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OTTAWA.

At the communion in Erskine Church on Sunday, thirty new members were received, seventeen by certificate and thirteen on profession of faith. The rapid growth of this congregation necessitates the election of four additional elders, and nominations will be asked for at an early date. Three were added to the session a few months ago, so that four more will materially strengthen the eldership of this rapidly growing congregation.

WESTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. Dr. McCrae, of Westminster, conducted successful anniversary services at Komoka last Sunday.

Rev. John Little, of Holstein, preached anniversary sermons in Knox Church, Clifford, last Sunday.

Rev. Mr. Cochran, of Woodstock, declines the call to St. Paul's church, Smith's Falls.

Rev. George Thom was inducted into the pastoral charge of the Sundridge congregation on the 9th inst.

At Hagersville last Sunday, anniversary services were conducted by Rev. A. Grant, of St. Mary's, who lectured on the following evening in a most entertaining manner on "Pioneer Work in Haldimand."

Rev. J. Ross, D. D., of Port Dalhousie, conducted anniversary services in St. Andrew's Church, Thamesford, to the great delight and edification of the people. The tea-meeting on Monday evening was well attended.

Rosemont, Mansfield and Everett is vacant by translation of Rev. Alex. Wilson to Airlie and Beech Bank. Rev. G. W. Rose, B.A., Mono Centre, Ont., is interim moderator of session. Rosemont will burn its mortgage on 15th inst.

The congregation of Daywood and Johnson, in the Presbytery of Owen Sound, have been united and will worship henceforth in one church. The united congregation has been added to Annan and Leith, the charge of the Rev. Dr. Fraser, who in the interests of consolidation and economy of Home Mission funds has cheerfully undertaken the additional work.

A very interesting induction service was conducted in the church at Johnson on the evening of Oct. 2nd by Rev. Mr. Matheson of Chatsworth, and Rev. Mr. MacAlpine of Owen Sound. At the close of the service, Rev. M. N. Bethune who has done good service in the field for a year and a half gave a short but impressive valedictory address.

An interesting service was held at St. Paul's Church, Brooke, on Sabbath evening, Sept. 30th, by Rev. Dr. Fraser, of Annan, who recently organized the congregation. Six members were added to the Roll by certificate and eighteen by profession of faith, making the total membership 108. One adult and two infants were baptized. Four elders were inducted and the Lord's Supper was observed. The service was held as the conclusion of a summer of earnest and fruitful work by Mr. J. L. McCullough of Knox College, who has greatly endeared himself to the people and leaves with their grateful good wishes. Brooke is a thriving village just outside Owen Sound which has had Presbyterian service this year for the first time. Rev. M. N. Bethune who has supplied Daywood and Johnson for 18 months, succeeds Mr. McCullough in Brooke.

EASTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. James Hastie preached at Woodlands and related charges last Sunday. Mr. Hastie always gives most acceptable service.

Mr. Foote who has been in charge of St. Andrew's congregation in Smith's Falls, during the past five months, has returned to Montreal to take up his final year's studies at McGill.

The charge of Knox church, Beaverton and Cambridge, is still vacant. The moderator is Rev. J. A. Ferguson, Glenora, Ont., with whom those desiring a hearing may communicate.

The Rev. T. G. Thompson, of Vankleek Hill, occupied the pulpit of St. John's church, Cornwall, at both services on a recent Sunday and preached two excellent sermons.

The anniversary services last Sunday in connection with the Balderson church, were conducted by Rev. J. G. Stuart, M.A., of London, a former pastor. The entertainment on Monday evening was a pronounced success.

Says the Orillia Packet: In the absence of the pastor, Mr. White, who is taking a short holiday, the Rev. George Grant, B.A., I.P.S., conducted the services in the Presbyterian church, last Sunday, with great acceptance. There was a large congregation.

Rev. A. A. Scott, and Mrs. Scott and Mr. A. A. Scott, jr., left for Toronto, the latter to resume his college course, the former to spend a few weeks holidays among friends in western Ontario. During Mr. Scott's absence the pulpit in Zion church will be occupied by Rev. Mr. Solandt, of Ottawa.

The new Presbyterian church at McDonald's Corners is well on the way to completion, and is now in the hands of the plasterer. Rev. Mr. Guy and congregation are to be congratulated upon the energy they have exerted and spirit displayed in erecting this fine new house of worship.

