

words stated the object of the meeting. Interesting addresses on missions were given by Mrs. R. Rodgers and Miss Jessie Rodgers, of Owen Sound. The proceeds of the occasion for the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was \$27.

The annual teachers' meeting of the Presbyterian Sabbath School, Orillia, was held on Wednesday, the 17th ult. The reports for the year were submitted, showing the school to be in a flourishing condition. The attendance has been larger, and the average of regularity greater than ever before. In addition to meeting ordinary expenditure, the school contributed one hundred and sixty-five dollars to missions during the year. A large addition is being made to the library.

The additions to the membership of Eskine Church, Hamilton, during 1893 were 64. The present membership is 417. The total gifts amount to \$5,333, of which \$1,012 went for missionary and benevolent objects. The regular monthly offerings for missions were a trifle more than double those of 1892. The congregation has decided to put in a pipe organ not to exceed \$1,000 in cost. Most encouraging reports come from all departments of the congregation's work.

The anniversary services in connection with Knox Church, Jarvis, Ont., Rev. G. A. MacLennan, B.A., pastor, were conducted on Jan. 14th, by the Rev. Dr. Dickson, Galt, who preached to large and appreciative congregations. The annual social gathering was held on Monday evening following, and despite very unfavorable weather, proved a decided success. The programme was of a high order, Miss Pauline Johnson, the Indian poetess, contributing largely by recitations from her own works, to the evening's enjoyment.

The annual meeting of the Brandon Presbyterian Church took place on the evening of the 18th ult. The session management and those in charge of different departments of the church's work all made most encouraging reports. The feature of the evening was the reading of an address and a presentation to W. H. Irwin, the retiring superintendent of the Sabbath School. Mr. Irwin was presented with a \$50 gold coin and Mrs. Irwin with a handsome easy chair. Mr. Irwin replied appropriately to the complimentary address.

The anniversary services of Knox Church, Harrison, were conducted on January 21st, by Dr. R. H. Abraham, of Burlington, who delighted large audiences by his eloquence and earnestness. The large church was filled to its utmost capacity in the evening, when hundreds could not find admittance. The tea-meeting was a decided success. It was addressed by Revs. Munro, of Harrison, D. Perrin, of Chesley, and Dr. Abraham, of Burlington. Between 500 and 600 people sat down to tea. The speeches were of a superior order.

On January 12th, the Presbyterian congregation here, Little Britain church, (the next oldest in the Province, Kildonan having been organized by Rev. Dr. Black in 1867), held their annual tea meeting and concert in their fine large stone church, which was crowded to the doors by old and young from Selkirk and the neighborhood. The evening passed happily and quickly, with the aid of the splendid supper provided by the ladies of the Little Britain church, for which they are famous. Quite a large sum was realized. A similar entertainment will be held in March.

On Sunday, Jan. 21, Rev. F. H. Larkin, B.A., of Chatham, preached anniversary services in the Presbyterian church, Ridgeway, of which Rev. R. J. Hunter, B.A., is pastor. The sermons were highly appreciated by the large congregations present and the free-will offering made amounted to \$110. At the annual meeting held recently the reports for the last year showed progress made in every department of the church. The total receipts for the year was over \$3,500. There is a reasonable prospect that the entire debt of the church will be removed in November of this year.

Thursday evening, January 18th, the members of Esson church in a body drove to Jarrett's Corners and took formal possession of the manse. Mr. Dobson, who has resigned the Willis and Esson charge, and will move next week to his new charge

at Fordwick and Gorrie, was presented with a purse and an address. Mr. Dobson feelingly replied, thanking the people for their kindness, and said that it was with a feeling of sadness that he was leaving the friends at Rugby. To say that the people are grieved at Mr. Dobson's departure from our midst, is but a tame expression of the feelings of the people of Esson Church.

Anniversary services were held in Chalmers church, Woodstock, on Sabbath, 21st January. This is the sixteenth year of Rev. Dr. Mackay's pastorate; and his large and steadily increasing congregation is no small tribute to his fidelity and worth. The present membership is 358, and every one of them, we understand, a prohibitionist. During the year a beautiful manse has been erected at a cost of \$4,000. The income during the year is larger than for many years past. The anniversary services were conducted by Rev. R. P. Mackay, of Toronto. Large congregations were present both on the Sabbath and on the following Monday evening, and all were delighted with the words of the Foreign Missionary Secretary.

The Rev. R. N. Grant, D.D., of Orillia, is well known throughout Canada, not only as an able pulpit and platform man, but as writer of extremely sensible and witty papers which appear from week to week in the columns of the CANADA PRESBYTERIAN under the nom de plume of "Knoxonian." His two sermons in the new First Presbyterian Church, London, on Sunday, 28th ult., were much appreciated. The powerful evening discourse on "The faith and trust of Job," will not soon be forgotten. Last evening he delivered his lecture on "Some elements of congregational success." It abounded in shrewd suggestions and ready sayings. Altogether, Dr. R. N. Grant's visit to London has been a distinct pleasure to those interested.

