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OTTAWA.

A subscription of \$5,000 towards the endowment of Queen's university, by Mr. David MacLaren, of this city was announced a few weeks ago. Now it is Mr. J. R. Booth who comes forward with another \$5,000. Rev. R. Laird, to whom the general assembly in June last entrusted the raising of the \$500,000 endowment, is meeting with an encouraging measure of success in his canvass of Ottawa, and will remain in the city for at least a couple of weeks to complete the work.

Says the Hamilton Times: Rev. J. W. H. Milne, an able and popular member of the clergy of Ottawa, was elected President of the Ministerial Association recently. Mr. Milne has many friends in this city, who will be glad to learn that he has been so highly honoured.

Rev. A. E. Mitchell commenced on Sunday evening a course of sermons on the life of Christ taking for his first subject Christ as a boy, and comparing the retirement of Jesus while obtaining wisdom and understanding with the boy of the present day, who is thrust into the world with only a meagre education in the public school and at an age when he should still be under the control of parents. The reverend gentlemen contested the idea of sending children to school at such an early age and of crowding them through school with such a low percentage at examinations, the result being that when a child reaches the age of twelve or thirteen years he has passed through the public school and it then becomes a case of either paying to attend the Collegiate Institute or of going into the world unfitted for life. He deplored the early passing of babyhood into boyhood and boyhood into manhood and trusted the day will soon come when the home will again take up its duty of caring for the young children now sent to the kindergarten, and that at a few years later it may undergo kindergarten training to be followed by a more practical public school education.

DRINK A DISEASE

The Rev. Frank Charters, in a paper, "How to Meet the Growing Evil of Intemperance" read before the Alumni Association of Montreal Protestant Theological College, described the various systems adopted—Gothenberg, Lapsensaf, Local Option, Prohibition as efforts that had run with some measure of success but in no sense the real solution of the difficulty. Prohibition did not appeal to him as he had seen it in the State of Maine. The systems deal with the liquor itself either by limitation or extinction of the sale. The question of mind should be paid attention to. From 1900 to 1903 the number of Police Court convictions for drunkenness had increased by 4,000 but the convicted formed only a small proportion of those affected by intemperance.

Drink, as a disease ought to be met by scientific systematic treatment or should be done away with by education. Twenty-four years ago every congregation in Montreal had a strong temperance organization but now almost all have gone out of existence. Speaking of the treating habits the Rev. Mr. Charters stated that it had almost become a fetish.

The best manner in which to treat the growing evil was to strive to treat intemperance as a disease patiently and along the lines of self sacrifice.

ORANGEVILLE NOTES

Rev. F. Davey was inducted at Mono Mills on October 10th. Mr. Buchanan preached and Messrs. Rose and Robinson addressed people and pastor respectively. Corbetton and Riverview have called Rev. N. T. C. MacKay, of Toronto. Hillsbury and Bethel have called Rev. R. S. Scott of Draco and Metz.

Horning Mills and Primrose have called Rev. H. McPhaden, of Ennis Killen. Rev. H. A. McPherson, of Toronto, preached anniversary sermons at Mayfield and gave great satisfaction to the crowded congregations attending. The social was a splendid success. Neighboring ministers with Miss LaDelle and Frank Demrose gave a very delightful and edifying program.

On Oct. 12th Mr. Buchanan addressed Mayfield Thankoffering meeting on the "Bells"; and on Oct. 10th Rev. J. W. Stephen, who labored in the west, spoke at the Claude Thankoffering meeting on "Working among the Miners in B.C.," emphasizing the importance of Home Mission Work in the West. Needless to say that at both of these meetings the collections were large. McChenee sees to that!

The Claude Young men have organized a "Young Men's Union" for mutual help in Church and State. The start has been good and augurs well for ultimate success.

On Sabbath 15th October, Priceville and Swanton Park churches gave largest mission offerings in their history.

The special effort for augmentation in the Presbytery has been a success, most of the money collected having been paid. With the pulpit of every church filled. Presbytery determines to do better work for Christ and the church. We have the men to do it!

At the Harvest Home Festival by the Y.P.S. of Ventry. Rev. J. H. Edmondson, of Cheltenham, gave a spirited address on "Patriotism" speaking with great power for more than an hour.

EASTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. H. M. Macdonald, of New Lismore, P. E. I., has been giving acceptable service to the Avonmore and Gravel Hill churches for two or three Sundays.

