

and Dr. Thompson, of Sarnia, all of whom congratulated the Presbyterians of the locality on the magnificent church they had erected and the prosperity of their cause under the able pastorate of Mr. Livingston. The address of the evening was by Rev. Mr. Johnston, of London, who was followed briefly by Rev. Mr. Budge, of Mandamin. Interspersed between the addresses were music, vocal and instrumental, and recitations. The proceeds of the opening services were nearly \$400, a result most creditable to the people.

SABBATH SCHOOL WORK FOR 1896

MR. EDITOR.—Will you kindly permit me, through your columns, again to ask the Sabbath Schools which took up a collection for the funds of the General Assembly's Sunday School Committee on "Children's Day" to be so good as to forward the amount to me at their earliest convenience? A considerable portion of the Committee's indebtedness was timed to fall due this month and money will be saved if we can avoid renewing the notes.

The Committee,—at least those members of it who are cognizant of the facts,—feel very much encouraged at the liberal response, so far, to our appeal. We hope that those schools which remember us at New Year will carefully consider whether they cannot increase the amount that they have been accustomed to send. We are so anxious to appear before next Assembly free from debt that we trust we will be pardoned for pressing more earnestly than usual for funds. With a little effort our schools can set us free this year.

The Lesson Helps for the first quarter of 1896 are ready. We congratulate ourselves on having produced a series second to none published, in literary excellence, in outward attractiveness, and in price—quality considered. A parcel of samples will be sent to every minister and Sunday School superintendent as soon as the usual postal privileges can be obtained for the new quarterlies and leaflets. Meantime all who apply to the convener will receive one at once, on which the full rate of postage will be paid.

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PRESBYTERY MEETINGS.

WHITBY: The regular quarterly meeting of this Presbytery was held in St. Paul's Church, Bowmanville, on Tuesday, the 15th inst. Mr. David Ormiston, B.A., Moderator, presided. Rev. R. B. Smith tendered his resignation of the united charge of Ashburn and Utica congregations. The Clerk was directed to site the congregations to appear for their interests on the 21st of January, 1896, at Bowmanville. The remit sent down from the General Assembly, proposing to reduce the representation of Presbyteries in the Supreme Court from one in four, to one in six, was remitted to a Committee to report at next regular meeting. In regard to holding Missionary Meetings during the winter, Sessions were permitted to either do so or to take such other effective measures as they consider best to rouse the congregations to greater interest and increased liberality. Circulars on Home Missions and Augmentation were read and the amounts assessed our Presbytery, viz., \$1,500 for the former, and \$450 for the latter, were published. A circular letter urging the claims of Knox College for the Chairman of the Senate, Mr. M. Clarke, was read but action was deferred.—J. McMECHAN, Clerk.

ALGOMA: This Presbytery met at Webbwood on the 24th ult., for the purpose of ordaining Mr. Geo. Loughheed, B.A., graduate of Winnipeg College, and a licentiate of the Presbytery of Winnipeg. This is the first ordination by the Presbytery of Algoma, and the second in the history of the Presbyterian Church within the District. All the members of Presbytery appointed to take part in the service were present, besides the Rev. A. Findlay, Superintendent of Missions, and the Moderator, Mr. Robertson, of Gore Bay. There was a very large attendance of the congregation and friends, testifying to the interest of the people and to their attachment to their new pastor, who laboured among them for six months previous to his appointment as ordained missionary. There is a bright prospect for our church at Webbwood, and if the congregation continues to prosper as it has done in the past, it will ere long become an augmented charge. Besides ordaining Mr. Loughheed, the Presbytery adopted a resolution of condolence with the Rev. Mr. Rennie, of Manitowaning, whose family has been sadly bereaved by the death of a son in a distant part of the United States. In the evening a largely attended social festival was given, at which the ministers present gave addresses of congratulations and sound advice to both pastor and people.—S. RONDEAU, Clerk.

TORONTO: This Presbytery held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday the 5th inst., the Moderator, Mr. J. Neil, in the chair. The Session and Managers of College Street Church, in view of the fact that a request from St. Paul's congregation for leave to purchase a new site may be presented in the near future, asked that a Presbyterial Commission be



