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OTTAWA.

Owing to indisposition, Rev. Mr. Milne, of the Glebe church, was unable to take the evening service, and Rev. P. W. Anderson, of MacKay church, took it for him. Next Sunday morning Rev. Mr. Little, of St. Paul's, and Rev. Mr. Milne will exchange pulpits.

The preacher in Mackay church last Sunday, continuing the opening of the new edifice, was the Rev. J. A. Macfarlane, M. A., of St. Andrew's church, Levis, Que., a former minister, who was warmly welcomed on this occasion. He preached distinctly evangelical discourses to the edification of large congregations. The social tea on Monday evening was well attended, and an attractive programme was presented. Speeches and music were of a high order. Next Sunday, as previously intimated, Rev. Norman A. MacLeod, of First church, Brockville, will fill the pulpit; and on Monday evening will lecture on his trip to Palestine and Egypt.

At the annual meeting of St. Andrew's congregation it was reported that during the past year lots to the value of \$41,000 were sold off the Glebe property. It was pointed out by Mr. F. H. Chrysler, K.C., one of the trustees of the property, that these lots were rolling up a fortune to the credit of the church. However, it was appropriate that the congregation should not for this reason neglect its duties, and that it should remain self supporting, as if this great amount, now in loans, etc., was not at all in the possession of the congregation. Therefore it was an important question to be settled at some future date what was to be done with it. The proceeds of the sales of these lots is now placed in mortgages, etc., so that, as lots are sold off, the amount on which taxes is paid diminishes and the amount on which interest is derived is increased. The big sale of lots this year was only made recently, so that the change does not figure in the receipts and expenditures, but will result next year in an increase in the amount which the trustees can turn over to the church. According to the special act incorporating St. Andrew's church the trustees have no power to give any of the money from these lots to other than the purposes of St. Andrew's church. The trustees have spent and will spend during the coming year a total of \$15,425 in grading and filling in these Glebe lots.

At the annual meeting of St. Andrew's church all the reports were of a satisfactory character. The Session report presented by Mr. James Gibson showed a slight increase in membership, which is now 658. The report of the Temporal committee, made by Mr. George May, showed that the givings have been greatly increased. The receipts of the year for current expenses from pew rents, plate collections, etc., was \$14,011, and the expenditures were \$12,781, leaving a balance of \$1,229. The estimated current expenditure for next year is \$14,706. The salary of the minister, Rev. Dr. Herdridge was increased by \$1,000, making it \$5,500—a tribute to his worth; and it was decided to spend \$1,500 in improving the manse. The poor fund, amounting to \$452, was nearly all disbursed, along with \$130 spent in poor relief at Christmas by the Men's association, which has been doing efficient work in many ways during the year. The enrolment of the Sunday school is 217. The collections of the year were \$229.64, all of which was given to missions. The men's Bible class will henceforth meet on Sunday forenoon before the morning service. Mr. Thos. Workman and Mr. E. A. Olver were elected to the temporal committee and Hon. E. H. Bronson to the board of Glebe trustees. Mr. Levi Crannell presided, and there was a representative attendance of members and adherents.

EASTERN ONTARIO.

The individual communion cups will be used in St. Andrew's Church, Carleton Place, at the next quarterly service.

Miss I. Russell, organist and choir leader of St. Andrew's church, Almonte, has resigned her position as she finds her duties too heavy for her health.

The parlor social held at the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Cochran, Ramsay, by the Ladies' Aid of St. Andrew's church, Almonte, proved a great success.

Rev. N. D. Keith, of Prescott, in his instructive report on "Church Life and Work" to Brockville Presbytery, recommendation was made that the weekly prayer meeting should be more useful and it was impressed on the ministers and elders that they should cooperate in making the gatherings more instructive.

An appreciatively worded address, handsomely framed, was presented to Mrs. J. T. Tennant by the W. P. M. Auxiliary of First Church, Brockville on the eve of her leaving for Winnipeg, which is to be her future home. She has belonged to this organization a faithful and valued worker for twenty-two years, and her departure could not be overlooked, as it has caused much regret to the members. Mrs. Tennant was also made the recipient of a beautiful portfolio from the Ladies' Aid Society. A loss to the First Church Mrs. Tennant will be a distinct gain to the congregation with which she connects herself in the Prairie City.

Rev. J. W. S. Lowry presided and gave a short address at a Gospel temperance meeting in the Fitzroy Harbor Presbyterian church, on a recent evening. Rev. James Lawson gave an interesting account of the annual convention of the Ontario Branch of the Dominion Alliance held in Toronto a few weeks ago.