On Tuesday of last week Rev. Norman MacLeod, D.D., gave an interesting lecture in the lecture hall of the First Church, Brockville, on "Evolution of the Mind and Body," before a large and intelligent audience.

Dr. F. C. McGregor, of Almonte, preached in St. Andrew's Church, Pakenham, on Sunday week, morning and evening, and last Sunday Rev. K. Campbell, D.D., of Perth, took the services morning and evening, in the absence of Rev. R. Young, B.A., the pastor.

Rev. D. A. Mackenzie, late of Bishop's Mills, has been inducted pastor of the Centreville Church.

The annual Thankoffering meeting of the Woodville auxiliary of the W.F.M.S. was held on the afternoon of Thursday, October 19th. The attendance of ladies was large and the interest sustained. The president, Mrs. Kannawin, B.A., occupied the chair and a delightful address was given by Mrs. Livingstone, Superintendent of the Ewart Missionary Training Home, Toronto. Afterwards a social hour was spent, the offering having amounted to \$66.50, the largest ever received by the society.

German Missionary Statistics.—The 24 German Missionary Societies have about 1,000 missionaries in 615 stations; 2,500 schools with Christians, of whom about 20,000 were baptized in 1904. These figures are given by Pastor Paul of Lorenzkirche.

WESTERN ONTARIO.

After an absence of fourteen years Evangelists Crossley and Hunter have returned to Owen Sound to conduct an Evangelistic campaign in which the Protestant Churches of the town are united. A deep interest is awakened and the services are being largely attended. Last week they were held in Division Street Presbyterian Church and this week in Knox Church.

Local Option is a live subject in Grey County at present and many municipalities are likely to adopt it at the municipal elections in January next. At Owen Sound a largely attended temperance meeting was held a few evenings ago, when fine addresses were given by Rev. Dr. Pidgeon, of Toronto Junction, and Mr. F. S. Spence, of Toronto.

On Tuesday evening the 17th inst. Annan congregation held a reunion which was a very successful and pleasant affair. Rev. Dr. Fraser, who has been the pastor for twenty one years, gave a brief statement of the history of the congregation from October 1847, when application was made for organization, down to the present time. Rev. Dr. Terrance, of Guelph, who visited the congregation fifty-three years ago, and presided at the ordination of the first minister, Rev. R. Dewar, was present and gave an interesting address. Addresses were also given by Rev. Dr. Soucieville, of Owen Sound, and Dr. W. P. Telford, M.P., of Owen Sound, who was one of the boys of the congregation fifty-three years ago.

Successful anniversary services were held in St. Paul's Church, Ramore, on Sabbath, the 15th inst., when very able sermons were preached by Rev. D. A. McLeod, of Tara, who was formerly pastor of the congregation for twelve years. The special collections asked for by the pastor, Rev. Dr. Macdonald, in place of the old-time tea meeting amounted to \$122.

At a recent special meeting of Owen Sound Presbytery a call from Pickering and Brougham was presented to Rev. F. C. Harper, of Walter's Falls which was accepted by the will of the Presbytery. The translation takes place on 20th inst., after which Rev. S. H. Eastman of Meaford, will act as interim moderator.

At a special meeting of Barrie Presbytery held at Collingwood on the 17th inst., a call from Banks and Gibraltar conventions to Rev. A. McFarlane, B.D., a young minister recently from Scotland, was accepted. The induction will take place at Banks on the 31st inst., when Rev. J. A. Cranston will preside, Rev. C. T. Tough will preach, Rev. D. McLeod address the minister and Rev. Mr. Ashdown the people.

Rev. R. C. and Mrs. Tough, who recently entered upon their labors at Nottawa, were before leaving Hornby and Boyne where they have labored for eleven years, given tangible tokens of the esteem in which they were held by their numerous friends there. Mr. Tough was presented with a handsome chair by his friends at Hornby and with a well filled purse and address by the congregation. Mr. Tough was also the recipient of a purse and an address by the congregation at Hornby.

Rev. A. Sheppard, of Markdale, exchanged pulpits with Rev. L. W. Thom on the 15th inst., and conducted successful Harvest Home services at Eugenia. On the following evening a successful fowl supper was given, when Rev. Mr. Sheppard gave an interesting lecture on his recent trip to Scotland. A varied and pleasing programme was given by local talent.