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Ewan, laid on the table. An adjourned meeting will be held on the first Monday in February to further discuss Mr. Jennings' motion, and another motion by the same gentleman to change the name of the church. Motions were passed thanking the ladies for the bounteous repast furnished to Mr. A. T. Cringan, the retiring leader of the choir, to Miss Dallas, the organist, and the other members of the choir for their faithful services, and to the auditors Messrs. John Ferguson and Peter McCulloch, who were re-elected. The meeting was then adjourned.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AT STRATHROY.

The annual meeting of St. Andrew's Church, Strathroy, for the review of the year's work and for the transaction of business was held recently. There was a fairly good attendance of those who take a deep interest in the life of the congregation. Rev. G. W. Jordan, B.D., Moderator, occupied the chair, and after conducting devotional services declared the meeting open for the transaction of business. Reports of the various societies were called for. The Moderator presented a report on behalf of the session, which reviewed the work for the year. In it regret was expressed for the removal of Mr. W. W. Sutherland, and the hope that by the action of the congregation the session might soon be restored to its full strength. The report of the Board of Management was read by Mr. Jas. Noble; it showed a deficiency on the current account for the year of over \$100, and money on hand toward the Debt Extinction Fund of \$1,035. After a short discussion on the best way of avoiding a deficit in the future the report was adopted. Mrs. R. P. Smith read a report on the work of the Ladies' Aid Society, and the treasurer's statement was read by Mr. J. R. Geddes. From this report it would seem that the work of the society is flourishing, as after paying \$250 towards the debt they start the year with close upon \$100 on hand. Mr. Jordan read the secretary's (Miss Hill's) report of the Helping Society, and Mr. J. H. McIntosh read the treasurer's (Miss McBeth's) statement. In this case also the financial report was encouraging, showing a balance to the good of over \$40 after paying the \$200 promis-

ed to the debt. On behalf of the Missionary Committee, Mr. J. R. Geddes showed that about \$250 had been subscribed and allocated to the various schemes of the church. The report of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was cheerful and proved that this association had lost none of its strength or interest. A short report having been given on behalf of the Band of Hope, the Christian Endeavor Society's report was taken as read, and ordered to be printed. This part of the business being concluded, the meeting proceeded to the election of officers. The cordial thanks of the congregation was tendered to the Ladies' Aid Society, the Helping Society and the choir. A pleasant and harmonious meeting was brought to a close by the singing of the appropriate hymn, "God be with you till we meet again," and the benediction.

ST. PAUL'S JUBILEE SERVICES, SMITH'S FALLS.

Sabbath, the 13th inst., and the following day will long be remembered and noted in the history of St. Paul's Church, Smith's Falls. It is now half a century since the congregation, formerly known as Union Church, now St. Paul's, was formed, and the pastor Rev. Thomas Nixon, and his people determined to appropriately commemorate an event so interesting to them and important in the religious history of the place. Very careful and complete arrangements had been made, so that everything passed off admirably, and the whole celebration was most successful and very encouraging to the whole congregation. Rev. Principal Caven, of Knox College, preached to large congregations, morning and evening, taking as texts 1 Kings ix, 3 and John i, 29. In the afternoon Rev. Professor Ross, of Montreal, who, during his pastorate in Perth, had become well known in the congregation, preached from Mt. x, 35. It is needless to say that all three discourses—suitable, instructive and helpful in every way—were much enjoyed by the large numbers who attended.

On the Monday two meetings were held, one in the afternoon at three o'clock, presided over by Mr. Frank Frost, an elder and active member, and another in the evening. In addition to appropriate devotional services, the chief feature of this meeting was the reading of a most interesting historical sketch of the congregation compiled from the session records and other sources by the Rev. John Crombie, M.A., its late pastor. Great praise is due to Mr. Crombie for the care, taste and skill shown in this sketch, which, though necessarily somewhat lengthy, was listened to throughout with the closest attention and interest. It is hoped that it may be put into pamphlet form and preserved as a valuable portion of our Church's history. Addresses followed by Rev. W. D. Ballantyne, B.A., of Toronto, editor of THE CANADA PRESBYTERIAN, whose forefathers took an active part in the formation of the congregation and who was long connected with it himself. George Foster, Esq., one of the very few still surviving original members, and the only surviving elder of the first session, gave some interesting reminiscences of the congregation's early struggles and of the late Rev. William Aitkin, who was the first pastor and laboured there for over twenty years. The Methodist Church was represented by Mr. Garret, an active member of that body in the town. This was due to the fact that in the early days before the Presbyterian congregation had any place of worship, the Methodists then kindly placed their church at its service frequently and the good feeling thus kindled still continues.

