

The Paisley Auxiliary held its thank-offering meeting on a recent Saturday. Mrs. Munro, of Harrison, gave a thoughtful address. A very interesting paper on the spiritual condition of the people of Formosa, was read by Miss Grattan. Mrs. Scott and Miss Hay added very much to the pleasure of the meeting by their beautifully rendered solos. An offering of almost \$40, accompanied by many appropriate selections of Scripture, was laid on the plate.

The annual thanksgiving meeting of the Oshawa Auxiliary was presided over by Mrs. Hicks. The roll was called by Mrs. Eastman, a large number responding. A solo by Mrs. Schofield, a duet by Mrs. and Miss Park, a Bible reading conducted by Miss N. McLean, an address on "Our Society's Work," by Miss Jessie Panten, proved pleasing and instructive to all. The envelopes were gathered, the sentiments enclosed being read by Miss Carrie Mackie, and the money dedicated in prayer by Mrs. McCullough. The amount received totals over \$47, the largest in the history of the Auxiliary with one exception.

These are the officers of the Christian Endeavor Society of Knox Church, Ottawa, for the next six months: Hon. Pres., John Macmillan, B.A.; president, John Eagleson; 1st vice-president, Miss Macmillan; and vice-president, H. S. Campbell; recording secretary, A. I. Hendry; corresponding secretary, Mrs. R. McAllen; treasurer, W. J. Fumerton; representative to C. E. Union, John Shearer, jun. Conveners of committees: Look-out, Robt. McAllen; Prayer Meeting, R. H. Campbell; Missionary, H. S. Campbell; Sabbath School, John Shearer, jun.; Visiting, Miss M. Ferguson; Social, Miss Kennedy; Music, Miss Eva Clarke.

The Baltimore Auxiliary has held its thank-offering meeting. Mrs. (Rev.) J. R. Gilchrist welcomed the strangers, Miss Carrie Staples, in lieu of Mrs. (Rev.) M. F. Wilson, who was unavoidably absent, presented the good wishes of the neighboring Auxiliary, while Mrs. Kerr brought greetings from the society at Coldsprings. Miss Ida Moffatt read a paper on thanksgiving. Readings were given by Misses Jessie Johnston and Tena Boyd. The offertory amounted to thirty dollars. Tea was subsequently served at the manse and the customary social time enjoyed.

Anniversary services were held in Knox Church, Belmont, on Sabbath, 25th ult. The Rev. J. A. McDonald, editor of *The Westminster*, preached with acceptance morning and evening to large congregations. On the Monday evening following a successful entertainment was held. The chair was occupied by the pastor. A programme consisting of addresses by Rev. Messrs. Sawers, Hunt, Dow and Jackson, readings by Miss Sheldon, of London, and music by the choir was well received. Miss Sheldon's rendering of some choice selections is deserving of special notice. Sabbath collections amounted to \$136, and proceeds of entertainment \$104.

The young people of Knox Church, Paisley, gave an At Home last week. Rev. A. H. Drummond, of Port Elgin, in his lecture gave a very vivid description of a trip "Up Clear Creek Canon." Rev. Mr. Johnston and Mr. R. Munro, of Port Elgin, spoke briefly. The musical selections were a solo by Miss Birdie Scott; duet by Miss Nellie Hay and Mrs. R. Scott; male quartette by Messrs. Miller, Hopper, Mason and McKenzie; and a quartette by Misses Stark and McLean, Messrs. McKenzie and Gibson. Mrs. Chisholm and Miss L. Gibson played the accompaniments. The chair was occupied by the president of the society, Mr. Wm. Mason. In the middle of the programme the audience was refreshed with choice edibles provided by the ladies.

Rev. A. Stewart, B.A., of Clinton, preached the anniversary sermons in the church at Port Elgin. On the Monday evening a sociable was held. Excellent refreshments were served. The chair was occupied by the pastor, Rev. A. H. Drummond, and spicy but instructive addresses were delivered by Rev. Jeffrey Hill, M.A., Rev. A. Stewart, B.A., Rev. Isaac McDonald, B.D., Rev. James Steven and Rev. T. L. Kerruish. The choir, assisted by Dr. Veitch, rendered several good selections. Delightful solos were given by Miss Smith and Mr. J. F. Smith, of Tara, Miss Thomson, Mr. Jos. A. Thomson and Miss Lily Cameron. The accompaniments were played by Miss Wallace, Miss Reed and Miss Thomson. The proceeds of the evening and the Sunday collections amounted to \$116.

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was observed in Cooke's Church, in this city, on Sabbath, the 25th Oct., at the morning service. At the preparatory service on Friday evening, forty-eight new members were received, twenty-seven by certificate and twenty-one on profession of faith; among the latter were three Chinamen, Ho Chong, Ho Lung and Hoang Woo. A very solemn part of the service on Sabbath morning was the baptism of the three above named Chinamen, together with three other adults. There has been a Chinese class in connection with the congregation since June 1895, which meets in the lecture room every Sabbath evening after the service. It is very gratifying to those engaged as teachers to know that the Lord has blessed their labors among these strangers in our midst.

