

incidents of her visit to Swan River, the protegee mission field of St. Andrew's congregation. The story of the visit is, however, too long to be told in a few words so it is probable that a special meeting will be called shortly, when Mrs. Herdridge will complete her talk.

At a meeting of the Ladies' Aid Society of Bank St. church it was decided to supply a boy whose home is in Angers, Que., and who is to attend the Point aux Trembles school, with clothing for a year. The case of the consumptive woman for whom The Home for Friendless Women are caring was also brought before the meeting, and it was decided to assist in her support if necessary.

The Jam Scheme.

A meeting to arrange for the supplying of jam to the hospitals, was held last week in St. George's schoolroom. Mrs. W. L. Hodgins presiding. The plan used was that each family donate one pot of jam yearly through the Women's Society of its church, and was carried into effect very successfully last year. Strange to say only fourteen out of the thirty-seven Protestant churches were represented, namely, Christ church cathedral, All Saints, St. Albans, Grace, St. George's, St. Matthew's, St. Andrew's, Bank street, St. Paul's, Giebe Presbyterian, Dominion Methodist, First Baptist, Zion Congregational, and the Church of Our Father (Unitarian). It is hoped, however, that the churches not represented will respond in the collection of the jam.

Induction Service.

The Rev. Robert Laird, M.A., late of Brockville, was formally inducted as pastor of the St. John's church, Vancouver, by the Presbytery of Westminster on Friday evening of last week. Rev. J. S. Henderson of St. Andrew's, New Westminster preached the induction sermon, after which the Acting Moderator, Rev. R. G. MacBeth, M.A., of First Church, performed the induction ceremony and the new pastor of St. John's church was received into the Presbytery and formally welcomed and given the hand of good fellowship by the members thereof. The Rev. J. A. Logan delivered the charge to the minister and was followed by the Rev. T. Scouler, who addressed the congregation. The new pastor was then introduced to his congregation by Messrs. Logan, Boak and Gibson, elders of the church.

The St. John's church was formally organized last December and till recently has held service in the Lord Roberts school. It has a Sunday roll of 200 children, a church membership of some 150 persons and also a number of adherents. During the past seven months its weekly collections have averaged about \$50. The present building which is only intended as a temporary church, is nevertheless a handsome and commodious structure and pipe in the vicinity of \$8,000, and a handsome pipe organ costing some \$950 has been installed.

Rev. J. C. Wilson Inducted.

After a vacancy of only four months Knox church, Acton is again in happy relations with a settled pastor—the sixth in its history of half a century. On the first day of June last Rev. H. A. Macpherson closed his successful pastorate of nearly seven years and went to Chalmers church, Toronto. On Tuesday of last week Rev. J. C. Wilson, late of Stouffville, was inducted as pastor of the congregation.

After a brief session of the Guelph Presbytery at two o'clock, Rev. J. Mond, of Glenallen, the Moderator of the Presbytery preached the sermon. Rev. J. A. Mann of Eramosa addressed the minister and Rev. A. Blair, B.A. of Nassagaweya the people.

The ministers present were: Revs. J. Mond, Glenallen, Dr. Torrance and R. G. M. Glassford, Guelph; A. J. Mann, Eramosa; J. H. McVicar, Fergus; A. Blair, B.A., Nassagaweya; S. Cunningham, Hawkesville; R. A. Clouston, Cromarty; J. T. Hall, Rockwood; Geo. Milne, Ballinacree, and A. R. Gregory, of Mansewood.

A very enjoyable and largely attended reception service was held in the evening. Rev. A. E. Smith gave an address on the words, "Others have labored and ye have entered into their labors."

Rev. John Cameron, J. P., on behalf of the congregation, and in very cordial terms, presented Rev. Mr. Blair with a cheque in recognition of his services as moderator during the vacancy.

Addresses were given by Rev. A. Blair, Rev.

Mr. Dick, Rev. J. G. Browne, B. A. and others. Rev. H. A. Macpherson, of Toronto, the former pastor, made a very happy speech.

Rev. Mr. Wilson, the new pastor spoke a few words and the service closed with the hymn "Blest be the tie that binds" and the benediction.

Brockville Presbytery.

A meeting of the Brockville Presbytery was held on the 6th inst. at Spencerville. There was a good attendance and considerable important business was transacted.

Owing to the resignation of Rev. R. Laird, M.A., as moderator Rev. F. Chisholm, of Kemptville was appointed.

The following conveners of the different committees are: Rev. D. Strachan, B.A., augmentation; Rev. C. H. Daly, home missions; Rev. A. O. Bryan, foreign missions; Rev. E. S. Logie, Young People's Societies; Rev. W. McIlroy, M.A., Sabbath Schools; Rev. C. H. Daly, schemes of the church; Rev. Mr. McAlister, examination of students.

The committee appointed by the Presbytery in reference to the congregations at North Williamsburg, Winchester Springs, and Chesterville reported that those places had agreed to increase their contributions in compliance with the rules of the church so that the augmentation will likely be renewed and the present conditions maintained.

A call was heard from the congregation at English River in the Montreal Presbytery to Rev. J. McKellock, of Morewood. The call was sustained and Rev. Mr. McKellock was released from Morewood.

Rev. J. R. Frizzell, of Athens and Toledo congregations, expressed a desire to resign having been called to do home mission work in the Northwest Territories. Representatives of these congregations were cited to appear before the Presbytery at a special meeting to be held in St. John's church, Brockville, Tuesday, Oct. 20th, at 10.30 a.m.

