

The Rev. A. H. Drumm, of Port Elgin, has been laid up with an attack of grippe.

The recent Christmas tree social held in connection with the Avonorton Sunday School was a decided success. The Rev. Mr. Graham, pastor, occupied the chair and the different parts by the children were well executed under the tutelage of Miss M. Thompson.

At the annual meeting of the King Street Presbyterian Sunday School, London, the following officers were elected for the year 1899: Superintendent, Rev. Thomas Wilson; assistant superintendents, D. H. Dobbin; secretary, Wm. H. Yeomans; treasurer, Miss Jennie Grieve.

At the annual meeting of Knox Church, Galt, the congregation voted an increase of \$500 per annum to the salary of their minister, Rev. R. E. Knowles, making it \$3,000 a year, with free manse. Mr. Knowles was formerly minister of Stewarton Presbyterian Church, Ottawa.

Special service for the children was held in Knox Church, Beaverton, on Christmas morning. The subject was "What Jesus brings to the world, Light, Life and Liberty." The address was to the young people by the Pastor, Rev. R. J. Macdonald, B.A., was a model one. The annual entertainment was held on the 27th December.

Knox Church Sunday School, Guelph, observed January 1st as an "Opening Day." All the classes met in the school room, where addresses were delivered by Rev. Mr. Scott and Rev. W. A. Martin, the Pastor, Mr. G. B. Ryan and Mr. J. A. McCrea, the superintendent. The secretary's report showed a large increase in membership.

The Rev. M. McKinnon, B.A., late of Fennell Falls, was inducted to the pastorate of St. Andrew's Church, Hillsburg, on Tuesday, Dec. 13th. A large number of the Presbytery were present, and the Rev. Mr. Nixon, of Cheltenham, conducted the service. Mr. Crozier, of Grand Valley, addressing the congregation, and Mr. Fowle, of Erin, the newly inducted minister. At the social gathering in the evening the sum of seventy-seven dollars was cleared.

In the school room of Knox Church, Galt, on Thursday evening, Rev. Dr. Laing read his drama entitled "The Betrayal of Christ," which he had written some thirty years ago. At the close, Rev. Dr. Wakefield and Joseph Reid, M.A., proposed and seconded a vote of thanks to Dr. Laing. They both spoke highly of the drama as a literary production, which Dr. Laing had read with great impressiveness; and which had been greatly enjoyed by the large audience.

SundJPaBarn Szosyread shrdlu shrdlu us. At a meeting of the Toronto Presbytery, late pastor of Erskine Church, who is now resume work, and that he had been admitted as a member of the Presbytery of Denver. It is surmised from this that Dr. Hunter will accept the call recently extended to him from a Denver church, and that he will assume connection with the American Church.

Life and Work, issued quarterly by the Session and managers of St. James Square Church, Toronto, is a neat and useful publication, reflecting credit on the pastor, Rev. Louis H. Jordan, and those associated with him. At the last communion six were received by certificate. The membership on roll at date is given as 593. A paragraph dealing with accessions to the roll since 1894, makes this encouraging statement: "While each year has marked an advance upon its predecessor, the gain in the membership during the twelve months just completed has been by far the most encouraging that we have been privileged to record during our recent history."

WINNIPEG AND WEST.

Rev. A. J. McKiehan, of Kasernen, Man., was recently presented by his parishioners with a beaver cap, as a mark of appreciation of his services.

At the annual meeting of the Moose Jaw Sunday School the following were elected as officers for 1899:—Supt., Thos. Miller; secretary, Alex. McGregor; librarian, D. McTavish; assistant librarian, John Teifer.

A large gathering of the children belonging to the various Presbyterian Sabbath schools in this city took place on the morning of the 2nd inst. in Knox Church. About sixteen hundred were present. Mr. Isaac Pitblado was called to the chair, and after singing a suitable address was then delivered by Dr. Du Vaul, Mr. Donald McIntyre, Rev. C. W. Gordon, and others. The singing, which interspersed the speaking, was hearty, and the whole proceedings seemed to be thoroughly enjoyed by the young people.

