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Ministers and Churches.

Rev. W. G. Mills and wife, of Los Angeles, Cal., have been visiting friends in the counties of Victoria and Ontario.

We are glad to learn that the Rev. Dr. Laing, of Dundas, is much improved in health, although not yet able to take his work.

It is reported that Rev. M. N. Bethune of Knox Church, Beaverton, will resign his charge inside of a month or two, on account of ill health.

Mr. Wm. Wallis, who laboured at Kelworthy during the past season, under the auspices of Knox College Missionary Society, has been heartily invited to return next summer.

On leaving for a brief holiday trip the Rev. J. Little was presented by the young people of the Latona congregation with a purse of \$25 to aid in defraying his vacation expenses.

The Rev. Louis H. Jordan, B.D., of St. James Square Presbyterian Church, Toronto, is announced to preach the anniversary services in Division Street Church, Owen Sound, on the 20th inst.

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed at Oneida on Sabbath Oct. 6th. There were added seven members; six on profession of faith. Three new members have just been added to the session.

The anniversary services of the Bethel Presbyterian Church, Harwich, were held on Sunday 29th ult. and were largely attended. The Rev. Wm. Patterson, B.A., of Leamington, preached morning and evening with great power.

Mr. H. A. McPherson, student of Knox College, who has been acting as assistant to Rev. Dr. Macdonald, Seaforth, was presented with an affectionately worded address by the Christian Endeavour Society on the eve of his return to Knox.

Rev. P. Wright, of Portage La Prairie, was in Winnipeg last week attending a meeting of the Augmentation Committee of the Presbyterian Synod, of which he is convener. During the year five congregations have become self-supporting.

Mr. Dow, a student of Knox College, who took the Rev. Dr. Battisby's work in St. Andrew's Church, Chatham, during the pastor's absence in Europe, was presented with an address and a well filled purse on his leaving for Toronto to resume his studies.

The congregation of St. John's Presbyterian Church, Almonte (Rev. Albert E. Mitchell), celebrated its 50th anniversary by a "Jubilee service" on Sunday, when Rev. James Stuart, of Prescott, preached. The attendance was large, and the services were a great success.

Rev. Dr. Sexton preached at Peterborough on Sunday Oct. 6th, in the morning in St. Andrew's Church, and in the evening in St. Paul's Church. Large congregations attended on both occasions. The Doctor also delivered a lecture in St. Andrew's Church on the following Tuesday evening.

The auditorium of Knox Church, Cannington, is now completely lighted with electricity. The effect is striking compared with the lamps formerly used. This congregation has prospered in other ways under the pastorate of the Rev. David Y. Ross, M.A. Eighty-one new members have been received in three years.

One year ago the Rev. Donald Guthrie, B.A., became pastor of Knox Church, Walkerton. The settlement has been a happy one and the year has witnessed a great advance in all departments of church work. Anniversary services were held on Sunday last by the Rev. W. J. Clark, of London, who preached two powerful and impressive sermons to good congregations.

Miss Sinclair, missionary from India, expects to address a union meeting at Markham, on Wednesday October 16th at 2 p. m., also a union meeting of auxiliaries and Mission Bands in Westminster Church, Toronto, on Thursday, October 17th at 8 p. m.; and the semi-annual meeting of the Toronto Presbyterial Society at Brampton on Friday October 18th, at 2 p. m.

On Sabbath, September 1st, twenty new members were added to the Church at Sault Ste. Marie, ten by certificate and ten by profession of faith. The pastor, Rev. W. A. Duncan, B.D., conducted the service, and the Rev. Dr. Parsons, of Knox Church, Toronto, addressed the communicants. Dr. Parsons preached in the evening to a large and very appreciative audience.

Under the chairmanship of the Rev. Colin Fletcher a farewell meeting to the Rev. Dr. Thompson was held at Kirkton on the 26th ult. An address, expressive of the esteem and affection of the congregations and twenty-five volumes of valuable books were presented to Dr. Thompson, who was also the recipient of a beautiful travelling rug from the Women's Foreign Missionary Society. Tea was provided; and a pleasant social hour was spent.

