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The call of the Parkdale congregation to Rev. Robert Johnston, of Lindsay, has been sustained, the stipend being \$2,250 per annum.

Rev. S. Childerhose, B. A., from the Presbytery of Kingston, has occupied the pulpit of Knox church, Beaverton, for the last two Sabbaths.

The congregations of Merrickville and Jasper, Brockville Presbytery, are extending a unanimous call to Rev. J. A. Morrison, licentiate.

After undergoing repairs, the Presbyterian church, Kintore, has been re-opened by Rev. W. S. Ball, of Vanneck, who preached twice to large congregations.

The talented lecturer, Rev. R. P. McKay of Parkdale, Toronto, gave an address last week in Knox church, Dundas, basement of the church on Tuesday evening.

The Presbyterian Sunday school Christmas tree in Ancaster, on Thursday night, the 29th Dec., was the last but not the least of our entertainments, the town hall being crowded.

At the Presbyterian Sabbath school, Deseronto, E. W. Rathbun, superintendent, has been presented by the teachers with a gold-headed walking cane accompanied by an appreciative address.

The Rev. Mr. Hunter, of Guthrie, Oro, preached in the Orillia Presbyterian church on Sunday with much acceptance. The Rev. R. N. Grant conducted the anniversary services at Guthrie church.

Rev. M. Rumball, of High Bluff, who received a call to Knox church, Morden, entered upon his duties there the first of the year. Twelve hundred dollars per annum and four weeks holiday have been guaranteed.

The Rev. Dr. D. L. McCrae of the Presbyterian College, Montreal, who has been called to Collingwood Ont., has intimated his acceptance of the call. The endowment canvass of the Montreal College will be continued by graduates and friends of the College under Dr. McCrae's supervision.

Rev. George Porteous has left to take charge of his new field of labor in North Hastings. He drove the entire distance, about 120 miles. He will have supervision of five Presbyterian missions in the winter months, and in the summer he will be assisted by a student from Queen's college.

The anniversary services of the Presbyterian church, Welland, were well attended last Sunday. Rev. T. L. Turnbull of Toronto, conducted the service, and on Monday night he gave a scholarly lecture on "The two books." The collections and proceeds from the lecture will net a goodly sum to the building fund of the church.

Principal Grant preached twice in Toronto on Sunday last, in the morning at St. Andrew's on the Kingdom of Heaven, and in the evening at Old St. Andrew's on the Second Coming of Christ. On Monday he lectured at St. Stephen's school house on a great Canadian statesman, the man being the late Hon. Joseph Howe.

The annual meeting of the Presbyterian Church, Thorold, was held on Wednesday evening. The chair was occupied by Rev. J. W. Mitchell, and Mr. Thos. McBride acted as secretary. The reports were uniformly of a cheering character, and mark advance in every department. Messrs. D. J. C. Munro, W. Munro, Jas. Paterson sr. and Thos. Forsyth were elected managers in room of those whose term of office had expired.

An entertainment was held in the Presbyterian church, Chesterville, in connection with the Sunday school, on the evening of the 29th ult. The Rev. Lennox R. Gloag, the pastor, occupied the chair, and was ably supported by Mr. Kellock, of Queen's University, and Messrs. McVicar and Ballendine, of Montreal College, who during the evening gave most eloquent addresses on subjects appropriate to the occasion. Mr. Jas. Moodie, of Chesterville, in his usual racy style gave a speech on "Looking-glasses." Songs, speeches and recitations were ably rendered by the choir and other friends.

The annual Christmas tree and entertainment in connection with the Union Sunday School at Morewood was held on Friday evening, Dec. 23rd, in the Forsters' Hall, which was crowded. Mr. Hunter, the superintendent, presided. Short addresses were given by the Rev. Mr. Scott, of Winchester, the Rev. L. R. Gloag, pastor, and Mr. T. R. Coulthart. Readings and recitations were given. The Rev. Mr. Scott kindly sang two solos, also one or two of the friends who were present. During the evening the Rev. L. R. and Mrs. Gloag and J. D. Hunter received some useful presents, the former a Persian lamb-skin cap and silk handkerchief, Mrs. Gloag, a beaver storm collar and muff; whilst Mr. Hunter had a handsome armchair from the teachers and scholars.

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Rev. L.G. Macneill, St. John, N. B. was recently presented with a handsome silk gown by his congregation.

The anniversary social of the Mallorytown Presbyterian Church, held last week, was a great success. Rev. J.J. Wright filled the position of chairman and delivered a neat speech. Addresses were also given by Revs. Weeks and Service and Mr. M. J. Connolly.

The students of Knox college are looking forward to a very pleasant social gathering in the college on Tuesday evening, January 31, when the at home which was postponed from last term will be given. Preparations in connection therewith are being taken vigorously in hand and everything will be done for the comfort and entertainment of the visitors. The invitations will be issued in a few days. Graduates desiring tickets should correspond with J. A. Mustard, corresponding secretary. Number of tickets limited. Those desiring to attend must apply early.

