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EASTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. W. J. Hewett, of Middleville, is called to Beechridge.

Rev. Don Stewart, of Finch, has been preaching at Morewood.

Rev. Mr. Urquhart is called to Ross and Foresters Falls, Lanark and Renfrew Presbytery.

Kingston Presbytery appointed its next ordinary meeting to be held in St. Andrew's Church, Belleville, on 1st Tuesday in July, at 11 a.m.

Sabbath 21st inst., was a red letter day for Casselman and South Indian congregations, when Rev. T. G. Thomson with the assistance of Mr. Thomas Bowman, elder of Erskine Church, and Mr. George Barr, elder of Stewarton Church, dispensed the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper in both congregations, and ordained and inducted Mr. Alexander Merkley, Casselman, and Mr. John McDougall, South Indian, as elders. These congregations are now thoroughly organized, hearty in their givings, working with increased encouragement, and are enthusiastic over their future bright prospects. The new elders will be a source of great strength to the congregations and help to the new missionary who begins his labors on April 1st.

A very pleasant and profitable evening was spent in the school room of the Presbyterian Church, Avonmore, on Tuesday, March 16, when the W.C.T.U. held a reception for Miss Rutherford and the pupils of the continuation class, the teachers of the village and surrounding schools and the young people of Avonmore. The president occupied the chair, Rev. H. O. Poyer read Psalm 145 and led in prayer. Rev. Dr. Maclean gave a short address on "Missions and Temperance." Mrs. Poyer read a very inspiring paper, the subject of which was "The Nobler Life." The musical part of the programme was excellent. Those who contributed to it were Miss Margaret McIntyre, Miss J. Rutley, C. H. Nesbitt and Mrs. (Dr.) Robb.

The following are the conveners of Standing committees in Kingston Presbytery for the ensuing year:—Home Missions—Mr. James Binnie, Tweed; Foreign Missions—Dr. MacTavish, Kingston; French Evangelization—Mr. W. Shearer, Picton; Augmentation—Mr. H. Gracey, Gananoque; Examination of students—Mr. Alex. Laird, Kingston; Life and work—Dr. Mackie, Kingston; Sabbath schools—Mr. Wm. Shearer, Picton; Statistics and finance—Mr. W. T. Wilkins, Trenton; Systematic giving—Mr. R. S. Laidlaw, Belleville; Y.P. societies—Mr. J. E. Smith, Menie; A. and In. M. fund—Prof. Dyde, Kingston; Evangelistic services—Dr. MacTavish, Kingston; Social and moral reform—Mr. G. M. Macdonnell, K.O., Kingston; Neglected children—Prof. A. Laird, Kingston.

A special meeting of the Presbytery of Kingston will be held in St. Andrew's Church, Kingston, on Thursday 29th April for licensure of students and for the ordination of those under appointment to Mission fields, whom it may be considered desirable to ordain to enable them to proceed at once to their field of labor. This will be the first procedure of the kind by the Presbytery—the licensing of candidates without first obtaining the leave of Synod—and will be under authority of the Interim Act passed by last General Assembly and sent down for approval of Presbyteries before being permanently enacted.

It is expected that the whole graduating class of Queen's Divinity Hall will appear for examination as candidates for licenses. The committees of Presbytery on Examination of students will meet for the written examination at 10 a.m. The Presbytery will meet at 2 p.m. to hear discourses and conduct oral examination. The licensing and ordination will be at a public session in the evening.

At the last meeting of Kingston Presbytery an application was submitted from Rev. E. Scott, M.A., B.D., a licentiate of the United Free Church of Scotland, but recently a minister of the English Presbyterian Church, for admission into the Presbyterian Church in Canada. After careful enquiry into all the facts, the Presbytery agreed to apply to next General Assembly for leave to receive him as a minister of this church.

In Kingston Presbytery, on motion by the clerk, seconded by Mr. Binnie, the following minute was ordered to be engrossed in the records of this meeting:—"While realizing that the most profound condolence with those who have been bereaved is often manifested through sympathetic silence, yet the members of Presbytery cannot adjourn without placing on record an expression of their heartfelt sympathy with their beloved brother, J. A. McConnell, in the sore bereavement which so recently befell him through the death of his dear wife, and would prayerfully commit him to the tender care and loving sympathy of the great and good Shepherd."

