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TORONTO.

The Rev. Dr. McTavish (of Central church) and Miss McTavish have returned from Huntsville.

The name of Dr. Ghoen-el-Howie, of Lebanon, Syria, who wishes to be connected with the Presbyterian Church of Canada, was placed on the appendix to the roll of Toronto Presbytery.

Two churches in this Presbytery will celebrate their golden jubilee next month, Weston on the first or second Sunday, and Laskey on the second Sunday. The Moderator and Dr. Turnbull will represent the Presbytery at the respective anniversaries.

Members of Presbytery will have the opportunity of discussing again the question of the removal of St. Mark's Presbyterian church from its present location, at the King and Niagara streets, to Queen street and Bellwoods avenue. At last meeting of Presbytery the whole question was referred for investigation to a committee composed of Rev. Dr. A. F. Gandier, Dr. Somerville, Mr. McNair, of Oakville; J. R. Robertson and R. Haddo and Messrs. John Loudon and R. O. Jennings. It will be remembered that when the removal of St. Mark's was first suggested, West church objected, and an appeal to the Presbytery resulted in a decision in favor of St. Mark's.

MEETING OF H.M. COMMITTEE.

This committee, at its meeting last week, considered an urgent appeal to take some part in the work in Korea. A letter was read indicating the probable cost of a new mission having two married men with their wives, and two single women, with the necessary buildings. While, however, the committee sympathized with the proposal, it was thought unwise to undertake the financial responsibility till it was known how far the increased interest in missions, as developed by the Laymen's Movement, was going to help.

Principal King of Indore High School, having requested to have his furlough shortened to nine months, and Rev. W. G. Russell, who came home in the spring, having asked to be allowed to return in October on account of the pressure upon the workers in India, their applications were granted, with appreciation of their zeal.

Rev. J. McP. Scott reported that the work of the Jewish mission in Toronto, under Rev. S. B. Rohold, was very successful.

The missionaries in China want a staff of men sent out who are trained as teachers, who can take up the work of educating native converts for evangelistic work.

Rev. Jonathan Goforth, who has already done evangelistic work for some months in Manchuria, under the Irish Presbyterian missions, was appointed to the northern mission fields of China.

Reports from Formosa are especially encouraging.

The committee adopted a resolution cordially approving of the Laymen's Missionary Movement, and while not wishing to intrude upon the distinctive lay character of the movement, yet expressed willingness to place themselves at their service for such aid as they may be able to contribute.

St. Andrew's church, Sidney, C.E., is calling Rev. John Pringle, D.D., formerly of Dawson City. Should the Doctor accept, the congregation will have secured the services of a strong man, an excellent preacher, and a first-rate all round pastor.

WESTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. H. McKay, B.A., of London Junction, was elected moderator of London Presbytery.

Rev. J. B. Mullen, of Elora, has been preaching at Bellwood with old-time force and fervor.

Rev. Dr. Grant, of Orillia, has returned from a pleasant outing in Muskoka, in improved health.

Rev. Walter Reid, B.D., of Brigiden, exchanged with Rev. Mr. Currie of Burns last Sunday, preaching at Moore Lane and Burns' churches.

Rev. Mr. Stevenson, of Litchan, owing to ill-health, has been granted leave of absence for two months. He will go to Southern Alberta.

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was observed in St. Andrew's church, Fergus, last Sunday, the pastor, Rev. J. A. Brown, officiating.

Rev. James and Mrs. Rollins, of King street church, London, were given an informal social reception by the congregation on their return from a holiday outing.

Chalmers' congregation, Guelph, used the individual communion cups for the first time last Sunday. Rev. J. A. Brown, of Fergus, conducted the usual Friday evening service.

Rev. Dr. Munro and Rev. Dr. McCrae, by appointment of Presbytery, will have in charge arrangements for the missionary institute, under the Layman's Missionary Movement, to be held in London towards the end of October.

The near neighborhood of the clean, bright Acton Free Press must have a beneficial effect on all its surroundings! Here, in one issue, we are told that the school room of Knox Church, Georgetown, is being repainted; and that Knox Church, Acton, presents an improved appearance in its brand new coat of paint.

Last Friday evening, in the First Presbyterian Church, Wilton Grove, Rev. Dr. McCrae, gave his interesting lecture on "The Wit and Wisdom of the Scottish Minister of the Olden Time." At the close of the lecture the young ladies of the congregation served refreshments in the school room, and all pronounced the occasion a most enjoyable one.

