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Ministers and Churches.

THE Presbytery of Lindsay sustained a call from
Leaskdale and Zephyr, to Rev. Hugh Currie, min-
ister without charge.

MISS BERTIE CAMPBELL, of Port Perry, was
wedded recently to Dr. Walter R. Gillespie, of
West Toronto Junction. Rev. J. McMechan offic-
iated, assisted by Rev. R. Whiteman, B.A. The
ceremony took place at the residence of the bride's
father, Mr. D. Campbell, and was witnessed by a
few relatives and intimate friends. After the cere-
mony the company were entertained to a sumptuous
supper, and the happy couple left on the evening
train for Detroit to spend their honeymoon. The
bride was the recipient of many costly and beautiful
presents. She was a general favourite and carries
with her the congratulations and best wishes of a
host of friends.

THE anniversary services of Burns Church, Erin,
were held on Sabbath December 11, Rev. J.
Mutch, B.A. of Chalmers Church, Toronto, preach-
ing both morning and evening. The church was
well filled in the morning, but packed in the even-
ing, showing how much the services were enjoyed.
The usual social gathering was held on Monday
evening, when, after tea served in the basement, an
excellent programme was rendered; the Rev. J.
Mutch, G. G. McRobbie, of Shelburne, Rev. Haines,
of Hillsburg, and local clergymen delivering ad-
dresses. The addresses were interspersed with
beautiful selections of music well rendered by the
choir of the congregation. The Sunday-school
children had a very enjoyable gathering on Tues-
day evening, when the church was again packed.
The amount realized at these meetings was over one
hundred dollars.

ON Tuesday evening the 13th inst., the ordina-
tion of Mr. W. A. Wyllie, B.A., took place at
Waubushene, to which place together with asso-
ciated stations he has been appointed as an ordained
missionary. The Memorial Church in which the
ceremony took place was filled to its utmost capa-
city, a large number of the friends having come
from the neighbouring villages. The opening ex-
ercises were conducted by the Rev. Mr. Bethune of
Gravenhurst, who preached an impressive sermon
on "Circumcision." Rev. Mr. James, of Midland,
put the usual questions to the candidate and offered
prayer. Rev. Mr. Grant, of Orillia, addressed the
newly ordained minister, and Rev. Dr. Gray the
people. Both addresses were of a high order of
merit and contained much good advice. At the
close of the service Mr. Wyllie was conducted to
the church door, where the congregation had an
opportunity of bidding him welcome. A large
number of friends from Midland and other places
were entertained by the ladies of Waubushene, a
splendid supper having been provided for them at
the Central House.

