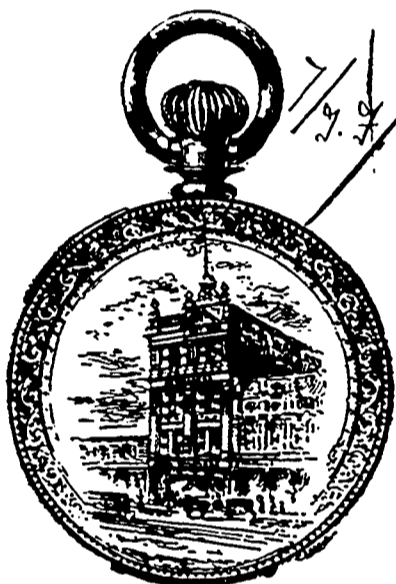


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## Ministers and Churches.

THE Rev. A. Russell, Presbyterian minister of Bothwell, has resigned his pastorate.

THE Rev. George MacArthur, of Cardinal, was presented with a valuable horse as a New Year's gift from his congregation.

THE Rev. Charles A. Tanner, of St. Andrew's Church, Levis, has for the past six weeks been laid up with typhoid fever, but is now on a fair road to recovery.

THE Knox Church, Portage la Prairie, Christian Endeavour Society organized recently. Edward Brown was elected president, and the usual officers and committees appointed.

THE Rev. T. F. Fotheringham desires it to be announced that essays will be received up to January 31st, the date of the examinations in connection with the Higher Religious Instruction Scheme.

THE Rev. Dr. Jardine's lectures in the Presbyterian church, Prince Albert, on Sunday nights are becoming more and more interesting and appreciated by the large congregations who now attend the services.

THE questions on the State of Religion have been sent to all the ministers in the several Presbyteries. Additional copies have been sent to the Clerks of Presbyteries for vacant congregations and stations. If more are required, send application to Dr. Reid, Toronto.

ATTENTION is called to the fact that the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund needs all the aid that liberal souls can devise. It is peculiarly gratifying to know that nearly \$20,000 have been paid in to the special endowment fund. It may also be proper to remind all concerned that the Ordinary College Fund should not be forgotten at this season.

THE Presbytery of Toronto is to meet for the induction of Rev. J. A. Turnbull, LL.B., in West Church of this city on Tuesday, the 20th inst., at half-past two p.m. The Moderator, Rev. W. Frizzell, is to preside; Professor Thomson to preach; Rev. D. J. Macdonnell to deliver the charge, and Rev. Dr. McTavish to address the congregation.

ON Christmas Eve the Ladies' Aid Society of Knox Church, Jarvis, presented the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Wells with several pieces of valuable silver plate, also an address expressive of the high appreciation in which his efforts on their behalf are held, and the cordial well-wishes entertained for their happiness and prosperity. Mr. Wells made a suitable and appropriate response.

ON a recent Sunday evening, while Rev. Thomas Scouler was holding services at St. Andrew's Church, New Westminster, and the family were at the church, a thief or thieves entered the manse and went into the reverend gentleman's study, burst the drawer of his desk and extracted therefrom \$100 in cash. The sneak thief also purloined a purse belonging to Mrs. Scouler with very little in it, and left a valuable gold brooch which was lying beside it.

THE first of the Morningside services was opened last week at the Mission hall by Rev. W. Patterson, of Cooke's Church, assisted by Mr. J. S. Conning, of Knox College, whose work in the locality has been rewarded with such satisfactory results. The meeting was a most successful one, and was attended by nearly all the resident families. The services were continued during the week. Plans are now being prepared for a more commodious and suitable building, which it is contemplated will be ready for divine worship by the spring.

THE Presbyterian congregation of Portage la Prairie held their annual concert and tea-meeting recently. The ladies are to be congratulated on the success of the evening. Luncheon was served in the vestry, where the tables were laden with the choicest viands and very many took advantage of the good things. After ample justice was done to the spread, the people assembled in the body of the church, where an excellent musical programme was rendered, interspersed with addresses from the chairman, Rev. P. Wright, pastor of the congregation and Rev. Mr. Rowan, Mr. Smith, of Moosomin, and W. W. Miller.

A CORRESPONDENT writing from Dunvegan on the 8th inst. says: Rev. Ghosh Howie, M.A., dispensed the sacrament of baptism last Sabbath in Maxville Church and assisted at the communion services on the evening of Sabbath with missionary addresses. On Wednesday, the 7th, he lectured here to a large and appreciative audience, the Rev. R. McLeod, lately inducted pastor, presiding. Mr. Howie is announced in Jersey City for the 11th, 12th and 13th inst. The Rev. Mr. McLeod will, D.V., dispense the communion for the first time in his new charge on the coming Sabbath, preparatory services to commence on Friday. Rev. Messrs. McLennan, St. Elmo, and McKenzie, Roxborough, are expected to assist. Mr. McLeod's settlement promises to be a happy one.

