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## Ministers and Churches.

THE Rev. K. MacLennan, was inducted to the pastoral charge of Levis, Presbytery of Quebec, on the 22nd ult.

THE Rev. Dr. McDonald, Seaforth, has been laid up for two weeks with a severe attack of illness. His many friends, however, will be pleased to learn that he is recovering.

THE Rev. W. T. Herridge, one evening last week, threw open his house to the young men of the congregation, a goodly number of whom were present. The evening was pleasantly spent in songs and games.

THE "At Home" which was intended to be held on the 9th of this month in Knox College under the auspices of the Literary Society has been postponed until after Christmas owing to the serious illness of the wife of the steward.

THE Rev. Samuel Carruthers preached his closing sermon in the Waterloo Presbyterian Church Sunday week to crowded audiences. The church was preached vacant last Sabbath by the Rev. A. M. Hamilton of Winterbourne.

MR. R. S. McMICKING, having resigned the position of Superintendent of the Sunday School of St. Andrews, Victoria, B.C., after a faithful and efficient service of many years, was waited upon at his residence by the officers and teachers and presented with an easy chair and address.

At a meeting of the united congregations of the Fordwich and Gorrie Presbyterian Churches, held in the former place, a unanimous call was extended to Rev. James Cameron, at a salary of \$800 per annum. These congregations have been for over a year without a pastor and their selection was made with the greatest care and unanimity.

ST. ANDREWS CHURCH INSTITUTE, Ottawa, held its first public meeting last week, Rev. W. T. Herridge occupying the chair and Mr. W. D. Lebeaur delivering a lecture on Tennyson. At the close of the lecture Mr. Justice Patterson and Sir James Grant moved a vote of thanks to the lecturer.

THE Rev. Dr. Ghosh Howie, of Lebanon, addressed a large and deeply-interested meeting in Lakefield on November 29, under the auspices of the W. C. T. U. Revs. Messrs. McEwen, Bartlett, Grant and McDonald warmly commended Dr. Howie's fearless spirit in uttering disagreeable truths, and an enthusiastic vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. Doctor.

THE Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, of Division Street Church, Owen Sound, held a very delightful thanksgiving meeting on October 31. Although the night was very unfavourable there was a large number of ladies present. An interesting programme was carried out. Mrs. Somerville presided, and an inspiring address was given by Mrs. Hamilton, of Keady. Thank-offering amounted to \$65.

THE Rev. F. D. Millar, Yarmouth, N.S., Convent, states that the Assembly's Committee on Systematic Benevolence has sent out to all the Clerks of Presbyteries blank returns sufficient for the congregations within their bounds. Also blanks for the use of Presbyteries, so that the summary of congregational returns may be uniform. If any Clerk of Presbytery has failed to receive the blanks forwarded, duplicates can be secured by addressing Mr. Millar.

THE annual meeting of the congregation of St. Andrew's Church, Blyth, was held on Thanksgiving Day. The reports submitted were very satisfactory. The Communion roll shows a net increase in the membership, and the contributions by Sabbath collections, pew rents and envelopes were in the aggregate higher than any previous year. The total contributions exceed \$2,000, of which between five and six hundred dollars are for missions. This is one of the most prosperous congregations in the county of Huron.

THE Rev. John Neil, B.A., presided at a service of praise held in the Westminster Presbyterian Church, Bloor Street East, last week. The service consisted of organ and vocal solos, two anthems, and a trio "Protect us Through the Coming Night," which was sung with much taste and effect by Miss Florence M. Glover, Miss Edith J. Miller, and Mr. Alex. M. Gorrie. The anthem "The Radiant Morn," sung by the choir, was also much appreciated, and Miss Glover sang Torrington's "Abide With Me" in an exceedingly artistic manner. The other artists were: Miss Minnie Bauld, Miss Agnes Forbes, Mr. Francis T. Chambers, and Mr. J. W. F. Harrison, all of whom deserve high praise. The service was much enjoyed by the many who were present.

A DEPUTATION from the Toronto Presbytery, consisting of Rev. G. M. Milligan, Rev. J. Watt, of Laskay, and Mr. John Carlyle, held a conference on a recent afternoon with the elders and trustees of Westminster church as to the spiritual and financial condition of the congregation. They found everything in a very satisfactory state, and a general conversation took place on matters relating to church government. In the evening the deputation addressed a meeting of the congregation, in the course of their remarks congratulating the members on the harmony and prosperity that prevailed. These visits are being made to all the congregations within the bounds of the Presbytery.