By appointment of the Presbytery of Paris there will be a convention of the Young People within its bounds, in Chalmers Church, Woodstock, on the afternoon and evening of Tuesday, Oct. 22nd. An excellent programme of subjects and work has been prepared. Among many others who are to take part, the Moderator of the General Assembly, Rev. Jas. Robertson, D.D., will give an address on "The Claims of Our Home Missions on Our Young People."

The Rev. J. K. MacGillivray, who has labored over four years in the mission fields of Gore Bay and Tarbutt, Algoma District, and has been clerk of the Presbytery of Algoma since its organization in 1892, has accepted a call to Otonagon, Mich. He leaves for his new field of labor about the 1st of October.

Children's Day was most heartily observed by St. Paul's Church, Smith's Falls, on the 6th inst. The entire morning service was given up in the interests of the little folks and the whole congregation, old and young, joined in the prepared service, "The Days of thy Youth." The pastor, Rev. Thomas Nixon, gave a short address to the children from the words, "Despise not the day of small things." Mr. F. T. Frost, superintendent, led in the responsive readings and addressed a few timely words to the parents about assisting their children in the preparation of the lessons and catechism. The special collection amounted to \$16.40.

A very enjoyable reception was given on the 25th ult., by the congregation of First Presbyterian church, Victoria, B.C., to the pastor, Dr. Campbell, and his wife, upon their return from their holiday. A good programme was rendered. The pastor gave an outline of his trip to Alaska. The scenery of the country is unsurpassed. He dwelt at some length on the Indian missions under the American Presbyterian Board at Juneau and Sitka, and Mr. Duncan's mission at Metlakatla, all of which are a marvel of what the gospel is doing for the Indians. He said that words could not adequately describe the Muir Glacier which covered an area of 350 square miles, and moved into the sea at the rate of 10 feet a day, and casts off hundreds of icebergs daily to the delight and terror of tourists.

Rev. John Robbins, who for 9 years has been the pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Truro, N.S., goes to Britain in the interests of the French Evangelization Board. Intending to devote himself to this cause, he has resigned his congregation, after a successful pastorate and is followed by the best wishes of the community in which he is so well known. We clip the following from the *Halifax Herald* of Monday October 7th: "Rev. John Robbins expects to sail by the S.S. *Tautonic*, for Liverpool, from New York on the 30th. His London headquarters will be at 63 Cornhill. Mr. Robbins leaves Truro, says the *News*, followed by the best and kindest wishes of hosts of his fellow citizens, among whom he has lived, respected in state and church, and our best wishes follow him to his new field of work for the great denomination with which he is connected."

The Presbyterian congregation of Zion, Manitoba, has just been presented with a beautiful communion set by Mr. and Mrs. D. McEwan, as a thank-offering for the restoration to health of their daughter, May. On the same occasion, Mrs. Woods, of Hamilton, Ont., presented the congregation with a beautiful pulpit Bible, Psalter and Hymnal. This Church is one of the best equipped country churches in the Prairie Province and has in connection with it an excellent Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor, an active Women's Foreign Mission Society known by the name of the Rugby Women's Missionary Society, also a good Sabbath School, and is known as a centre of Christian activity. Mrs. McEwan has been for many years president of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society and Bible class teacher, and has done very much to bring the congregation to its present degree of prosperity.

Since the close of the recent series of union evangelistic services in Carleton Place, in which the Rev. J. W. Mitchell assisted the Revs. Messrs. Crossley and Hunter, communion service have been held in both Presbyterian Churches. Zion Church, of which the Rev. A. A. Scott is pastor, received 73 new communicants and St. Andrew's, Rev. R. McNair, pastor, 63. In both cases the numbers were in excess of those returned to the pastors by the workers in the Inquiry room. Already 236 have been formally received by the three congregations that united in these services. Messrs Crossley and Hunter leave next week for the Eastern Provinces and Bermuda where they will probably spend a couple of years in filling engagements, and Mr. Mitchell, after the close of work in Guelph, will proceed to meet the invitations he has received to hold evangelistic services in congregations belonging to our own church.

A CHURCH WELCOME.