Rev. David Watson, D.D., who has for many years been pastor of St. Andrew's Church, Beaverton, recently resigned on account of continued ill-health. It is regrettable that Dr. Watson should have found himself compelled to take this action. His pulpit ministrations were ever of a helpful and refreshing character, while his activity in pastoral visitation was such as few of

his brethren could hope to equal. For a considerable period the Presbyterians of the congregations at Beaverton have felt that their position would be materially bettered could a union of the two be accomplished. No better opportunity to effect a thing so desirable could be wished than that now presented. Both the congregations are without pastors, although Knox Church has called a young minister to its vacant pulpit. Could not these congregations unite in asking Dr. Watson to occupy the position of pastor emeritus of both, with Rev. K. J. McDonald, the pastor-elect of Knox Church, as colleague and successor? Thus would a union be accomplished and a good old Scottish custom perpetuated.

The Balfour Street Mission Church, Brantford—a neat and substantial building of sufficient size—is now in use. The dedicatory service was held on Sunday afternoon, 25th ult. Rev. Dr. Cochran preached in his usual vigorous, convincing and interesting style. Most of those present viewed the interior of the building for the first time, and the general expression of opinion was a congratulatory one. The walls and ceilings are finished in spotless white, which quite excluded any impression of darkness, and stained glass borders in the windows lent an air of cheeriness to the scene. The auditorium is divided at one end by glass doors which mark the boundaries of the class-rooms. These doors can be opened, and when this is done, the whole is thrown into one large apartment. A neat little gallery over the entrance forms a considerable addition to the seating capacity. Substantial offerings were made towards the building fund, both at Zion Church in the morning, and at the inaugural service at the mission in the afternoon.

The anniversary services of the Fern Avenue Presbyterian Church, Toronto, held on Sabbath, 25th ult., Rev. R. C. Tibb, pastor, were exceptionally interesting this year. The Rev. H. M. Parsons, D.D., of Knox Church, conducted the morning service; Rev. Wm. Gregg, D.D., preached in the afternoon; and Rev. Professor Ballantyne of Knox College, in the evening. On the Monday evening following, the anniversary social was held, at which the Rev. Wm. Patterson, of Cooke's Church, gave a most interesting address upon "Enthusiasm." The address in itself was a good one, but the speaker's personality made it doubly effective. Mrs. Patterson was also present and sang two solos with exquisite feeling. Rev. Wm. Rochester and Rev. W. Burns delivered addresses, congratulating the congregation upon its strength and vigor after six years of fighting against odds. A very pleasing feature was the reading of an address to the pastor by Mr. Thos. Galt, the oldest member of session, expressive of the warm sympathy and appreciation of the congregation towards their minister, and accompanying it with a beautiful gold watch, with the hope that for many years he might wear it as their pastor. Mr. Tibb, in replying, said that it was one of the happiest experiences of a minister's life to learn that he had the hearty sympathy of those for whom he was laboring.

The twentieth anniversary of Rev. Dr. Milligan's pastorate of Old St. Andrew's Church was celebrated on the evening of the 26th ult., by a largely attended social in the church. The whole floor of the edifice was filled, when Rev. Prof. McLaren took the chair. Many of Dr. Milligan's clerical friends were present, among them Revs. Messrs. Neil, Dr. Parsons, Mutch, Grant, Jordan, Gilray, Morrison, MacMillan, Dr. Parsons, and Arthur Baldwin, of All Saints' Church. Letters of regret were read from Rev. Drs. Briggs and Wallace, Rev. Mr. Tibb and Hon. G. W. Ross. Dr. Price Brown, on behalf of the Board of Managers, read an appreciative address of congratulation to Dr. Milligan. Principal MacMurchy spoke on behalf of the session of the church and Mr. Alex. Jardine for the Ladies' Associations. Addresses were also delivered by Principal MacMurchy, who was a member of the session when Dr. Milligan assumed the pastorate in 1876; Rev. Arthur Baldwin and a number of other clergymen present. Dr. Milligan made a feeling speech in acknowledging all the kind things that had been said about him. Refreshments were served in the lecture room of the church and some time spent in pleasant sociality.

