

Eastern Ontario.

Rev. Mr. Langill, Martintown, has been preaching at St. Elmo.

The induction of Rev. D. D. Millar will take place at Hawkesbury on the 18th inst.

Rev. and Mrs. Goforth, returned Presbyterian missionaries from China, paid Renfrew a visit. In the afternoon Mrs. Goforth spoke to the ladies and in the evening Rev. Mr. Goforth spoke to a mixed audience very acceptably.

The annual social in connection with the Sabbath School of Knox church, Beaverton, was held on Friday evening, the 8th inst. A large number of the parents and friends of the children were present and thoroughly enjoyed the bright programme rendered entirely by the children. The way in which they went through motion songs and the "drill" entitled "The Secret of Canada's greatness," showed how they had benefitted by the time and care bestowed upon their training.

Members and adherents of St. Andrew's, Lancaster, to the number of over 100, met at the manse on Thursday evening of last week and "surprised" their pastor, Rev. J. U. Tanner, by the presentation of a purse of money and other valuables.

The Belleville Sun says: "Rev. D. Strachan, B. A., of Brockville, took both services at John street church and his sermons were greatly enjoyed by all who heard them. He is an eloquent and powerful speaker and one to whom it is a pleasure to listen."

At the annual meeting of the Cold Spring's church (Rev. R. F. Hunter, pastor) Mr. and Mrs. James Thompson, who have for more than twenty years led and assisted in the service of praise were presented with a beautiful silver tea service along with a kindly worded address.

The Rev. Mr. Wishart, of Knox church, Beaverton, who has been suffering from an attack of la grippe, was able to take the morning service on Sabbath the 10th inst. The congregation, and indeed the whole community, sympathize very deeply with him in the death of his brother, and his own recent illness.

At the annual meeting of St. Andrew's, Richmond, the pastor, Rev. S. A. Woods, occupied the chair. The different reports were read and adopted. Messrs. Jas. Nesbitt, Robt. M. Linton, Jas. Armstrong, Samuel Todd, Dr. Danby, Jas. Brown, Jos. Findlay and Robt. Blyth were elected managers for the ensuing year.

The Campbellford congregation, under the pastorate of Rev. A. C. Reeves, B. A., continues to make substantial progress. At the annual meeting encouraging reports were presented. Additions to the membership during the year 19. The communion roll has now 315 names. There were contributed to the Schemes \$422; for the benevolent purposes \$117; and to the Century Fund \$725. After meeting all expenses the treasurer reported a balance on hand of \$22.61. This church has had a succession of able ministers—Rev. Marcus Scott, now in Detroit; Rev. John Hay, who is minister of a large congregation at Renfrew; and Rev. R. Laird, who some months ago was settled over the First Presbyterian church, Brockville. Mr. Reeves is proving himself a worthy successor of these worthy pastors.

Western Ontario.

Rev. R. Stewart, Melbourne, entered on the ninth year of his ministry last Sabbath, when Rev. S. G. Livingston, of Alvinston, conducted anniversary services.

Owing to continued ill health, Mr. C. Baird, for a long time the faithful and efficient superintendent of the Motherwell Sabbath School, has been compelled to tender his resignation.

At the annual meeting of the Mimosa congregation very satisfactory reports were submitted. The church which is a large and very beautiful one for a country place, is entirely free from debt, with the minister's salary paid three months in advance, and with a nice little balance of cash in hand.

At the annual meeting of Knox church, Midland, all the reports were of most encouraging character. The church revenue for ordinary purposes was shown to have increased \$160 over 1899, and \$360 over 1898. The statement of the century fund committee showed that about \$2,300 had been subscribed, and that nearly half that amount had been paid.

Knox Church, Stratford, (Rev. M. L. Leitch-pastor), is in a prosperous condition. The membership is 1,076. Average attendance at Sunday School 299. The Missionary committee's receipts had been \$1,025.99. The Auxiliary of W. F. M. S. has raised \$204.98. The officers for the year 1901 are: Pres., Mrs. Hylop; 1st vice, Mrs. Leitch; 2nd vice, Mrs. W. I. Scott; 3rd vice, Mrs. D. Stewart; sec., Mrs. Orr; treas., Miss Fraser; tidings sec., Mrs. Wm. Brown.

Anniversary services were conducted in the Egmondville church on the 3rd inst., by Rev. Martin, of Brantford. On Monday evening Mrs. Graham gave a recital of her own poems, under the auspices and for the benefit of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the church. Despite the somewhat stormy night and the bad walking, there was a large audience, the church was well filled, and we are sure that all present felt amply paid for their attendance, as it was in every respect a most successful and highly enjoyable entertainment.

Barrie Presbytery.

The arrangements for the induction of the Rev. George J. Crow to the pastoral charge of Thornton and Ivy were made as follows: The Presbytery to meet on Tuesday 12th inst. at 2 p. m. at Ivy church. The Rev. J. E. Smith, late Moderator of Session, to preside, the Rev. Mr. Fraser Smith to preach, Rev. Messrs. Burnett and J. T. Hall to address the minister and congregation respectively. Owing to the settlement the call from Angus and New Lowell is fallen from.

At a pro rata meeting of Presbytery held at Barrie on the 8th inst. a call from Esson and Willis churches, Oro, to the Rev. Mr. J. McD. Haig was sustained and the Clerk was instructed to send it with relative documents to the Hamilton Presbytery. It is announced that the Rev. R. Atkinson, of Toronto, will conduct the anniversary services of the Barrie Congregation on the 17th inst.