THE Session Clerk of Stewarston Church writes:
The Presbytery of Ottawa met in Bank Street
Church of that city, on the 6th inst., when perhaps
one of the most singular events in its history
occurred, so peculiar that I crave space to give a
resume of circumstances leading thereto and of what
happened. As has been well-known to the church
at large, a very cordial, practically unanimous call
was extended by Fort Massey Church, Halifax, to
Rev. R. E. Knowles, B.A., the much loved, highly
esteemed and able young minister of the recently
established Stewarston congregation, Ottawa. The
call came about in this way. For months Fort
Massey had been hearing candidates when Rev. D.
M. Gordon, minister of St. Andrews, Halifax,
visited old friends in Ottawa last June, while at-
tending meeting of General Assembly. Of course
he preached in Stewarston. He seems to have taken
a liking to the youthful pastor, for shortly after
he invited Mr. Knowles to spend his vacation in
Halifax and occupy the pulpit of St. Andrews
during his absence. Mr. Knowles' session said,
"By all means go," but one of his elders remarked,
"Beware of Fort Massey." The impression made
by his earnest, sympathetic presentation of the
truth as it is in Jesus was such that he was asked to
preach in Fort Massey, but declined and intimated
he was not a candidate. After returning to
Ottawa, Fort Massey forwarded another invitation,
and in response to the urgent request, Mr. Knowles
went, coming back to Ottawa, however, un-
changed in his opinion. Finally a meeting of the
congregation was held, and although Mr. Knowles
asked that his name be withdrawn, a call was
transmitted to the Ottawa Presbytery, offering a
stipend of \$2,000 and a manse—\$800 more than
Stewarston—and the warm support of the com-
municants and adherents. The outcome is briefly
this: There was a large meeting of the members of
Presbytery, and also present Rev. A. J. Mowat, of
Montreal, representing Halifax Presbytery;
Messrs. Stairs, M.P., and Waddell, commissioners
from Fort Massey Church, with Messrs. D. B.
MacTavish, Q.C., I. S. Durie, J. Skead and J. B.
Halkett on behalf of Stewarston and Stewarston con-
gregation en masse. The reasons for translation
and those for retention having been read, the
former were supported by the commissioners from
the east by eloquent appeal and most astute argu-
ment, while the response of the gentlemen in
opposition were utterances breathing deep, heartfelt
affection, devoted attachment, the great needs of a
weak, struggling church, and the strenuous
dissent of every man, woman and child to the tie
between pastor and people being severed. When
Mr. Knowles rose to reply the feeling of the large
gathering was at the utmost tension. He solemnly
assured the Presbytery that, up to the time of
entering Presbytery, he had no indication given
him as to how he was to decide, and then reviewed
with his wonted pathos and touching eloquence, on
one side, the great attractions to a young man of
ambition, the very marked kindness shown him in
Halifax, kindness such as he had never before
experienced, the commanding position offered,
while on the other was the devotion of a beloved
people, most of whom he had been the instrument
used by God to bring into the fold, whose needs he

seemed to answer and whose claims had been so
affectionately presented. Above all the work just
begun appeared to require him to reverently obey
his Master's command, and therefore he humbly
declined the flattering call. He had hardly
finished when cheer upon cheer was given and the
Stewarston people made a rush for the minister,
and with tears of joy shook both his hands, the
Moderator having to leave the chair and declare an
intermission. On resuming business the call was
not sustained, and thus ended a scene never to be
forgotten, where from a sense of duty, a young
minister of wonderful talent, very genial, engaging
disposition, and who must in the near future take
front rank as a pulpit orator, put aside a most
tempting offer, giving an emphatic denial to the
sneer that ministers always accept the higher pay.
While in a measure, Stewarston sympathizes with
Fort Massey's bitter disappointment, it has justifi-
fiable pride that their affection conquered, that
their beloved minister remained loyal and gave
such an evidence of Christian sacrifice. May his
reward be many souls for Christ.

