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WESTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. Mr. Wilson, of Allanford, preached at Mount Forest last Sunday.

Rev. W. J. Dey, of Simcoe, preached at Cayuga, on November 17th.

The Waterloo congregation have increased the salary of their pastor, Rev. W. D. Lee, to \$1,200 per annum.

The Presbytery of Hamilton will meet in Knox Church, Hamilton, on the 7th of January, 1908, at 10 a.m.

Rev. F. H. Russell, of Dhar, India, preached to large congregations in both Stratford churches on the 17th inst.

Rev. Mr. Thompson, of Stratford, is announced to preach anniversary sermons at Shakespere on the 15th of Dec.

Rev. S. Young, of Clifford, recently completed a thirty years' pastorate in that town.

On the occasion of the thank-offering of the Aurora auxiliary, W. F. M. S., Rev. Dr. Carmichael of King, conducted appropriate services.

Rev. J. A. Grant, of Richmond Hill, who has been on the sick list for several weeks, is steadily progressing towards recovery. He and Mrs. Grant have gone into Toronto on a visit for a few days.

Mr. Frank Yeigh gave his new picture talk on "The Canada of To-day" to the Kew Beach Presbyterians last Monday evening. The lecture was under the auspices of the Young People's Society and was greatly enjoyed by every one present.

Rev. F. E. Higgins, known as the Sky Pilot of Minnesota, gave an address in Erskine Church school room, Hamilton, last week. There was a very fair attendance, and the address was of much interest to all. Mr. Higgins spoke chiefly upon the work in the logging camps of Minnesota.

Rev. W. T. Allison, until recently pastor of the Stayner Church, has just been inducted into the pastorate of the vacant charge at New Haven, Conn. Mr. Allison was graduated with honors from the University of Toronto in 1889, and from the Yale Divinity School in 1901. The year following was spent in England and his time since then has been devoted to preaching in Canada. During the last two years he has also done very successful work as lecturer in the University of Toronto in the department of English. For a number of years Mr. Allison was connected with prominent daily papers in Toronto as reporter and editorial writer. In addition to his duties at Middlefield, Mr. Allison will also pursue a course of graduate study in English literature at Yale University.

In a recent sermon, Dr. Lyle, of Hamilton, gave expression to the opinion that the Japs should not be excluded, because they were, along with ourselves, God's children, and entitled to the same right here as we had. They should be taken in on the principles of brotherhood also. As for the "yellow peril" argument, he thought there was no need to fear that. He did think, however, that the white peril was to be feared. The whites we were getting from the crowded cities of Europe were a positive danger because so many of them had insanity in the brain, disease in the blood and vice in the heart. The Japs were morally and physically sound, and were good citizens, and he believed it was their strength that we feared more than anything else, because they were making such rapid advancement in the world by their industry and quickness to learn the best the world had to offer.

Chalmers Church, Flesherton, suffered a great loss on the 12th inst., by the death of Mr. A. S. VanDusen, a very highly esteemed elder and active worker in the congregation. At the largely attended funeral service in the church, which was appropriately draped in mourning, the recently inducted pastor, Rev. G. C. Little, preached a short sermon from 1 Cor. 13:12, after which addresses were given by Rev. L. W. Thom, of Waldemar, and Rev. Dr. Caldwell, Methodist pastor, Flesherton. The former, who had been pastor of the congregation for ten years, paid a fitting tribute to the memory of the deceased with whom he had been associated for ten years. He was a man of sound judgment and a kind and wise counsellor. His deep love for and careful study of the scripture, his marked ability as a teacher of the same and his consistent Christian life made him a power for good in the church and in the community. Deceased was in his 67th year, and a widow, two sons and two daughters survive him.

