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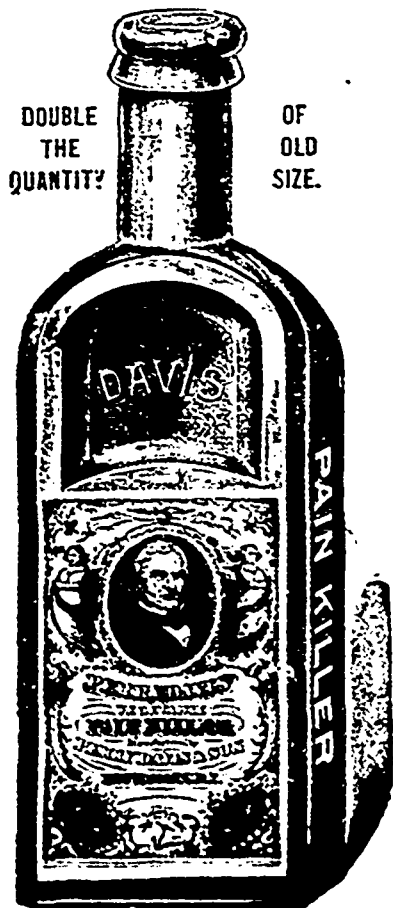
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THE Y.P.S.C.E. of Knox Church, Portage la Prairie, purpose holding socials every month during the winter.

THE Rev. Mr. McKibbin, of Sarnia Presbytery, has accepted a call to the charge of Bryson and Litchfield, Pontiac.

THE members of the Ross and Cobden Presbyterian congregations are unwilling to accept the resignation of their pastor, Rev. M. D. M. Blakely.

THE Rev. J. H. MacVicar and Mrs. MacVicar, of the Canada Presbyterian Mission at Honan, have just taken a flying trip to Japan for the benefit of their health.

THE induction of the Rev. J. E. Munro, to the pastorate of the Presbyterian Church, Gladstone, Man., took place last week, and notwithstanding the storm the ceremony was witnessed by quite a large congregation.

THE anniversary services of St. John's Presbyterian Church were held on Sunday. Rev. John Neil, of Westminster Presbyterian Church, preached in the morning, and Rev. Dr. McTavish, of the Central Church, in the evening. There were large congregations at both services.

THE Seventeenth Public Meeting of Knox College Missionary Society will be held in Convocation Hall, on Friday evening, 25th inst. Mr. Hamilton Cassels, Convener of the Assembly's Foreign Mission Committee will preside, and an attractive programme has been prepared.

REVIVAL services in St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Prince Albert, have been in progress for some time. Rev. Mr. Rochester, pastor of the church, and Rev. Mr. Hutchin, of Saskatoon, are conducting the services, which are largely attended, and have been productive of much good.

THE Bowmanville Statesman says: Many old friends of Rev. George Blair, formerly headmaster of the Union school here, were delighted to see him in the pulpit of St. Paul's Church on Sunday morning week. He preached an admirable sermon on "Christ as the Sun of Righteousness."

MR. JOHN McMILLAN, B.A., delivered an interesting lecture last week before the Y.P.S.C.E. of Knox Church, Ottawa, on the life of John G. Paton, missionary in the New Hebrides. The lecture was listened to by a large audience, who were greatly pleased with the able manner in which the lecturer handled the subject.

THE Avonbank Woman's Foreign Mission Society, held a very successful social on Wednesday evening week. The addresses delivered by Rev. Messrs. Sawyer of Westminster and Cosgrove of St. Marys were appreciated by the audience. Rev. R. Hamilton occupied the chair. A considerable increase of the Society's funds resulted from the collection.

THE Rev. W. Patterson, of Toronto, lectured in the Presbyterian church, Nural, on Tuesday evening week to a good house. The lecture was given in Mr. Patterson's own inimitable style, and every one was pleased and edified. The lecture was given under the auspices of the Bible Class and Teachers' Association, a prosperous organization in connection with the church.

A LARGE number of the members of the Christian Endeavour Society and congregation of Parkdale Presbyterian Church met in the lecture room of the church on Tuesday evening week. Rev. R. P. Mackay presided, and Mr. A. Hendry, on behalf of the many friends of Mr. Melville Swartout, teacher of the Bible class, who is about to enter the mission field, presented him with a choice selection of Biblical works. Mr. Swartout made an appropriate reply, after which addresses were delivered and refreshments served.

THE secretary of the local committee desires us to say that the financial results of the Pan-Presbyterian Council have been so satisfactory that forty per cent. will be returned to the congregations contributing. The estimates as to requirements were about correct, but the cholera scare leading to a very much smaller representation of the European churches, made the expenditure in that direction much less than was expected, and the same cause doubtless affected the bill for luncheon. It is very gratifying to report that there was a surplus and not a deficit.