On Sabbath December 4 the beautiful new Pres-
byterian Church at Callander, Parry Sound Dis-
trict, was formally opened for public worship.
Services were held morning and evening by Rev. A.
Findlay, of Barrie. At the morning service the
Communion was dispensed to members present,
comprising some from other Protestant denomina-
tions as well as Presbyterians. At both services
large congregations were present. The collections
for the day amounting to about \$20. On Tuesday
evening December 6 the opening services were suc-
cessfully terminated by a grand concert and literary
entertainment. The weather being all that could
be desired for a true old Canada winter evening, an
immense gathering was present. The grand old
ruler of the night made it bright, dispelling the
gloom, and causing the darkness to hide its sombre
face. Consequently large contingents from outside
were present, travelling some by rail, but a goodly
number came merrily along by the good old way,
viz., by sleighs. Powassan, some twelve miles dis-
tant, nearly emptied itself down upon us, and Nip-
issing Junction came pouring down, also by sleighs,
to swell our numbers. North Bay, some nine
miles away, sent a good representation, some com-
ing by rail and some by sleigh, among their num-
ber being an all-alive editor to take notes, not only
with despatch but for the *Dispatch*. Then came
also a good part of Wisa Wisa with sleigh-bell
music and the ringing of happy voices to add their
quota. The chairman of the evening being none
other than our esteemed Supt. of Missions, Rev.
A. Findlay, the proceedings were gone through
with in a manner both agreeable and pleasant to
all. The exercises were opened by all singing that
grand old hymn "All hail the power of Jesus' name,"
after which the chairman led in prayer. Then fol-
lowed an interesting programme of addresses, read-
ings, recitations, solos, duets, quartettes and cho-
ruses, by outside as well as home talent. North
Bay's musical and literary talent was ably sustained
by Miss McLeod, who gave appropriate recitations,
and Dr. Cuthbert, who with Mrs. Alger's assistance
at the organ rendered two solos to the evident plea-
sure of all. Wisa Wisa's good reputation was suc-
cessfully kept up by Mrs. Thompson, whose voice
in a duet was listened to with pleasure by all. And
Mr. Duncan who sang the Scotch hymn "We'll
all gang hame," as only a true son of the heather
could render it. Also the Misses Watts, who sang
the hymn "Saviour while my heart is tender" with
good effect. Powassan being yet to be heard from,
Dr. Porter came to the rescue with two solos, ac-
quitting himself creditably and sustaining the good
name of that place for music. Mrs. Porter assisting
him at the organ. Last but not least Callander's
fair name in the line of music and literature was
happily preserved by the following, viz: Miss Moon
and Mrs. Wm. Morrison, who rendered several solos
to the delight of all; Mr. Ellis who gave in good
style a recitation entitled "The last hymn;" Mr.
Fisher who gave an excellent reading which was
well received; Miss Gibbon who gave another
pleasing selection, and Mr. S. Jones who enlivened
matters somewhat with a reading which pleased all;
and members of the choir who gave a beautiful
quartette entitled "Let the Saviour In." Miss
Elliot of the English Church also rendered excellent
service at the organ, playing with her usual marked
efficiency. Rev. A. Jameson, of Powassan, gave a
good practical address on the duty of the people in
carrying out to a successful issue the work of the
church. The financial statement prepared by Mr.
Geo. Morrison, Treasurer, was read by the chairman
and was in brief, as follows: cost of church, \$770;
received for same, \$360.08; promised, \$45.75; re-
ceipts at concert, \$45.20; total, \$651.03; balance
required, \$118.97. Among the cash donations re-
ceived was one of \$14 from Knox Church, Goderich,
a prayer meeting collection, sent through your cor-
respondent, who for many years has been an active
member of the congregation. The chairman spoke
in high terms of praise of the beautiful edifice, the
opening ceremonies of which were about closing.
He remarked on the good taste displayed through-
out, and the wise plans laid down and so thoroughly
carried out by the skillful contractor, Mr. Angus
Campbell, who deserved great praise in bringing
to such a satisfactory issue the magnificent building,
which as one outside party remarked would be cheap
at \$7,000. It was the regret of all present that Mr.
J. Griffith, missionary in charge last summer, now
student in Knox College, who took such deep inter-
est in the erection of the church and put forth such
lively energy towards its construction, was unable
to be present, owing to a severe illness he then
suffered from. A pleasant part of the programme
was the presentation of a purse of some \$20 from
the congregation to Miss Moon, of the English
Church who for several years past faithfully and
cheerfully, performed the duties of organist. It
being now about 10.30 p.m., the chairman asked that
all join heartily in singing the final selection, the
doxology, "Praise God from Whom," etc., then the
benediction closed all. Let it be noted in regard
to this beautiful new Presbyterian Church in Cal-
lander, which is truly founded on a "rock" and

consequently on a "sure foundation," that the work
of erection was begun and completed in a most har-
monious and Christ-like spirit. There was no
anxious toil, preparing for a "big feed" to be suc-
ceeded by cracked dishes and broken hearts, wand-
ering knives and lost forks, troubled minds and
perhaps severed friendships. But the voice of all
arose as if from one heart, "Let us rise up and
build," Neh. 2: 8. They did so and now the joy-
ful voice cries "So built we the Church, for the
people had a mind to work." Neh. 4: 6

