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## Ministers and Churches.

The Presbyterian Church, Madoc, was destroyed by fire on the night of the 14th inst. Loss about \$10,000; insurance, \$6,000.

The congregation of Knox Church, Listowel, have decided to extend a call to Rev. Wm. Cooper, B.A., of Melbourne. It is understood that he will accept.

The Rev. Professor Baird, of Manitoba College, Winnipeg, visited the Montreal Presbyterian College recently and addressed the classes. Dr. Baird emphasized the importance of Church work in the West.

The Provincial conference of the Y.M.C.A. associations of Ontario and Quebec will be held in Belleville from the 24th to 27th inst. Mr. James Gibson, of Ottawa, will read a paper on the association Bible class.

Owing to pressure of work Miss Bertha Wright, of Ottawa, has decided to withdraw from the Dominion Y. W. C. A, and the International Association of Christian Workers. Miss Wright will retain the presidency of the Y. W. C. A.

The call addressed to Rev. A. Graham, of North Williamsburg, from Lancaster has been accepted. Probationers wishing to preach at North Williamsburg and West Spring should correspond with the Rev. Hugh Cameron, of Morris

Rev. Calvin E. Amaron, of Montreat, editor of the Aurore, lately delivered an interesting and instructive lecture in the lecture room of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Three Rivers. The subject discussed was "The French Problem in Quebec."

A large number of friends of Mr. John Stuart Thomson, a student of the Presbyterian College, Montreal, and writer for The Week, gathered at Bonaventure station a few evenings ago to bid him farewell. Mr. Thomson expects to spend the remainder of the winter in Florida and Cuba.

The annual meeting of the congregation of Bank Street Church, Ottawa, took place on the 15th inst. The financial statement, general fund, showed last year's deficit of \$500 had been wiped out and a small balance still remained. The mortgage debt had been reduced by \$1,000.

The Rev. R. Campbell, D.D., of Montreal conducted the services of the communion on the 13th in St. Andrew's Church, Huntingdon, Que. He was assisted by the Rev. P. T. Hutchinson, M.A., who gave the post-communion address. The day being fine, there was a good congregation, and 150 members partook of the

At the annual meeting of the Knox (Presby-terian) church, Belmont, on Wednesday evening 9th inst., the treasurer's report showed the recepts of the Building Fund to be \$1,178 Sr and the expenditure \$1,175.47. The church is free from debt and a balance of \$3.34 is on hand from this source. The schemes of the church show an increase of about 60 per cent, over last year.

A special meeting of the Presbytery of Owen S. and, was held on the 15th inst. A call to Mr. Arch. Thompson, B.D., from Chatsworth congregation was sustained and arrangements made for his incuction on the 28th inst. at 11 2.m. Markdale and Berkeley congregations extend ed a call to Mr. J. Hunter which was sustained. The induction will take place in Markdale Jan. 29th at 2 p.m.

The annual congregational meeting of the I he annual congregational inceting of the Egmondville Presbyterian Church, was held on Thursday Jacuary 3rd, 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 most successful in the history of the congregation. The prospects for the coming year are bright.

The W. F. M. S., of Georgetown, was favored by a visit from Mr. Goforth on the and inst., when a public meeting was held. He delivered an earnest and inspiring address which will no doubt be productive of good results. There are twentyone members. The efficers for the present year are, Mrs. Perrin, president; Mrs. McKay, first vice-president; Mrs. Gillies, second vice-president; Mrs. McLeod, treasurer; Miss J. S. Pringle, secretary. The amount raised during the past secretary. T

The programme for the sixth annual convention of the Young Men's Christian Associations of the Canadian West to be held at Brandon on February 7. S. 9 and 10, has been issued. C. K. C. K. Ober, international secretary, of Chicago, is expected to be present and will deliver an address on the evening of February 7th on "The Place of the V. M. C. A. in the Chutch's History." T. D. Patton, general secretary, Winnipeg; J. H. Morgan, J. F. Boyd, G. D. Wilson, Rev. G. M. Leigh, L. J. Ashiey, Rev. A. McD. Haig, Geoffening, J. A. Hall and others will deliver addresses.

A very pleasing and profitable recital was given in the Egmondville Presbyterian Church, Monday evening, January 14th, 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 were de-

lighted with them all, but especially with: "A Week's practice in Mr. Parke's Congregation," "The Ludy Ju iths' Vision," "King Oswald and the Artist," and "Nearer My God to Thee," as given by the first but the fi given by deaf mutes.

On Sabbath, the 6th inst., St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Thornbury, was re-opened after being closed two months for repairs. Services were held morning and evening. The pastor, Rev. J. L. Simpson, preached at both services to crowded congregations. The communion of the Lord's Supper was dispensed at the close of the morning service. Neatly 200 communicants partook, the largest in the history of the congregation. Eleven new members were received upon profession of faith. On Monday evening a social was held in the basement and after tea the large gathering of people repaired to the body of the church where an appropriate meeting was held. The chair was taken by the pastor at 8 o'clock and interesting addresses were delivered by Revs. C. McCrae, of Collingwood, and J. M. Simpson, of Thornbury. The proceeds were devoted to the Repairs Fund. The past year has been a very successful one in all. The past year has been a very successful one in all branches of the congregation.

