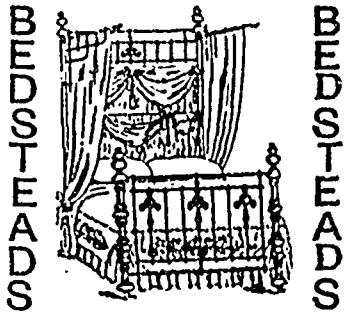


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## Ministers and Churches.

Rev. J. Hay, B.D., was at Belleville, on the 18th ult., and addressed the Presbytery on the Augmentation fund.

The Rev. W. S. Smith, Middleville, has been remembered in his will by one of his late parishoners in a nice legacy.

Revs. Dr. Sedgwick, John McMillan and P. M. Morrison returned a short time ago from Newfoundland on the steamer *Carthaginian*, where they had been attending to some church matters.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed in Barn's Church, South Delaware, on Sabbath morning, the 9th ult., by the pastor, Rev. H. Brown. Service was also held in the evening, when Mr. Brown again preached to a very large and attentive congregation.

A very successful and enjoyable entertainment was held in the North Street Presbyterian Church, Tempo, on Christmas eve. The choir was ably filled by the pastor, Rev. H. Brown. A Christmas tree was loaded with presents for the scholars and others. The pastor and his wife were not forgotten.

The annual meeting of Chalmers Church Mission Band, Toronto, was held in the school room on Saturday, Dec. 22nd. The Band is in a very encouraging condition and reports a very successful year, having now on its roll 114 boys and girls and raising during the year nearly \$50. A very pleasing feature of the meeting was the presentation of a certificate of life membership in the W. F. M. S. to Mrs. Mutch, wife of the pastor.

The induction of the Rev. P. McF. Macleod to the pastorate of the Central Presbyterian Church, James Bay, Victoria, took place, recently, in the church. There was a large and enthusiastic audience, members of the church turning out in full force, besides numerous friends of the congregation. Rev. T. H. Rogers, pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Wellington, presided, and ably carried out the programme of the evening.

The Rev. D. Currie, B.D., of Perth and the Rev. W. S. Smith, of Middleville, exchanged pulpits on the 16th ult. The *Perth Courier* says: "Mr. Smith gave two excellent discourses which were very highly appreciated by the congregation and were especially interesting to the young people who turned out in large numbers at the evening service." Mr. Currie, whose ministry in Perth is greatly prized, is a preacher of great originality and force.

On 23rd December, anniversary services were held in the Church at Glenvale, of which Rev. David Flemming, B.A., is pastor. The preacher for the day was Rev. M. Macgillivray, M.A., of Kingston, and the two sermons which he delivered were thoughtful, eloquent and impressive. The audiences were large and listened with close attention. The congregation is to be congratulated on the progress of the past year, and it is not unreasonable to hope that, before many years, Glenvale, Harrowsmith and Wilton shall stand independent of the Augmentation Fund.

A grand Christmas tree entertainment was held on Christmas eve, in St. Paul's Church, Middleville. The edifice was crowded, fully 300 being present. The pastor of the church, Rev. W. S. Smith, presided and was presented with an address from the people appreciative of his valued services in that capacity for nearly two years. Next morning, Christmas, the reverend gentlemen was made the recipient of a substantial present, and Mrs. Smith likewise received a tangible expression of the people's good will. Both sections of the congregation are in a highly flourishing condition.

## PRESBYTERIAN PROGRESS IN WINNIPEG.

The following is an interesting and encouraging account of the growth and present position of Presbyterianism in Winnipeg during 1894, lately given by Rev. Dr. Duval, pastor of Knox Church, and published in the *Winnipeg Daily Tribune*, of the 22th ult: "In no single year since the formation of Knox Church, in March, 1872, with its eleven members, have the disciples of Calvin shown greater activity. Knox, the mother church, has, with great energy, made improvements in its church building amounting to \$6,000, and has, especially in its musical service, made great advancement. St. Andrew's, weakened by the formation from among its members of two congregations, has, with surprising courage, succeeded in erecting, perhaps, the most commodious and attractive church in the city. This will be opened in a few weeks. During the year, also, the new Westminster congregation has completed and occupied its new building, which was opened by Rev. D. J. Macdonell, of Toronto, in July last. This congregation, though smaller in numbers than Knox and St. Andrew's, is distinguished for its activity and zeal, and is paying considerable attention to its musical service. During the year the West End Church on Portage avenue, which is a vigorous child of Knox Church, was organized as a separate congregation, and has been placed under the care of Rev. C. W. Gordon, who did such excellent service to the missions of the Church in his visit to Scotland, and who is still devoting much thought to the missions of the Church. A few weeks ago this young congregation enlarged its church building, and very much improved its place of worship. Almost twin sister of the West End Church is the new congregation in Point Douglas. This offshoot of St. Andrew's has already upwards of one

hundred members, and a few weeks ago had settled over it, by the Presbytery of Winnipeg, Rev. T. U. Richmond, a graduate of Manitoba College. The prospects of Point Douglas Church are good. Augustine Church in Fort Rouge is peculiar among the sisterhood of Presbyterian churches of the city in having little, if any debt upon its church property. During the past year building has not gone on greatly in Fort Rouge, and this may have hindered more rapid development in our fashionable suburb, but the church has, in proportion to its numbers, exceeded any of the city churches in liberality to the schemes of the Church. Last of the seven Presbyterian churches of the city, which are self-sustaining, is the North Presbyterian Church. This congregation has a neat church and manse, but it is in the unpleasant quandary at present of being almost crowded out of its church building. Nothing seems left for it seemingly but to arise and build greater. One church remains—the Martin Luther Icelandic Church on Kate street. This church has a small, but earnest congregation. During the past year two of its members, students of Manitoba College, have gone out among their countrymen between Lakes Winnipeg and Manitoba and have been well received as preachers. The Presbyterian Church in Manitoba and British Columbia synods has now services conducted in English, Gaelic, Icelandic, Hungarian, Swedish, Chinese, Cree, Sioux, and Nootka. 1894 will be memorable in the Presbyterian annals of the city."