On Monday evening of last week the Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip, Cooke's church chapter, Kingston, held a banquet in the Sunday school room, and it was a decided success, from every standpoint. There was a large turnout of the men, and after ample justice had been done to the fine spread which was provided by the ladies, there was a programme of toasts and songs, the pastor, Rev. Dr. MacTavish, filling the duties of toastmaster, in his usual happy manner. The speeches and music which followed went to form a most enjoyable evening, and it is safe to predict that the brotherhood will hold similar affairs in the future, for everyone was delighted with the programme. Mayor Couper was present and gave an address; and so did Prof. Dyde, who made special reference to the qualities that make a country great.

HAMILTON NOTES.

Synod meets this week in Central Church, Hamilton. Many of those who attend will go on to Toronto on Thursday for the National Missionary Congress there.

Forty new members were added to the roll at Sunday's Communion in St. Giles' Church, making a total membership of one hundred and sixty-four.

A series of special services were held in Westminster Church all last week, Mr. Van Wyck being assisted by other local ministers.

Rev. Robert Martin, of Stratford, a former much-loved pastor of Erskine Church, conducted anniversary services at Erskine on Sunday. It was a most successful day.

Rev. A. E. Mitchell preached in Knox Church on Sunday for the last time until his return from the Kootenay country, where he is to spend six or eight weeks in Evangelistic work under the direction of General Assembly's Committee.

MONTREAL.

The membership of MacVicar Memorial Church increased by 64 last year, and is now 338. The total collections were over \$4,000.

Mr. J. W. Morrice, son of Mr. D. Morrice, whose paintings were recently on view at Scott's, had the distinction of having one of his canvases purchased for the Government, to be placed in the National Gallery at Ottawa. Several Montreal collectors were also among the purchasers. Mr. Morrice will return to Paris shortly.

Rev. John Lochead, M.A., now of Bedford Park Presbyterian church, near New York City, accepts the call to Melville church, Westmount, and his induction will take place on an early day. Mr. Lochead is highly spoken of, both as a scholar and a preacher, and his pastoral ministrations have been uniformly successful.

In connection with the re-election for the fourth time of Mr. Wm. Drysdale, as president of the Burns Club of this city, The Witness prints an excellent likeness of that well-known citizen. As might be expected, Mr. Drysdale makes an able and energetic president, and he is well supported by a committee composed of leading Scots, who, of course, are warm admirers of Scotland's sweetest singer.

At the annual meeting of Knox Church, in the absence of Rev. Dr. Fleck, through illness, Mr. Walter Paul was called to the chair, and Mr. A. Morrison acted as clerk of the meeting. The report from the Board of Managers and the treasurer's statement were satisfactory, and the reports of the various societies in connection with the Church showed increased interest. The election of officers resulted as follows:—Hon. President, W. D. McLaren; President, D. S. Benvie; Treasurer, Wm. Cairns; Secretary, A. Morrison. The retiring treasurer, Mr. John McD. Hains, having served the church in that capacity for 21 years, was accorded a hearty vote of thanks.

WINNIPEG AND WEST.

In going to Halifax Mr. MacMillan, is not influenced by the promise of a larger salary. Here he has been getting \$3,000 a year, with a manse; at St. Matthews, the stipend is \$2,500, a manse and six weeks' holidays.

Rev. J. W. MacMillan, of St. Andrew's, has announced to his people that he will accept the call to St. Matthew's, Halifax, and Rev. Clarence MacKinnon, of Westminster Church, will accept the principalship of the Presbyterian College, in the same city.

Rev. R. M. Dickey, of Knox Church, Selkirk, in a recent sermon urged that the only way to stop so much crime among the younger people was by having manual training in all schools, domestic economy, more education, stricter marriage laws, and more home life.

Rev. Donald Munro, minister of Point Douglas Church, has intimated his intention to tender his resignation at next meeting of Presbytery. During the fifteen years of his ministry the utmost harmony and good feeling has existed in the congregation, and in no church in the city is the bond between the minister and congregation closer or more kindly. Mr. Munro is also held in the highest esteem by members of Presbytery and citizens generally and the news of his determination to demit the charge of his congregation will be received with great regret.