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Ministers and Churches.

KNOX Church, Cornwall, voted \$50 to the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund out of their collection on Thanksgiving Day.

THE Rev. C. J. Cameron, minister of St. John's Church, Brockville, has taken possession of the new manse recently erected on a lot opposite the church. Mr. Cameron's popularity continues to grow and large congregations attend all his services.

THE Christian Endeavour Society of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, London, gave a reception to other like societies in that city last week. Rev. J. A. Murray and Rev. Mr. Tolmie, Brantford, gave addresses, and Miss Gilmour sang a solo. Refreshments were served and a social evening spent.

THE following is an official list of the ministers invited to preach in Eskine Church, Ottawa: The Rev. Lennox R. Gloag, without charge; the Rev. M. H. Scott, M.A., Winchester; the Rev. R. D. Fraser, M.A., Bowmanville; the Rev. James G. Potter, B.A., Merrickville, and the Rev. Dugald Currie, Glenora.

GHOSHEN B. HOWAR, lecture, "Present Condition of Palestine and the Jews," was delivered in the Y. M. C. A., 29th November, and is to be repeated in the West End Y. M. C. A., on the 13th December. It is a statement of the actual facts of the case of the Jews in Palestine and of what is being done for them by Christian missions.

THE public meeting of Knox College Missionary Society is announced for Friday first, 11th inst. An essay will be read by Mr. William Gauld, B.A., on "The Choice of our Life Work," and addresses will be delivered by Mr. Eshoo, a Persian student in attendance at Knox, on "Life in Persia," and by Rev. A. B. Winchester, B.A., Berlin, on "Our Chinese Relations." An attractive musical programme has also been prepared for the occasion.

THE *Pictou Gazette* says: The Rev. Mr. Dowsley, returned missionary from China and Japan, occupied the pulpit of the Presbyterian Church on Sunday last, morning and evening. The sermons were both eloquent and impressive, and were listened to with rapt attention by the congregation assembled. The reverend gentleman will conduct the services next Sunday, morning and evening. In the afternoon he will address the Sabbath school on "Missions in India and China."

THE Clerk of Brockville Presbytery writes: I find there is a misunderstanding among Presbyteries regarding the sentence passed upon Rev. John McIntyre of this Presbytery. Will you kindly say in the news column of your paper, this week if possible, "that the Clerk of the Presbytery of Brockville desires you to say that in the matter of the sentence passed upon Rev. John McIntyre, the Presbytery of Brockville had no intention of communicating him from the membership of the Church for all time to come."

DR. KING has now entirely recovered from the attack of fever by which he was laid aside for nearly three weeks. For the last three weeks he has been taking his full work in the Theological and Arts classes. The Rev. Mr. Farquharson of Pilot Mound is giving for a month before the Christmas holidays some additional teaching in Mental Philosophy, rendered necessary by the large class which this session has entered on the study of this branch. This is not the first time Mr. Farquharson has come to the help of the college.

A MEETING of the young people of Rev. Mr. Somerville's congregation was held in Division Street Hall, Owen Sound, on Friday evening week to discuss the question of organizing into a society of some sort. The attendance was large. The pastor presided. Two proposals were submitted to the meeting—one to organize into a branch of the Christian Endeavour Society and the other to form a Young People's Mission Association. It was decided to combine the best features of both organizations and a committee was appointed for this purpose.

THE Rev. P. Straith, Innerkip, has moved into the new manse. On Thursday evening week a regular old-time house-warming reopening was held in it. The large attendance evinced the general kindly esteem in which the reverend gentleman is held. In the matter of provision the ladies did their part well, everything being provided in the greatest abundance. Music was furnished by members of the Church choir, and Mr. and Mrs. Werner, Mrs. J. Begg, and by Rev. Mr. Straith himself in some of the gems of Scottish songs. Rev. Messrs. Tolmie, McKay, Laing and Franklin all spoke words of greeting and congratulations.

THE lecture given by the Rev. Dr. Moffatt in the Presbyterian Church, Oshawa, Friday evening week on "Chinese Gordon" was one of the most interesting, profitable and enjoyable lectures that an Oshawa audience has had the privilege of listening to for some time. The subject was a very attractive one, and was ably treated, illustrating and inculcating in an admirable manner the idea of Christian manliness. The young People's Society of Christian Endeavour is to be congratulated on its choice of a lecturer for the occasion, and we can assure Dr. Moffatt of a hearty welcome should he again favour Oshawa with a visit in the same capacity.