The address of Rev. M. Gale, formerly of Estevan, is now Portual, Man.

The names of the Sunday schools and superintendents, with the number of pupils in each, is here given:—Knox, Mr. W. H. Thomson, 440; St. Andrew's, Mr. George A. Lister, 365; St. Augustine, Mr. W. Kirkland, 150; St. John, Mr. C. S. Dingle, 275; St. Giles, Mr. J. Craig, 245; Point St. Charles, Mr. R. Crawford, 245; Westminster, Mr. J. P. Pabado, 190; German Reformed, Mr. R. Magnusson, 66; Beverley Street, Mr. Hugh Robertson, 40; Martin Luther, Mr. Ingar Buasson, 10; total, 2,336. The Beverley street School and the Martin Luther Sunday School were unable to be present.

MONTREAL.

The congregation of Georgetown Church presented their minister, Mr. Williams, with a purse containing one hundred and twenty-five dollars as a Christmas gift.

Dr. Chiniquy has been suffering from a severe attack of the grippe. More than a week ago he was forced to take to his bed and has been there ever since. He attributes this sickness to a severe cold, which had become so severe that it was feared that pneumonia would set in. His medical attendant says that unless more serious complications set in he has hopes of his recovery. "Father" Chiniquy, as his numerous friends delight to call him, is eighty-nine years of age, and was out a fortnight ago as lively as a man of forty.

Lord Strathcona's Christmas gift to St. Paul's Church, in this city, is the necessary authorization for the construction of a fine new organ at his expense, the only condition being that as much as possible of the old instrument as might be serviceable should be incorporated in the new one out of respect to those who subscribed for the original organ.

The Presbyterian Ministerial Association of this city, recognizing the value of fraternal exchange of pulpits, has made the following arrangement which it hopes, will be carried out by the ministers whose names are mentioned below. The hour of exchange is to be determined by the exchanging ministers. Each minister will take his own theme, although it has been most respectfully recommended that Sabbath observance be the subject. Melville, Rev. Dr. Campbell; St. Gabriel's, Rev. Mr. Winfield; Crescent street, Rev. Mr. Mowatt; Erskine; Rev. Dr. Mackay; Knox, Rev. Mr. Cruickshank; Stanley street, Rev. Mr. George; Calvin, Rev. Mr. Dewey; St. Matthew's, Rev. Mr. Fleck; Chalmers' Taylor, Rev. Mr. Dobson; St. John's, Rev. Mr. Bourgain; Pointe aux Trembles, Rev. Dr. Amaron; La Croix, Rev. Mr. Bruneau; St. Jean Baptiste, Rev. Mr. Duclos; St. Paul's, Rev. Mr. Doudley; St. Charles Street Mission, Rev. Dr. Barclay.

TORONTO.

The news of the unexpected death of Principal Kirkland, M.A., of the Normal School, Toronto, came as a sad surprise to his many friends. The deceased gentleman was out on Friday, 30th ult., and apparently in his usual vigorous health, and on the afternoon of the following day he was called to his reward. The end was very peaceful and entirely free from pain. The physician who was in attendance pronounced the cause of death to be heart failure. Shortly after Mr. Kirkland came to Toronto he was elected to the office of elder in what is now St. James' Square Presbyterian Church, and this position he filled during the pastorates of Rev. Dr. King, Rev. Dr. Kellogg and Rev. L. H. Jordan, till his death. He taught for almost the same length of time one of the Bible classes of the congregation, and he was in other ways a persistent and effective church worker. From this sphere of activity he will be greatly missed, as also from a wide domestic circle. His wife, who survives him, is the daughter of the late Rev. Dr. Thornton, of Oshawa, formerly a prominent minister of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, and the sister of the Rev. Dr. Thornton, of London, still a prominent minister of the English Presbyterian Church. Principal Kirkland will be greatly missed in educational circles. In addition to his professional position at Trinity and his principalship of the Normal School he was for many years, and until his death, a member of the Senate of Knox College, in which capacity his advice and co-operation have always been much appreciated by his colleagues.