Rev. A. MacWilliams, Peterborough, and bride on their return from their bridal tour, were met at the station by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tully with a carriage to convey them to the manse, where they were welcomed by all the elders and their wives who had it opened, strewn with flowers and the table spread with all the delicacies possible. From there they repaired to the capacious Sabbath School rooms which were beautifully draped and furnished so as to present the appearance of a large drawing-room. Upon entering the room Mr. and Mrs. MacWilliams were first welcomed by the managers and their wives, then being escorted to the head of the room they received a Chatauqua salute from all the members of a large junior Christian Endeavor. Dr. R. W. Bell next, on behalf of the congregation, embracing the senior Christian Endeavor and Bible class, presented Mr. and Mrs. MacWilliams with an address of welcome, referring in very flattering terms to the great work accomplished by Mr. MacWilliams, and the esteem in which he was held by the congregation. Then Mr. and Mrs. MacWilliams were asked to accept as a wedding gift from the congregation two beautifully upholstered and costly chairs, also an

onyx-marble clock of rare beauty and great value finished in gold. After Mr. MacWilliams had suitably responded, an address of welcome was presented from the junior Christian Endeavor, a society in which Mr. MacWilliams has taken great interest. The address being read the society presented Mr. and Mrs. MacWilliams with a silver fruit dish and a large bouquet of flowers. A very handsome bouquet with kind wishes was also sent from the Local Union of the County Christian Endeavor, Mr. MacWilliams being president of the County Union. After this some time was spent in handshaking with the congregation, all present being introduced to bride and groom. The choir discoursed at intervals suitable music under their able leader, Mrs. Milligan. Seldom indeed has any pastor and bride received such a welcome. It speaks volumes for the esteem in which Mr. MacWilliams is held by his congregation, also for his bride who is already well-known throughout Ontario as a talented Christian worker.

FOREIGN MISSION COMMITTEE.

The Foreign Mission Committee met on Tuesday the 24th and 25th of September, at which were present Mr. Hamilton Cassels (Convener), Principal Grant, Dr. Maclaren, Principal McVicar, Dr. Wardrop, Dr. A. D. McDonald, Dr. Moore, Dr. McTavish, Dr. J. B. Fraser, Dr. J. Thompson, Messrs. Currie, Shearer, R. Johnston, A. Jeffrey, J. R. MacNellie, A. Bartlett, W. D. McKenzie and R. P. McKay. In connection with the opening of Dhar, a new station in Central India. It was reported that the Maharajah very cordially received the missionary, Miss O'Hara, M.D., who had already entered upon the work, and had presented the mission with a field of over seven acres for the necessary bungalows, and another field of over one acre as a site for a hospital. The question of bungalows for our missionaries in India is a perplexing one to the committee. To send missionaries into such a climate as that of India without suitable houses in which to live is felt to be a grave responsibility, and yet Mr. Wilkie is living in a bungalow that was condemned two years ago by a civil engineer. It is damp and unhealthy, and in the rainy season Mr. Wilkie had to desert it altogether and occupy rooms in the college. Mr. Ledingham has been appointed to co-operate with Mr. Wilkie in Indore, and he also needs a bungalow, and there is a bungalow needed in Dhar for Rev. F. H. Russell who has been appointed to that field, as well as for Miss O'Hara and Miss Dougan. It was agreed to make these facts known to the Church. The resignation of Rev. J. Fraser Smith was read and accepted by the Committee, with expressions of deep sympathy and sincere regret that Dr. Smith is compelled on account of the state of his health to abandon for the present his work in Honan. Letters were read from Honan stating that the Chinese are friendly, and the work is becoming more and more hopeful. Mr. Slimmon baptized six converts in one village, in the month of July, after having had to wade for twenty miles through a flooded country in order to get there. A resolution was read from the Honan Presbytery recommending that all missionaries going to Honan remain unmarried for at least two years, which is the practice in several of the larger missionary societies in that country. Dr. G. L. MacKay appeared before the Committee and gave an interesting statement of his views as to the probable effects of Japanese rule in Formosa, giving reasons for his belief that the work is to be more difficult than formerly, owing to the change of government. The work amongst the Chinese in Victoria is suffering very much from

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