DR. TORRANCE, Guelph, Convener of the General Assembly's Committee on Statistics, requests us to state that he mailed on the 15th, 17th, and 18th November, addressed to Presbytery Clerks, narrow containing the questions for collecting the Statistics and Financial Statements of congregations and mission stations; and on the 4th and 5th December, sheets, addressed to the same persons, for tabulating the same, and reporting them to Presbyteries and the Committee. Should any Clerk not receive the parcel sent him he will oblige by letting Dr. Torrance know at once, who hopes that due diligence will be shown by all concerned in procuring and forwarding full returns.

A LETTER from Rev. G. Elliott, Okanase Reserve, has been received acknowledging the clothing sent by the auxiliaries of the Paris Presbytery Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, in which he says: "The clothing for my poor Indians came July to hand. I can assure you I had great pleasure in running around and giving the children the clothing you have so kindly sent them. You deserve great credit for the care and attention you have given, and the Indians are greatly elated at getting so much good warm clothing. The shoes and yarn are greatly prized. In sending me supplies next year if you do as you have done this year I could not desire anything better, nor suggest any improvement. From my heart I thank you, ladies, very much."

THE second annual social of the First Reformed Presbyterian Church, Carlton Street, Toronto, held on Wednesday evening week, was, in all things, a successful event. Rev. Nevin Woodside, Pittsburg, presided, and addresses were given by the pastor, Rev. Stuart Acheson, M.A., Rev. George Burnfield, B.D., and Messrs. Oliver and McLean. The musical part was excellent. Professor Bohner, Mr. Hardie, Mrs. Coult-Bain, Miss Hurst, Miss Leah McCutcheon, Signor Napolitano and others contributed. Tea was served by the ladies of the Church in the new lecture-room to some three hundred guests. The presence of so many and the hearty co-operation of all speak well for the progress of Carlton St. Reformed Presbyterian Church.

THE Rev. John A. Macdonald, formerly of Brigid, has been inducted into the pastoral charge of Varna and Blake on the 24th ult. Rev. J. H. Simpson, Brucefield, presided. Rev. Mr. Needham, of Egmondville, preached an excellent and appropriate sermon. Messrs. Henderson, Bayfield, addressed the minister and S. Atchison the people. A largely-attended reception meeting was held in the evening, Mr. Simpson presiding. Interesting congratulatory addresses were delivered by Rev. Messrs. Henderson, Acheson, Elliott, Walker, Methodist, Newton, Church of England, and the newly-inducted pastor. The settlement is of a most harmonious character and Mr. Macdonald enters his new sphere of labour under most favourable auspices and with the best wishes of his many friends.

THE Rev. Dr. Macrae, of St. John, N.B., preached recently an excellent sermon in St. James Church, Charlottetown, P.E.I., to a large and attentive congregation, taking for his text 1 Cor. vii. 23: "We are bought with a price; be not ye the servants of men." In terse and elegant language, says the *Parade*, he dwelt on the desirability of cultivating freedom of thought and independence of mind. "Prove all things, hold fast that which is good." Let there be no cringing or crawling, he said, and instanced as examples of independence, Abraham, Noah, Moses, Daniel, and others. The doctor is a real orator and has proved himself a power in the pulpit. We are sure the congregation of St. James will be glad to hear him again. He also preached in the same church in the evening a powerful sermon especially addressed to young men, his text being Eccles. xi. 9.

A MOST impressive and touching memorial service was held in Knox Church, Owen Sound, on Sunday evening week, in memory of the late Thomas H. Long, who was drowned at the C. P. R. docks on Thanksgiving morning. A large congregation was present, and the choir gallery was filled with thirty singers, all wearing white badges on the left arm. The organ volunteers by Professor Donley were appropriate and beautiful. Two anthems were rendered by the choir. The first one was "He Wipes the Tear from Every Eye," and the second was a Gospel hymn, "Sweet Rest at Home," rendered during the collection. The latter was particularly well rendered. The seat of the deceased young man in the choir was beautifully decorated with a flower wreath. About seventy employees of the C.P.R. were present and occupied the front seats in the central row. The pastor preached a forcible sermon from the text, "There is but a step between me and death."

A DESPATCH, dated Halifax, states that a letter from Rev. Joseph Annand, missionary of the Presbyterian Church in the Lower Provinces to the New Hebrides Islands in the South Pacific, brings sad news from the mission fields. Mr. and Mrs. Laurie some time before lost a child by death and the affliction so wrought on Mrs. Laurie as to affect her mind and cause violent symptoms of insanity. About the same time the wife of another missionary, Mrs. Leggett, committed suicide by hanging herself while temporarily insane. The third event in the sorrowful series was the death of an English planter. He had been on the islands for some time, was doing well, and sent to England for the young lady to whom he was engaged to come to the islands and marry him. She came and they were wedded. Two days later he, with his partner and some natives, went to an adjoining island. Bushmen from the interior assailed the party, sent a bullet through the planter's heart and also killed two natives. The bodies of the latter were carried off and eaten, the white man's remains being brought back.

