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## Ministers and Churches.

THE Rev. T. T. Johnston has received and accepted a cordial and unanimous call to Maple Valley and Singshampton.

THE Rev. John Moore, of Allenford, has declined the call from Holstein and Fairbairn. The Rev. R. McNair, Moderator of Session, will be glad to hear from ministers who wish a hearing.

THE Woman's Home Mission Association of the Orillia congregation have agreed to support the missionary in the Carling field, Parry Sound district, to the extent of \$78, for the summer months.

THE annual meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society is now being held in Kingston; very encouraging reports of the work have been submitted, and much interest is being taken in the proceedings. A full report will appear in next week's issue.

THE next meeting of the Presbyterian Sabbath School Union will be held in East Presbyterian Church, on Friday, April 17, at eight o'clock. The conference will be on the "Art of Questioning," introduced by Principal Kirkland, M.A. Mr. R. S. Gourlay will lead in the International Bible Lesson.

THE quarterly communion service in St. Andrew's, Strathroy, was conducted by Rev. W. G. Jordan, B.A., on Sunday morning, April 5. There was a good attendance; six new members were added on profession of faith and six by certificate. The preparatory service was conducted by Rev. M. P. Talling, of London, the Friday evening previous.

THE annual public examination of the mission schools at Pointe-Aux-Trembles is to take place on Tuesday next, April 21. Carriages will leave Montreal at noon. Friends from a distance desiring to be present are requested to correspond with the Rev. Dr. Warden, Montreal, who will arrange for their being taken down to Pointe-aux-Trembles from Montreal on the day of the examination. A cordial invitation is given to all friends of the schools.

MR. TIBB, who is making an appeal on behalf of Ruth Street Mission Church, Parkdale, for assistance in meeting a note of \$750, now overdue, desires thankfully to acknowledge the following sums already received: Wm. Mortimer Clark, \$10; Mrs. Topp, \$10; Wm. Wilson, \$10; Geo. Craig, \$10; J. F. Peterkin, \$5; J. Bradshaw, \$5; R. McKay, \$5; J. J. Gartshore, \$5; Mrs. Hugh Macdonald, \$25; J. K. Macdonald, \$10; John A. Paterson, \$5; A. Jeffrey, \$5; R. Donald, \$25; N. Currie, \$10; Henry Kent, \$20.

A SHORT time since the congregation of Knox Church, Jarvis, gave a farewell entertainment to their pastor, the Rev. John Wells, M.A. There was a large attendance of the congregation and of friends belonging to the other congregations in Jarvis. After partaking of supper, served in the basement of the church, Mr. Wells was presented with an address expressing the high esteem in which he was held not only by the congregation of Knox Church, of which he has been pastor for the last seven years, but also by the other congregations in the village—their appreciation of his faithful and successful ministry and their regret at parting with him. Mr. Wells was also presented with a purse containing \$300 and Miss Wells with one containing \$30. Mr. Wells, who was deeply affected, replied at some length, thanking them for this substantial expression of their esteem, reviewing his seven years' labour among them, and concluded by wishing them all good bye, and that God might be with them.

THE regular monthly meeting of the Toronto McAll Auxiliary was held on Thursday afternoon, April 2, in the library of the Young Men's Christian Association building. Mrs. Finch presided in the absence of the president, Mrs. Blake. After the usual preliminary exercises the treasurer's report was submitted showing a balance in hand of \$44.80. A letter from an American lady, Miss Anna E. Johnson, who is one of the workers in Paris, told of the good resulting from work done in two of their Sabbath schools. A letter was also read from Dr. McAll inviting any friends of the mission to be present at the second annual conference of the McAll Mission, to be held at Paris in June next. Two short extracts, from a letter received from an English lady now travelling abroad, told of heart rending scenes witnessed in the Casino at Monte Carlo, and also of the wretchedness and degradation of the people at Marseilles; her vivid pictures brought home the importance there is for the Church of God to be up and doing if they would indeed rescue these needy ones "for whom Christ died."

