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The Ladies' Aid Society of St. Paul's Church will entertain the members and their friends at a congregational social on Friday evening.

On Sunday last the following were ordained and inducted into the eldership of Erskine Church, viz.: Messrs. George Burn, James Montgomery and D. L. McRae.

Rev. R. P. MacKay, D.D., F.M.S., was in the city on Sunday, preaching impressive sermons in St. Andrew's in the morning and the Bank street in the evening. On both occasions he made an earnest plea for more men and more money for the great work of foreign missions.

At the regular monthly meeting of St. Paul's Westminster guild the president, Mr. J. Douglas Armstrong, occupied the chair. The subject for discussion was, "What Goes to the Making of a Man?" Mr. E. S. MacPhail read an excellent paper on the intellectual aspect of the subject, and Mr. R. J. Farrell gave an incisive talk on the moral aspect, emphasizing the fact that the true man must be a good man.

We overlooked mentioning last week that at the close of the concert in aid of the choir of St. Paul's Church Mr. Chas. H. Thorburn entertained the choir, and those who took part in the concert, to a pleasant supper at her home on Daly avenue. It was a kind, thoughtful act on the part of Mrs. Thorburn, and was greatly appreciated by the members of the choir and invited guests.

The musical part of the service in Bank Street church has always received a fair share of attention, and it is not surprising to learn that the congregation is seriously considering the installation of a new pipe organ. The old organ has become very unreliable and frequently of late has gone out of business in the middle of an anthem or hymn. The board of management has recommended to the congregation that either the old one be rebuilt or a new one installed right away.

A male choir supplied the music at St. Andrew's on Sunday evening. This innovation was in connection with the special service during which Rev. Dr. Herridge gave an address to young men. It is the first time such a departure has been tried in St. Andrew's and probably the first in the city. There were over forty voices in the choir and the music was well rendered. The Hymns were of a nature suitable for male voices, such as "Onward Christian Soldier."

In Bank street church, on Sunday evening, Rev. Dr. MacKay, F.M.S., made a strong appeal for a more generous support of the Foreign Missions of the church. It was proposed, he said, to erect a house for each of the missionaries. As it was now many have returned broken down in health and incapacitated for future usefulness by being compelled to live in Chinese houses. The proposition was to supply each missionary with a house. As each house costs about \$2,500 it means a great deal of extra cost and an appeal is being made directly to the people.

At the recent meeting of the Ottawa Sunday School Association, when the proposed religious census of the city was considered, Mr. Thos. Yellowlees, secretary of the Ontario Sunday School Association, was present, and gave a lot of valuable information, his address clearing up many of the difficulties which confront the average worker in dealing with a problem of this kind. Organization, expense, work of visitors, disposal of reports, and value of results were all very fully explained. A vote of thanks was tendered the speaker for the valuable information given, and the meeting unanimously adopted a resolution heartily endorsing the movement

and pledging support of every one present when the plan is put into effect. It was decided, however, that owing to the great amount of moving in May and the large number of absentees during the summer, it would be advisable to defer action till the autumn.

Rev. A. H. Scott, of Perth, who is visiting many of our congregations in the interest of the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, spent last Sunday in the city, preaching in the morning in Erskine Church and in the evening in the Glebe. Before both congregations the preacher presented pleas that will result in goodly subscriptions to this deserving fund. As was expected, Mr. Scott is meeting with not a little encouragement in his canvass. In Montreal he received quite a number of one thousand dollar subscriptions without exhausting the field. The commercial capital of Canada, in which there is so much wealth in the hands of Presbyterians, will no doubt deal liberally with this deserving fund.

"The Culture of the Mind" was the subject on which Rev. Dr. Herridge, the pastor, spoke at St. Andrew's church last Sunday, when he preached the sixth of a series of sermons to young men. Every seat was occupied and the sermon was a most interesting one. "The school of the world's experience is better than any college," said the reverend gentleman. "It is in the street of action not the cloister of inaction that men come into relation with life's realities. Active experience in life will teach men that the head must assist the hand or we will have poor results. Every young man should be persuaded early in life that the real results of work should not be judged only by the amount of noise or the amount of money made."

