

The Rev. R. E. Knowles, of Galt, spent a day at Orillia last week, with his father and mother, on his way home from Ottawa.

Rev. G. S. Milligan, St. John, N. B., was inducted into the pastorate of the church at Harrowsmith on Friday afternoon of last week. Rev. Mr. MacGillivray preached the sermon. Rev. Mr. Binnie addressed the new minister and Rev. A. Laird the people. Mr. Milligan has been heartily received by the people of his new charge.

On Tuesday night of last week about 120 friends of Rev. J. F. Somerville, who has resigned his position as pastor of the Presbyterian church at Norwood, met at the manse to bid him farewell. A lengthy address was read by Mr. Jas. Meikle, in behalf of the congregation, thanking Mr. Somerville for the many benefits they had received from him, and for the plain, straightforward way in which the Gospel truth was constantly laid before them. Miss Morrison, on behalf of his friends, also presented him with a well filled purse. Mr. Somerville, who was taken entirely by surprise, thanked the friends for the many kindnesses shown him during the eight years he had labored among them as pastor, and exhorted them to be true to the faith and the church. After singing the doxology the party broke up.

Western Ontario.

Rev. N. Smith, St. Andrew's, Niagara-on-the-Lake, has resigned.

Much to the regret of his people, Rev. Thomas Wilson, of London, has resigned.

Rev. Dr. McLeod, of Barrie, conducted Anniversary services at First Essa church on Sabbath last.

Rev. G. A. McLennan, of Jarvis, has been appointed interim moderator of the Cayuga session.

Rev. John Young, Hamilton, has been elected Moderator of Hamilton Presbytery for the ensuing six months.

The Rev. H. R. Horne, Chalmers' church, Elora, conducted the services in the Methodist Church, Mount Forest, last Sunday.

The next meeting of Hamilton Presbytery will be held in Knox church, St. Catharines, on 20th Nov. The May meeting will be held at Simcoe.

The induction of Rev. W. W. Craw, Ph. D., into the pastorate of Haynes Avenue church, St. Catharines, is appointed to take place on the 20th inst.

Rev. Dr. Smith, of Bradford, is reported as saying that bar-rooms are "the breeding places of seven-tenths of the crime and vice prevalent to-day."

On Sunday morning the Rev. A. J. Mann, B. A., Eramosa, preached a prohibition sermon in the Rockwood church before a large congregation.

Revs. F. McCuaig, J. H. Ratcliffe, and Dr. Smith were appointed by Hamilton Presbytery a committee to examine the regulations on aged and infirm ministers' fund.

The Anniversary services of Knox church, Palmerston, conducted by the Rev. R. J. M. Glassford, of Chalmers church, Guelph, last Sunday, were highly appreciated by the congregation.

The call from Knox church, Hamilton, to Rev. E. A. Henry of Brandon, Man., was signed by 802 communicants and 102 adherents; salary promised is \$2,200 and six weeks holidays. Should Mr. Henry accept, his induction will take place on 30th Dec.

The Rev. J. Little, of Holstein, has been assisting at special services being held in Harrison. On Friday last he conducted preparatory services at East Normanby and Bethel for the Rev. Mr. Reid.

The recent At Home, under the auspices of the Y. P. S. C. E. of Knox church, Palmerston, was a decided success. The basement of the church was packed by an audience eager to listen to the eloquence of the respective debaters. An excellent programme of vocal and instrumental music was also rendered.

At the Annual Thankoffering meeting of the W. F. M. Auxiliary of Division St. 1 Church, Owen Sound, Mrs. Somerville in the chair, Miss Rodgers read a story and Mrs. Black the texts which had been placed in the envelopes with the offerings. Miss Bremner of Toronto, Mrs. MacLennan and Mrs. D. Carr also took part and the meeting was very helpful and interesting. The offering amounted to \$92.00.

At the Hamilton Presbytery Rev. W. A. Cook announced that the Thorold congregation, would celebrate its jubilee next April. Revs. Dr. Fletcher, John Young and Dr. Smith were named a committee to co-operate with the congregation for a due observance of the jubilee.

At meeting of Hamilton Presbytery, Rev. J. W. Mitchell, on behalf of the committee appointed to examine the draft of "Aids for Family Worship," presented a full and elaborate report, which was adopted, and ordered to be transmitted to the Assemblies Committee.

The Rev. Geo. Gilmore, of Blenheim, takes a decided stand against the usual custom in many places of holding Sunday funerals, and unless in cases of malignant disease when early interment was necessary he does not wish to be asked to conduct funerals on the Lord's day. The directors of the Presbyterian cemetery, at Collingwood, take a similar position and decline to open the cemetery gates to Sunday funerals, unless on certificate from Health Officer. Sunday funerals should be discouraged everywhere.

Rev. J. S. Conning of Walkerton, left for the South a few weeks ago with his family, to seek a more favorable climate for the benefit of his son. The physicians have advised him to locate there for a few years at least, and he has received a call from a congregation in the city of Baltimore. Having decided to follow the advice of the medical men, Mr. Conning has placed his resignation of the pastoral charge of Walkerton in the hands of the clerk, to be dealt with at the next meeting of Presbytery.

At the recent meeting of Hamilton Presbytery, Rev. J. C. Ratcliffe read a letter he had written to Dr. Torrance, complaining of the action of the Distribution committee regarding supplies sent for the current quarter, and also the reply he had received from Dr. Torrance, in which the latter stated that he would not reply to Mr. Ratcliffe until a formal complaint had been received from the Presbytery. The members got a little warm over this, and they regarded it as a snub, and it was moved and adopted that the Presbytery endorse the letter of complaint sent by Mr. Ratcliffe, and the Clerk was instructed to write to the Assemblies Committee to this effect. [Without knowing anything of the merits of the case we shall be greatly surprised if it should be found that Dr. Torrance acted improperly. The venerable doctor is so uniformly correct and courteous in his work and conduct that it would seem quite impossible for him to be guilty of a "snub," much less of an error in procedure.—Editor.]

