

Church News.

In Canada.

THE Presbytery of Owen Sound will meet in Division street hall, Owen Sound, Feb. 6, at 10 a.m. Remits will be considered.

THE Y. P. S. C. E. of Bishop's Mills, Ont., at a business meeting held on Jan. 12th inst., unanimously voted out of their treasury \$15 to the Students' Missionary Society of Queen's College, Kingston. The Endeavor Society is in a healthy condition both spiritually and financially.

THE annual congregational meeting of the Egmondville Presbyterian church was held recently, and was well attended. Encouraging reports from all departments of the Church work were read, showing that the past year has been one of growth and progress. The treasurer's report stated that it was the best in the history of the congregation, and the prospects for the coming year are bright.

THE Sabbath school of the Presbyterian church, Smithville, held its annual entertainment on Tuesday evening, Jan. 1st. The programme, which was excellent, though somewhat lengthy, was well received and much appreciated by the people, who crowded the church to the doors. It was a grand success. Rev. Mr. Mann, pastor of the church, acted as chairman. The proceeds of the evening amounted to nearly \$47.

THE W. F. M. S. of Georgetown, was favoured by a visit from Mr. Goforth, when a public meeting was held. He delivered an earnest and inspiring address, which will no doubt be productive of good results. There are twenty-one members. The officers for the present year are Mrs. Perrin, president; Mrs. McKay, first vice-president; Mrs. Gillies, second vice-president; Mrs. McLeod, treasurer; Miss I. S. Pringle, secretary. The amount raised during the past year was \$84.

A very pleasing and profitable recital was given in the Egmondville Presbyterian church, by Miss Martha Smith, B. E., of Toronto. She was assisted by the best local musical talent. Miss Smith proved herself to be an elocutionist of rare ability. Her selections are all sacred and specially adapted for church entertainments. The audience was delighted with them all, but especially with, "A Week's Practice in Mr. Parko's Congregation," "The Lady Judith's Vision," "King Oswald and the Artist," and "Nearer, my God, to Thee," as given by deaf mutes.

ON New Year's night, the congregation of Oak Lake, Man., held its fifth annual social in Cameron's hall. Tea, coffee, and its accompaniments were served. The chair was taken by Archie Leitch, Esq. (chairman of board of management), at 8 p.m. An excellent programme was discussed. Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Hodges were presented by the Ladies' Aid with handsome, warm and beneficial furs. Mrs. Hodges with a storm collar of sable fur, and Mr. Hodges with a pair of beaver gauntlets. Miss E. Wallace read the address, and Mrs. A. Leitch made the presentation. Rev. Mr. Hodges made a suitable reply. Receipts at door, \$33.15.

THE Seaforth Auxiliary of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society, at Seaforth, Ont., held a very interesting meeting in the basement of the church lately. The first part of the meeting was devoted to receiving the annual thank offerings of the members and their friends, and the proceedings proved very interesting. Miss Graham, of Egmondville, read an excellent paper on Mission work, and Miss (Rev.) Shaw added greatly to the enjoyment of all present by rendering a solo, accompanied on the organ by Miss Graham. The ladies of the church choir varied the proceedings by singing a number of appropriate hymns, Miss Ewing playing the accompaniments. When the envelopes were opened, Mrs. Lyon read the texts, and the thank offerings were found to aggregate the handsome sum of \$36.60, which, with the open collection taken amounted to something over forty dollars. This part of the meeting was then closed with prayer by

Mrs. Dr. McDonald. After a ten minutes' intermission the meeting was again called to order by the president, and the annual election of officers proceeded with. Mrs. Kirkman and Mrs. McDonald were re-elected president and first vice-president respectively; Mrs. E. McFaul, second vice-president, and Mrs. D. D. Wilson, third vice-president. Mrs. J. R. Lyon was re-elected secretary, and Mrs. C. W. Papst, treasurer. Three new members were added to the roll, which brings the membership to 54. The membership fee is small, only 25 cents, and the ladies most cordially invite others to come forward and unite with them in advancing this very important branch of church work. After the transaction of several other minor items of business, the annual meeting of 1894 was brought to a close.

THE united Sabbath school in the Presbyterian congregation of Russelltown and Covey Hill, held a very successful entertainment on New Year's evening. The proceeds were with a view to a Sabbath school library and amounted in all to about \$85. The hall was literally packed and the following programme was rendered by the school: motion song by very small children; dialogue in character; sunflower chorus; broom drill in costume by sixteen young ladies was exceedingly well rendered. Rev. Mr. MacDougall, of Beechridge, gave an interesting address on Christmas Customs, and in the course of his address on behalf of the congregation, very felicitously presented the pastor, Rev. D. R. Drummond and his wife with a purse of thirty-two dollars. Interest in the various departments of church work is being deepened and the outlook is good.

Presbytery of Whitby.

