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OTTAWA.

Rev. J. G. Potter, M.A., of St. Andrew's Church, Peterboro, was the preacher in Erskine Church on Sunday. A meeting is to be held this (Wednesday) evening to ascertain whether the congregation is ready to call.

At the induction of Rev. W. M. Hay as minister at Billings' Bridge, Rev. D. M. MacLeod, in behalf of the congregation, presented Rev. A. G. Cameron, who had ably discharged the duties of interim moderator of session during the vacancy, with a handsome set of Parkman's works, in slight acknowledgment of his services.

The new pastor at Billings' Bridge, Rev. W. M. Hay, was formerly of Paisley, Ont. He had been engaged in mission work in Quebec, in the Eastern Townships and in New Ontario. Last spring he graduated in theology from Queen's University, having formerly obtained the degree of B.A. from the same institution. The new minister is an energetic, young man and his frank, earnest and manly bearing augurs well for his success.

In a recent sermon Rev. Dr. Ramsay, of Knox Church, Ottawa, dealt with the subject: "Does the World Lie in Wickedness?"

"Evil is not unorganized," he said; "it is under the control of the spirit of evil, whom we term Satan, who with his angels forms a mighty army which rules the whole world." The revised version of the Bible, far from crushing out the belief that there is a Satan, makes the belief in the existence of Satan all the more certain. He did not agree with the belief that there were no virtues in the godless and that what appeared so were but vices. The godless had accompanying vices. "Every virtue casts a dark shadow. The whole world lies in wickedness, and the virtues are but fragments which should have formed a stately structure but lacked the presence of God."

Rev. Wm. Patterson, M.A., of Lumsden, Sask., formerly of Buckingham, Que., has been preaching with much acceptance at Bethune and Gladstone, on a recent Sunday.

Knox Church, Winnipeg, (Rev. Dr. Du Val, pastor), contributed a collection of \$150 towards the relief of the Fernie congregation. One thousand dollars is expected from Winnipeg Presbytery alone, but \$11,000 altogether as required.

The Rev. William Frizzell, Ph.B., and Mrs. Frizzell, of Redlands, Cal., (formerly of Toronto, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Frances M., to Mr. Fred Morgan, of Toronto. The wedding will take place at Redlands on Wednesday, Sept. 30th.

Judge Forbes, while in Montreal on his return from Toronto, called on David Russell and told him of the intended removal from St. John of Rev. Dr. Fotheringham, and of the presentation to Dr. Fotheringham of a purse. Mr. Russell, who is a former parishioner of Dr. Fotheringham, and was at one time a student in his Bible class, at once expressed his sympathy with the movement and gave Judge Forbes \$100 as his subscription. The generous gift was presented to Rev. Dr. Fotheringham this morning, and needless to say, was greatly appreciated, as were the warm expressions of good will accompanying it. This is not the first occasion on which Mr. Russell has remembered his former pastor.—The Globe.

EASTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. Mr. Turner, of Kirkfield, has been preaching at Woodville.

Rev. D. W. Beest and family, of Beaverton, have returned from a month's outing at Stoney Lake.

There was a new arrival at the Woodlands manse on the 12th instant, in the shape of a baby boy.

McDonald's Corners, Elphin and Snow Road congregation has called with a strong probability of acceptance.

Rev. D. Currie, M.A., of Knox church, Perth, preached anniversary sermons at Clayton last Sunday.

Rev. Dr. MacLean, of Avonmore, after a brief stay in an Ottawa hospital, has gone West in search of better health.

On a recent Sunday, Rev. J. A. Donnell, of Halesbury, who was visiting in Beaverton, occupied the pulpit of St. Andrew's Church.

The death is announced at Brooklin, Ont., of Mr. John Ormiston, a nephew of the late Dr. Wm. Ormiston, in the 75th year of his age.

Rev. W. A. Morrison, of Dalhousie Mills, took part with Rev. Mr. McKinnon in the communion service last Sunday week at Vankleek Hill.

Rev. R. J. Craig, M.A., Kingeton, has been appointed moderator of Glenvale, Harrowsmith and Milton. The congregation is desirous of hearing candidates.

The third anniversary of the opening of St. Paul's church, Port Hope, will be held on Sunday, October 4th. The Rev. Dr. Pidgeon, of Toronto, will be the preacher.

Anniversary services in connection with St. Andrew's church, Arnprior, will be held on Sunday, 4th October. Rev. Professor Jordan, D.D., of Queen's University, will be the preacher both morning and evening.

The work on Zion church, Almonte, is advancing rapidly. The stone work is complete except the pointing, the roofs are on, and the school-annex is almost ready for the plasterers. The beautiful woodwork within the church proper is also progressing favorably.