THE pulpit of the Central Presbyterian Church was occupied on Sabbath morning week by Rev. J. A. Morrison, B.A., a young minister who graduated with distinction in the Montreal Presbyterian College, after which he took a post-graduate course in Edinburgh, and has now returned to Canada with a view to settlement. From the words "I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ" he preached a most eloquent sermon, in which the Gospel was magnified as the power to regenerate humanity. Its conflict with and victory over the great religious systems of the world proved its superiority to all of them, not only because of its divine origin and character, but because of its adaptability to human

needs, and its glorious purposes. There was a large congregation, and great attention was given to the young and eloquent preacher.

MRS. STRAITH JAMIESON, who spent eight years in China, as a missionary with her late husband, addressed a large meeting in St. Andrews church, Markham, on Thursday evening, November 23, under the auspices of the W. F. M. S. Miss Thynne, President of the Society, occupied the chair. Mrs. Jamieson's address upon, what she saw and heard in Formosa, China, was extremely interesting and instructive. She held the large audience spell-bound for considerably over an hour, and she would have been listened to attentively for another hour. She made a deep impression by her intense earnestness and clear and forcible descriptions. Mrs. Jamieson is doing a great work in a quiet and modest way, and should receive encouragement from all who can give it.

At the Sunday afternoon Gospel meeting of the Young Men's Christian Association, Rev. Wilbur F. Crafts, of Pittsburg, spoke on "The Manifold Worth of the Sabbath." He drew the distinction between Sabbath and Sunday, pointing out that the former meant "rest," while the latter had more of a secular meaning. No matter what the name, however, the day should always be remembered and honoured as "The Lord's Day." Sabbath labour, he said, was slavery underscored, and Sabbath breaking was to attack the higher right to life and health, rights of conscience and the rights of God. The discourse was listened to attentively by a large audience, and the singing of Master Eddie Reburn was a pleasing feature of the service. Dr. Crafts preached able discourses at both the morning and the evening services of St. James Square Presbyterian Church.

THE annual thanksgiving meeting of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of St. Andrews Church, Lindsay, was held in the school-room of the church recently. All the ladies of the church as well as the members, were invited, and as a consequence the school-room was almost filled. The collection, which amounted to \$63, was entirely voluntary. Each person had been provided with an envelope and asked to contribute what they wished as a thanksgiving offering, enclosing a text of scripture which expressed their own particular cause for thanksgiving to God during the past year. The President, Mrs. McLennan, presided and was assisted in the devotional exercises by Mrs. Sutherland, Mrs. Ross and Mrs. Hamilton. After the reading of reports by the secretary and treasurer, the texts, which had been enclosed in the envelopes, were read by Mrs. H. McLean and Miss McLennan. A motion was carried that the election of officers for the year '93 be held for this year in the month of December instead of January as formerly, for this reason—the annual meeting of the Lindsay Presbyterian Society will be held in Lindsay in February and it was thought advisable to leave the January meeting free to transact business in connection with it. Mrs. Hamilton, in a few well-chosen words, expressed the regret of the society at the death of Mrs. Samuel Smyth, who was a faithful member of the society since it was first organized. Mrs. Burling then dedicated the thanksgiving collection to God in prayer. Miss McSweeney and Mrs. M. McLean sang a sacred duet in a very pleasing manner, after which two essays were read, one by Mrs. T. Stewart on "Thanksgiving," pointing out causes for thanksgiving and acceptable methods of rendering it; and the other by Miss Florence Fair on "India," pointing out the pressing needs of India. Thanksgiving stories were read by Mrs. McAlpine and Mrs. J. H. Paterson, after which a recitation was given by Miss M. Gordon, which brought this very successful meeting to a close.