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appointed to confer with the officials of College Street congregation, with reference to this matter and its bearing upon the work in College street. The request was granted and Commission was appointed. Mr. Scott presented the Draft Constitution of the Young People's Union of the Presbytery of Toronto. One clause, viz., "None but members of the church in full communion shall be eligible for election or appointment as delegates to the Union," caused considerable discussion, and it was finally adopted in the following form: "None but members of the church in full communion shall be eligible to represent societies or congregations in the Union." In presenting the report of the Committee on Church Life and Work, Mr. Frizzell recommended that a Conference be held in Chalmers Church, Toronto, upon the subjects of Sabbath Observance and Systematic Benevolence. It was subsequently agreed that the next regular meeting of the Presbytery shall be held in Chalmers Church on Tuesday the 3rd day of December next, at 10 a.m., and that the Conference upon these two subjects be held at the evening sederunt. The congregations of Queensville and Ravenshoe extended a call to the Rev. H. J. Sturgeon, B.A., a Minister without charge, promising a stipend of \$525 and a manse, and asking \$225 from the Augmentation Fund. The call was sustained, and put into Mr. Sturgeon's hands, who accepted it, and the 18th day of November, inst., was fixed for his induction. Mr. Amos was appointed to preside. The congregation of Knox Church, Milton, extended a call to Mr. J. A. Mahaffy, B.A., a licentiate of the church, promising \$800 per annum, with manse. The call was also most hearty and unanimous, and was sustained and put into Mr. Mahaffy's hands, when he accepted it. It was agreed that Presbytery should meet at Milton on Tuesday, the 19th inst., for his ordination and induction, and the Moderator was appointed to preside. The congregation of Cowan Ave. Toronto, presented a call addressed to Mr. Wm. M. Rochester, of Prince Albert, N.W.T., promising a stipend of \$1,200 per annum. The call was sustained and the Clerk instructed to transmit, with the request that the Presbytery of Regina, of which Mr. Rochester is a member, would issue the matter as soon as possible. It was agreed to request Messrs. A. I. McLeod and J. A. Carmichael, members of the Presbytery of Regina, to prosecute the call before that Presbytery.—R. C. TRUB, Clerk.

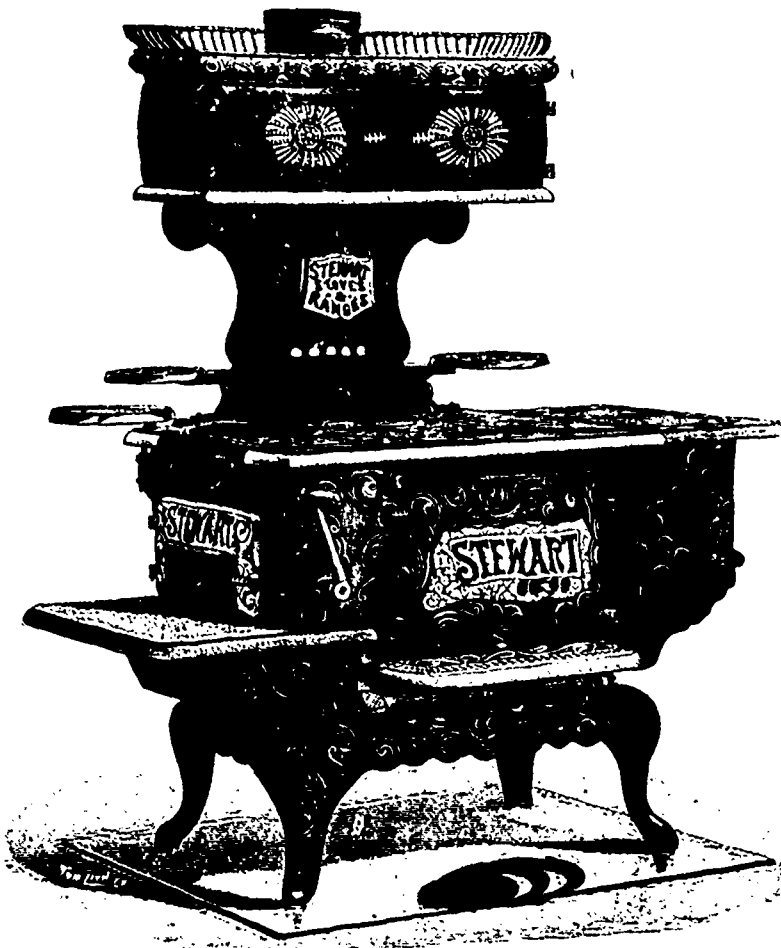
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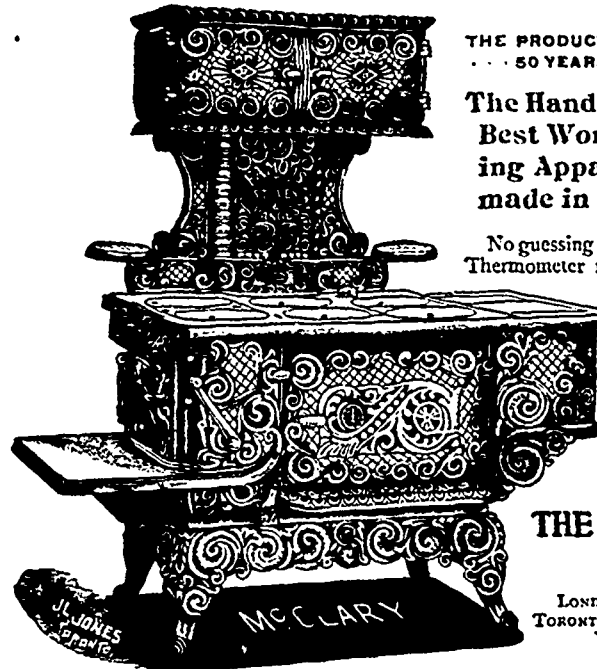
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