In the evening, from 5:30 to 7:30, tea was served in the school-room, which was a perfect model of tasteful decoration. The pastor, Rev. Thomas Nixon, M.A., presided in the Church, and excellent and suitable addresses were given by Rev. Messrs. Crombie, A. A. Scott, of Carleton Place and A. H. Scott, of Perth, appointed to represent the Presbytery, of Lanark and Renfrew. Rev. Messrs. Patterson, of Cooke's Church, Toronto, a former fellow-student of Mr. Nixon, and Rev. William Burns, Toronto, formerly intimately associated with the congregation, gave congratulatory and interesting addresses. They were followed by Rev. Mr. Cooke, of St. Andrew's Church, the first Presbyterian Church in the town, and Rev. Mr. Brown, of the Methodist Church. The music at all the services was specially good and in perfect harmony with the occasion, rendered with sympathetic feeling and good taste. The arrangements in every detail were admirable and admirably carried out by all who took part, and it is believed the congregation whose history has been a most happy and instructive one will long feel the good influence of its semi-centenary celebration.

MISSIONARIES VISITING CONGREGATIONS.

MR. EDITOR.—In a paragraph in the last number of THE CANADA PRESBYTERIAN it was stated that missionaries give special attention to city and town congregations along the railway lines, whilst other congregations more remote are neglected. That remark is in line with complaints that frequently come to me in correspondence, and accordingly justifies a word of explanation as to the policy of the Foreign Mission Committee. It is probably known that our missionaries, when at home, are under the direction of the Committee and that therefore the Committee is responsible, if there is any just cause for complaint. The missionaries are not to blame. I think when the facts are known that you will acknowledge that there is no ground for complaint.

There are just three methods of employing these returned missionaries: Either allowing

them to respond to as many as possible of the invitations that come for their services, or arranging a systematic visitation of all congregations in the Presbyteries continuously, or a combination of these two. We have been trying the latter course. There are a great many special and urgent occasions when a missionary's presence is extremely important, such as the many Presbyterian meetings of the W. F. M. S. now being held. At one such gathering a missionary will touch more congregations than in a month's systematic visitation.

There are then these persistent people who are ever asking, and sometimes show signs of displeasure unless their claims are liberally responded to. Probably the most profitable way is to yield to their solicitations as freely as possible, and instead of being angry with them to feel thankful that they are so earnest in their desires for the education and stimulation of their people. On the other hand there has been regular Presbyterian visitation. Mr. MacVicar went straight through two or more Presbyteries besides much occasional visiting. Mr. Jamieson is at present doing this in Quebec. Mr. Shummon is now going through the Presbytery of Stratford, visiting every congregation, and he has, so far as could be arranged, visited one or two of the Eastern Presbyteries. Mr. Goforth who has done far too much work since his return—and the Committee seems unable to restrain him—has, I believe, visited the greater part of the Maitland Presbytery, besides numberless other promiscuous calls. Mr. Campbell is making an effort to visit and address Presbyteries at their regular meetings thinking he can do most good in that way, during the short time he expects to be in Canada. He is constantly visiting congregations in the intervals. Dr. MacKay, made an effort to touch the leading points from East to West, for the cry for him was universal; and if he had been continued too long to one corner, visiting every Church, there would have been a rebellion. Unfortunately the Canadian winter proved too severe for even his constitution, after twenty-two years in a tropical climate so that the Committee requested him to desist and protect himself from dangerous exposure. At present he is otherwise engaged by request of the Committee, and is consequently not visiting continuously. These are the lines upon which the Committee is endeavouring to work, and I think they will be generally approved. It will also be admitted that as the interest in missions awakens and the demand increases there is danger of overwork, and that the furlough instead of being a rest and help to the missionaries may become a positive hindrance.

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