KILSYTH correspondence in the Owen Sound Advertiser says: The induction of the Rev. G. C. McNabb into the Kilsyth Presbyterian Church was made the occasion of a very pleasant gathering. On Tuesday afternoon at 2.30 the church was packed to its utmost capacity, and such good order prevailed one could hear a pin drop. The meeting was opened by singing the 125th Psalm, Miss Smith, of Tara, presiding at the organ. An excellent sermon was then preached by Rev. Mr. McKittick, of Annan, from the words "With joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation," which not only reached the ears but also touched the hearts of many people. After singing again Dr. Waits, of Owen Sound, addressed Mr. McNabb in presence of the congregation, impressing upon him the great importance of the work upon which he was now entering. Rev. J. Hamilton, of Keady, then gave some excellent advice to the congregation on their duties to their pastor, after which he conducted Mr. McNabb to the door and introduced him to the people. All then repaired to the manse, where the ladies, always remembered for their hospitality, had a bountiful supper spread for all. After partaking of refreshment the people returned to the church, where an excellent programme was carried out. The Tara choir gave some fine selections, which were well rendered. Particularly worthy of mention was a quartette sung by four gentlemen, "Speed Away;" also a piece by the choir, "Throw out the life-line." Interspersed with the songs were short speeches from Rev. Mr. McKittick, Rev. Dr. Waits and Moderator Hamilton. Mr. MacLean took the hearts of all with his well-timed remarks and the rendering of "Alone in the Twilight." Last but not least we listened to a splendid address from the Rev. Mr. McNabb, the newly-inducted minister, who more than ratified the favourable impression he had already made. May his work be prosperous and his mission a labour of love.

ABOUT two years ago Principal MacVicar conducted the opening services of the new church at Avonmore, within the bounds of Glenangary Presbytery. On the 27th ult. he preached anniversary sermons to the same flock. The occasion was one of the deepest interest and warmest enthusiasm on the part of the people. The church was crowded to its utmost capacity at the Sunday services and on Monday night. Dr. MacVicar spent Monday in pastoral visitations along with Mr. Brownell, a de-

vout and godly elder, and drove some ten or twelve miles for this purpose. At night he spoke for over an hour on the position and work of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, including the part she takes in secular and religious journalism through the enterprise of her members, and in founding and developing colleges, especially theological seminaries. In this connection he referred to the growth and influence for good of the institution over which he presides, and declared emphatically that what the Church needs most is a large number of godly, strong and thoroughly-trained men to occupy her pulpits and mission fields. He passed in rapid review the Mormons, Home, French, and Foreign Mission work in which the Church is engaged, and called for more earnest prayer and for greater liberality in support of it all. Mr. N. A. MacLeod, B.A., student of the Presbyterian College, Montreal, acted as chairman of the meeting. He was missionary at Avonmore last summer and his services were greatly appreciated by the people. Brief addresses were delivered by the Revs. MacKenzie, of Roxboro', and McLeod, South Finch. In proof of the Christian harmony which prevails in the neighbourhood, it may be stated that members of all the leading Protestant denominations and of the Roman Catholic were present at the Sunday and Monday meetings. The Rev. Mr. Garvin, of the Methodist church, assisted on Sunday night. This was as it should be. "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell in unity." There was no tea drinking or sale of bazaar articles at exorbitant prices, but the people, with the utmost unanimity, subscribed about \$1,000 to their church debt—thus almost extinguishing it. It is hardly necessary to add that the energy and liberality of the Avonmore congregation are highly commendable.

THE annual thank-offering meeting of Toronto Auxiliary Canadian McAll Association, was held on Thursday, December 1, in the library of the Y. M. C. A. In the absence of the president, Mrs. Edward Blake, Mrs. J. L. Brodie, one of the vice-presidents, occupied the chair. Treasurer's report showed a balance of \$287 on hand, the thank-offering amounted to \$30.25 and the subscription of \$10 was given in, but we have not done as well as last year. Miss M. Falby read a letter from Dr. McAll, dated from London, where Mrs. McAll and he will reside a part of each year to seek new workers and new subscribers to fill the places of those called away by death and otherwise, to maintain the old, and if possible arouse fresh interest in the work in France. Mrs. Wilson, Neemuch, Central India, then gave a most interesting address, in which she said that "every missionary is interested in all mission work." It had been said that Paris lays down laws for the world in fashion and other more weighty matters. Mrs. Wilson did not agree with this, but said, "its influence is certainly far-reaching; if France were Christianized it would have a most beneficial effect on our French-speaking countrymen." In speaking of the "women of India," we were told that those of high caste are kept in zenanas, the common people have to go about their work; the children are as free as little English girls until they are married, but this takes place when they are very young and they are then taken to live with the husband's family. Infanticide is now forbidden, but girl babies are not welcome, because they must be married and it takes a great deal to purchase a husband. It is absolutely necessary for a son to perform a certain religious rite after the father's death or he will remain in the Hindoo hell. Some Hindoo reformers talk about having their wives educated so as to be their companions, as they see the English wives are. One woman told that her husband had taught her all he knew himself, but this was an exceptional case. The little wives of India have very sad lives. A widow with sons receives a good deal of respect in some places. In Bengal the widow's head is shaved, her jewellery taken from her and she is forbidden to marry. The cruel manner in which they are treated

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