The congregation at Cobalt has made application to be raised to the status of an augmented charge and is now ready to hear candidates. The stipend is \$850 and a free house. Rev. J. A. Donnell, of Haileybury, is moderator pro tempore. As the distance to Cobalt might prove a hindrance, the congregation will pay candidates \$15 a Sabbath but no other expenses. Candidates will be expected to preach two Sabbaths.

The Rev. Dr. Grant preached on the afternoon of Sunday in the Ardrea Presbyterian church, in connection with the anniversary services. On Monday night the anniversary tea-meeting was held, and the Orillia Presbyterian choir lent its aid in conducting the musical part of the programme. Dr. McLean occupied the chair. Addresses were delivered by the Rev. T. R. White, Severn Bridge; the Rev. W. J. Hewitt, the pastor, and Mr. H. Cooke, of Orillia. Owing to many counter attractions in Orillia and neighbourhood, the attendance was not quite so large as usual, but the meeting was a great success and much enjoyed.

The Presbytery of Kingston met at Sunbury on the 2nd inst., specially for the induction of Rev. J. A. Stuart, B.A., into the pastoral charge of the congregation of Storrington, Glenbourne and Buck Lake. Rev. J. Farlie presided, and after sermon by Rev. C. Houghton, conducted the induction services. Rev. Dr. Mackie suitably addressed the minister, and Rev. Mr. Fairlie, the people, followed by Rev. R. Laird, a former pastor. The day was highly favorable, the attendance large,

and Mr. Stuart received a hearty welcome from the congregation that has unanimously and harmoniously called him. A call from the congregation of Melrose, etc., to Mr. Woods, a recent graduate of Quebec was sustained, and the usual appointment made in view of his induction.

At the quarterly meeting of the Peterborough Presbytery, held at Hastings, an important question was discussed, viz., the separation of Knox church, Peterborough, from St. Paul's and the ordination of the Rev. A. Bright. The subject was discussed at length, but no definite conclusion was arrived at. The question will be finally settled at the next meeting of the Presbytery, on Dec. 2, at Port Hope, and if this is agreed upon the separation of the two churches will necessarily follow. The Rev. Mr. Bright, was duly licensed by the Presbytery. The Rev. Peter Duncan, of Colborne, occupied the Moderator's chair, the Rev. D. A. Thompson being the clerk of sessions. The reports of the various mission fields were very satisfactory. Mr. Robert Harrison gave an address on the Augmentation Fund.

The Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the First Church, Brockville, held its annual thank-offering last week. The attendance was large, including representatives from all other such societies of the town. After a short musical programme composed of a piano solo by Miss Mulloy, and a vocal duet by Misses McDonald and Trickey, words of greeting were extended by the visitors. The address of the evening was given by the Presbyterial president, Mrs. Dowsley of Prescott. Her remarks were based on four reasons that missionary workers have to be thankful for: 1. Remarkable spiritual awakening in Central India; 2. Awakening in China; 3. Great missionary uprising of Canadian students; 4. The existence of Women's Home Missionary Society. Mrs. Dowsley's address was much enjoyed by all, and it was moved by Mrs. James Moore and seconded by Mrs. MacLaren, that a vote of thanks be tendered Mrs. Dowsley. To this she fittingly replied. The collection amounted to \$114. Dainty refreshments were served and a social hour spent.

The moral of the following story is quite obvious. Again it is shown that example is more powerful than precept.

Dr. Andrew A. Bonar had engaged to preach at Govan, opposite to Glasgow, and an advertisement to that effect duly appeared. The shortest route from Dr. Bonar's residence was by ferry, a distance of two miles. By a longer route of four miles he could walk or drive. In that busy neighborhood vast numbers of workmen, employed in trades connected with ship-building, assembled every day. The question arose among them, would Dr. Bonar cross in the ferry or drive round, or would he walk? Those of the workmen who were sceptically inclined were ready to bet that he would cross in the ferry, others that he would not. To settle the matter they appointed two of their number to watch. Accordingly, all unknown to Dr. Bonar, when he emerged from his house, four sharp eyes, for twenty thousand workmen, were watching to see which road he would take. The question was speedily settled when they saw the good man at once proceed, with unhesitating step, on foot, by the long route of four miles. When the report of the workmen's deputies was received the men rent the welkin with cheers for Dr. Bonar. Even sceptics could not withhold his expression of honor for such an example of Christian consistency.