It has been the custom of the Toronto Presbytery to meet on the second Tuesday of the year instead of the first, but this year the meeting was held on the first Tuesday. Dr.

McTavish, Moderator, faced a heavy docket on opening the meeting. In the course of disabuse, such as the Remit on the Supply of Vacancies, and the Scheme for Presbyterial Visitation. The Remit on Synodical Home Mission Committees was not approved. The call to the Rev. James Murray, of Knox Church, St. Catharines, from Erskine Church, Toronto, was sustained, and has been forwarded to the Presbytery of Hamilton, where it will be discussed on the 17th inst. The Rev. Dr. Milligan, minister of Old St. Andrew's, Toronto, was nominated for the Moderatorship of the next General Assembly. Dr. Milligan has given some 23 years of increasingly effective service in his present charge, and his nominator rightly said that the Church should mark its appreciation of an efficient pastorate. Members of the Parkdale Session joined with residents in the extreme west of the city in a petition for the organization of a mission Sabbath School and Sabbath evening service at Sunnyside, and, as there seems to be no objection from neighboring sessions the petition will probably be granted. The Hospital Visitor presented his quarterly report, and the Scheme of Presbyterial Hospital Visitation was again heartily endorsed by Presbytery. Presbytery will discuss the new Statistical Schedule at the next meeting.

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Current Magazines

The International Journal of Ethics—Arch Street, Philadelphia for January, 1899, will be appreciated by those who take an interest in the philosophic treatment of the ethical side of life. Mr. T. J. Lawrence, of Downing College, Cambridge, England, discusses the Tatar's Rescript, and comes to the conclusion that this effort to reduce the evils of militarism should have the support of all right minded men; "The Idea of Progress" is ably handled by J. S. Mackenzie, of University College, Cardiff, Wales. Mr. Dickinson St. Miller, of Philadelphia, furnishes a keen criticism of Prof. James' "Will to Believe," with a reference also to Mr. Huxley's position as to doubt and faith. There are other strong articles and the number of book reviews, English and foreign, is very large, the books dealt with are those which discuss in some way ethical and social questions.

Appleton's Popular Science Monthly, for January, has many interesting and useful articles, as well as the usual reviews and "Fragments of Science." Mr. James Collier continues his contributions on "The Evolution of Colonies," and the twelfth article on "The Principles of Taxation" by the late Hon. David Wells, appears in the present issue. David Starr Jordan gives some "True Tales of Birds and Beasts." These, we suppose, are "fairly tales of science," meant to take the place of tales which are both foolish and fanciful. Prof. G. T. W. Patrick propounds views, which would, if accepted revolutionize the system of primary education. He maintains that children under ten should not be taught to read, write and do sums in the present laborious fashion, but that education should begin with history, natural sciences and manual training, these being imparted largely by oral instruction.

Among "Books Received" the International Journal of Ethics for January mentions "An Outline of Philosophy, with Notes Historical and Critical," by Prof. J. Watson, LL.D. (of Queen's University), and says: "The new edition has been considerably enlarged by the addition of twelve long notes (occupying about one hundred and eighty pages) on various philosophical questions. It is to be hoped that in future editions the book will be welded into a more systematic unity. It is not as yet quite what one would expect from the title. The general impression is that it makes is that while the lectures on which it is based were probably admirable (especially when accompanied by the actual reading of the philosophical works referred to in it), it has not been quite successfully transformed into a book. Still it is probably the best general introduction to philosophy we have in English."

Last week instrumental music was used for the first time in public worship in the Free High Church, Airdrie.

A call is to be presented to the Rev. Alexander MacMillan, of Free Martyrs', Paisley, to Windsor Place Presbyterian Church, Cardiff.

The new Moderator of the Presbyterian Church of Victoria is the Rev. P. J. Murdoch, M.A., of Camberwell, near Melbourne. He is a native of Aberdeenshire, a thoughtful and able preacher, and has been for several years convener of the Business Committee of that Assembly.