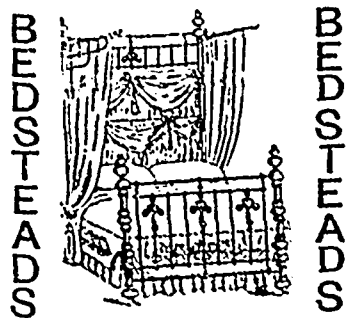


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Ministers and Churches.

The Rev. John Tanner, has been called by the Omamee Presbyterians.

The Rev. James Steven, recently from Glasgow, Scotland, has been called to Tiverton.

The annual meeting of St. John's Presbyterian Church in this city was held last Wednesday evening.

The Rev. J. M. Millar, graduate of Queen's, declined the call to Belgrave and Calvin, East Wawanosh.

On the tenth of this month Rev. A. F. Tully completed his thirteenth year in the pastorate of Knox Church, Mitchell.

A unanimous call has been moderated in at St. Andrews Church, East Oxford and Blenheim, to Rev. Alex. Leslie, of Newtonville.

Recently Dr. MacAdam called on the Rev. C. W. Brydon, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, Battleford, N.W.T., and on behalf of the congregation presented him with a very handsome fur overcoat.

Owing to continued ill health the Rev. R. J. Craig, M.A., of Deseronto, has resigned the pastorate of the Presbyterian Church there and the congregation have called the Rev. A. McMillan, of Mimico.

Rev. W. T. Herridge, of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Ottawa, in a recent sermon, made a touching reference to the late Father Dawson (Roman Catholic) and paid a high tribute to his life and character.

At the recent communion services of the Vernon congregation (Rev. J. M. Goodwillie, pastor) sixteen were received upon a profession of faith and four young women and two young men were baptised in the presence of the congregation.

The Rev. Wm King, of Chatham, Ont., died there Sunday, aged 82. He inherited slaves in Louisiana, but set them free and brought them to Canada, where he founded the Elgin settlement in 1850, as a retreat and home for fugitive blacks from the South.

On Thursday evening, Dec. 20th, a deputation, representing the ladies of the congregation, waited on their pastor, Rev. D. Macdonald, at the Manse, Glenora, and presented him with a kindly worded address accompanied by two handsome and valuable robes and a pair of gauntlets.

The annual Christmas entertainment of the Newtonville Sunday-school, was one of the best ever held. The scholars did their part in such a manner that it was evident great care had been bestowed upon them. The organist of the church was presented with a purse by the congregation.

The Rev. Dr. McClelland and family moved into their new manse on December 31st. The building is in every way a credit to the architect, Mr. Pengilly, of Norwood, Ont., and to the congregation; and is acknowledged on all sides to be the prettiest and most commodious house in town.

The *Tribune* says: Dr. Gilbert Gordon, of Toronto, brother of the pastor of the West End Presbyterian Church, Winnipeg, has donated a handsome pulpit, and Rev. Dr. King's New Year's gift to the rising congregation in the west end of the city was a communion service and baptismal bowl.

The monthly meeting of the Toronto Auxiliary Canadian McAll Association was held on Thursday, 3rd inst., in the Y.M.C.A. library. The President, Mrs. Howitt, occupied the chair, and conducted the devotional exercises. The treasurer reported \$184.31 as the sum gathered in during the year.

The annual meeting of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society, of Knox Church, Guelph, was held on Friday, December 28th., when reports were received from the secretary, treasurer and Mission Band. The membership for the year was 67. Total contributions \$185, \$85 of which was a thankoffering.

The first anniversary services in connection with the new church, Glenora, were held on Sabbath, Nov. 25, when Rev. M. N. Bethune, of Liverpool, preached powerful sermons both morning and evening. At 3 p.m., Mr. Bethune addressed both the Sabbath school children, teachers and members of the Christian Endeavor Society in that pleasing and attractive manner so peculiar to himself.

The congregation of Morewood gave their pastor a pleasant surprise at the conclusion of the prayer meeting Thursday, January 3rd. Dr. Kirk in the name of the congregation read an address, in which he expressed the kindly feelings the people entertain for Mr. Kellock and presented him with a valuable fur coat from them. The pastor, who was evidently moved, made a fitting reply.

The resignation of Rev. T. R. Shearer, Rounthwaite, Manitoba, has not been accepted. The Rounthwaite congregation though small and struggling is active, liberal and deeply attached to their pastor. Notwithstanding the hard times and the burden of a heavy church debt, this congregation contributes at the rate of \$47 per family for stipend and \$3 a family for the schemes of the Church.

Missionary services were conducted at Port Lock MacLennan's, and Bar River, by W. A. Duncan, B.D., of Sault Ste. Marie, on the 23rd. These stations are in charge of Rev. J. K. McGillivray, M.A., Clerk of the Presbytery of Algoma. Large and appreciative audiences greeted the speaker at each place. A manse, almost completed, will soon be occupied by Mr. McGillivray, and indications of progress are seen all through this field.