TORONTO branch of the McAll Mission Society met in the Young Men's Christian Association building, Yonge Street last week. Mrs. Edward Blake, president, in the chair. The treasurer's reports showed that \$740 had been received since February last. A communication was read from the secretary of the Philadelphia branch, describing the work in the halls of Paris. The question of forming all the Canadian auxiliaries into an association was discussed at length, but the decision was postponed till after the annual meeting to be held during the first week in February. The members desire to send \$1,500 to Paris this year, and they have a little less than one half that amount. Friends desiring to aid the cause should communicate with the secretary, Miss Inglis, of 122 Huron Street.

THE annual social of the West Presbyterian Church Band of Hope was held on Thursday evening in the lecture-room. Tea was served at seven o'clock, after which there was a short entertainment. In the absence of Miss MacGregor, the organist, on account of sickness, Miss Sylvester presided at the organ, and Miss Annie MacGregor led the singing. Addresses were made by Mr. John

Gordon, Captain Sylvester and Mr. James Watt. The wants of the children were amply attended to by Miss Carrie Smiley, Miss Edith Wiley and Miss Abbott, while other friends contributed largely towards making the evening a very pleasant one. Pretty New Year's cards were also distributed, bearing the motto of the Band for 1891, "Consider the End."

THE annual meeting of the Toronto Branch of the Evangelical Alliance was held last Friday evening in Knox Church, Mr. W. H. Howland in the chair. The report was read by the secretary, Mr. J. J. Woodhouse, and on motion of the chairman, seconded by Rev. T. C. Campbell, of the Reformed Episcopal Church, the report, embodying resolutions strongly condemning the running of street cars on Sabbath, and upholding equal rights, was carried. On motion of Rev. Dr. Parsons, seconded by Rev. G. H. Sandwell, the following officers were elected: W. H. Howland, president; Sir Daniel Wilson, Rev. Dr. Potts, Hon. S. H. Blake, Rev. John Burton, Rev. Dr. Caven, Rev. Dr. Reid and Rev. Dr. Welton, vice-presidents; Rev. Dr. Thomas, Rev. H. Gracitt Baldwin, Rev. Dr. Stafford, Rev. Dr. Johnston, Dr. J. J. McLaren, Dr. W. B. Geikie, J. K. Macdonald, S. J. Moore, Herbert Mortimer, Henry J. Clark, George A. Cox, J. J. Woodhouse, council; Rev. T. W. Campbell, secretary; Elias Rogers, treasurer. The meeting was then addressed by Rev. A. H. Baldwin on "The Power of Mohammedanism," and by Rev. J. Philp on "The Progress of Christianity During the Last Century." The closing prayer was offered by Principal Caven, and the benediction was pronounced by Rev. Dr. Reid.

ANNIVERSARY services were held in St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Ottawa, recently, when the Rev. Prof. Ross, D.D., of Kingston, preached both morning and evening. In the morning he took for a text 1 Cor. xv. 41: "There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another of the stars, for one star differeth from another in glory." He spoke at length on the doctrine of resurrection, and said that the people in those days, like many in these, made their understanding the measure of the truth. What life is, it is impossible to tell, and the definitions of scholars do not make it any clearer. He also spoke of the diversities of glory in the future world. As there is diversity here in this life, so will there be in the life to come; some will show as stars of the first magnitude, others with lesser degrees of glory. Evolution did not rid us of the necessity of a Creator, but provided a mode for the creation. Only so far as a man used his intellect to the advancement of God's glory did he differ from his fellow-men in glory. The crown of glory in heaven would be in proportion to the growth in grace on earth, a just principle commending itself to men's intelligence. In the evening Dr. Ross took for his text Matthew xvi. 3, and preached a telling sermon on the "Signs of the Times."

THE First Presbyterian Church, Chatham, held its annual congregational meeting on Tuesday, the 30th of December last. The various reports and statements then submitted show the past year to have been a prosperous one in every respect. The financial position of the congregation is eminently satisfactory. The receipts for the year (exclusive of those for the Schemes of the Church) amounted to \$2,283, of which a surplus remains, after the payment of all salaries and other liabilities for the year, of \$348. The trustees reported a balance in their hands of \$235, while the Ladies' Aid Society has to its credit, in the Canadian Bank of Commerce, \$1,618.68. The contributions by the congregation to missions and other Schemes of the Church amounted to slightly over \$500. The year has been equally prosperous in regard to increase of membership, there having been an addition of fifty-nine members to the roll during the year. The congregational meeting was characterized by the greatest harmony, perfect good feeling and cordiality being displayed in the discussion of all the affairs of the congregation. By a unanimous vote the pastor, the Rev. F. H. Larkin, was granted a vacation of four weeks to be taken at such time during the year as he may desire. The meeting closed with a discussion of the merits of various sites for a new church, for the erection of which during this year the prospects are very good indeed.

