

## Church News.

### In Canada.

THE jubilee of Knox church, Perth, was celebrated on Sunday last.

REV. A. FITZPATRICK has been ordained to the pastorate of Kincardine, N.B.

REV. M. MACGILLIVRAY preached at the opening of the New Presbyterian church at Elphin.

THE pulpit of the Thamesford church was recently occupied by Rev. Mr. Gloag, Toronto.

St. Andrew's S. S. social, Fergus, was a very pleasant affair. The voluntary contribution amounted to \$7.

THE anniversary services of St. Andrew's church, Verschoyle, were conducted by Rev. Wm. McLaren, Hamilton.

THE new church at Hills Green was formally opened on 3rd inst. The services attracted large congregations.

CENTRE CHURCH, Coldstream, wiped out all financial liabilities and began their financial year with a "clean slate."

THE Danmorest Medal contest was enthusiastically engaged in by the young people of Old St. Andrew's church, Dalhousie Mills.

A fraternal meeting of Chalmers' Church Woodstock, C. E. S., and that of Knox church, Embro, took place on the 18th inst.

The Ladies' Aid of Chalmers' church, Kingston, intend to hold a grand Carnival of Seasons, City Hall, Feb. 21st and 22nd.

It is said that Mr. A. C. McLellan, whose course of study will terminate this spring, has intimated acceptance of a call to Dresden.

The local press speak well of the progress made by the choir of St. Andrew's church, Pembroke, under the leadership of Mr. W. J. Best.

The induction of Rev. A. Thompson, B.D., into the pastoral charge of the congregation at Chatsworth took place on Friday 18th inst.

ZION CHURCH, Brantford, held a pretty entertainment in the schoolroom, in the form of a Japanese tea party. Mr. Robert Henry acted as chairman.

AT the meeting of the Sabbath School Union, Toronto, last week, Rev. John McEwen gave an address on "The Aims and Character of Normal work."

REV. GEO. CURRIERTSON, Wyoming, preached the anniversary sermons at Mooretown. The social meeting on the following Monday was an unequalled success.

MR. A. CAMPBELL, P.S.I., Superintendent S.S. Knox church, Kincardine, was presented with a revolving book-case and reading-desk on resigning the superintendency.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, Huntsville, is now self-supporting. It is the only Presbyterian congregation, except Gravenhurst, in Muskoka or Parry Sound, that gets nothing from the mission funds of the Church.

AT an adjourned meeting of the Presbytery of Orangeville held on the 29th ult., Rev. Mr. Fleming of Caledon East, declined the call extended to him by the congregations of Cookstown, Townline and Ivy.

THE church at Stewartville has been opened after a thorough overhauling. It has been repainted and refurnished and made comfortable in every respect. Rev. John McLaren, of Kinburn, conducted the re-opening services.

UNDER Rev. J. J. Elliott's pastorate the congregations of Hillsburg and Price's Corners are flourishing. The pastor's salary has been increased, the church building improved and free of debt and this year a manse will be erected.

THE opening services in connection with the new church at Elphin will long be remembered. Rev. M. Macgillivray, of Chalmers, Kingston, preached in the morning and evening. The pastor, Rev. J. Binnie, conducted dedicatory part of the morning services. On the Monday evening, notwith-

standing the rain, a good number of people assembled, and after partaking of the hospitality of the ladies in the old church, proceeded to the new where a successful "social" was enjoyed.

REV. D. H. HODGES, Oak Lake, Man., has resigned. In doing so he is stated to have said to the Presbytery that during the eight years of his incumbency the congregation had quadrupled and were getting behind with the stipend each year.

THE Rev. Dr. Barclay, of St. Paul's church, Montreal preached special anniversary sermons to large congregations in Knox church, Stratford, on Sabbath last. His own pulpit was occupied in the morning by the Rev. Dr. Warden, and in the evening by Professor Ross.

NEXT regular meeting of Presbytery of Brockville, St. John's, Brockville on Monday Feb. 25th, at 8 p.m. W.F.M.S. meets at same time and will be addressed by Rev. J. M. Kellock, M.A., and Rev. E. A. Ston. Rev. J. F. Campbell and lady are expected to be present at this meeting.

THE Country Sections, Rockley, and Eel Creek, of the Pugwash congregation, recently presented their pastor, Rev. J. A. MacKenzie with a purse of money, to purchase a fur coat. This is but one of many tokens of the kindness and goodwill of the people toward their pastor during the past year.

THE congregation of Baddeck, C.B., is prospering under the ministry of Rev. D. McDougall. Thirty were added to the church during the past year, many of them as a result of a series of evangelistic services conducted by the pastor. The people have built a new manse, and manifest a deep interest in the cause of Christ generally.

THE Presbytery of Whitby made a new departure in electing a layman, Mr. David Ormiston, to the Moderator's chair. Only twice has such an appointment been made previously in the Canadian Church, when Dr. McClure was made Moderator of the Presbytery of Honan, China, and Judge Croasor of the Presbytery of Owen Sound.