At a meeting of the congregation of Chalmers church, Flesherton, on the evening of Thursday, the 21st inst., a forward movement in behalf of missions was taken by organizing a Missionary Society for the congregation in which all members and adherents will be eligible for membership and will be solicited to join and lend interest and support to the project. Officers were elected as follows: President, the pastor, Rev. G. C. Little; 1st Vice-President, J. F. Chard, elder; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. J. L. McMullen; Secretary, Charles Stewart, Sabbath School Superintendent; Treasurer, Miss Eva Loucks; Finance Committee, J. E. McKee, T. R. McKenzie, Mrs. W. J. Stewart; Programme Committee, Mrs. F. Tucker, Mrs. W. Bentham, Miss Celia Van Dusen. Fortnightly meetings will be held when addresses, papers, etc., on missionary work will be given. The work in the field is prospering under the recently inducted pastor, who is at present preaching an interesting series of sermons on the book of Esther.

NORTHERN ONTARIO.

Rev. Mr. Cranston, of Collingwood, is doing excellent work in his large congregation, and in creating a temperance sentiment in the community, which will probably result in the carrying of a local option by-law when submitted he has taken a leading part.

Mr. John MacGillivray, a student of Queen's, carried on a successful mission in the MacMurphy settlement, Craig Leith and West Ward of Collingwood, for six months. He met with much success in his field, and friends predict for him a brilliant and useful career in the ministry.

Rev. G. C. Patterson, M.A., late of Embro, visited Collingwood and his old home in the neighborhood, a few weeks ago, when he preached several times in St. Andrew's Church, MacMurphy settlement. Those who heard him were delighted with his eminently able and practical discourses. Mr. Patterson resigned his charge with a view to a needed rest. He has greatly benefited by the change, and will soon be ready to resume the active work of the ministry.

The anniversary services of St. Andrew's church, Markham, were held last Sunday, when Rev. E. Leslie Pidgeon, a former pastor, preached morning and evening.

SYNOD OF MANITOBA.

At the recent meeting of the Synod much useful business was expeditiously transacted. The retiring moderator preached the sermon, which was afterwards referred to by Dr. Patrick, in moving a vote of thanks, as of "commendable brevity, gratifying orthodoxy," and in which was "outlined the kernel of a Christian life." The Rev. M. C. Rumball, of Morden, was then elected moderator. After the transaction of routine business, and the appointment of a strong committee on Moral and Social Reform, the Synod adjourned.

On the following morning Rev. J. W. Dawson, D.D., of London (England), addressed the Synod.

Dr. Dawson regarded this as a confidential meeting of ministers, and felt himself free to speak on questions that affect the efficiency and determine the mode and spirit of their work. He did not claim to speak with authority, but to give personal testimony concerning things he had had to learn. His wide and general theme was the evangelistic ministry and the evangelistic church, and he managed to say a good deal that could not help being suggestive and stimulating to his hearers.

Dr. Gordon moved a vote of thanks to Dr. Dawson, and in doing so bore a tribute to the value of his preaching at the evangelistic services held in St. Stephen's church.

Dr. Murray seconded the motion and made reference to his church at Port Arthur, telling how a leader in the labor movement is a prominent member and gives addresses to the Sunday evening congregation with other influential labor men accompanying him, and how he has the use of two or three columns a week in the local paper for articles on labor questions.

Dr. Hart supported the motion, and it was unanimously passed by all the members standing.

In the afternoon Rev. Dr. Shearer, secretary of the General Assembly's Moral and Social Reform movement, was heard by the Synod. He indicated the scope of the new department as including the following: Sunday observance, temperance, gambling and social evils, promoting business integrity and political purity, dealing with the industrial problems arising out of relations between capital and labor, and the relation of working men to the church. He indicated the plans decided upon by the general assembly committee to be as follows: Teaching sociology and moral reform in the colleges, Sunday schools and young people's societies, and the brotherhoods or other men's organizations, of which the assembly's committee recommend or urge the organization to be trained in the theory and practical work of moral reform; the use of the religious and secular, including the labor press.

Rev. Dr. McLaren, the General Assembly's secretary of home missions, addressed the synod on the work of his department and the means of carrying it on. As to the financial situation, he stated that last year \$150,000 was asked for, but only \$142,000 was raised; consequently it became necessary to draw from the reserve fund. The work of this year required an income of \$180,000. The speaker went on to discuss the home mission work as touching every department of the church's work; as to induce men to whom licenses are once as a church; as bearing upon the whole energy of the church, upon the prosecution of foreign mission work. Where, he asked, are the men and the