On Wednesday night the 17th ult., Rev. Dr. Robertson, superintendent of missions in the North-west and British Columbia, addressed a joint meeting of St. Andrew's and St. John's congregations, Almonte, in the basement of St. John's Church. The Doctor gave a great deal of useful information about the North-west. He appealed to the people on patriotic grounds to stand by the people of the North-west in their struggles for an existence, and thus prevent their crossing the line to live under another flag. He showed the rapid progress made by all the denominations in their attempts to give the gospel to our fellow-countrymen, as well as to the foreigners who had settled in that new country. There was a fair attendance at the meeting, and all were highly delighted with the interesting and instructive address delivered by Dr. Robertson.

The new Presbyterian Church recently erected at Warkworth, was opened on Jan. 21st, with appropriate dedicatory services. The pastor, Rev. D. Sutherland, was assisted by Rev. Dr. T. G. Smith, of Queen's University, Kingston, who preached morning and evening, and Rev. Mr. Wilson preached in the afternoon. The services were largely attended and much appreciated. On the Monday evening following, an excellent tea was served by the ladies of the congregation in the basement of the new church. The Auditorium was filled to its utmost capacity. Eloquent and instructive addresses were delivered by Rev. Dr. Smith, of Kingston, and also by the resident ministers. The Sabbath collections and proceeds of the soiree amounted to \$378. The church is a fine structure, both as to its exterior and interior, is an ornament to the place, and a credit to the congregation.

The Presbytery of Owen Sound met in the manse, Lion's Head, on Tuesday the 16th ult., the Rev. R. Rodgers acting as Moderator. The special business before the meeting was the license and ordination of John Maxwell, student. After due examination, Mr. Maxwell was licensed to preach the gospel, and after service in the church was duly ordained and set apart to the work of the holy ministry, by the laying on of the hands of Presbytery. Mr. Rodgers leading in prayer. At the close of the service Mr. Maxwell received a cordial personal welcome as they retired. A public reception was held in the evening. After tea Mr. Rodgers was asked to preside. The church was filled with an earnest and intelligent audience, and Mr. Maxwell, in a few well chosen words, responded to the cordial reception given him. The meeting was closed with the doxology and benediction, and the people seemed greatly pleased with the engagements of the day.

Knox Church, Cornwall, held its Sunday School anniversary on New Year. There was a very large attendance. The superintendent, Mr. J. P. Watson, presided. A short address was given by the pastor, Mr. Hastie, expressing gratification at the continued prosperity of the school. The secretary, Mr. Wm. Dingwall, read the annual report. The attendance for 1893 was larger than on any previous year. On the roll, 293 exclusive of those attending union schools outside the town. Teachers and officers, 24. Number of scholars attending church, 215. Number who are communicants, 40. Total income, \$538.98. Expenditure, \$358.98. Balance on hand, \$180.00. Books in library, 520 volumes. \$100.00 per annum were given to support two French pupils. A programme of recitations and singing was gone through, closing with refreshments. The Sunday previous Mr. Hastie preached a sermon in review of his ten years' pastorate, which ended with 1893. Among statistics given he said that during that decade over 1,000 sermons had been preached to the people, and 500 prayer meeting addresses given. There had been 215 baptisms, 331 received into full communion; 131 by certificate, 200 on profession of faith, or an average of 33 per year. The largest number received at one time was 45, of whom 42 were for the first time. Deaths averaged 12 per annum. Total contributions \$51,860.00, or an average of \$5,186.00 per year. He spoke of the large number who had left town during these ten years, still the congregation had gained more than it lost.

STUDENTS' MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF KNOX COLLEGE.

The society held its twentieth public meeting in Convocation Hall, on Friday evening, Jan. 26th, Rev. Prof. MacLaren, presiding. After devotional exercises the chairman gave a brief but comprehensive review of the work of the society, in which he traced its gradual growth, from a small beginning, many years ago, up to the present time when it has become quite an important factor in the Home Mission work of the church. During the winter work was being carried on in the gaol, Central Prison, hospitals, and other institutions in the city, and in the past summer twenty-nine students had been sent out to different fields supplying the gospel to ninety-nine stations.

After singing, the chairman called on R. G. Murison, B.A., for a paper on the "Early Scottish Church." He showed from its early history that the church was characterized by a missionary spirit and had sent the gospel to Ireland and different parts of England, long after all the rest of Christendom had come under the sway of Rome that the worship of God was maintained in comparative purity in the Scottish Church, and only for the last century before the Reformation did she submit to the papal power.

After an excellent rendering of "Though your sins be as scarlet," by Messrs. Grant, Slimmon, Abbott and Martin, Rev. I. S. Henderson of Hensall, addressed the meeting, taking for his subject "The Home Mission Crisis." He spoke of the great need of the foreign field, but drew the attention of the audience particularly to the field before them, the one lying at their very door. In the North-west Territories and Manitoba, many districts are still without the gospel. Many foreigners are coming in and forming settlements; the church cannot, dare not, neglect them. He told of how the interest in Home Mission work had been greatly increased in his own congregation by the work of the Knox College Missionary Society and would advise other congregations to support a Home missionary of their own.