Barrie Presbyterian W. F. M. S.

CONDENSED FROM THE PACKET'S REPORT.

The 16th annual meeting of the W. F. M. Presbyterian Society, was held in the Presbyterian church, Orillia, Wednesday and Thursday, October 20th and 21st. In every respect this was the best meeting held by the Society. Mrs. J. B. Tudhope, convener of committee on credentials, reported sixty-two delegates as enrolled.

The Session opened on Wednesday at 2 p. m., by a devotional meeting, conducted by Mrs. Campbell, of Oro. Mrs. R. N. Grant, Orillia, President, in her address which followed, gave a resume of the year's work, and showed clearly that the great aim of the Society should be to do as did Dr. Storrs see the end from the beginning, that the grand consummation of the Gospel's aim be fulfilled. The reports of thirty-two Auxiliaries, and eighteen Bands were then presented, and were very encouraging. In the latter, there were many divers ways of interesting the young people. Mrs. W. Thomson, of Orillia, in an address, beautiful for its thought and expression, welcomed the delegates, and bid them above all else not to feel as strangers in our church and homes, when so strong a bond as the common aim of our work unites them, such as none other can. Mrs. W. A. Copeland, of Collingwood, on behalf of the delegates, warmly responded, and would inspire us with a desire to pray more for our Societies' great aim. Mrs. Stewart, of Victoria Harbor, who had recently been a teacher in Regina Industrial School, addressed the Society at length upon Presbyterian Indian schools, and the six boarding schools of our church, which have an enrollment of four hundred pupils. Mrs. Cranston, of Collingwood, gave an excellent Bible reading on Prayer, from John xiv. Prayer was divided into five parts, adoration, confession, thanksgiving, petition and intercession—that our natural wills be subservient to the

will of Christ. Session adjourned at 6.

On Thursday the first item of business was the reading of Presbyterial reports. Miss McConkey, of Barrie, Tidings Secretary, reported 703 leaflets subscribed for, which was twenty-five in advance of last year. Mrs. J. Playfair, of Midland, reported a large bale of excellent clothing, much of which was new, and valued at \$586.85. The expense of transportation was materially reduced through the kindness of Mr. Playfair, who carried the bale as far as Fort William free of charge.

From the full and interesting paper read by Mrs. Needham, of Orillia, summarising the reports of auxiliaries, we make the following extracts. Taken as a whole we may safely say they report progress along all lines. Four only show decrease. We have extended our borders by the addition of two branches, Creemore and Hillsdale Auxiliaries, and one Young Woman's Band, in Elmville, with bright prospects, therefore at present we have 32 Auxiliaries, and 23 Mission Bands, in all 55 branches. The membership of the Auxiliaries is 587, including 88 members of General Society, which with the Mission Band membership of 556, made a grand total of 1143, 68 members in advance of last year, and an average attendance of 550, two ahead of last year. * Our contributions this year are most gratifying. Auxiliaries contributed \$1536.62; Mission Bands, \$485, making a total of \$2021.62, over \$381 in excess of last year. It has been questioned by some as to whether a country's prosperity and spirituality go hand in hand. Of this we would not speak. Our work is slow, steady, sure. As the magnitude and grandeur of the work unfolds itself through knowledge gained by the spread of Missionary literature, and correspondence with foreign workers, the interest and also love for the work increases. One thing we notice with joy, is the growing spirituality of our women. What was once only considered a duty, is now accepted as a great privilege.

Mrs. Tillson, of Bracebridge, answered many questions relative to the Society's work, to the satisfaction of all. Mrs. Cameron, of Allandale, gave an address on Mission Band work, and stated that one of the chief hindrances to juvenile work was indifference of parents. Mrs. Smith, of Cookstown, further discussed Mission Band work. Adjournment at 12:30 noon.

The afternoon session was opened by a devotional meeting, conducted by Mrs. McKinnell, of Orillia, the topic of which was the "Second coming of our Lord."

Among the officers elected for the ensuing year are the following: Honorary President, Mrs. Cameron, Allandale; President, Mrs. R. N. Grant, Orillia; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. J. Fraser Smith, Bradford; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. H. Stewart, Victoria Harbor; 3rd Vice-President, Mrs. W. A. Copeland, Collingwood; 4th Vice-President, Mrs. Dow, Gravenhurst; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Needham, Orillia.

Mrs. Dow, of Gravenhurst, followed with an address, full of fire and enthusiasm, on "An Ideal Auxiliary," and how much could be brought about but for the apathy and carelessness of the members themselves. Mrs. Greene, Mrs. Locke, and Mr. G. H. Hale, presented greetings from the Anglican and Methodist Auxiliaries. Mrs. Gregory, of Mansewood, for over an hour, spoke of the "Stirring up of individuals to a sense of God's call," and impressed upon her hearers the duty and privilege of enlisting in this chosen work. Mrs. Moodie, of Barrie, one of the early workers in this Presbyterian Society, gave earnest, helpful, closing words, also compared the difficulties of working some years ago with the more modern and speedy despatch of business, which augured well for the Society. The 16th meeting closed, to meet in Collingwood in October next.

Education is not to fit a man or woman to fill a certain position in life, but it is the making of the boy or girl to be what he or she ought to be in life.—Ruskin.

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