The resignation of Rev. J. D. MacKenzie, from the pastorate of Knox church, Lancaster, was laid before a special meeting of Glengarry Presbytery. On account of ill health Mr. MacKenzie seeks a dryer climate, and having received a unanimous call to the First Presbyterian church of Barre, Vt., which is situated in the Green Mountains, he felt disposed to go there. Commissioners from Knox session and congregation were heard, each expressing much regret that Mr. MacKenzie found it necessary to leave this field of labor. The resignation was accepted, to take effect the last Sunday of September. Rev. J. U. Tanner was appointed moderator, and the pulpit will be preached vacant on Sunday, October 4.

The anniversary services in connection with Ashton church were observed on Sunday, the 15th inst., with the social meeting on Monday evening, and success attended the services throughout. On Sunday, Rev. Mr. Daly, of Almonte, was the preacher, who delivered two suitable and able sermons to large congregations. At the social, the church was filled to the limit with an eager, expectant crowd. Tea was served in the Anglican hall by the ladies, early, after which the people moved to the church. Rev. Mr. Bayne, the pastor, occupied the chair, and addresses were given by Revs. Daly, Scott, Monds, Macfarlane and Fairbairn.

WESTERN ONTARIO.

The call from Knox church, Guelph, to Rev. G. W. Arnold, B.A., of Petrolia, has been sustained.

Rev. D. G. McPhail, of Cayuga, has been preaching at Tait's Corners in behalf of Queen's University endowment fund.

Rev. J. B. Millan, of Elora, has been giving excellent supply to the Mimosa congregation in the absence of the pastor, Rev. W. W. McIntosh.

The congregation of Parry Sound have extended a call to the Rev. F. W. Mahaffy, B.A., of Alveston, and that of Callendar to the Rev. Mr. Dallas.

The resignation of the charge of Cedarville and Epslin by Rev. J. P. McInnes has been regretfully accepted by the Saugeen Presbytery.

At the last meeting of Saugeen Presbytery Rev. Mr. Edmison, of Chellenham, was present and gave a strong address on the Layman's Missionary Movement.

Rev. Donald Tait, of Teeswater, was the preacher in St. Paul's church, Mount Forest, last Sunday, having exchanged with Rev. Wm. Cooper, who conducted re-opening services in the former place.

Rev. A. E. Mitchell, of Knox church, and Rev. Dr. MacTavish, of Toronto, preached pre-communion sermons in Hamilton on Friday evening, the one in St. Andrew's and the other in St. Paul's.

A call from Windham and Delhi, in favor of Rev. M. P. Craig, of the Sania Presbytery, and recently from Scotland, has been sanctioned by Paris Presbytery and his induction will take place on 29th inst. The moderator, Rev. R. McCullough, Innerkip, will preside, and induct; the Rev. Mr. McCracken, Brantford, will preach; Rev. J. J. Brown, Tilsonburg, will address the minister, and Rev. Dr. Dickie, Woodstock, the people.

The congregation of St. Paul's, Ingersoll, tendered a very hearty reception to Rev. Alfred Bright and his young bride at a pleasant social. The coffee was poured by Meadames John Boles, Sr., Wm. Partlo, Henry Golding and Middlemiss. The refreshments were served by a number of the young ladies of the church. Mrs. E. R. Hutt received with Mrs. Bright, and during the evening addressees appropriate to the occasion were delivered by Rev. Dr. Dickie, Woodstock, and Rev. Alfred Bright, who thanked the congregation for the kindly reception tendered to Mrs. Bright.

KNOX COLLEGE CONFERENCE.

The following is the programme of the annual conference of the Knox College Alumni Association, to be held at the college from September 22 to October 2.

Monday, Sept. 22th.—8 p.m., Hymns and Hymn Writers of the 19th Century, Rev. Alex. McMillan.

This meeting will be held in St. Andrew's Church, corner King and Simcoe streets. Mr. McMillan will be assisted by Dr. Norman Anderson, organist of the church, assisted by his splendid choir.

Tuesday, Sept. 23th.—10 a.m., Old Testament, Rev. Prof. McFadyen; 11 a.m., The religion that meets the deepest need of the race, Rev. Prof. Roberson; 2.30 p.m., Review of Dr. Watson's "Philosophic Basis of Religion," Rev. T. R. Robinson, Ph.D.; 3.30, Some things a Minister may learn from Thomas Carlyle, Rev. R. E. Knowles; 8.00 p.m., "Preaching," Rev. Thos. L. Ritchie, St. James Church, Edinburgh.