"There are a great many men who will not reason and think unless they see some commercial results ahead. Of course it will be said, and must to some extent be admitted, that the life of today is too exacting to allow of investigation and excursions into the entrancing realms of thought and reasoning, but no matter how hard we work we can surely stop to think—surely learn a little from what we work at. Few are born dull, but there are often men who become dull, while others have dullness thrust upon them through the tyrannous claims of society. Such men simply become one of the crowd. This does not mean—and I would not want such an impression to be gathered—that Ottawa is a dangerous place to live in, but it means that some people cannot, have not learned when to firmly say 'no' or 'yes.' I say young man, if you are of that class you will go down. To most men a dollar in the hand is worth two in the bush. Genius cannot live on nothing. Mental power may not always be necessary. Perhaps it is not needed in the street and it is not always needed in the drawing-room. A hockey expert in these days will be more talked about than the holder of a Rhodes' scholarship." Dr. Herridge went on to dwell on the present day tendency to think too much along narrow lines. The trouble was not so much in thinking too little, as thinking too narrowly, but the soul's demands could not be stifled. Men would bustle at the circumference of existence because they had not penetrated to its centre. Ignoble pleasures and mean rivalries kept men from thinking, but life could not really be right unless there was a right conception of it.

Erskine Church, Hamilton, will shortly instal a new pipe organ at a cost of \$5,000.

EASTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. John Boyd, of Kingston, has been visiting relatives in Alexandria.

Rev. H. D. and Mrs. Leitch, of St. Elmo, have been visiting at the manse, Dunvegan.

Rev. J. A. Cranston, of Collingwood, has been elected moderator of Barrie Presbytery.

The congregations of Micksburg and Scotland have united in a call to Rev. Wm. Hay, B.A., of Wolfe Island, Ont. It is expected that Mr. Hay will accept, and arrangements will be made for his early induction.

At Barrie Presbytery a call from Norwich and associated stations in the Presbytery of Paris, was laid on the table in favor of Rev. Mr. McConnell, of Creemore.

Rev. C. A. E. Pocock, of Thessalon, conducted the services in St. John's church, Almonte, last Sunday, morning and evening.

In response to petitions presented by Rev. Messrs. Woodside and Scott, Carleton Place council passed a resolution asking the license commissioners to cut off all shop licenses for the town.

Rev. Mr. Campbell gave in the report on Augmented congregations to Barrie Presbytery. It is confidently expected that the increase in population caused by the new railway lines will make some of the augmented congregations self-sustaining at an early date.

Rev. A. S. Grant spent a few hours in Almonte last week calling upon friends. Friday evening pre communion service was held in St. Andrew's church, and he embraced the opportunity afforded to speak to many of his former parishioners of St. Andrew's.

The regular quarterly Communion Service held in Knox church, Vankleek Hill, on Sabbath March 11th, conducted by the pastor, assisted by Rev. H. D. Leitch, there was a large attendance of communicants.

Rev. Mr. Seiveright was excused and also gave an address on The Perfect Wife, at the church social held at Maple Island. The object of the social was to raise funds to build sheds and to enclose two acres belonging to the church. (Union).

Mr. Fowle, a recent graduate of Knox College, is called to Waukegan and Fesserton; and should he accept his ordination and induction was ordered to take place at Fesserton on a day to be fixed by the clerk. Rev. Mr. Burnett was appointed to preside, Rev. Mr. Gilmore to preach, Rev. Mr. Elliott to address the minister, and Rev. Dr. Grant the people.

Barrie Presbytery send Rev. Messrs. Nicol and Dow to the General Assembly by rotation and Rev. Messrs. Campbell and McLean, Dr. McLeod, and Dr. Grant by election. The elders appointed commissioners are: T. G. King, Orillia; J. C. Anderson, Gravenhurst; Alex. Malcolm, Banks; D. G. Mitchell, Dundas; W. S. Fraser, Bradford; Wm. Campbell, Duntroon, with W. A. Copeland, Collingwood, W. S. Ferguson, Bracebridge, and Rev. Geo. Grant, B.A., Orillia, alternates.

Union revival meetings are being held at Singhampton each evening except Saturday in the Presbyterian church and are well attended. The services are being conducted by Revs. Scott and Faircloth.

The commissioners to the General Assembly from Peterboro Presbytery will be Revs. C. S. Lord, A. K. McLeod, A. C. Reeves, T. F. Torrance, D.D., and Elders R. Harrison, Wm. Fowler, James Russell, Wm. Pritchard.