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OTTAWA.

Dr. Ramsay and family are summering at Norway Bay.

Rev. John McNichol, of the Toronto Bible Training Institute, was the preacher in St. Andrew's Church last Sunday.

At the evening sermon in Stewarton church last Sunday, Rev. McElroy incidentally discussed the Chinese question. He expressed surprise and horror at recent revelations about Chinese denials of vice, and urged the necessity for Canadians to take a strong stand against such evils which threatened to do material harm to the national life of the Dominion.

The regular June meeting of the Daughters of Canada Auxiliary of the Home Missionary Society was held in the Glebe church on Thursday evening. A paper on "The Mormon" was read by Mrs. E. Hampson, and one on "Hospitals of the West" by Miss Grant. The papers proved both interesting and instructive. The greater part of the evening, however, was devoted to a towel shower, when donations of towels were received for the hospital of the home mission field at Sifton. It was decided to hold the next regular meeting on the fourth Thursday in September.

Last Sunday morning and afternoon were devoted to Children's services at Stewarton Church. The church was prettily decorated with flowers, and in various places canaries in cages were hung up. They sang frequently during the services, and the effect was very pretty. The pastor, Rev. W. A. McElroy, gave an address on the Message of the Flowers, teaching the children the lessons they might learn from the daisy, violet and other blooms. In the afternoon the children again occupied the church. A sacred cantata was presented by 35 children, some of whom represented flowers, while others took the parts of the rain, the dew and other things of nature. Sacred solos were given by Master Ira Parker and Master Kirby Bangs. The Flower Sunday was such a success that it will be held annually.

The new Y.M.C.A. building, on the corner of Metcalfe street and Laurier avenue, was last week formally dedicated to the use and uplifting of the boys and young men of the Capital. The Ottawa branch is now definitely settled in its new home, one of the finest and best equipped Y.M.C.A. buildings in the country. A large and inter-denominational audience assembled for the dedicatory ceremony which took place in the assembly hall. Many of the city's clergymen were there. Mr. Gordon C. Edwards, president of the board of directors, occupied the chair. A feature of the occasion was the handing over of the key of the building to the president by Mr. John R. Reid, chairman of the building committee. In doing this, he spoke of how long they had been waiting patiently and expectantly to set aside the building for its heaven-sanctioned uses. The Y.M.C.A. was becoming day by day a greater power and no other institution bore a greater share of the world's character-building. The way in which people had contributed to the building fund was, he said, an evidence of the spirit of human brotherhood. "On behalf of the directors, I wish to thank you," said Mr. Edwards, taking the key. "The building was needed, and the work of the association will advance at a greater rate through our having it." He gave great credit to the general secretary and all those who had aided in the campaign for their untiring efforts, modestly disclaiming any credit for the success of the enterprise. An elo-

quent dedicatory address was given by Rev. Dr. Wm. T. Herridge. Others who took part in the ceremony were: Rev. A. W. Mackay, who gave the opening invocation; Rev. Dr. J. E. Mavety, who read from the scriptures; Rev. Dr. A. A. Cameron, who led in prayer, and Rev. Wm. McIntosh, who closed the meeting with the benediction. Mr. Percy McGregor accompanied the hymns sung, on the piano. Mr. Patton, secretary, received a telegram from the Montreal branch of the association as follows: The Montreal association sends congratulations on the opening of your new building and wishes the Ottawa association God's richest blessings in its larger opportunity to reach the young men and boys of your city.—John W. Ross, president, and D. A. Budge, secretary, Montreal association. Personal congratulations to Mr. Patton were received from secretaries of the Toronto, Toronto West and Kingston associations and the Provincial secretary.

TORONTO.

Rev. John Gray, D. D., Toronto spent several days at Keene.

Rev. E. Cockburn, of Toronto, visited relatives at Drumbo last week.

Rev. Dr. Murray, Toronto, is spending a couple of months at Cobourg.

The Rev. Robert Knowles of this city left for the Old Country last Tuesday.

Prior to leaving for Vancouver, B.C., Rev. Dr. Pidgeon was made the recipient of a gold watch, and Mrs. Pidgeon was presented with two silver dishes from the ladies of Victoria Church West Toronto.

At a meeting of Bonar congregation the building committee reported that the cost of the new site on St. Clarens Avenue, amounting to \$5,000, was nearly all provided for. The new church will seat 1,000 people. The salary of the pastor, Rev. Alex. MacGillivray, was increased to \$2,000.