THE village of Shelburne last week mourned the loss of one of her prominent citizens, Rev. T. J. McClelland, pastor of Knox Presbyterian Church. Mr. McClelland was born in the vicinity of Toronto in the year 1848. He took a course in Upper Canada College, after leaving which he went into business. In 1866 he joined the Queen's Own Regiment, Company No. 7, and was at the engagement at Ridgeway. Some time afterwards quitting business, he studied for the ministry in the United States in connection with the Reformed Presbyterian Church. He was settled at Idaville, Indiana, and also at Brooklyn, N.Y. Eventually he returned to Canada and settled in Shelburne as pastor of Knox Church. He was an excellent preacher, a faithful and conscientious pastor, and was greatly beloved and esteemed by all classes and creeds of the community in which he lived. The remains were removed to Toronto for interment, the people of Shelburne turning out in large numbers to pay the last tribute of respect to the memory of Mr. McClelland. The places of business in the village were closed during a part of the day. Funeral services were held at the residence of his mother in Toronto, conducted by Drs. Kellogg and Professor Gregg. There was a large attendance of the ministers belonging to Toronto and other Presbyteries, as well as of many other friends of the deceased. His sudden and unexpected removal is a subject of sincere regret and those who have been bereaved by the stroke have wide and heart-felt sympathy.

THE annual Sabbath school entertainment in connection with St. Matthew's Church, Cmaabruk, came off as announced on the evening of December 23, and proved a great success. Dr. Ault, superintendent of the Sabbath school, occupied the chair. The programme consisted of readings and recitations by the children, all of whom performed their parts very creditably, choice selections of music by the choir, and an address by the pastor,

Rev. J. J. Cameron. An interesting feature of the entertainment was the presentation of a beautifully-bound Teachers' Bible, accompanied by an address to Miss Shaver, as expressive of appreciation of her valuable services as choir-leader and Bible class teacher, which positions she has faithfully filled for several years past. An entertainment of a similar nature took place on the following evening at Farran's Point in the church there, which forms part of the St. Matthew's congregation. A Christmas tree laden with presents for the children was the chief attraction of the evening. The choir rendered some selections which were greatly appreciated, after which followed an address to the children by the pastor on "Lamps." Three Christian Endeavour Societies are now established in central points in connection with St. Matthew's, all of which are in a very flourishing condition. They are proving very useful in drawing forth the gifts of the young people and stimulating the life of the whole Church.

THE annual New Year's entertainment and distribution of prizes to the children attending Bank Street Presbyterian Church Sunday school, Ottawa, was held in the basement of the church and was a striking success. Mr. John Hardie, superintendent of the school, and Dr. Moore were also on the platform. Mr. Hardie briefly addressed the children after an opening hymn, and the entertainment was begun with the singing of a glee by a double quartette of the boys. Songs were also given by Master Darcy Mark, Master James Spence, the Misses Gibson, Laura McArthur, Lulu Gilbert and Maggie Young. After this, Dr. Hutchison gave an excellent magic lantern entertainment showing views of the Holy Land and other Scriptural pictures, etc., which concluded the amusements. The reports read showed that the attendance at school had increased from 321 in 1889 to 387 this year. The mission collection had increased from \$226.01 to \$260.68. The staff of teachers showed a roll of thirty-four officers. All the collections are divided among the missions of the Church. The prizes, thirty-two in number, were then distributed. The attendance roll showed that eight scholars had not missed a single attendance, six had only missed one, ten had missed two, and nine missed three. Dr. Moore briefly addressed the scholars. At the conclusion of the children's entertainment, Mr. Robert McGiffin, one of the most respected teachers, was waited upon by his scholars and presented with a handsome illuminated address and a beautiful Bible, as a mark of the appreciation and esteem in which he has long been held. Mr. McGiffin briefly but happily replied.

THE annual congregational meeting of Knox Church, Rat Portage, was held on Monday evening, the 28th December. There was a large number present. The pastor, Rev. R. Nairn, B.A., opened the meeting with devotional exercises. Angus Carmichael was then called upon to take the chair. The Session brought in a report showing that during the year there had been forty-nine members added to the Church, that a Society of Christian Endeavour had been organized and had already a membership of forty—thirty active, and ten associate members. The Sunday school had largely increased and had an excellent staff of teachers. The regular Friday evening prayer meeting had been better attended than ever. The number at the Sunday services had been large. There had also been formed during the year a Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and a Children's Mission Band. There had been a deepening and a quickening of religious life. The Session felt that the year had been one of marked spiritual progress. The managers of Knox Church, Rat Portage, in bringing in their report, said that they had much to encourage them. More money had been raised during the year than any other. The debt on the church had been nearly all paid. Eighteen hundred dollars had been raised by the congregation, the Ladies' Aid having raised over \$500. The following new managers were elected: William Johnstone, Matthew

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