

Brockville Presbytery appointed Messrs. MacLeod, Strachan, Stuart and Cumming a committee to reconsider the present plan of appointing commissioners to the General Assembly, and to report at a meeting to be held during the Synod at Ottawa, in May.

Calvin Church, Pembroke, under the pastorate of the Rev. Dr. Bayne, is evidently in a flourishing condition. At the recent annual meeting of the congregation the pastor's stipend was increased by \$200, making it \$1,600 with manse. Since then the congregation have decided to support a foreign missionary at a stipend of \$800, the whole of which sum is guaranteed. There is also a movement on foot for the enlarging of the church and the installing of a pipe organ. Dr. Bayne has been eighteen years in Pembroke and has won a large place in the affection and confidence of the community.

At the forty-first annual meeting of the Mill street church, Port Hope, Rev. R. B. Nelles, B.A., the pastor, took the chair. Reports were presented from the managers, Ladies' Aid, Young Women's Home Mission Society and the Sabbath school. Every report showed a balance to its credit. The congregation is entirely free from all liabilities and begins the new year with a largely increased attendance and membership. The Sunday school is growing under Mr. Jas. Thompson's leadership. The following managers were elected: Mr. George Waddell, chairman; Mr. Byron Meyers, secretary; Mr. John Lawrie, treasurer; along with Messrs. Thomas Thompson, Ballagh, Thomas, Whatley, James Thompson and Robert Little. At no time in its recent history is the outlook more bright for the Mill street congregation and the pastor and people are working in perfect harmony in accomplishing their work.

At a recent evening service in Mill Street church, Port Hope, the pastor, Rev. R. B. Nelles, said: The Holy Spirit is a person just as much as the first two persons of the Trinity. The only lasting work is accomplished by the Spirit working through us. The Holy Spirit produces love in the heart. Where there is anger, bitter words, back biting and slander, there is no spirit of God. The Spirit gives hope and the church needs a larger hope. This old world would be a dreary place but for those in Christ. The Spirit gives liberty. Lazarus was made alive, but until loosed was powerless, being buried with the grave clothes. So with many a man to-day. Christ has made them alive, but social customs, business methods, society demands, bind them up so tight that they are hopeless. The man who allows the Spirit to loose him has liberty to speak, act and work for Christ. There are hundreds of people in Port Hope too respectable to be good Christians.

The following resolution moved by Mr. McAllister and seconded by Dr. Stuart, was adopted by Brockville Presbytery amid impressive silence, followed by prayer, led by Mr. Strachan: "In view of the visitation of Providence, by which the beloved wife of our brother, N. A. MacLeod, has been called home, we, his co-presbyters, desire to place on record an expression of our sympathy with him in his bereavement. His sorrow may be mitigated by the memory of her loving companionship for so many years in the home life, and in the work of the Master, who was dear to them both. The sense of loss felt by the church, and the Christian community in which she was known, was an evidence of her fitness for the position she occupied, and a recognition of her eminently Christian character. We commend our brother and his little son to the care of our loving Heavenly Father, who has promised to his people that as their day so shall their strength be." Mr. MacLeod briefly thanked the Presbytery for the expression of condolence.

There died at Inverness, on the 27th ult., Miss Jane Cameron, late teacher, Dingwall, aged 94 years.

WESTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. J. H. MacVicar of Fergus, has been preaching in Philadelphia, Pa.

Mr. John W. Burns, of Rockwood, has been recommended for work in the H. M. field by Guelph Presbytery.

On leaving London for Vancouver Rev. A. McGillivray was presented with a valuable gold watch. A set of sterling silver spoons was given to Mrs. McGillivray.

As material is being collected for the biography of the late Rev. Andrew McLean, who was minister of West Puslinch from 1857 to 1873, any one having reminiscences of him, suitable for publication, will confer a favor by communicating with the Rev. W. Robertson, of Morriston.

A goodly representation of the South Plympton congregation met at the manse, Wyoming, on Friday evening of last week, and presented the pastor with about one hundred bushels of oats. Rev. Mr. Richardson wishes to thank all of the congregation for this expression of good will, which is much appreciated.

Rev. A. J. Mann, B.A., recently of Eramosa, has been inducted as pastor of the congregations of Argyle and West Lorne, Aldboro on 13th inst. Rev. Messrs. G. Atkinson, of Appin, James Malcom, of Dutton, and D. I. Ellison, of Dunwich, took part in the service.