ON November 1, the Auxiliary of the W.F.M.S. of Cardinal met and held their Annual thank-offering meeting. Mrs. MacArthur, the President occupied the chair. Mrs. Dowley, of Prescott, gave an interesting and encouraging account of the progress of the Society within the bounds of the Presbytery during the past year. Mrs. Macalister, of Iroquois, gave an interesting address on mission work. The collection, which amounted to \$20, was solemnly dedicated to the Master's use.

THE Rev. Dan. Strachan, B.A., Rockwood, who has been labouring in Sarnia during the past summer, left that place last week. The Mission Church, near the St. Clair Tunnel, where his field is, has grown rapidly and will soon be self-sustaining and a separate congregation. Before leaving Sarnia, Mr. Strachan was made the recipient of an address and \$70 in gold. He is about to leave on a trip to Tennessee and South Carolina for the benefit of his health, which has suffered severely from his work last summer.

A DELIGHTFUL service of song and praise was given in John Street Presbyterian church, Brockville, last week, in which a very large congregation joined heartily. Three anthems were given by the choir in their best form, expressing the sentiment of both words and music in a manner rarely heard in ordinary churches. The solos taken by Miss Caswell, Miss Coleman and Mr. Fax were especially well rendered. Good church music at the present day is getting to be a very essential part of the service, and has a most inspiring effect when the congregation all join in with heart and voice, as they did last week, in singing hymns and psalms of praise.

THE lecture delivered by Rev. Robert McNair in the opera hall, Carleton Place, Thursday evening week, was listened to by a large audience and much appreciated. The rev. gentleman has a faculty for observation in his travels, and related the incidents in a happy and pleasing manner, which holds the attention of his hearers from the first. The choir rendered a musical programme, and refreshments were served by the ladies. The gross receipts from the entertainment were in the vicinity of \$60.

THE Anniversary Services of the opening of Zion Church, Cedar Grove, were conducted by the Rev. Thos. Goldsmith, of Toronto, late of St. John's Church, Hamilton, on Sabbath the 30th October. Mr. Goldsmith preached with great acceptance. His sermons were exceedingly able, eloquent, and practical. Although getting up in years, he has lost none of the power and energy which has always characterized his preaching. At the entertainment on Monday evening, the audience was treated with a most interesting and practical address by Mr. Goldsmith, and another by the Rev. Peter Nichol, of Unionville. The attendance was good considering the unfavourable weather.

THE annual social of St. Andrews Church Christian Endeavour Society, was held in the school-room, Berlin, on Friday evening week and was a great success. There was a large attendance and the platform and walls were beautifully decorated with flowers etc. Mr. J. King, Q.C., was asked to take the chair. A short and select programme of vocal and instrumental music was then rendered, Mrs. D. McArthur, Miss Mary Chambers, Miss Emma Zoellner and Mr. Henry Illing taking part. Miss Russell, the church organist, was an excellent accompanist. Refreshments were bountifully served by the young ladies, and a very pleasant evening was spent by all present.

MRS. J. CAMPBELL, wife of the pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Victoria, B.C., who has just arrived, was tendered a hearty welcome by the members of his congregation last week. The gathering was in the school room, which was crowded, and the ladies had charge. Rev. Dr. MacRae was chairman, and the proceedings were opened with the singing of the 216th hymn, and prayer. Mrs. McGregor on behalf of the congregation then read a cordial address of welcome, to which Rev. Dr. Campbell on behalf of his wife made suitable response. The evening was pleasantly spent, and a musical programme added greatly to the enjoyment of all present.

THE social given by the branch of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society in connection with Knox Church, Guelph, in the school-room, Thanksgiving evening, was a great success, there being a large turnout. Mr. J. A. McCrea presided. An interesting programme was given. The Oberholtzer orchestra, from Vance's Corners contributed several numbers, Mrs. Scott and Mrs. Lillie gave a nice duet, whilst Mr. Sykes also sang well. Miss Smyth, of Peterboro, was twice encored in her recitation; the choir rendered three selections in good style. Rev. B. B. Williams gave a most excellent address on Individual Responsibility in regard to Foreign Missions. Refreshments were served during the evening by the ladies, and fifteen new names were added to the roll.

A VERY interesting ceremony was performed at Knox Church, Hamilton, on the morning of Sabbath week, when Rev. Dr. Fraser ordained thirteen new elders. There was a very large congregation. The old elders, with the exception of the venerable Mr. John Porteous, the senior elder of the church, now in the 93rd year of his age, who was not well, were all present. The new officers are Messrs. James Johnson, William Givin, J. T. Barnard, John A. Moffat, John Madill, R. McKae, Colin Arthur, J. G. Cheyne, John Scott, John L. Patterson, John Greig, K. Booth and Andrew Parkhill. Mr. Andrew Leitch had also been elected an elder, but was out of the city. Rev. Dr. Fraser preached an appropriate sermon, giving the scriptural ground for the office of elder in connection with the Church. The music was of a suitable character. Knox Church has grown and prospered under Dr. Fraser, and the new elders are necessary on account of the extra work.

