

WESTERN ONTARIO.

The Rev. J. C. Robertson, the S.S. Secretary addressed the Presbytery of Paris at its meeting last week and made a very favorable impression by his evident enthusiasm and mastery of the work.

Five ladies of Zion church, Brantford, have presented a handsomely carved pulpit to the congregation. The ladies did the carving themselves, and a very creditable piece of work it is.

Mrs. W. A. Mackay whose husband, Rev. Dr. W. A. MacKay died in Woodstock recently, will spend the winter at 83 Walmer Road, Toronto. Miss Mackay will attend St. Margaret's College.

The anniversary services of Conn church were held last Sunday. Rev. John Little of Holstein was the preacher. The tea-meeting on Monday evening was quite a success.

Paris Presbytery has sustained the call from Chalmers' Church, Woodstock, to Rev. Henry Dickie, of Toronto. Rev. Dr. Hutt, moderator of session, on behalf of Mr. Dickie accepted the call, and his induction will take place on 8th Feb.

We regret to notice that Rev. Dr. Somerville, pastor of the Division Street Church, Owen Sound, has been compelled to go abroad on hospital medical treatment, and has been granted a month's leave of absence.

Rev. Dr. Munroe, of Ridgeway, has accepted the call to the pastorate of the churches of Bethel and Bryanston, London Township. The induction will take place early in February.

Police Magistrate Bartlett, of Windsor, recently celebrated his 84th birthday and received many congratulations. We believe he is one of the oldest magistrates in the province; and for many years he has been a familiar figure at meetings of the General Assembly, always taking an active and intelligent part in the work of that venerable court.

Rev. T. A. Cosgrove of Newark, Ohio, was a visitor with friends in town for a few days, says the St. Mary's Argus. He attended service at the First Presbyterian church last Sunday evening and at the close of the service was invited forward by the pastor, the Rev. A. MacWilliams. Mr. Cosgrove responded with a short address expressive of his best wishes for the welfare of his former congregation.

During Lord Strathcona's visit home he sent a handsome cheque to the Rev. R. G. Macbeth towards a memorial portrait of the Rev. James Nisbet to be placed in the Gallery of Manitoba College at Winnipeg. In forwarding the cheque His Lordship, who knew well the stirring history of the early days, paid a warm tribute to the life and work of our first missionary to the Indians of the North West.

The annual meetings of the Hyde Park church, Komoka and St. Paul's, West London, held last week were the most successful in the history of these congregations. The income exceeded the expenditures by \$250. The missionary contributions were \$160. By the Ladies' Aid in two of the congregations the handsome sum of \$320 was realized. The new members added were 35. As was fitting and proper the salary of the pastor, Rev. Dr. Nixon, was increased.

At the annual meetings of the Missionary Association of Chalmers Church, Guelph, with a good attendance, the contributions reported amounted to \$2,380, the largest in the history of the association. The officers for the year are:—

Hon. presidents, Rev. Dr. Wardrope, Rev. Dr. Torrance, Rev. R. J. M. Glassford and members of session; president, D. Young; vice-president, D. D. Christie; secretary, Miss Cochran; treasurer, Miss Yule; committee, Mesdames Auld, Glassford, Christie, Kennedy, Macalister, Campbell, Alex. White, Miss Maggie McDonald, Messrs. R. L. Torrance, G. W. Walker, John Yule, G. C. Creelman, J. I. McIntosh, P. Anderson.

By a vote of 80 to 46, taken on two consecutive Sabbath days, the congregation of Chalmers church, Elora, gave a final and decidedly negative answer to the proposal for union of the two Presbyterian congregations in the village. Until those who are interested in the scheme go to work in some other way than heretofore, a project that is distinctly desirable in the abstract will never become an accomplished fact. In other words the union feeling must become very much stronger before these two congregations can be brought together.

The people of the Paris congregation have sent a handsome silver Communion set to the Rev. D. D. McLennan's field in Alberta. They have also furnished a ward in the Telon Hospital and are sending a large bell out to Dr. Buchanan in India to call the natives to school and church. This congregation now raises all its funds by direct and voluntary giving and the year 1905 shows an increase in all directions. Envelopes in a neat calendar case are used for all the funds that are raised and the spirit of liberality has grown in a marked degree.

WINNIPEG AND THE WEST.

At the recent meeting of Winnipeg Presbytery a letter was read from Rev. E. D. McLaren, Toronto, asking for the names of additional home mission fields which might be assigned to individual donors who have promised to provide the necessary funds to supplement the givings of mission congregations. It was agreed to furnish a list of such fields.

Rev. Dr. A. M. McClelland presented a presbyterial certificate from Toronto, and was received as a minister resident within the bounds of the presbytery and under its care.

The session of St. Paul's church, Morris, transmitted the name of Mr. J. S. Campbell as a representative elder; and the session of Augustine church, Winnipeg, transmitted the name of Mr. Geo. H. Grieg. These names were added to the roll as representative elders.

