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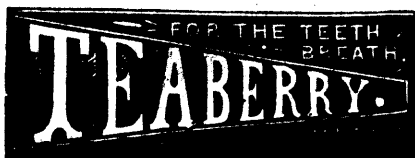
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Ministers and Churches.

The annual meeting of the congregation of Columbus and Brooklyn was held lately and proved harmonious, the reports submitted being encouraging.

The Rev. W. Frizzell conducted the anniversary services at Columbus on the 19th inst., to the delight of his hearers. He also delivered an address on the following Monday evening at the soiree.

On Sabbath, 19th inst., Rev. W. J. Clark, London, preached morning and evening in St. James' Square Church, Toronto, two very able, thoughtful discourses, inspiring both by their matter and the manner of their delivery.

The Rev. F. M. Dewey, of Montreal, assisted Rev. Mr. Hastie, pastor of Knox Church, Cornwall, in special services for a week preceding the Communion which was dispensed on 19th Jan. Mr. Dewey gave prominence to the subject of the Holy Spirit. All his addresses were very much appreciated.

At a meeting of the Board of Managers of Christ Church, Lyn, held recently, expression was given to the feeling in all hearts that the congregation had suffered a great loss in the death of the late chairman of the Board, Mr. Robert Bryson. His life of industry and integrity, his good judgment and his lively interest in the affairs of the congregation made him a pillar of strength in its prosperity.

The Rev. W. G. W. Fortune, B.A., who has been laboring in Elkhorn, Man., for the past two years gave a stirring and interesting account of mission work in the West to the young people of Glencoe Presbyterian Church on the 17th inst. This society has always taken a deep interest in the North-west Mission, but Mr. Fortune created new enthusiasm; his glow and inspiration must be helpful to every society he addresses. He has been speaking on this subject to a number of congregations of the Presbytery of London with profit to all.

Knox Church, Cornwall, held its annual S. S. Festival on New Year's evening. The house was crowded. The Superintendent, Mr. J. P. Watson, presided and carried through a lengthened programme. The pastor, Rev. James Hastie, gave a short address in which he expressed his gratification at the continued prosperity of the School. The secretary, Mr. Wm. Dingwall read the report which was very encouraging. Scholars on the roll 321, exclusive of those attending union schools outside town. Total contributions \$403, out of which \$135 had been given to Missions. Balance on hand \$65.

The annual meeting of St. Paul's, Bowmanville, was held on the 16th inst., the pastor, Rev. R. Douglas Fraser in the chair. The various reports were of an encouraging nature. The congregation is without debt and begins the new year with a balance of \$121 in the treasury. The Ladies' Aid had spent \$138 in re-painting and cleaning the church building. This society, together with the Y.P.S.C.E., Daughters of the Church, and Sabbath-school, have been forming a fund for a new school-room and organ, which now amounts to \$922. The gifts to the schemes are as follows: Congregation \$220, Sabbath-school and adults class \$56.93, W.F.M.S. 181.54, Y.P.S.C.E. \$17.16, total \$475.63. The number on the communion roll is 184.

The annual report of St. Paul's, Toronto, is an extremely gratifying one. During the year the congregation has been obliged to enlarge its building in order to accommodate its increasing membership, and enable Sabbath-school work to be carried on efficiently. The increase in income notwithstanding the business depression which is so severely felt by a congregation of working people has been very gratifying—\$500 over the total for 1894. The congregation has determined to make an effort to get off the list of augmented charges from April next. Miss Jean Caven was presented by the pastor, on behalf of the congregation, with a beautiful curly birch music cabinet in recognition of her services as organist, at the annual meeting held January 22nd, 1896.

At the meeting of the Presbytery of Truro the following minute was adopted: The Rev. J. Robbins and ordered to be transmitted to him at London, England. He occupies a warm place in the affection of the brethren of the Presbytery and Synod: "In accepting the Rev. John Robbins's resignation of the pastoral charge of the First Presbyterian Church, Truro, we the members of Truro Presbytery desire to place on record our appreciation of his worth and work as a preacher of the gospel, a co-Presbyter and as pastor of one of our prominent congregations. As a preacher Mr. Robbins has been eloquent and earnest, faithful and fearless, in his presentation of the great truths of the everlasting gospel. As a co-Presbyter he has been affable and brotherly, and always ready to do his full share of the General work of the Church, as a preacher he has followed the footsteps of illustrious predecessors, and during the nine years of his pastorate he has been indefatigable in his abundant labour for the welfare of his historic congregation. We may add that as a public spirited citizen Mr. Robbins has taken an intelligent interest in every matter affecting the highest welfare of the community. As he now enters on a new sphere of benevolent work, he carries with him our best wishes and prayers for success in the position to which he has been called." The above minute is submitted to the Court by Rev. J. Cuning, Convener of Committee to prepare the above resolution.

