins, of King street church, London, exchanged pulpits with Rev. John Smith, of Hamilton Road church last Sunday week, and conducted communion service in the recently organized congregation.

Last Sunday, Rev. T. H. Mitchell, of New St. James church, London, celebrated the third anniversary of his successful ministry. Rev. Dr. Ross, of St. Andrew's church, and Rev. E. L. Pidgeon, of St. Thomas, took part in the interesting services of the day.

At the recent meeting of Algoma Presbytery, with Rev. A. D. Reid, moderator, in the chair, a conference was held, when Rev. Logie, of Sudbury, gave a practical address founded on Paul's query: "Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do." A discussion followed in which Messrs. Campbell, Camp, Childerhose, Ferguson and Dr. Rayson took part. The moderator, in closing the discussion, said that he had listened with great interest to the address, and after rehearsing the many lessons to be learned from the life of Paul, pronounced the benediction.

MONTREAL.

Rev. W. D. Reid, B.D., of Taylor church, left last week to take part in the "Kootenay Campaign." The Rev. Prof. Bland, of the Wesleyan College, will take Mr. Reid's pulpit during his absence.

Rev. E. McGowan, M.A., for the past two years assistant to Rev. Dr. Mowatt, of Erskine church, has resigned as he is about to leave the city. He was presented with a purse of gold, the presentation being made by Mr. Wm. Robb, city treasurer.

Rev. A. V. Brown has resigned the pastorate of Newcastle and Newtonville congregations, and intends taking a post graduate course at Edinburgh, Scotland.

United Presbyterian.—It has been our privilege to see much of the ministry. We do not claim perfection for its members, but we do say that they are men of the finest spirit, who are in the work because they feel called to it and love it. How they regard their own experience is seen in the number of ministers' sons who are in the ministry, and this, too, when they were reared under the most rigid economy. It is seen in meetings of ministers, in the social life, in the general spirit and tone of their living. Hardships they accept, burdens they bear, even when they are unreasonable; psalms of praise and thanksgiving are their songs, good cheer is in their homes, and joy is in their life.