Rev. Dr. Bryce presented a call from the congregation of Oakville addressed to the Rev. N. Stevenson. This call was supported by Mr. D. A. Moore, representative of the congregation. Mr. Moore represented it as the unanimous and hearty wish of the congregation to have the services of Mr. Stevenson. The presbytery, on motion of Dr. Hart, seconded by Dr. John Hogg, sustained the call; thanked Dr. Bryce as moderator, and ordered that the call be sent to Mr. Stevenson for his decision. In case of his acceptance it was arranged that the induction take place on Thursday, Jan. 25, at 3 p.m.; that Rev. J. Hay preach, Rev. Dr. Hogg preside and address the minister, and Rev. J. M. Niven address the congregation.

Rev. Dr. Bryce presented the following report from the home mission committee, making the recommendations: 1. That in regard to the application of the Gretna congregation for a loan of \$500, the committee while sympathizing with the congregation in its energetic struggle to maintain ordinances, advise that the manse be sold for the purpose of readjusting the finances of the congregation, and that the presbytery give the necessary authority for this step. The presbytery is pleased to hear of the interest in religious life which has been exhibited by the congregation during the past year. 2. That Riverside be placed on the list of regular mission stations, and that surely be given by the home mission committee of the presbytery until March 31, 3. In order to meet the debt still remaining on the manse at Little Britain, the presbytery give authority for the sale of the old manse and the application of the proceeds to the debt aforesaid. 4. That the congregation of Little Britain and Union Point be visited in connection with the supply of religious ordinances.

MONTREAL.

The Nazareth Street Mission Sunday School recently celebrated their forty-seventh anniversary by holding a concert and festival. Mr. R. S. Auld, the Mission superintendent, presided. A tea for the children occupied the first part of the evening enjoyably. After a few opening remarks by the chairman, the Rev. Mr. Mackay spoke to the scholars and teachers, emphasizing the great need of good men and women in the world at the present day. The Rev. Mr. Henderson, Mr. John Currie and Mr. Walter Paul, all spoke briefly, congratulating the school on its steady progress. The Rev. Dr. Fleck presented the prizes which had been won by the scholars during the past year. Mr. R. S. Auld, on behalf of the members of the mission and the many friends connected therewith, presented the missionary, Mr. J. Corder, with a well filled purse of gold, and Mr. J. C. Kennedy, jr., read an address from the members of the mission to Mr. Corder.

Mr. Corder made a suitable reply, thanking Messrs. Auld and Kennedy for their very flattering remarks, and others for their contributions towards the testimonial, which would be highly appreciated.

The Maisonneuve Church held its annual meeting on Monday evening of last week. The pastor, the Rev. Peter A. Walker, presided. All the reports of the year showed a very encouraging increase. There have been twenty-three additions to the membership. The financial receipts are much in advance of any other year. During the evening, the pastor had the pleasure of setting a match to the mortgage, which has been against the property for the past fifteen years. A vote of thanks was extended to Mr. David Yule and to Mr. James R. Lowden for their generous aid in removing the debt. Mr. W. W. McClelland and Dr. R. Ashton Kerr were elected managers for three years; Mr. James B. Campbell and Mr. R. B. Maw for two years. Mr. Jas. B. Campbell was re-elected financial secretary for the ensuing year. Last Sunday evening the Rev. Principal Scrimger conducted re-opening services.

At a large congregational meeting, with Rev. Dr. Scott, moderator, presiding, a unanimous call was extended to Rev. J. P. Stephen, Toronto, to succeed Rev. Prof. Mackenzie as minister of St. Matthew's church, in this city. Representatives to prosecute the call before the Montreal Presbytery were chosen as follows: Messrs. T. Losey, Dr. I. C. Sharp, W. A. Kneeland, R. W. Glass, H. N. Chauvin, and S. W. Cuthbert, and to prosecute the call before the Toronto Presbytery, Messrs. S. W. Cuthbert and H. N. Chauvin.

The call was unanimously signed and the congregation will now anxiously await the result. The hope is expressed that Mr. Stephen will accept the call, as the church is an important one and is teeming with much young life.

HO! FOR MEXICO.

A number of persons have signified their intention of visiting Mexico on the special excursion which leaves Montreal by the Grand Trunk Railway System on January 29th next, among whom are several clergymen. The many features offered on this tour which are not given by any other is recognized by the traveller, and the knowledge that it is the only one through the "Oldest Country in the New World" covering all the principal points, seems, to have appealed to those who know a good thing. Application to J. Quinlan, District Passenger Agent, Bonaventure Station, Montreal, will secure handsomely illustrated literature and all particulars.

The pastoral call hath its victories no less renowned than the pastor's study. But where either is neglected both are affected. The personal call is the key which unlocks many a door to meditation.