In the closing part of his excellent address, the speaker appealed most forcibly to all Christian people to do their utmost to meet this crisis, from love to church, love to country, and lastly and most of all from love to Christ and loyalty to their King. After the rendering of the quartette, "Now the day is over," and the singing of a hymn, the meeting was brought to a close.

PULPIT NOTICE.

The following pulpit notice which has been sent to the ministers of Toronto, speaks for itself: A Missionary Conference is to be held in Association Hall, corner Yonge and McGill Streets, during the four days, February 13th to 16th, inclusive, in which Dr. A. J. Gordon, of Boston; Dr. A. T. Pierson, of Philadelphia; Mr. W. E. Blackstone, of Chicago; Dr. G. L. Mackay, Formosa; Mr. Spencer Walton, of Africa; and Mr. Hermann Warsawiak, of the Jewish Missions in New York, are expected to take part. It is earnestly asked that this conference may find a place in the prayers of the Lord's people, in order that it may be a great blessing to this city and country, and contribute largely toward the evangelization of the world.—Please announce the above meeting, and urge your people to remember it in prayer.—R. P. Mackay, G. J. Bishop, Elmore Harris, T. C. Desbarres, H. W. Frost, J. McP. Scott.

PRESBYTERY MEETINGS.

The Presbytery of Hamilton met on January 16th. The resignation of Mr. I. G. Murray, of Grimsby, was accepted, to take effect after March 31st. He will continue connected with the congregation as honorary pastor and Moderator of Session *ad interim*. The congregation promises a small retiring allowance as a slight recognition of their high esteem and affection. Mr. D. B. Marsh accepted the call from Blackheath, etc. The induction is fixed for the 30th inst. at E. Seneca. The clerk reported that the call to Mr. Courtenay, from International Bridge, had been declined. Reports concerning Ancaster, Barton and Locke Street, Hamilton, were given in, which were satisfactory and encouraging. A carefully prepared code of regulations for electing commissioners to the General Assembly was adopted. The committee on the application of Mr. R. McKnight, formerly minister at Danville, to be restored to the office of the ministry, reported, and the Presbytery unanimously resolved: That having regard to the peculiar difficulties that are connected with this application, and the differences of opinion found to exist among the members of Presbytery as to the proper mode of procedure, the whole case be referred *simpliciter* to the General Assembly. Mr. Johnston, of Cayuga, tendered his resignation and it was resolved to cite the congregation to appear for their interests at the March meeting. The remit on the hymnal was considered. It was resolved—That selections from the Psalms are preferable to the Psalter entire, with new versions that the incorporation of hymns for the young is not to do away with a separate hymnal for children.—John Laing, Clerk.

The Winnipeg Presbytery met on the 9th Jan. There were present the Rev. A. Matherson, of Springfield, Moderator, nine ministers and five elders. Dr. DuVal, on behalf of the committee appointed to examine students, reported and his report was adopted recommending the students examined for certification to the Senate of Manitoba College. Remits from the General Assembly were considered. In the remit of the relation of the colleges to the church, it was agreed, on motion of Rev. Dr. Bryce and Chief Justice Taylor, that in regard to the appointment of theological professors, the Presbytery expresses its preference for the plan recommended by the committee of the General Assembly, viz.: "The respective boards of management of the colleges shall nominate the professors



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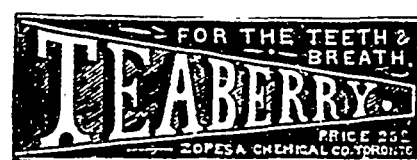
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and their appointment shall be made by the General Assembly, and would prefer uniformity in this respect by the colleges of the church, except in the cases of Queen's and Morin colleges, when this Presbytery would offer no serious objection to the method suggested in the Queen's college report, viz: "That such appointments be reported to next General Assembly after they are made by the trustees, and be subject to its rulings." A committee on hymnal, consisting of Prof. Baird, Jos. Hogg, Dr. Bryce, C. B. Pitblado and Chief Justice Taylor was appointed to consider the Assembly's remit on the draft book of praise and report at next meeting of Presbytery. In reference to the representation of the sessions of mission stations in the courts of the church, on motion of Rev. Dr. King and Jos. Hogg, it was agreed that the Presbytery approve of the law *ad interim*, sent down by the Assembly to the Presbytery.

The report, in another column, of the Trusts Corporation of Ontario, shows that the business of the concern is steadily increasing, not only in the administering of estates but also in acting as guardian, executor and trustee. By the unanimous approval of the shareholders—among whom are some of the best known men in financial and business circles—the recommendation of the directors to increase the capital stock to a million dollars was accomplished. The directors have been re-elected, Hon. J. C. Atkins is again President; Sir Richard Cartwright and Hon. S. C. Wood, Vice-Presidents.

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