## PRESBYTERY MEETINGS.

At Carleton-Place, and within St. Andrew's Church there, the twenty-seventh day of November, the Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew met and was constituted by Moderator. The Presbytery called for the report of the Home Mission Committee. The same was given in and read by Dr. Campbell, the Convener. The report was received and considered in detail. The returns from the various fields show that good work has been done, and the contributions have been encouraging. On account of the pressure on the resources of the Home Mission and Augmentation Funds, the Presbytery appointed deputations to visit the various Home Mission and Augmented fields, and these deputations were instructed to enquire into their financial position, suggest improvements, and secure, if possible, such increased contributions as shall permit a reduction of the grants. Sessions were again requested to contribute to arrears due augmented ministers, and, after a reasonable time has elapsed, the convener was authorized to settle their claims in full. Rev. Mr. Ballantyne, Ottawa, addressed the Presbytery on the claims of the Augmentation Fund. On motion of Dr. Campbell, duly seconded, the Moderator conveyed to Mr. Ballantyne the thanks of the Presbytery for his excellent address, and desired him to convey to his committee the assurance that this Presbytery would endeavor to raise if possible the amount expected from it to the Augmentation Fund. Circular letters from the conveners of the Home Mission and Augmentation committees were read, indicating the amount to be raised by this Presbytery to those funds respectively, namely: \$3,250 for Home Missions, and \$1,400 for Augmentation. After reasoning, it was agreed, that the Presbytery will aim to raise the amount required for Augmentation, but that they regard the sum named for Home Missions as excessive, and that the Clerk be instructed to intimate the same to Dr. Cochran, at the same time informing him that, owing to the depressed state of matters in several of the towns within the bounds, the Presbytery cannot undertake to raise the amount which has been assigned to them for Home Missions, but that they will aim to raise \$2,500 if possible. It was further agreed to instruct the committee to whom the allocation of the amounts among the congregations of the bounds is remitted, to frame their annual circular to the sessions, on the basis of \$2,500 for Home Missions and \$1,400 for Augmentation, respectively. In the matter of the remits sent down to Presbyteries for this year, committees were appointed and instructed to report to next meeting. A circular from the convener of the Assembly's Committee on Temperance was read, calling the attention of the Court to certain parts of the last year's report. On motion, it was agreed to record the reception of the circular, and to call the attention of members to the 5th recommendation of the Assembly's report of last year, and to the questions connected therewith. A circular from the convener of the Assembly's Committee on Sabbath Observance was next submitted and read, in which the attention of Presbyteries was called, among other matters, to the propriety of appointing deputations to wait upon members of Parliament and Parliamentary candidates with a view to secure their support in favor of legislation providing for the better observance of the Lord's Day. It was agreed to appoint deputations to wait on the representatives of the counties of Lanark and Renfrew. Mr. A. A. Scott then gave an interim report of the committee appointed in May last, to consider the question of the formation a Presbyterian Home Missionary society in connection with the Young People's Societies. The report was received, the committee being instructed to report to next meeting, with a view to a conference at the May meeting of the Presbytery, looking to the formation of a Presbyterian Young People's Missionary Society.

The Presbytery of Stratford recently met in Knox Church, Stratford. The evening session was occupied by the reading and discussion of an elaborate paper on "Proportionate Giving" by Rev. W. W. Craw, of Missouri. The discussion prov-

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ed very interesting, especially when Rev. A. F. Tully, of Mitchell, made reference to the system of pew rents, which he strongly condemned. The most important business of the morning session was the discussion of the resignation of Rev. A. Stewart of the pastoral charge of the Hampstead and North Easthope congregations. Messrs. Duncan, Stewart and Olman were present as delegates from the Hampstead congregation and Messrs. Duncan, Forbes, John Hay and J. C. Stewart from the North Easthope congregation. All the delegates spoke highly of Mr. Stewart as a pastor and expressed the feelings of the congregations as being that he should be retained if possible. Rev. Mr. Stewart stated that the reason for his wishing to resign was not on account of any trouble, financial or otherwise, in the congregations, but because he thought a young man would be better able to build up the congregations which were now becoming quite small. The members of the Presbytery did not seem disposed to accept the resignation, but a committee was appointed to confer with the pastor and delegates and to report at the afternoon meeting. Having done so it was recommended that the resignation be accepted. This was adopted by the Presbytery, and it was agreed to dissolve the pastoral tie on the second Sabbath of January next, that the pulpit be declared vacant on the third Sabbath, and that Mr. Pyke be Moderator of the session during the vacancy. Messrs. Tully and Kay were appointed to wait upon the County Council and urge the propriety of providing a House of Refuge. At the morning session the Presbytery heard the report of Home Missions, which was presented by Dr. Hamilton, who pointed out that \$79,000 were required for the work in hand. The amount to be raised by the Presbytery is \$2,500. Mr. Cockburn, of Paris, who appeared at the request of the Augmentation Committee, addressed the court and pressed the needs and claims of this fund upon the Presbytery. The Presbytery thanked Mr. Cockburn for his address, and it was agreed to raise, if possible, \$850, the amount required from the Presbytery. Mr. Hamilton, of Motherwell, was congratulated by the Presbytery upon the honor done him by Knox College in conferring upon him the degree of D.D.

The Presbytery of Peterborough met on the 18th inst. at Peterborough. The Rev. James

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