Successful anniversary services were held on Sabbath, 19th inst., in First Presbyterian Church, London, the preacher being Rev. Louis H. Jordan, B.D., pastor of St. James' Square congregation, Toronto. The building was filled in the forenoon, and crowded in the evening. The morning discourse was a strong sermon for thinkers, while that of the evening was full of breadth, imagination and inspiration. One is not surprised to hear that the preacher's name has been freely mentioned in connection with important professional work. At the close of the evening service Mr. Jordan addressed a few warmly congratulatory words to the congregation. The pastor, Rev. W. J. Clark, had asked the congregation to put a thousand dollars on the plates for the building fund. The exact amount contributed was \$1,002.48.—*London Advertiser.*

Notwithstanding the hard times and the continual drain upon St. Andrew's congregation, Amherstburg, during the year, occasioned by the removal of members and adherents to other places, the total receipts, reported by the treasurer exceed those of any previous year since 1890, except 1893. An analysis of the congregation shows the proportion of adherents to members over the age of twenty years to be two to three, there being sixty-six adherents and ninety-nine members. There are no members of the church under the age of twenty years, and only fourteen young men and women between the ages of fourteen and twenty. Of the ninety-nine members of the church thirty-eight are men and sixty-one women, whilst of the thirty-eight male members only twenty-seven are heads of families. The struggle for self-support at home has rendered it impossible to lend much assistance to the benevolent and missionary work of the church.

The annual Sabbath school entertainment of the Beamsville Presbyterian Church was held on New Year's night and was in every respect the most successful ever held in the church. The Christmas tree, laden with gifts, was the centre of attraction for the little ones. Wm. Gibson, M.P. (one of the managers of the church), made a genial chairman. The musical part of the programme was under the leadership of Mr. J. E. Morrow. Special presentations were made by the pastor, Dr. MacIntyre, in behalf of the church, to Mr. Morrow and to many others who had rendered valuable services in Church work; then Mr. Gibson, in a few fitting words, presented Dr. MacIntyre with a fine pair of gauntlet fur gloves, and to Mrs. MacIntyre the "gift of the evening," an elegant seal cape, with the love and best wishes of the congregation. The doctor returned thanks in appropriate terms, both for himself and Mrs. MacIntyre.

The annual congregational meeting of St. Paul's, Winchester, was held in the lecture room of the church on the evening of January 15th, the pastor, Rev. D. G. S. Connery, in the chair. The Session reported encouraging advances in all branches of the Church's work. The treasurer's report was very encouraging. The amount contributed by the congregation for all purposes was \$6,676. Of this amount the Willing Worker's Society contributed \$929.18. The young Ladies' Diligent Band gave \$233.98. The building committee of the new church reported the total cost of the church lot and sheds at \$15,560, of which almost ten thousand dollars has already been paid. The last payment of the subscription is due December 1st, 1896; when this is paid it will leave a debt of about \$2,000. Hopes are entertained that even this two thousand dollars may be covered before next annual meeting. The Willing Worker's Society deserves the greatest praise for their work, having contributed for the new church \$1,929.18. They have undertaken to remove another \$1,000 from the liability of the congregation. The total amount received during the year for church building was \$5,280.46. During the past two years the church property has increased in value from \$2,300 to \$22,000.

THE RECEPTION OF THE REV. W. M. ROCHESTER.

On the evening of the 7th inst., Cowan Ave. Church presented quite a lively appearance. The occasion was the reception given to their new and first pastor, Rev. W. M. Rochester, late of Prince Albert, North West Territories. After the abundant and tempting refreshments prepared were partaken of in the basement, which was profusely and beautifully decorated those present repaired to the church which was well filled by members and well-wishers from other neighboring churches. The clergy of Parkdale was well represented. The Rev. J. Turnbull, LL.B., Moderator of Session, occupied the chair. Addresses were given by Revs. John Mutch; T. A. Dyke, Baptist; John Nicholl; B. Bryan, Episcopal; C. Duff, Congregational; Thomas Goldsmith; James Argo; R. L. Tibb.

Rev. Mr. Rochester then addressed the people and referred to the warm-heartedness of the friends he had left and he felt that he had come among a like people to work in the service of God, under His guidance, and in this he hoped to be upheld by the work and prayers of the congregation. He mentioned that one of the pleasantest farewells he received on leaving the North West was from an Episcopal church.

Rev. Mr. Rochester having been moved into the chair, the services of Rev. Mr. Turnbull, as Moderator of Session, were gratefully spoken of and a hearty vote of thanks given him, which he appropriately acknowledged and in doing so expressed his earnest wishes for the prosperity of the congregation under Mr. Rochester.

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