The next regular meeting of this Presbytery will be held at Barrie on Tuesday, 5th March, at ten o'clock a. m.

Literary Notes.

Maurice Hewlett, who is well known from his widely-read "Forest Sower," now takes us back to the end of the 12th century and in his *Life and Death of Richard Yea and Nay* gives us a fine character-sketch of Richard II of England. The king is shown as lion-hearted, but our admiration for him is occasioned only by his bravery, for the writer shows him selfish and cold-hearted to a degree that is surprising. It is a little hard to understand why he should win so much love, and specially the love of Johane of the Fair Girdle who is certainly a lovable character. Her unselfishness matches the selfishness of her royal lover, and that is saying a good deal. In these days of the historical novel, "Richard Yea and Nay" will be given a high place. It affords a vivid picture of the lawless times in which the scene is laid, and also makes more real the royal personages of the day—Henry of England, Prince John and Philip of France. The Copp, Clarke Company, Toronto.

The Studio, an Illustrated Magazine of Fine and Applied Art, is the best magazine of its kind published in the English language. While to those familiar with art and artists it brings ever new phases of the subject, keeping them in touch with the work being done all over the world, it is no less valuable to those who are desirous of learning something about art. The first article in the January number is by Antonin Proust on "The Art of Edouard Manet." A large number of illustrations give a good idea of the work of this chief of the Impressionist School. An article on Peter Behrens, a German artist, also gives several good illustrations of the work being done, and ends with the following: "If we seek for the men in Germany who are determining the future paths of German art, we shall find that Peter Behrens is among them." The works of Didier-Pouget, Landscape Painter, are also discussed. These are only a few of the very interesting subjects of papers in this number. The pages devoted to Studio-Talk always contain a great deal of information gathered from many quarters. 5 Henrietta St., Covent Garden, London, England.

British and Foreign.

A movement in favour of cremation is now on foot in Edinburgh.

A rather serious outbreak of smallpox has occurred in Elgin and Burghead.

An apple tree was in full blossom in the garden at Chesters on the 18th ult.

The Duke of Argyll has invented a reversible kilt—tartan one side, khaki the other.

Rev. Kenneth McKonzie, minister of Edra-chillis, is to retire owing to the infirmities of age.

The Rev. Wm. S. Crockett, Tweedsmuir, purposes publishing a history of his native town, Earlston.

The death on the 17th ult. is announced of Mrs. Marcus Dods, wife of the Free Church Professor.

A total of 2755 students matriculated at the Edinburgh University last year, 252 of whom were women.

Miss Wishart, nurse, Burntisland, is now on hospital duty under Lord Kitchener in the direction of Pretoria.

Thomas Newberry, editor of the "Englishman's Bible," has just died at Weston-super-Mare. He was ninety years old.

For the first time in its history the Church Missionary Society has passed the £400,000 point in its annual receipts.

Abroath at the beginning of the last century could only boast 6000 inhabitants. Now the population numbers over 24,000.

Sir Thomas Cleve, of Limerick, who was recently knighted by the Queen, was born in Quebec, P. Q., fifty years ago.

Six new elders were ordained in Crieff Parish Church on the 13th ult. There are now fifteen in all, four of whom are lawyers.

Edinburgh claims to have got over the New Year celebrations this year with less drunkenness and less trouble to the police than ever before.

Rev. Murdoch Macaskill, of Dingwall, has been recommended by his medical advisers to take rest and change, and he contemplates a visit to Italy.

Mr. S. R. Crockett has resigned his position as elder of Penicuik U. F. Kirk. His frequent absences from home prevent him fulfilling the duties.

Lord James of Hereford is said to be the only man living who has refused the seals of the Lord Chancellorship, the highest honour for a British lawyer.

Rev. John Ross, Roschall, Sutherlandshire, has received a unanimous call to become colleague and successor to Rev. George Johnstone, New Marnock.

Rev. C. Campbell Morgan is to edit two weekly issues of "The Mercury," of Hackney, and will make the paper the organ of the Simultaneous mission.

A Glasgow man writing home says there are 25,000 in Cape Town, 12,000 in Port Elizabeth, and proportionately in other towns going idle and starving.

In 1800 there were in all the world less than fifty shipbuilding yards. To-day there are more than 700 shipbuilding yards, turning out a total of 1000 vessels yearly.

Rev. Dr. Marling, who had been well known as a Presbyterian minister in Canada and in New York for many years, died suddenly on Sunday from heart disease at Port Chester, N. Y.

Rev. Dugald Clarke, B. D., at present assistant in West Church, Aberdeen, has been unanimously appointed assistant to Rev. N. Melcod Cule, parish minister of New Kilpatrick.

Lady Roberts brought from South Africa a wonderful collection of plants, which she presented to the Queen, and they are now in the conservatories at Osborne House. Some rare and exquisite orchids, are among them, and several of the curious rock plants found in the Transvaal.

In Windsor Castle, there is a billiard-room, with one table, for the use of equeries and guests. It is of the plainest. There is a rule that neither there nor anywhere else in the Castle may anyone smoke. This rule is as sternly carried out as the one prohibiting the keeping of cats.

No one is useless in this world who lightens the burden of it for anyone else.—Dickens.