THE Presbytery of Whitby held its usual quarterly meeting at Whitby, on Tuesday, 15th instant. There was a very full attendance of ministers and elders, and a large amount of business was transacted. The Presbytery was favoured by the presence of Rev. J. Fraser Campbell, returned missionary, and Rev. J. B. Greig, of British Columbia. Mr. Campbell delivered an address on the mission work of the Presbyterian Church in Central India, embracing a population of ten millions, during the afternoon session. Among items of interest was the election of Mr. David Ormiston, B.A., as moderator of the Presbytery for the current year. This is the first elder who ever received this honour in the Presbytery. On the report of Mr. Eastman there was lengthened discussion on the proposed new Hymnal, the main feature and outcome being a resolution in favour of a separate book adapted to Sabbath school, Christian Endeavor, prayer meeting and evangelistic service in addition to the large church book. The Presbytery of Paris sent a telegram intimating that said court had sustained a call from the congregation of East Oxford and Blenheim, in favour of Rev. Alex. Leslie, M.A., of Newtonville, with guarantee of \$750 per annum with manse and glebe; thereupon the Presbytery appointed a *pro re nata* meeting to be held in Bowmanville, on Monday forenoon, the 28th inst., to issue the case. Leave was given to Rev. Mr. McLaren, interim moderator of Claremont session, to preside at a meeting of the congregation when ready to give a call to a minister. The Presbyterial W. F. M. S., in session contemporaneously, presented their 14th annual report. It was a good record of diligence and success, faithfulness and self-denial, and an expression of the desire of the auxiliary for increased interest, devoted work and earnestness during the year just entered upon. The amount of \$70.74 cash and \$184 in clothing, were collected. The Presbytery expressed its great satisfaction on reading the report, and congratulated the society on the steady progress and hopeful condition of the work and on the widening operations of the general society. The Church at large is under deep obligation to the Woman's Societies for substantial aid rendered, for the deepening of spiritual life, and of interest in missions accomplished through their instrumentality. The ladies of St. Andrew's entertained the W. F. M. S. at luncheon and tea, in a most hospitable manner. Presbytery adjourned to meet in Bowmanville on Mon-

day, 28th inst., to dispose of the call to Mr. Leslie, and to consummate the union of Newtonville and Newcastle and of Orono and Kendall.—J. McMECHAN, Clerk.

Presbytery of Owen Sound.

A SPECIAL meeting of Presbytery was held on the 15th inst. A call to Mr. A. Thompson, B.D., from Chatsworth congregation was sustained, and arrangements were made for his induction on the 28th inst., at 11 a.m. A call was given to Mr. J. Hunter by Markdale and Berkeley, and sustained by Presbytery. His induction will take place on the 29th inst., at 2 p.m. in Markdale.—J. SOMERVILLE, Clerk.

Presbytery of Huron.

THIS Presbytery met in Hensall on the 15th of January. Rev. M. McKay was appointed moderator. Session records were examined and attested. The remit on the Hymnal was approved of, that on Jewish missions was disapproved of, and the aforesaid mission recommended to be placed under the control of the Foreign Mission Committee. The annual report of the Woman's Presbyterian Society of Foreign Missions was read and adopted. The amount contributed as shown by the report is \$1,367. The report on Sabbath schools was delayed till next meeting. Questions to be submitted to Christian Endeavour Societies within the bounds were approved of, and ordered to be sent. A conference on the State of Religion is to be held at next meeting. The next meeting is to be held in Clinton, on the 12th of March, at 10 o'clock a.m.—A. McLEAN, Clerk.

Toronto Churches.

KNOX CHURCH.

SELDOM has the yearly meeting of Knox church been so largely attended or so unanimous and enthusiastic as that held in the lecture hall of the church. Rev. Dr. Parsons, the pastor, presided. The report of the session showed a membership of 635 in good standing. Notwithstanding the depression in trade, the revenue of the church for all purposes amounted to \$12,863.55, made up as follows:—Congregational collections, \$3,567.50; seat rents, \$2,226.35; ground rents, \$4,622.35; collected specially for the poor, \$822.25; Duchess street mission, \$57; Women's Foreign Mission, Topp Auxiliary, \$302.19; Willing Workers, \$57.80; Happy Gleaners, \$124.56; pastor's class, \$233.31; Sabbath school scholars, \$526.16; Duchess street mission, Sabbath school, \$265 and the Ladies' Benevolent Society, \$33.33. The expenditure included \$2,462, paid to the various church schemes authorized by the General Assembly. The expenditure for church maintenance, pastor's salary, and other items was about the same as in previous years. The members present made a very hearty response to the appeal for funds to make up the deficiency. The prospects for the year are exceedingly good. The only officers to be elected were the trustees, and those retiring were re-elected by acclamation. They are Jas. Scott, chairman; A. J. Somerville, secretary; Paul Campbell, treasurer; Chas. Cockshutt and Hugh Macdonald.

OLD ST. ANDREW'S.

There was a very large attendance at the annual meeting of the congregation of Old St. Andrew's church. The session presented their report, showing that 54 members had been added during the year, 31 had removed to other churches, and eight died, making a gain of 15. The membership is now 516. The managers reported that the revenue was \$7,876.57, leaving a surplus to the credit of the floating debt of \$194.55. By the Ladies' Aid, \$50.50, and by special collections \$58.35, were raised, making a total of \$165.55 for benevolent purposes. For this purpose the Ladies' Aid gave for city relief \$10, nursing-at-home, \$10, Toronto city mission \$10, and 143 articles of clothing for Needle Work Guild. The amount raised for shelter of the church thus far, through the various agencies of the congregation, is \$2,251.13. The total for year is \$11,020. It is expected when all sums are in for the year that the total will reach fully \$12,000.