THE annual meeting of the Erskine church, Montreal, Missionary Association was held last Wednesday evening. The congregation besides supporting a Foreign Missionary in China and a Home Missionary at Maisonneuve, contributed \$3,600 directly to the schemes of the church. The Sabbath school in addition gave to missions \$300. This is over and above special contributions to the Montreal College and to the Women's Missionary Society, etc.

A MEETING of the Toronto Presbyterian Council was held on Monday night in the lecture-room of Knox church. The chair was occupied by the president, Mr. John A. Patterson, and the introductory devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. William McKinley, of Minnedosa. A very able and interesting paper on "The Pastor and His Work," was read by Mr. Wm. Galbraith. The paper was listened to with great interest and appreciation, and a brief discussion followed.

THE Annual Convention of the Glengarry S. S. Association took place at Williams town. It was well attended and the proceedings were very interesting. Following officers for the ensuing year were appointed:—President, Rev. R. McLeod, Dunvegan; First vice-president, Rev. John McLeod, Vankleek Hill; Second vice-president, Rev. John Matheson, Martintown; Secretary, Mr. W. J. Scott, Lancaster; Treasurer, Mr. A. McInnes, Vankleek Hill; Committee, Revs. N. A. McLeod, B.D., A. Graham, B.A., A. K. McLennan; Messrs. D. McLaren, W. J. McNaughton and D. O. Alguire, M.D.

THE Presbytery of London held a special meeting in the Presbyterian church, Springfield, for the induction of the Rev. W. H. Anderson, M.A., B.D., into the pastoral charge of Aylmer and Springfield. The moderator, Rev. A. Miller, of Moss, and Rev. J. A. Macdonald acted as clerk. A good congregation was present at the service when Rev. A. Wilson, of Wardsville, preached. The moderator then took the

chair and proceeded with the induction ceremony. Rev. J. A. Macdonald recited the steps leading up to the induction of Mr. Anderson. The appointed questions having been satisfactorily answered, the moderator offered prayer and formally inducted Mr. Anderson into the pastorate. Mr. Anderson enters on his work with good promise and every prospect of a successful pastorate.

UPON the occasion of the Sabbath School anniversary of St. John's church, Markham, the Rev. Wm. Paterson, of Cooke's church, Toronto, gave what he called "A Talk on Ireland and the Irish," in his usual popular style. The lecture was both amusing and instructive and listened to with delight by a very large and appreciative audience. The scholars rendered several pieces of music in a manner very creditable to themselves and to their leader Mrs. Thomas Hood. A treat of candies accompanied by a nice book was given to each scholar at the close of the proceedings. The collection amounted to \$27, and was given on behalf of the Sabbath School.

THE anniversary services of Alma Presbyterian church were conducted by the Rev. R. P. MacKay, Secretary of the Foreign Mission Committee, on Sabbath Eeb. 2nd. The attendance was good; the sermons were interesting, instructive and impressive, and the address to the Sabbath school in the afternoon was enjoyed by both young and old. A free will offering amounting to \$75 was collected at the morning and evening services. The annual congregational meeting was held on the Thursday evening following. The different reports show that there has been marked progress in every department of the work, during the past year: the Treasurers report shows a balance of \$136 on hand.

### The W. F. M. S. Funds.

STATEMENT BY THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT.

THE deficit existing at the present time in the treasuries of the various schemes of the Church, and notably in the Foreign Mission funds, may probably account for the fact that public attention is being attracted in an unusual degree towards the financial condition of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. Remarks to the effect that "the W. F. M. S. has more money than it needs," and "more than it knows how to use" are being thoughtlessly circulated. Such statements have not been without their effect upon Auxiliaries and Mission Bands, and in more than one instance the question of dividing their funds has been raised.

Where this has occurred, the fact that the W.F.M.S. is Auxiliary to the Foreign Mission Committee is of course either overlooked or ignored, for it must be apparent to every one who has read the constitution that the Society is not a rival of the Foreign Mission Committee but is on the contrary a feeder to it. In other words, it provides the means for carrying on one part of the Committee's work, namely, the work among heathen women and children.

The money paid into the Society in any branch is given for this purpose, and for this only, and cannot honestly be diverted from this channel. Once placed in the hands of the Treasurer of an Auxiliary or Band it no longer belongs to the members but must be devoted to the special part of the Lord's work for which it was given.

This point has been repeatedly emphasized in the pages of the Letter Leaflet, in the Annual Report, and by every conceivable means by the Board and other officers of the Society, so that it would seem to be almost incredible that anyone should be ignorant of it at this late day in the Society's history.

But there is more than a constitutional point involved in the question of dividing funds. It is obvious that such a course would very quickly and certainly affect the financial standing of the W.F.M.S. and there could be no assurance under such conditions that its obligations would be fulfilled. The statement already quoted as to the