At a special meeting of Guelph Presbytery a call from St. Andrew's Church, Guelph, to Rev. T. H. Mitchell, of Toronto, was presented, and representatives of the congregation spoke in its behalf and it was agreed to sustain the call. A letter was read from Mr. Mitchell asking a little time before giving a decision.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, Guelph, has extended a call to Rev. Thos. H. Mitchell, Toronto. Mr. Mitchell is a brother of Rev. A. E. Mitchell, of Ottawa.

Rev. James W. McIntosh, recently inducted as minister at Mitchell, Ont., was presented with a handsome book case, a number of books, along with an address, by the members of Bonar church, Toronto, among whom he labored during the pastor's absence in Europe.

At the 67th annual meeting of Knox Church, St. Catharines, the salary of the pastor, Rev. Dr. G. H. Smith, was increased \$400. It was decided to instal a memorial tablet and a stained glass window to the memory of the late Robert Lawrie, D. Robertson, W. A. Black, S. K. Watt and G. B. Burson were elected trustees for three years, and W. W. Burleigh for two years. It was also decided to adopt an individual communion cup.

St. Andrew's church, Glenworth, which along with First Church, forms the Westminster charge, under the pastoral care of Dr. McCrae, held its annual meeting when one of the best records of its history was presented. The report of the session, the Sunday school, the Women's Foreign Missionary Society were all encouraging. The missionary offerings were the largest in the church's history. The treasurer's report showed all obligations met, and a good balance in the treasury.

A sensational incident occurred in the Thorold church on 11th inst. Rev. W. MacLeod referred to the movement to secure a license for the Mansion House and said any man or woman who signed such a petition was not a Christian. Ex-Mayor George Turner promptly arose in his pew, and addressing the preacher, said:

"I want to say to you, Mr. MacLeod, that I am one of those who signed the petition to re-open the hotel. I had good reasons for doing so, and I want to say that I consider myself just as good a Christian as anyone in this church." Mr. MacLeod made no reply to Mr. Turner, but went on with his service as if nothing had happened.

When the family of Rev. David Ross, Lady Grey, Cape Colony (a native of Fordoun, Scotland), were camping out at the Christmas holidays, a waterspout burst upon them and seven of them were drowned: a son, a fine young man; a married daughter, with her two little boys, her housekeeper's two children, and her native nurse.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

Edinburgh is to try a motor ambulance for the conveyance of diphtheria cases to the hospital.

Edinburgh and Leith purpose uniting to organize a farm colony for dealing with the unemployed.

"The fever fit of Radicalism, like a malignant disease, runs its course," as says the Edinburgh Scotsman.

Prof. George Howison, of the University of California, has declared his belief in immortality for animals.

Every British cabinet minister is entitled to a pension whether he serves one day or seven years, if he cares to claim it.

Mr. Carnegie has made a conditional offer of \$10,000 for the erection of a public library at Downpatrick, Ireland.

Several of the Chinese temples have a bell at the entrance, so that each devotee as he passes in may announce his arrival to the deity.

The Crown Prince of Portugal, whose name has been prominently associated with a British princess, is expected to pay a visit to the King and Queen early in June.

A fine specimen of the royal sturgeon has been sold in Aberdeen Fish Market for £8 10s. It measured 8 ft. 6 in. in length, and weighed 28 stones.

A San Francisco woman who founded an institution for destitute women in 1869 has lost her money and entered the home.

Babies are being cured of pneumonia by living on the roof of the Presbyterian Hospital in New York and being bathed in cold water.

The price of household coal in Glasgow is lower than the average for the past ten winters. It is due to the mild weather. There have been only one or two cold snaps.

The death has occurred at Shettleson of Rev. John Mitchell, minister of Park U. F. Church, Kirkintilloch. Mr. Mitchell wanted a few months to complete sixty years of ministry.

"Would you be in favor of a bill to provide every woman with a corkscrew to draw her man's pay on Saturdays?" was the heckle fired off at the Hon. H. F. Elliott, the Unionist candidate for North-east Lanark, in Motherwell.

The total number of cremations in Great Britain during the year 1905 was 600, as against 566 in 1904 and 475 in 1903. It is to be noted, however, that whereas in 1904 there were only nine crematoriums at work, in 1905 there were twelve.

An event which has created great regret in society circles has been the destruction by fire of the historic old place of worship, Christ Church, down Piccadilly street, London, where many fashionable marriages have been solemnized.

Lloyd's shipbuilding statistics for the past year are published. The output of mercantile tonnage in the United Kingdom during 1905 shows the great increase of 418,000 tons on that of previous years, and it is the highest on record.

A London paper asserts that one of the teachers of the famous Dr. Livingstone is still alive in the person of the Rev. F. B. Caldwell, a member of the Lancashire and Cheshire Presbytery. Although 88 years of age he preaches every Sunday.

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