The following are the conveners of Standing Committees in London Presbytery: Foreign Missions, Dr. Munro; Statistics, A. J. Mann; Social and Moral Reform, Thos. Nixon; Finance, James Orr; Church Life and Work, J. G. Inkster; Sabbath Schools, H. W. Reede; Home Missions, D. L. McCrae; Augmentation, J. H. Barnett; Y. P. Societies, G. F. Atkinson; Systematic Benevolence, J. Malcolm.

The Atwood congregation has just been celebrating its fiftieth anniversary. The attendance at all the services was large, and much interest was manifested.

The Rev. A. Henderson, M.A., of Simonsville, Sask., a former pastor, preached a sermon from Deut. 32:7—"Remember the days of old," which was characterized by the hearers as appropriate, masterly and eloquent. In the absence of Rev. Dr. McMullen, of Woodstock, who was expected to preach at 2.30 p.m., Rev. F. A. McLeod, D.D., of Truro, Nova Scotia, also a former pastor, conducted the service at that hour.

In the evening at 7.30, Dr. McLeod again preached, taking as his text Rev. 6:15-17, from which he gave a most impressive and instructive discourse. Rev. A. McVicar, pastor, and Rev. J. W. Cameron, of N. Mornington, also took part in the services.

EASTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. A. J. Mann, of West Lorne, has been called to Woodville.

Rev. Mr. Stewart, of Finch, occupied the pulpit of the Avonmore church on Sunday last.

Rev. Mr. Mitchener, of Magnetawan, conducted service at Dunchurch last Sunday.

The Rev. G. W. Thom, of Sundridge, exchanged last Sunday with Mr. Conning of South Riverfield.

Rev. C. B. Ross and family have returned to Lachute after spending the summer months at South Lancaster.

Rev. A. E. Duncan, of Mattawa, has gone on a pastoral visit to Kipawa, Hunter's Bay and neighborhood. His field is a wide one.

Rev. Mr. Bennett preached in Blake-ney and Clayton on Sunday week, Rev. F. Miller occupying the pulpit in St. Andrew's in the morning and Rev. Chas. Daly in the evening.

Rev. John McKinnon, of Nova Scotia, formerly pastor of the Presbyterian church at Dalhousie Mills and Cote St. George, very acceptably supplied the pulpit of Knox church, Vankieek Hill, on Sabbath, 6th inst.

Principal and Mrs. Falconer and Mr. and Mrs. George Gandier spent the week-end with Rev. and Mrs. J. Gandier, Newburgh. Principal Falconer occupied the pulpit of the Presbyterian church on Sunday evening.

Rev. Dr. McDonald, a returned Missionary, very acceptably supplied the pulpit of Knox church, Vankieek Hill, on two recent Sabbaths. He gave a very interesting lecture in the basement of the church on Monday evening, August 24th, subject "The all conquering Scot."

On Tuesday 25th the congregations of Magnetawan, Croft, Midlothian and Spence held a union picnic in the grove at Port Anson. The turn out was large considering the very busy season. Addresses were delivered by Revs. Brown, of Burk's Falls, and Thom, of Sundridge and Mr. Yellowlees of Toronto, the remainder of the afternoon being very pleasantly spent in social intercourse.

Early in the Fall, from Sept. 30th to Oct. 13th, the Rev. J. W. Chapman, D.D., and his co-adjutors are to engage in an evangelistic campaign in Orillia and points contiguous. It is expected that Mr. Charles Alexander, the singer, will also be in attendance, which, of course, will add great interest to the meetings. Dr. Chapman is also expected to hold a series of similar meetings in Hamilton sometime this autumn.

Last Wednesday afternoon the members of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of Knox Church, Acton, assembled at the home of D. Henderson, M. P., to spend a social hour with Mrs. A. Campbell, prior to her removal to Manitoba. A complimentary address was read by Mrs. Henderson and kindly words of farewell were spoken by various members. Mrs. Campbell expressed her heartfelt appreciation of the kindness of the ladies, and said she would never forget the ties binding her to the old home.

The Foreign Mission Committee of London Presbytery recommends: 1. That the presbytery appoint a committee on evangelism to have oversight of evangelistic work within the presbytery, with services during such services. 2. That the convener of the home missions committee be nominated by the committee that strikes standing committees, and that the appointment take effect the May following.