Toronto.

Rev. J. A. Turnbull has been appointed interim Moderator of session.

A resolution was passed expressing appreciation of the services of the late William Carlyle, who has long represented Southside at the Presbytery meetings.

The members of the Ladies' Aid Society of St. Enoch's Presbyterian church have tendered a reception and presented an address and handsome bound copy of the Book of Praise to Miss M. E. Hogg, who is leaving to live at Port Hope.

John A. Paterson, K. C., has been appointed representative of Knox College on the Senate of Toronto University, in succession to Hon. W. Mortimer Clarke, who, being official visitor by virtue of his position as Lieutenant Governor handed in his resignation.

Wychwood Park Church was formally opened on the 4th inst. In the forenoon the services were conducted by the Rev. H. R. Horne, B. D., of Elora; 3 p. m. the Rev. R. Haddow, B. D., preached and in the evening the Rev. Dr. Parsons took charge of the services. Rev. R. B. Cochrane is in charge.

At a meeting of the Presbyterian Ministerial Association on Monday Rev. Cooper Robertson for fifteen years a missionary in Japan, gave an interesting address. He said the Japanese were great imitators. They were very religious but it was in a mercantile rather than a spiritual sense. Ninety per cent. of the children went to school and were supplied with exceptionally good literature. He scouted the idea that war with Russia was imminent.

On next Friday evening the following will be ordained and inducted into the eldership of Chalmers church: Messrs. D. A. Cheyne, Duncan William, L. E. MacIver, W. H. McIlwain, Wm. McKay, T. G. McMaster, Daniel Patterson, R. Powmie, and D. R. Rowan. The induction will take place at the preparatory meeting, when Rev. Dr. Parsons will assist the pastor. This congregation is growing and a larger staff of elders is found to be absolutely necessary.

In St. Enoch's Church, Toronto, a congregational singing class has been organized to study the music of the Book of Praise. The class is under the instruction of Mr. William Selby, an elder of the congregation, who is prosecuting similar work in several congregations. As an introduction to the weekly class work the pastor, Rev. Alex. McMullen, preached a sermon on

"Sacred Song" in the early church. Particular emphasis was laid upon the supreme importance of the united praise of the people.

Rev. J. A. Clark, pastor of Cowan avenue Presbyterian Church, will go to Calgary. The matter was decided at Tuesday's meeting of the Toronto Presbytery. Rev. A. B. Winchester acted as mouthpiece of the Calgary church, and presented an invitation bearing the signature of 129 members and 143 adherents, and guaranteed a yearly stipend of \$1,800 a year. Rev. Mr. Clark will preach his last sermon here on the first Sunday in November. Rev. A. R. Gregory of Boston church, Esquimes, tendered his resignation. The following students were attested to the Senate of Knox College: For first year theology, L. H. Curry and P. B. Cochrane, B. A., second year theology, J. G. Reid, B.A., third year theology, D. Ritchie, C. A. Myers, M.A., G. F. L. Atkinson, B. A., and W. W. McLaren, B. A.

The gambling is growing, and the practice is the fruitful cause of much mischief. In the city a crusade of the clergy against race track gambling is now imminent. According to Rev. Dr. Milligan the matter will shortly be brought before the ministerial bodies of every denomination, which will be asked to join forces in urging the Dominion Government to enact a law prohibiting this form of gambling. Dr. Milligan is not sure but that there is a law against it already. He himself is bitterly opposed to betting and gambling on horse races, and he deplores the fact that women are now as actively interested in the result of a horse race at the Woodbine as their male companions. The thousands of dollars that yearly leave Toronto in the hands of the bookies must some of it come from pockets that can ill afford it.

Thank-Offering Meeting.

The annual thank offering meeting of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the First church, Brockville was held last week and was largely attended, Mrs. John M. Gill, presided. The meeting was opened by devotional exercises after which the secretary, Mrs. John Menish, gave an interesting report of the year's work of the society. Among other items of interest she stated that a bale of clothing valued at over \$85, was being sent to the Northwest, for distribution among the Indians.

A very interesting address was given by Mrs. George MacArthur, of Cardinal, who has accompanied her husband to the General Assembly at Vancouver, and afterwards visited Seattle. Her description of the prairies and mountains of the great Northwest and British Columbia, was vivid, as was also her story of the conditions of life among the Chinese at Vancouver and her visit to the Indian schools under the care of Rev. I. A. Sinclair and Mrs. Sinclair at Regina. At Regina the boys are taught trades and farming. There are at present 500 acres being cultivated by the boys, and the government has promised 500 more. The girls are trained in domestic science, with a view to making them capable housekeepers and servants, and the success which has so far attended the work, demonstrates that it is possible to make good, industrious men and women out of the hitherto poor, neglected Indians. The offering in the envelopes amounted to over \$122.

The removal of Rev. Robert and Mrs. Laird was deeply felt by all present, as they had always during their residence in Brockville, taken a very active part in the meetings of the W. F. M. S.

Northern Ontario.

The Lord's Supper was observed in the Bradford Church last Sabbath morning. Rev. W. M. Morris of Bond Head Bradford assisted the pastor at the preparatory service on Friday evening.

Anniversary services were held at Ardrea on Sept. 27th. Rev. J. H. White, M. A., of Upergrove, preached to a large congregation in the morning, and Rev. H. Black, of Washago took the evening.

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