He was a devoted missionary. A British man-of-war will be sent to the scene of the tragedy to punish the murderers if possible.

PRESBYTERY OF LINDSAY—This Presbytery met at Woodville on Tuesday, 24th November, and was constituted by the Rev. John McMillan, Moderator. A call was laid on the table from Fenelon Falls congregation, addressed to the Rev. M. McKinnon, B.A., St. Andrews Church, Eldon. The Moderator's conduct was approved and the call sustained. The Presbytery agreed to hold an adjourned meeting at Woodville on Tuesday, 8th December, at eleven a.m. The Clerk was instructed to cite all parties to be present. The Rev. R. Johnston was appointed Moderator of the Session of Fenelon Falls. The following arrangement for Presbyterial visitation was agreed to, viz.: Mr. A. U. Campbell and Mr. P. A. McLeod to visit the

congregations in Section I.; Mr. John McMillan (for Mr. D. McDonald) and Mr. McLachlin, those in Section II.; Mr. M. McKinnon and Mr. W. Galloway, those of Section III. Mr. Hanna gave in a report on Home Missions which was received and adopted, and the thanks of the Presbytery tendered to Mr. Hanna for his diligence. The Moderators of Sessions of vacant congregations reported in regard to the congregations, when it was agreed that Mr. R. Johnston and Mr. Hanna visit Vroomanton congregation at an early date. The Committee on Synod Remits reported as follows: First, That this Presbytery approves of the first overture in regard to members registering their names at the opening of Synod, instead of the calling the roll. Second, That this Presbytery is of opinion that the usual time, viz., second week of May, is the best time of the year for holding the stated meetings of the Synod. Third, That this Presbytery strongly disapproves of the proposed division of the Synod. Report received and adopted. The following Committee was appointed to report on the General Assembly's Remits at next regular meeting of Presbytery: Mr. R. Johnston, Mr. McAulay, and Mr. Hanna. It was agreed that Messrs. R. Johnston, McKinnon, Hanna, Glendenning and J. C. Gilchrist, be a Permanent Committee of Presbytery to supervise Young People's Societies, and encourage the organization of Young People's Home Mission Associations within the bounds of the Presbytery. The next regular meeting of Presbytery to be held at Woodville on the last Tuesday of February, 1892, at eleven o'clock a.m. The Woman's Foreign Mission Presbyterial Association to hold their annual meeting same place and date.—JAMES R. SCOTT, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF GUELPH.—This Presbytery met under the Moderatorship of Dr. Jackson, in Chalmers Church, Guelph, on the 17th November. There was a large attendance of both Ministers and Kuling Elders. Dr. Dickson had extended to him the congratulations of the Presbytery on the honour he had gained in acquiring, as a reward of his studies and scholarship, the Degree of Doctor in Philosophy. Committees in charge of making arrangements for holding Conferences on Sabbath Schools, State of Religion and Temperance, not being prepared to report, the business was postponed till next meeting, the understanding being that the Conferences would be held in March. Mr. Mullan reported from the Committee on Evangelistic Services a plan of interchange of pulpit and holding meetings. The report was received, and the plan approved, while Kirk Sessions were left free to make other arrangements if more convenient for them. An extension of time was granted at their own request to the Committee on Remits from the General Assembly. A statement was given showing what had been done by the Committee to visit Preston, and enquire what support might be expected from those who had applied to be formed in a station. After deliberation the Committee was continued with the addition of Mr. Winchester, and directed to carry out the instructions given it at a previous meeting. The remits from Synod were read and considered, when it was agreed, by a majority, that no change should be made as to the season of the year at which it has been in the practice of meeting, that it is unadvisable in the meantime to divide the Synod into two, one to be called the Synod of Toronto, and the other the Synod of Kingston, and that the Overture for the engagement by the Clerk of a Registrar with whom members may register their names immediately on their arrival, and thus render the calling of the roll unnecessary, be approved. Dr. J. K. Smith, formerly pastor of Knox Church, Galt, being present, was invited to sit with the Court, and address those present in the afternoon. Dr. Dickson, in terms of his motion at last meeting, spoke on the mode followed by Presbytery for some years in appointing its Commissioners to the General Assembly. After dis-

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