The following items, in addition to those already published, are gleaned from the official report of Kingston Presbytery:

On motion of Mr. Blinnie, seconded by Mr. McInnes, it was agreed to grant the request of those applying to be taken on trials for license; and it was resolved that a special meeting of Presbytery be held in Chalmers' church, Kingston, on 28th April for examination and licensure of candidates, the committee to hold written examination in the forenoon, the Presbytery to meet for oral examination at 2 p.m.; and the convener of the committee to make final arrangements for the public function of licensure.

The Presbytery reaffirmed its judgment of 21st Sept. last, regarding the application of Mr. J. A. Hills to be received as a minister of the Presbyterian church in Canada; instructed its clerk to take the necessary steps to bring his application before the Assembly, and appointed Principal Gordon, Dr. Mackie and Prof. MacClemment to support this application before the Assembly and its committees.

In absence of the convener of the A. and I. M. F. committee to which the matter had been referred, the Presbytery took up the applications for leave to retire from the ministry, and resolved to forward with approval the following, viz: (1.) Application from Mr. J. W. Mitchell, M.A., for leave to retire on account of age; (2.) application from Mr. Peter Nicol, also on account of age; (3.) application from Mr. Alex. McDonald to retire on account of infirmity, as set forth in the medical report submitted.

The next ordinary meeting will be held in St. Andrew's church, Trenton, on the last Tuesday in June, at 2 p.m.

Rev. Peter Nicol has been re-appointed to the Demorestville field until October, 1911.

WESTERN ONTARIO.

The Rev. P. M. Currie was inducted last week into the charges of Ballinacree and Melville, Glengary Presbytery churches.

Dr. Lyle's resignation of Central Church, which was tendered at last meeting of Hamilton Presbytery, will be discussed at the next regular meeting in May.

Rev. J. W. Currie, B.D., of Blenheim, was nominated by Chatham Presbytery to the vacant chair of Old Testament Literature in Halifax.

Rev. D. A. Macdonald, West Fort William, was elected Moderator of Superior Presbytery for the ensuing year.

Superior Presbytery nominated Rev. R. P. Mackay, D.D., P. M. Secretary for the Moderatorship of the next General Assembly.

The congregation of Aylmer and Springfield, in the Presbytery of London, have extended a call to Rev. H. D. Cameron of Hamilton.

Hamilton Presbytery appointed the following delegates to the General Assembly: Rev. Dr. Lyle, Rev. Dr. Fletcher, Rev. Messrs. D. R. Drummond, Beverly Ketchen, S. B. Russell, Hamilton; W. J. Dey, Simcoe; John Robertson, Port Dover; A. McGregor, Niagara Falls; also the following elders: Sir Thomas Taylor, Hamilton; Messrs. Frank Reid, Simcoe; R. A. Thompson, Lynden; J. L. Robertson, Strabane; J. G. Gibson, Knox Church, Hamilton; J. E. Boreham, St. Catharines; J. H. Richardson, Erskine Church, Hamilton; and Alex. Hanna, Dunnville.

A very large congregation assembled at Knox Church, Glenora, on Thursday, Feb. 25th, on the occasion of the induction of Rev. S. G. Steele, formerly of Depot Harbor. The meeting was presided over by the moderator, Rev. G. M. Young, of Eldon, and the other ministers taking part in the service were Rev. Mr. Miller, Cannington, Rev. C. S. Lord, Fenelon Falls, Rev. H. H. Turner, Kirkfield, and Rev. A. J. Mann, Woodville. It is now nearly a year since the charge was left vacant by the resignation of Rev. J. A. Ferguson, and the congregation is looking forward to a new lease of life under their new pastor.

WINNIPEG AND WEST.

Rev. S. Polson, of Elmwood, supplied the pulpit of the Presbyterian church at Roland for the past two Sundays.

The first union church in Saskatchewan was established at Frobisher about two years ago, says the Manitoba Free Press. A recent report states that it is making good progress. The rent for the church and manse and the minister's salary are all paid and a balance on hand.

The report by Dr. Bryce on Home Missions indicated that there are 74 preaching places under the care of the Presbytery, ten of which have been opened within the year. The report dealt with the proposed amalgamation of the Dufferin avenue church and Albert street mission with a view to the more efficient carrying on of the work among the foreign people within the city.

On presentation of report of the special committee appointed to deal with the location of Knox, Westminster and St. Stephen churches, a lively discussion took place, and considerable diversity of opinion was expressed. Finally a motion was carried asking the moderator to name a committee to go thoroughly into the whole matter and report to a special meeting of Presbytery to be held on 18th inst. A large committee, with Principal Patrick as convener, was subsequently appointed, by the moderator, from which an acceptable deliverance is expected.