On the 26th of October, 1871, the Rev. Dr. Campbell, of Renfrew, was ordained and inducted into the pastorate of the congregation. Sabbath, 25th ult., was the close of a twenty-five years' pastorate in one congregation, which in

these days of frequent ministerial changes is a somewhat infrequent event. Then the "village of Renfrew was a rather out-of-the-way place" some 800 inhabitants. There was only one brick house and one sidewalk on one side of Main Street. The larger half of the congregation was then connected with the country charge in McNab Township. Railway communication was established in 1872, and in 1875 the last union of Presbyterians occurred. The congregation grew, and the new church erected in 1883 has now, as many of its well-wishers think, become rather small for the accommodation of the congregation. There are two or three characteristics of this congregation which are widely recognized. They have been liberal in supporting mission work at home and abroad. They have lived together in unbroken harmony for more than fifty years; and they have been unvaryingly kind and thoughtful in relation to their ministers. It is because of such characteristics as these, no doubt, that their ministers have never sought any change. Their first minister, the late Rev. Dr. Mann, of Pakenham, remained with them till the three charges which he laboriously served, became self-supporting, and he had to choose one of the three. Their second minister, Rev. G. Thomson, spent the whole of his ministerial life with them and died in harness, after twenty years' service, and their third minister, Rev. Dr. Campbell, has completed twenty-five years of a successful and useful pastorate. All honor to such a people and such a minister.

At the meeting of the Committee on the Augmentation of Stipends, held in Toronto on the 21st ult., the claims of the respective Presbyteries for services rendered during the past six months were considered, and the following sums ordered to be paid: Presbyteries—Quebec, \$689.50; Montreal, \$1,000; Glengarry, \$237.50; Ottawa, \$591; Brockville, \$400; Lanark and Renfrew, \$187.50; Kingston, \$562.50; Peterborough, \$360.34; Lindsay, \$175; Whitby—Toronto, \$898; Orangeville, \$362.50; Barrie, \$527.50; Owen Sound, \$20; Saugeen, —; Guelph, —; Algoma, \$375; Hamilton, \$784.50; Paris, \$50; London, \$574.50; Chatham, \$250; Sarnia, \$225; Stratford, —; Huron, \$325; Maitland, \$75; Bruce, \$150; Superior, —; Winnipeg, \$187.69; Rock Lake, \$150; Glenboro, \$50; Portage la Prairie, —; Melita, \$52; Brandon, \$125; Minnedota, \$114.50; Regina, \$68.30; Calgary, \$50; Edmonton, —; Kamloops, —; Westminster, —; Victoria, 212.50. Total, \$10,010.33. The convener and treasurer were empowered to borrow the amount necessary to meet in full the claims now passed. The committee also carefully revised the grants to all the augmented congregations in the several Presbyteries as considered and approved by the respective synodical committees. The convener and secretary were asked to codify the regulations under which the scheme is administered and to issue copies of these to Presbytery clerks and conveners. In response to an invitation from Rev. R. D. Fraser, convener of Committee on Young People's Societies, it was agreed to furnish matter for the *Presbyterian Record* bearing on Augmentation. Rev. Drs. Campbell and Warden were appointed a sub-committee to prepare and distribute throughout the Church a leaflet in the interest of the scheme. The following were appointed the acting executive of the committee: Dr. R. Campbell, convener; Dr. Robertson, Dr. Warden and Mr. A. T. Crombie.

#### PRESBYTERY MEETING.

LINDSAY: This Presbytery met at Woodville 20th Oct., Rev. D. D. McDonald, Moderator. There was a good attendance of ministers and elders. A call was presented from Cannington in favor of Rev. J. A. Matheson, B.D., but he having accepted another field of labor, it was regrettably laid aside. A call from Knox Church, Beaverton and Gambridge, was laid on the table in favor of Mr. K. J. McDonald, B.D., licentiate, which after due consideration was accepted. His ordination and induction took place at Beaverton, November 3rd.—P. A. MacLEOD, Clerk.

ALGOMA: This Presbytery held its half-yearly meeting at Gore Bay, on 23rd September. The Rev. W. C. Armstrong, Ph.B., was chosen Moderator. The Presbytery, in testifying to the Christian worth and usefulness of the late Mrs.

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Rondeau, Sudbury, and Mrs. Robertson, of Gore Bay, expresses its deep regret at the loss of their sorely afflicted brethren, and extends to them their heart-felt sympathy in their sore bereavement. They desire also to commend their sorrowing brethren to God's grace for comfort. Interesting reports of local supervision were given in by Messrs. Armstrong, Garrioch, Rennie, MacKeracher and MacLennan. The Rev. A. Findlay, Superintendent of Missions, read an interesting report of work done in the various mission fields during the past six months. The report was seconded and adopted, and Mr. Findlay was thanked for his diligence. Chief among the recommendations of the Home Mission report presented by Rev. J. Rennie was that, with a view to increasing the contributions to the Home Mission Fund, every minister and missionary laboring within the bounds be instructed to preach a sermon on Home Mission work, before taking up contributions for the Home Mission Fund. The Rev. Mr. Rondeau's resignation of St. Andrew's Church, Sudbury, was reluctantly accepted, and a highly commendatory resolution passed of his services to the Presbytery and Church. The Rev. D. H. MacLennan was appointed clerk and treasurer of Presbytery, in the place of Mr. Rondeau, resigned. A vote of thanks was passed unanimously to the friends of Gore Bay for their generous hospitality.—D. H. MacLENNAN, Clerk.

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