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.—This Presbytery
met on 8th November last, in First Presbyterian
Church, London. Committees appointed examined
the Session Records of Crumlin, Dorchester,
Glencoe and Thamesford, and reported the same as
correctly kept. The Committee on re-arrangement
of the fields of Lobo, Williams, Caradoc and
Delaware, reported that no re-arrangement could
be effected meantime, as the fields concerned were
opposed to any change. The report was received
and adopted. The resignation of Dr. McKay of
Duff and Chalmers Churches, Dunwich, was re-
ceived, taking effect on the first Sabbath of Jan-
uary next. Mr. Kelso, Wallacetown, was appoint-
ed Moderator. An application from Dr. Cochrane
on behalf of Mr. W. J. Robertson, a member of
Dr. Dickson's congregation, Galt, was presented by
Mr. Sutherland, requesting the Presbytery to
examine Mr. Robertson for Catechist work in the
North-West, and give him the required recom-
mendation, if they feel satisfied with his qualifica-
tions. Messrs Ball, J. Ballantyne and J. A. Vounge,
elder, were appointed a committee to meet with
Mr. Robertson, and report. The above named com-
mittee reported at a future stage of the proceedings,
and Mr. Robertson was certified accordingly. A
circular was read, from the Home Mission Com-
mittee, apportioning to this Presbytery \$2,900 for
Home Missions, and \$1,300 for Augmentation. It
was agreed that the Presbytery's Home Mission
Committee issue to each congregation within the
bounds a circular stating the proportion required
of them for each of these schemes. Leave was
granted the Moderators of Kintyre, Rodney, Mel-
bourne and Delaware to moderate in calls, if neces-
sary, before next meeting of Presbytery. Mr. J.
A. McDonald, as Convener of the Committee
appointed to visit London East, asked and obtain-
ed leave to continue in office, to report at January
meeting. The Committee on Aylmer grant, re-
ported that the Home Mission Committee had
granted the amount asked. Rev. Mr. Clark gave
in the report of the Committee on the stated busi-
ness of Presbytery for each regular meeting. On
motion duly made and seconded, the order of busi-
ness submitted was adopted for the present. The
Convener instructed to have it printed, and a copy
transmitted to each member of Presbytery, and
the order to be definitely fixed at next regular
meeting of Presbytery. An application from Park
Avenue Church, London, was read, asking leave
of Presbytery to borrow \$15,000 for building a new
church. The application was received, and its
request granted. Intimation from Toronto Pres-
bytery was read, stating that they intend to ask
leave of next General Assembly, to receive as a
minister of the Church the Rev. A. L. McFayden,
a minister of the Congregational Church. Rev.
Dr. Thompson, of Aylmer, gave in the report on
Statistics for the past year. The report was re-
ceived and the following recommendations dis-
cussed and adopted: 1. That great care should be
taken to make the reports as accurate as possible.
2. That congregations be counselled to contribute
to all the Schemes of the Church, and to do so
liberally. 3. That the attention of the congrega-
tions be called from the pulpit, by means of this
report, to the several departments of the Church's
work with a view of securing a reasonable support
for each, and an increased support for all. 4.
That the clerk be instructed to take such steps as
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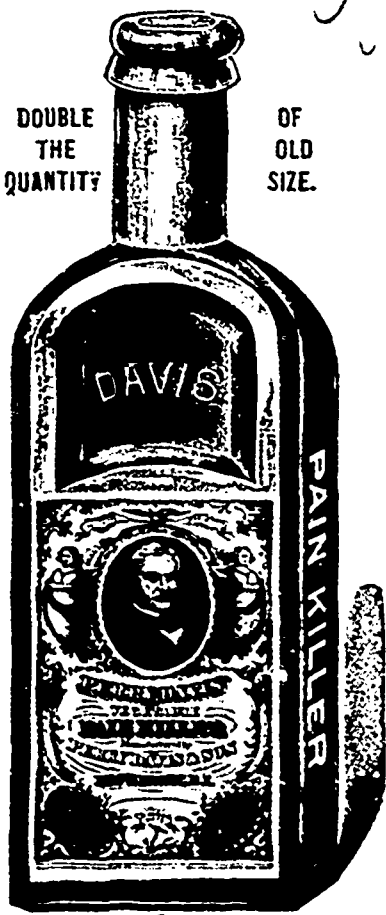
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