THE Knox Church Young People's Association of Cornwall inaugurated the season of 1892-93 by a grand conversation on Tuesday evening week. The meeting was a thorough success. The parlors of the church were crowded and a large number of new members were admitted to the society. The vocal and musical programme was excellent and consisted of the President, Mr. T. Marchbank's opening address; readings by Miss McMaster, Mr. J. Connolly, Mr. J. H. S. Parke, and Mr. George Warwick; solos by Miss Hall, Messrs. R. Tanner and A. Tait Hope, and a quartette by Misses Brown and Atchison and Messrs. Watson and Tanner. During intermission refreshments were served after which the Rev. Jas. Hastie, pastor of Knox Church, delivered a short pithy address on "Manners." All who were present vote the evening a most enjoyable one and wish the K.C.Y.P.A. every success during the coming season.

SABBATH schools and others having Sunday school papers or other literature which they wish to send to mission fields, can learn the names of Sabbath school superintendents or others on needy fields, who would gladly receive their contributions and look after their proper distribution, by dropping a note to Mr. J. G. McKechnie, Corresponding Secretary of the Knox College Missionary Society. Now that the students have resumed their work in College, many mission fields are left without regular supply. The long, dreary winter days are approaching; children in comfortable homes throughout Ontario should not forget others, but should seek to extend their happiness by sending the papers and magazines which have helped to brighten their own lives, to those less fortunately situated. The annual report of the Knox College Missionary Society, giving an account of last summer's work will be issued in a few days, and will be mailed to those interested in our Society. Any wishing the reports and not receiving them,

can obtain them by addressing the Corresponding Secretary. Please state the number of reports required.

THE thriving village of Danville is situated in one of the most picturesque localities of these picturesque Eastern Townships. Its streets are wide and clean, and not a few handsome private residences bespeak the industry and fine taste of its people. It has more out-and-out male and female temperance reformers to the square foot than any other village of its size on the continent of America. Consequently it goes without saying that the dram drinking traveller finds it a very "dry" place. It is a village of churches. Spires rise in every direction, but all the denominations represented work in harmony with each other. The Presbyterian church was established in 1871. Next year after organizing as a congregation a church was built which cost \$3,400. This was a big undertaking for a mere handful of people, and one would not be at all surprised if it took many years to pay for such a building. But such was not the case. In two years the congregation was free of debt. On the following year this energetic little congregation undertook to provide a manse for its minister, and in 1885 a house was erected which cost \$2,100. To-day, thanks to the zeal of certain young ladies in the congregation, the manse too is free of debt, and the way is open to do big things for the Mission schemes of the Church. There are only thirty-five families and sixty-nine members in full communion, but last year it raised \$722, being an average of over \$20 per family and over \$10 per communicant. The present pastor is the Rev. G. H. Smith, M.A., who is very popular among his own people.

A VERY pleasant social gathering convened at the Presbyterian church, Brooklyn, on the evening of Thanksgiving Day, November 10. At the supper and lecture given under the auspices of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Church the tables were decorated with the queen of autumn flowers beautiful chrysanthemums. The supper was pronounced excellent. The Rev. J. B. McLaren presided with ease and grace over the feast of spiritual and intellectual things; the committee of management giving the strongest proof that, while providing for the "outer" the "inner" had been first in their hearts. The report of the Society reviewed eleven years of existence, and showed steady progress, making plain the great truth that only through knowledge of the great mission fields and their crying necessities can true zeal in their interests be nourished. Rev. James Harris, of the Episcopal Church, and Hon. John Dryden spoke cheering words of greeting. The Rev. Dr. Fraser, of Knox Church, Hamilton, was introduced by the pastor, and delighted the audience with a narrative and descriptive account of his recent Eastern travels, taking all who listened as far as Egypt. The descriptive powers of the lecturer may be imagined from the fact that a little girl stood up to see "The boats on the river," and another of larger growth almost heard the bagpipes, described in an incident of travel. With his eyes they saw localities and neighbourhoods, viewed beautiful Paris, sparkling and gleaming in the sun, swept past gardens and olive yards, mountains and glens, studied ancient cities and structures, and realized how history and geography may be taught alike to young and old, but, just as a minister present remarked, things were getting profitable as well as interesting, the lecture closed, and then with expressive words of pleasure from the Rev. J. Leggett and resolutions from society and congregation a bright evening closed. Proceeds \$125.

THE Rev. J. K. Smith, D.D., who has been settled in Port Hope, was recently tendered a most cordial reception. Mr. Irwin, secretary of the Board of Management, occupied the chair. Addresses were delivered by Rev. Messrs. MacWilliam, Hay, and Cleland. Dr. Smith in response said he felt at home with the people and the brethren—such a warm-hearted reception made him feel

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