THE spacious and beautiful Sunday school hall of Bank Street Church, Ottawa, was last week crowded to the doors with the members and friends of the minister and congregation on the occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary of Dr. Moore's induction to the pastorate of the Church. Shortly after eight o'clock the chair was taken by Mr. John Hardie, chairman of the managing committee. The proceedings were opened by the choir and audience singing "All hail the power of Jesus name," after which the chairman in a short address recited the steps taken for the formation of the Church nearly twenty-six years ago. An address was read by Mr. N. Robertson, who, with Mr. William Taylor, are the only surviving members of the original managing committee now connected with the congregation. The address, in neat and appropriate terms, gave hearty expression to the high esteem in which Dr. Moore is held, and made special reference to the value of his ministrations and the important work he has been enabled to accomplish. Mr. William Taylor then presented Dr. Moore a testimonial in the shape of a purse of \$500 in gold, after which Mr. James H. Thompson, on behalf of the managing committee and Session, read a resolution granting to Dr. Moore a vacation of three months during the year 1891. This was received with loud applause. Dr. Moore, in his reply, stated that he would

scarcely be a man if he were not much moved with grateful pride at the too flattering compliments paid him that night. There might be other reasons assigned in addition to those that had been mentioned in the address for his long continuance in the pastorate and the present relation of affairs. He had the advantage after leaving college of nearly a year's training and study of the methods of pastoral work, employed by one of the most successful pastors in Canada, the late Dr. Topp, of Toronto. He had always, as far as possible, taken pains to prepare himself for the pulpit, although at times extremely unsatisfactory to himself. It is well known, however, that the standard of excellence set up by a minister often widely differs from that of his congregation. He had tried to present divine truth as forcibly as he could. He had never tried to play the autocrat. So long as things were done, and done well, he had not insisted they should be done in his way. He had faith in his people, young and old. His was a plodding industry, and he had firm faith in the attachment and confidence of his people. It was with no ordinary pleasure that he found from the address the public estimate of his relation to his brethren in the ministry both in his own and other denominations. The more they knew of each other the stronger their faith in their goodness of heart, and what is true of the ministers is true of the great body of the Christian people. With reference to the Church at large and his work he could only say that he had done what he could. The true minister must be interested in the cause of Christ wherever found. Any Church prospers when the surrounding community is in a healthy moral condition. No Church is eventually the gainer from the misfortunes of a sister Church. "If one member suffer, all the other members suffer with it." He was glad that reference had been made to the Ladies' College. He saw around him gentlemen who were his co-labourers in that enterprise. Few friendships he prized more highly than that of such gentlemen as Sheriff Sweetland, Mr. Jamieson, Mr. Masson, Mr. Booth, Mr. Levi Crannell and Mr. John Rochester. Mr. Rochester, as Mayor of the city, presided at the first meeting to inaugurate the enterprise in 1869. He was its firm friend to the last, until it passed under the present board who was working it so successfully. But it was the late Mr. H. F. Bronson who was its principal benefactor as he was its able president. His labours and anxieties no one could tell. Mr. Bronson's liberality was something princely. He (Dr. Moore) would be afraid to say how much money the Bronson family gave to that institution lest it might be thought an exaggeration. The Christian people of Ottawa should know what kind of people we have among us. He (Dr. Moore) paid a \$2,000 subscription to that college. He never expected to see it again. By the munificence of the Bronsons a cheque for \$2,000 was handed him when lying on a bed of fever, by Mr. Crannell. Did they wonder if he revered the name of Bronson or that he would be unworthy of the name if he did not bear the memory of their kindness to the grave. He held in his hand the call the founders of that congregation gave him twenty-five years ago. The beautifully-engrossed address presented to him that night he should deem a second call to the pastorate. How long they might remain together, what might finally part them, was known only to the Disposer of all events. One thing he did know, it would be his aim ever to conduct himself as becomes a Christian minister and steward of the mysteries of God. When they parted it would be with the hope of meeting in a brighter and better world. Congratulatory addresses were then delivered by Rev. F. W. Farries, Sheriff Sweetland, Hon. Senator Clemow, Rev. Dr. Ryckman, Rev. G. M. W. Carey, Rev. T. W. Winfield, Mr. George Hay, Rev. Thomas Garrett and Rev. John Wood.