Rev. R. P. McKay, Foreign Mission Secretary, was handed lately, by Mr. A. M. Greig, barrister, a cheque for \$500, the gift of Mrs. M. H. Sinclair, widow of the late Rev. James Sinclair, before his death pastor of the Carp Presbyterian congregation. The handsome gift is to be divided as follows: \$200 for Foreign Missions, \$100 for Rev. Dr. Robertson's North-West Missions, \$25 for the Jewish Mission, \$25 to Coligny College, Ottawa, and \$50 towards the building fund of the (Rev. J. Wilkie's) college at Indore, India.

Rev. James A. Shimon, the first missionary to enter Honan, China, has been spending some weeks among the churches in the eastern part of Ontario. During the last few days of December he spoke in many of the Ottawa churches, including Erskine, St. Paul's, St. Andrew's and Bank St. Church, and also Billing's Bridge. An increasing interest was manifested in the meetings he addressed. Mr. Shimon laboured for nine years under the China Inland Mission, and returns to Honan in connection with our Church.

Knox Church, Cornwall, held its Sunday School festival on the evening of January 1st, and it was in every respect a great success. Rev. Mr. Hastie, the pastor, opened with prayer. J. P. Watson, the superintendent, presided, and put through a varied and interesting programme of some three hours duration. The annual report was given in by the secretary, Wm. Dingwall, and showed a very prosperous year. Scholars on the roll 322; contributions by the scholars \$300, a large amount of which had been given to missions; 38 young people had been received into the full communion of the church from the school; 500 volumes in library, with new books being added every year.

It has long been the practice in Calvin Church, Pembroke, to hold a Thanksgiving Service on New Year's morning. This service is always interesting and largely attended. This was particularly the case on Tuesday last when the Rev. G. D. Hayne reviewed the work of his seven years' pastorate in Pembroke and gave figures to indicate the progress that had been made. In that period 452 members had been received into the church; there had been 168 baptisms, 90 marriages and 88 deaths. \$6,000 had been raised for missions and for all purposes \$45,000 had been contributed by the congregation, and, better than all, the development of spiritual life had been most gratifying.

The Rev. W. H. Ness, B.D., of Riverside, N.S., expects to go south for the winter for a change, his people and Presbytery having given him leave of absence and the members of Presbytery to supply his pulpit in the meanwhile. He has been now six years in his present charge and in that time has received 126 persons into fellowship with the Church—107 of these on profession of their faith. There are at present 125 families in the congregation and over 300 communicants on the roll, 43 having been admitted within the present year. The people raise over \$400 for the schemes of the Church. The Sabbath School membership, including adult Bible classes, numbers 300. There are four Y.P.S.C.E. throughout the bounds of the congregation, with over 100 active members, and about as many associate.

On Xmas night a successful entertainment was given in the Webbwood Church when the church was crowded to the doors, there not being standing room, even many being unable to get inside. There were two special attractions; the singing and recitations of the children and a well-laden Xmas tree. The children did their part admirably. One of the pleasing features of the evening was the reading of an address and presentation of a purse of \$25 to Miss McLandress who has, ever since the organization of this cause, six years ago, presided at the organ. Mr. Geo. Arnold, student at Copper Cliff, discharged the duties of chairman. On the following Sabbath, Dec. 30th, the congregation, on special appeal, besides their usual Sabbath offering, placed \$75 on the collection plate so as to be ready to make their second last payment on the mortgage which falls due March 1st. Much interest is manifested in the work here and this plucky little congregation will assuredly do its part for the Master.

On the 3rd inst Mr. James Patterson who has been for some years superintendent of the Presbyterian Sabbath School, in Thorold, was made the recipient of an address signed by nineteen teachers and officebearers of the school expressive of their high appreciation of his services in the past and asking him to accept of reappointment. From the address we make the following extract: "As we look back over the years and see the good results of your efforts, which are visible wherever our young people are scattered, many of them grown to manhood and womanhood, under your influence, and filling worthy positions, we feel forced upon us the necessity of asking that you should continue in the position that you have so long and so commendably filled—that of superintendent of our school. We trust that you may be spared to enjoy the fullest happiness during the year that this week ushers in and that our Father may long spare you in strength and wisdom to guide the young in the way of all truth."

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The anniversary services of the Presbyterian Sabbath School, Flesherton, for '94, rank among the most successful in its history. The sermon was preached on Sabbath morning, December 23rd, by the pastor, Rev. J. Wills, M.A., who chose by way of text Judges xiv. 5, "A swarm of bees." The illustrations were apt and the lessons taught from the life and habits of the busy bee were for the child-mind appropriate, interesting and instruction. The pastor presided at the anniversary entertainment on Christmas evening. It was a grand success. The church was filled to the doors; the musical selections were choice; and the chorus singing by the children was parti-

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