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The re-opening services in connection with the Presbyterian Church at Cresswell, (formerly Congregational) was a decided success. The services on Sabbath, Dec 30th, were well attended, the church being filled to its utmost capacity. The Rev. Dr. Smith's of Queen's University, Kingston, preached eloquent sermons at 2.30 and 6.30, p. m. The services were continued on Monday 31st., by a platform meeting in the afternoon, the chair being taken at 3 p. m. by Rev. P. A McLeod, of Sonya, pastor. An address was given by Rev. D. G. Ross, of Cannington, after which the meeting adjourned and the audience wended their way across the street to a building secured for the occasion to partake of the good things provided them by the ladies of of the good things provided them by the ladies of the Presbyterian Church, when the programme of the afternoon was continued. Thereafter speeches were given by Revs. Hassard, of Manilla; Currie, of Sonya; Cameron, of Wick; Stewart, of Sunderland. Proceeds \$90.

On Sunday 23rd. ult., the Rev. A. T. Love. B. D., minister of St. Andrew's Church, Quebec, in the course of his sermon, referred to the completion of a ten year's pastorate on the 18th of December. Among other interesting thing, he said: St. Andrew's is the oldest organization of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, services having being conducted with more or less regulative to the Rev. arily since 1759. Its ministers have been the Rev. Mr. McPherson, chaplain of the 75th Highlanders, from 1759-1761; Rev. Mr. Henry, 1763-1784; Rev. Dr. Sparks, 1784-1819; Rev. Dr. Harkness, 1820-1835; Rev. Dr. Cook, 1830-1884; Rev. A. T. Love, 1884-1894. Ten years is quite a long time in one's life, and it is interesting to note what has been accomplished during this decade. Although the Protestant population of Quebec has diminished by 1,500, during the past ten years, by death and removal from the city, St. Andrew's congregation is larger to-day than ten years apo, and attendance at services has very much increased. Fifty-nine new families very much increased. Fifty-nine new families have been added, so that notwithstanding the large exodus of English-speaking people, there is a net gain of thirty-five families. The roll of communicants had increased. In addition to meeting all ordinary expenses creditably from year to year, over \$10,000 of debt had been wiped out, and handsome contributions had been given annually for missionary objects, while \$1,500 was in hand towards the erection of a new building for benevolent objects, Sabbath School purposes, etc., He had performed 79 marriages, 224 baptisms etc., He had performed 79 marriages, 224 baptisms and buried 143 persons. It is worthy of remark that 61 out of the 143 dying were over 70 years of age. Frindship and loyally existed between the late Dr. Cook and Mr. Love up to the time of the Doctor's death at a ripe old age. Affectionate mention was made of the names of office bearers deceased during this period, viz: Nathaniel Ross, Dr. Weir and James Henry, Elders; Farquharson Smith, Michael Stevenson, J. W. Henry, Trustees; McLean Stewart, Daniel McGie, Alex. Fraser, John Dick. D. C. Mackeddie, Dr. Rowand, Wm. Home, Joseph Cowan, Thomas Craig, who had served on the Board of Thomas Craig, who had served on the Board of Management. These names and many others were worthy of being held in remembrance. Altogether the service was deeply interesting and instructive, and St. Andrew's is to be congratulated upon its continued prosperity, and its esteemed pastor upon the blessing and success attending

The annual meeting of the Central Church congregation, Toronto, was held on Monday evening, January 14th. Tea was served by the ladies from 6 to So'clock, after which the business meeting was held in the school-room which was crowded.
Rev. Dr. McTavish, the pastor, opened the proceedings with praise and prayer, after which Mr.
Richard Donald, chairman of the Board of Managers, was called on to preside. The report of the managers, which had been printed and circu-lated previous to the meeting, was adopted. It gave great satisfaction, and called forth congratu-latory remarks from several members. The revenue on ordinary congregational account, for the year, was \$6,159.13, and there is a deficiency of \$189.43. This was regarded as a very favorable showing, considering the prevailing business depression. There was received during the year, on account of finating debt account, a total of on account of licating debt account, a total of \$483, which leaves a balance due on that account of \$4,556.95. It is expected that this amount will be greatly reduced during the current year, by subscriptions already promised. The reading of the treasurers statement of the Missionary Association evoked no small degree of thankfulness. Is showed that there had been col-



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lected for missionary purposes \$3,562, which is \$440 in excess of the previous year's givings. Mr. George Ander, on, superintendent of the Sunday School, read the report for the year, which showed the average attendance throughout the School, fead the report for the year, which showed the average attendance throughout the year to nave been 173, with a staff of 30 teachers. The Sabbath School collections, which go to missions, aggregated \$260.83, which is in excess of last year's receipts by \$50.94. The report of the sessions showed the present membership of the church to be 612. The report of the Elizabeth Street Mission showed the total attendance at the services here to be 116. It was announced that Mr. Neil Currie, who died recently, had left the church a generous legacy, \$1,000 of which is to be paid at once and the balance, \$9,000, at a future time. This amount will be applied towards reducing the aebt. The following were elected members of the Board of Management, viz,: C. P. Petry, G. H. Meldrum, W. Campbell, Donald Bain, F. C. L. Jones, R. Hashitt, A. H. Crawford and S. R. Windrum. A proposition to introduce solo singing into the church was broached by Mr Bernard Jennings, and created some di-cussion. The congregation showed clearly that they were not prepared to come to a decision, won so important a metion showed clearly that they were not prepared to come to a decision upon so important a motion without maturer deliberation, and according-ly the matter was, on motion of Rev. Jno. Mac-

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