PRESBYTERY OF MAITLAND.—This Presbytery met in the Presbyterian Church, Lucknow, March 10. Elders' commissions were received in favour of Messrs. Robert Elliott, James MacNair and Alexander Campbell. Messrs. Stevenson, Hartley and their Presbytery elders were appointed to examine the statistical and financial returns of the congregations and report at the May meeting. Rev. Mr. Ballantyne was invited to sit as corresponding member. Rev. T. Davidson asked and obtained leave of absence for six months. His brother, a student of Knox College, Toronto, is to supply his place during his absence. Mr. MacDonald's motion that Presbytery meetings be held alternately at Wingham and Lucknow was lost, and the amendment to have the meetings staidly at Wingham, except the March meeting, was carried. The following were appointed commissioners to the General Assembly: Rev. Messrs. R. Fairbairn, D. B. McRae, David Forrest, J. L. Murray, A. Sutherland, and Elders Daniel Meiklejohn, Robert Douglas, Francis Macdonald, Duncan Campbell, John Hutton. It was resolved to make application to the Home Mission Committee for the following grants: Belgrave, \$150; Dunganon and Port Albert, \$200; Pine River, \$150, and Langside, \$100. Knox Church, Brussels, will be supplied by the Probationers Committee for one month during the ensuing quarter. Mr. Hartley read the annual report on Temperance, which was received and adopted, and ordered to be transmitted to the Synod's Convener of the Committee on Temperance. It was resolved that in view of Rev. Alexander MacKenzie's resignation and also his disowning the authority of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, therefore this Presbytery declare him no longer a minister of this Church. In answer to a question as to what course a Session should pursue in the event of a petition from the congregation or portion of a congregation to allow the use of an organ in the service of praise, it was resolved that the Session should take the sense of the congregation by vote. Reports of missionary meetings having been held were received from several members. Mr. Robert Harrison, in behalf of Mrs. MacNabb, secretary of the Presbyterian Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, read the annual report of the Society. Messrs. Fairbairn and Forrest gave missionary addresses. It was moved by Mr. Fairbairn, seconded by Mr.

Forrest and unanimously carried, The Presbytery, having heard the annual report of the Presbyterian Woman's Foreign Missionary Society read, desires to express its gratifications at the excellent work done, noticing increased prosperity and advance in contributions over any previous year, it having reached the creditable amount of \$1,137. The Presbytery commends the diligence and zeal manifested by the Society in the noble work in which it is engaged, and expresses the hope that its future will be most prosperous. Sabbath schools report was read by Mr. Geddes. It was received and adopted, and its recommendations approved. The recommendations are as follows: 1. That the attention of Sessions and Sabbath school teachers be called to the fact that only 265 out of 3,590 scholars are communicants, and recommend that special effort be put forth by parents and teachers to lead the young to a decision for Christ. 2. That in view of the fact that only fifteen schools out of thirty-five contribute to benevolent objects, superintendents and teachers endeavour to cultivate the spirit of liberality by giving all in every school an opportunity of, however little, to contribute to some missionary or benevolent object. 3. That Sessions and Sabbath school teachers be recommended to see that the Shorter Catechism be taught in all our schools. The remit on the Marriage question was laid on the table till next meeting. Messrs. Macquarrie and Strachan were appointed members of Synod's Committee on Bills and Overtures. It was reported that Molesworth congregation had made an advance of \$50 to their minister's stipend. The congregation was commended for their liberality. The report on the State of Religion was presented by Mr. Macquarrie, was adopted and ordered to be transmitted to the Synod's Convener of Committee on the State of Religion. The Clerk was instructed to write to congregations in arrears to the Synod Fund and request payment as soon as possible. Messrs. Ross, Strachan and Murray were appointed to support the Presbytery's petition for a transference of a portion of the mission field under the jurisdiction of the Presbytery of Bruce to the care of this Presbytery before the Synod at its meeting in April. Next meeting will be held at Wingham on Tuesday, May 12, at 11.15 a.m.—JOHN MACNABB, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF WINNIPEG.—This Presbytery met on the 10th March. There were sixteen ministers and five elders present. Eight students of Manitoba College made application to be received by the Presbytery as catechists, and certified to the Home Mission Committee with a view to securing employment during the summer. Their cases were referred to the committee on the examination of students, which, at a later stage, reported that these young men had been examined as to their Christian character, motives in offering for the ministry, and the prospects that they would prove acceptable as missionaries; and the committee recommended that their examination be sustained, and that they be certified to the Home Mission Committee. Application was made from Meadow Lea, for a grant of \$200 to assist the congregation in building a frame church which was to cost \$1,000. It was agreed to recommend the request to the favourable consideration of the Church and Manse Building Board. The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, which was in session in another part of the church during the afternoon, invited the Presbytery to tea with its members and the delegates in attendance from various parts of the province, an invitation which was cordially accepted. Dr. King presented a request on behalf of Mr. Walter Beattie, that application be made by the Presbytery to the Synod for leave to take him on trial for license. This was agreed to; and the Moderator and Clerk were appointed to prescribe to Mr. Beattie subjects for examination. Dr. Bryce presented the report of the Presbytery's Home Mission Committee which, besides giving a full statistical and financial statement of the mission fields within the bounds of the Presbytery, made several recommendations: The report, after full consideration of its details, and some

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