The Winnipeg Tribune has the following about the movements of local ministers:—Rev. Dr. Duval, of Knox, will spend the summer in Switzerland and Asia Minor. Rev. W. A. McLean, of St. Giles', will go to Brockville about the end of July. He has not as yet arranged for his supply. Rev. C. Stewart, of St. Paul's, will spend a month at Montreal. Rev. K. Wylie Clark, of Quebec, and Rev. Walker Melam, of Detroit, will relieve him. Rev. C. W. Gordon, of St. Stephen's, has already had a trip to New York this year. The management of Knox Church gave their pastor on the eve of his departure to the east a cheque for \$900 to pay his expenses, the gift of members of the congregation.

Says the Winnipeg Tribune: Rev. J. Hill Woodside, LL.D., of Franklin, Man., conducted the services in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church on Sunday. Dr. Woodside was one of the western commissioners to the Presbyterian General Assembly at Hamilton, Ont., from which he is at present returning. Speaking of the proceedings of the Assembly, the Doctor says the two most marked features were the discussions which took place on the Church Union and the Queen's College. In the former a clearer understanding of the problems it involved had, without doubt, been arrived at, and a greater sympathetic interest was evident in the project, though it was somewhat significant that the vote recorded against it was larger than previously.

WESTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. T. D. McCullough, of Harrington, is called to Atwood.

The Rev. G. J. Mackay, M.A., of Elmvale, and wife and family have left on a trip to Europe.

Rev. H. W. Reade, M.A., of St. Thomas, is called to Pittsburg, Kingston Presbyterian.

Rev. Dr. Dickie of Chalmers' church, Woodstock, is called to the First church, Chatham.

Rev. D. G. MacPhail, of Cayuga, will spend his holidays at Picton, the Thousand Islands and Perth.

Prior to his leaving Ballinafad Rev. George Milne was presented with a purse and a complimentary address.

Rev. Dr. Dickie of Woodstock was the very acceptable preacher at the preparatory services in Drumbo church last Friday morning.

Rev. Mr. Mahaffy, of St. Andrew's church, Parry Sound, preached a patriotic sermon to his people last Sunday week, which was greatly enjoyed by all who were present.

Rev. James E. Munro, of Gladstone, Man., is called to Oakville, rendered vacant by the recent resignation of Rev. Dr. McNair. The salary promised is \$1,200 per year with a manse.

Rev. Stevenson, of Lucan, preached preparatory to communion in First church, St. Mary's, last Friday week. Twenty-six new names were added to the roll.

On Sunday last the Rev. Mr. Craw, of Melville Church, Fergus, exchanged pulpits with the Rev. Mr. Richardson, of Arthur Church. Both congregations enjoyed the change.

Owing to the illness of Rev. J. A. Stewart the pulpit of the Hospital Church was occupied on Sunday morning by Dr. Dickson of Galt, and in the evening by Rev. Pritchard of the First Church, Galt.

The engagement is announced of the Rev. Donald C. MacGregor, B.A., pastor of the Orillia Presbyterian church, and Miss Esther Miller (Marian Keith). The wedding will take place on July 28th.

The Durham Presbyterian Church celebrated its jubilee on Sunday and Monday last. Prof. Robertson, of Knox College, and the Rev. Dr. Fletcher, of Hamilton, preached. Saugenee Presbytery was represented by a number of ministers.

A farewell social was given Rev. A. W. McIntosh, by the Bellwood and Miamosa congregations on his leaving for Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, when he was presented with an address which gave expression to the love and esteem of the people. Mr. McIntosh had spent nine happy years in this charge, and he leaves amid the regrets of the whole community.

At a meeting of the Wallace Presbytery, held lately, the Rev. Dr. Sedgewick, who for the past fifty years has been the esteemed pastor of the Tatamagouche Church, applied to be put on the aged and infirm list of ministers. Tatamagouche is the first and only church over which the venerable Dr. Sedgewick has presided as pastor. This might be regarded as a striking object lesson of the harmonious relations which have prevailed between the spiritual adviser and his people during his unusually long tenure of office. As an illustration of the great hold he had on the hearts of his people and their desire for his services he was not allowed to resign when he became too feeble to overtake all the work of the congregation. Instead he was provided with an assistant pastor, a young man who could supply the enthusiasm and vigor of youth.