The Presbytery of Peterborough met on the 10th January, 13 ministers and 10 elders being present. Not a few were detained by the intense cold. A scheme was adopted by means of which all the congregations will be visited presbyterially by the end of next summer. The congregations were arranged in groups and questions for use in the visitation of them adopted. A resolution of sympathy with Mr. Torrance in his severe sickness was adopted. Mrs. Beattie, widow of the late David Beattie, of Campbellford, was also remembered in her deep affliction in the sudden removal of her husband by death. The Home Mission business of the Presbytery was duly considered. It was found that the Haliburton and Harvey fields are both well satisfied with their present missionaries; and authority has been given to ask for their re-appointment. The following members were appointed to visit the augmented congregations, viz: Springfield and Bethany, Mr. A. MacWilliams; Ballyduff, Janetville and Pontypool, Mr. Thomson; Bobcaygeon and Dunsford, Mr. Bloodworth; Havelock, Mr. Carmichael; Warsaw and Dummer, Mr. McEwen. Steps were taken for the legal sale of the Perrytown manse property. Dr. Smith was appointed to represent the Presbytery at the W.F.M.S. on the 8th February. The application for a continuance for the full grant from the Augmentation Fund to Springfield was renewed. The next meeting of Presbytery will be held in Port Hope, Mill street church, on the 14th March, at 9 o'clock. Wm. Bennett, Pres. Clerk.

The Presbytery of Brockville met at Winchester December 12th. Reports from vacant congregations showed that Dunbar, Merrickville and Westport were still unprepared to call ministers. The latter made application for a grant of \$2 per Sabbath during the vacancy. The request was granted. Leave was granted to moderate in a call at Merrickville. Dr. Kellock was appointed moderator of the session of Oxford and Bishop's Mills. The resignation of Mr. Stewart, ordained missionary of Morton, was accepted, and it was proposed to leave the field under the care of Queen's College Missionary Association during the winter. It was agreed to discontinue Burritt's Rapids as a mission station and to attach it to Merrickville as a portion of that charge. Arrears claimed by Mr. D. O. MacArthur were considered and it was agreed that the field should be asked to pay one-half the amount claimed, and the Presbytery's Treasurer was instructed to pay the other half. The Presbytery H. M. Convener was instructed to secure arrears claimed by Mr. Hodges. Deputations were appointed to visit augmented charges as follows: To North Williamsburg, Messrs. Cameron and Scott; to Toledo and Athens, Messrs. MacKenzie and Wright. Messrs. MacFarland, MacDiarmid and Mulholland were appointed to visit Hyndman presbyterially, to report at the next meeting. Messrs. Stuart, Moodie and the clerk were appointed a committee to prepare an overture anent the plurality or non-plurality of sessions in a congregation. It was agreed to hold the next regular meeting at Iroquois, 2nd Tuesday in March, 1.30 p. m., Messrs. MacKenzie and Kellock to address the W. F. M. S. at that meeting.—George MacArthur, Pres. Clerk.

The Presbytery of Toronto met on Tuesday, the 10th of January. In the unavoidable absence of the Moderator, the Rev. J. M. Cameron presided. Reports were presented of the visitation of 21 congregations in the Presbytery, and were with few exceptions most encouraging. Evidently the work is being prosecuted with vigor, and in many instances hearty co-operation is being received from members as well as office-bearers. A communication from the Presbytery of Hamilton intimated that Mr. Thos. McLachlan had accepted the call addressed to him from the Congregation of Bolton and Vaughan and his induction was appointed to take place on Tuesday the 24th of January, inst., at two o'clock in the afternoon, in the church at Vaughan. The Moderator was appointed to preside, Mr. J. G. Potter to preach, Mr. Gandier to address the people, and Dr. McTavish to address the people, and Dr.

from the Congregation of the Parkdale Presbyterian Church to Rev. Robt. Johnston of Lindsay was presented, and after Commissioners had been heard in support was heartily sustained, and ordered to be transmitted to the Presbytery of Lindsay. A most interesting feature of the meeting was the appearance of three ministers of the Congregational Church in Canada, the Rev'ds Chas. Duff and John Burton of Toronto, and B. B. Williams of Guelph, who though not coming in any representative capacity, yet presented the views of at least ten Congregational pastors who had signed the document read, and of many others in the Congregational Church. Reciprocating the expressions of a desire for closer relations made at the last General Assembly, these brethren now appeared to ask that some steps be taken to bring this about. Claiming that there is essential oneness in essential doctrine, they would ask that the question of policy may be considered as secondary, and not an absolute barrier to union. They conclude, "We believe that the days for exclusive claim for either of our polities as the express pattern of the Apostolic Church to be passed; life, not form, we own as the all-embracing essential. We desire to show our readiness to heal another breach in the Lord's Zion and therefore thus address you." A conference was agreed upon, and Rev'ds Prin. Caven, J. M. Cameron, Dr. Carmichael, D. J. Macdonnell, Dr. Gregg and G. M. Milligan, with Messrs J. A. Paterson and D. Miller were appointed to represent the Presbytery at the conference. Mr. Stuart's motion to print the Presbytery minutes after each meeting and place in the hands of members before the next meeting of Presbytery was adopted, and the clerk instructed to have copies of present minutes printed and sent out. Prof Thompson's motion to send not less than one-third of the highest multiple of three not greater than the highest number of Commissioners to the General Assembly by election, was adopted by the Presbytery. A lengthy report was presented from the special committee appointed to visit Georgetown and Limehouse, and after a very full discussion was adapted, with some amendment, and the Committee reappointed to meet with the Congregations at their annual Meeting on Monday the 16th inst., and put the recommendations of Presbytery before them. The purpose is to obtain closer conformity with the recommendations of the Church in regard to those who shall hold office within the Church, and the Congregations show entire willingness to concur with the same. The resignation of Mr. Monteith, the venerable Clerk of Presbytery who has been suffering from a severe and long-continued illness, was tendered and laid upon the table, and the Presbytery by motion expressed its sincere sympathy with the Clerk, and prayer that he may be sustained by the Divine Grace. Mr. Greathead, who was certified as a Catechist at the last meeting of the Presbytery, was appointed to take charge of Hornby and Omagh for one month.—R. C. Tibb, Assistant Pres. Clerk.

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