

The parlour social at Tarbolton netted seventy dollars for church purposes.

A successful social for benevolent purposes was held this week under the auspices of the First church, Truro, N.S.

At the annual meeting of the Presbyterian church, Prescott, the congregation, by a unanimous vote, added \$100 a year to the salary of the pastor, Rev. Jas. Stuart. The financial statement showed a good balance on the right side of the ledger. The societies connected with the church also brought in favourable reports.

The contract for the erection of the new church at Hill's Green, has been awarded to Mr. Robert Patterson, of Hensall, for \$1,180. The congregation supply the brick, stone and sand and the contractor supplies all other material and does all the work. Mr. Patterson is a thoroughly practical and experienced man and the contract could not have fallen into better hands. There were several tenders for the work. The church is to be finished about the first December next.

The annual tea-meeting of the First Presbyterian church, Lachute, was held on Tuesday night last week and was largely attended. Tea was served until about nine o'clock when the programme was taken up. This consisted of speeches from Revs. Messrs. Craig, Waddell, Fraser and Higgins, music by the choir, Mr. Barron, Mrs. Craig and Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Stevens, of Calumet, and a recitation from Miss Lambly. Rev. Mr. Mackie presided in his usual happy way. The audience received a rich treat from the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Stevens in the two selections sung by them. Both possess powerful, clear and well trained voices. We trust we may be favoured with their presence again. The proceeds were all that could be desired.

Last month Rev D. McVicar, B.A., pastor of Amos church, Dromore, and of Knox church, Normandy, was united in marriage to Miss M. D. McLean, eldest daughter of Rev. A. McLean, Blyth, Ont., and granddaughter of the late Rev. Walter Inglis, of Ayr. During Mr. McVicar's absence, the members of Amos congregation placed in the manse a fine suite of dining-room furniture, an easy chair, and other smaller but useful articles. An address of welcome and congratulation was left on the table. On the Tuesday evening following Mr. and Mrs. MacVicar's arrival home about forty of the Normandy congregation drove to the manse, bringing with them a handsome suite of bedroom furniture. An enjoyable evening was spent; singing, recitations and social chat being the order. Since Mr. MacVicar's pastorate began, about eighteen months ago, both congregations have prospered greatly. In Amos sixty-four new members have been added, the church freed from debt, new sheds erected and paid for, and the salary increased by fifty dollars. Knox church is in a correspondingly prosperous condition. The congregations are to be congratulated on their state of prosperity, and the feeling of good will which exists between pastor and people in all quarters.

In the Presbyterian church, Belgrave, on Sabbath, the 25th ult., Rev. Mr. Law spoke pretty plainly to the congregation on a question of privilege, about certain rumours and slanderous reports raised by some disturbers of the peace in the congregations affecting his character and standing as a minister of the Canada Presbyterian Church. It was stated pretty freely that he had not told all the truth to the Presbytery at Wingham, 16th January last, on matters relating to a proposed union of Belgrave Presbyterian church with Calvin church, in East Wawanosh. The rev. gentleman showed plainly that there was no ground for charges of that sort whatever. He stated then and there what he said at the Presbytery, and read a certificate he had from Mr. McNabb, Presbytery Clerk, to that effect. There are about half a dozen who have taken it upon themselves to run this church, as it were, ever since last annual meeting, and if they don't stop such high-handed, ignorant proceedings on their part, the result will be (much to be deplored by every right-thinking person) a general breaking up of the congregation, as they must surely know that others have as much right

to be heard and consulted on church matters as they have.

The congregation of Wingham celebrated the inauguration of Rev. David Perrie to the pastorate of the church. The members of the Presbytery were entertained to a sumptuous repast. In all, about seven hundred partook of the excellent supper provided. Tables were spread with the choicest entertainments and busy waiters did their part to the satisfaction of all. At eight o'clock Dr. McDonald, M.P., chairman, announced in the auditorium the time for the intellectual part of the proceedings had come, and when the choir, under the able leadership of Professor Scott, sang a hymn, the venerated and Rev. S. Jones led the assembly in solemn prayer. The church was well filled with an attentive and appreciative audience. On the platform with the chairman were Revs. S. Jones, J. L. Murray, D. Millar, J. Malcolm, D. Perrie, (the newly inducted pastor), J. McNabb, of the Presbytery, and M. McGregor, of the Baptist church, Wingham. Mr. Millar, Mr. McGregor, Mr. Murray and Mr. McNabb gave interesting and practical addresses, which were interspersed with excellent singing by the choir. The new pastor addressed the congregation briefly on the relation between them and some duties arising out of the relation. The audience was most attentive all through, and the meeting from first to last seemed more like a religious service than an old time tea-meeting. The cordial and enthusiastic reception given to Mr. Perrie must have been very gratifying to him and augurs well for a happy pastorate.

Presbytery of Whitby.

At an adjourned meeting of the Presbytery of Whitby, held at Whitby, two calls were presented, one from the congregation of Gravenhurst and one from Georgetown for the translation of the Rev. Louis Perrin, B.A., from his present charge at Pickering. After parties had been heard, Mr. Perrin expressed his desire to accept the call from Georgetown. It was moved and seconded that the translation be granted, to take place after the 18th of March. Rev. John Chisholm, B.A., of Dumbarton was appointed moderator of session of the vacant charge which is one of the best in the Presbytery of Whitby.

Presbytery of Paris.

The Paris Presbytery held an adjourned meeting in Zion church, Brantford, March 5th, Rev. R. G. Sinclair presiding as Moderator. The congregation of Norwich becomes an independent pastoral charge, and proposals are under consideration for connecting Bookton, Windham Centre and Waterford. Tilsonburg is also becoming an independent pastoral charge, Culloden to be put on the list of mission stations after May 1st. Mr. McGregor was appointed moderator of Verschoil's session. Commissioners to Assembly are as follows: Dr. G. L. McKay, Dr. Cochrane, Messrs. Pettigrew, Cockburn, Hardie, and Sinclair, ministers; and Messrs. Wallace, Smith, Spiers, Marshall, Kennedy and Skene, elders. A minute expressive of the regret of the Presbytery at the removal of Mr. Myers, and their high esteem of him, was adopted. A lengthy discussion took place on the selection of hymns submitted by the Assembly's committee for the new Book of Praise, and numerous alterations in the same were recommended, very many of the proposed hymns being regarded as of inferior merit and some objectionable on doctrinal grounds, such as Nos. 37 and 95. The Presbytery is strongly in favour of retaining all the psalms, and would like to see a more numerous selection of hymns included suitable for baptismal, evangelistic and missionary services, in which respect our present Hymnal is very defective. The discussion of Mr. Hutt's overture to make total abstinence a term of communion was resumed, and permission given him to change his motion to one for transmission instead of adoption and transmission. Dr. McKay seconded Mr. Hutt's motion so altered. Dr. McMullen moved an amendment agreeing

to transmit but expressing disapproval of the principle of the overture. Mr. Hardie moved that it was inexpedient that the overture be transmitted. This last was carried by a very large majority. A unanimous call from First church, Brantford, to Rev. R. H. Abraham, of Burlington, was sustained, and steps taken to prosecute the same. Next meeting is to be held in Ingersoll, July 10th, 11 a.m. — W. T. McMULLEN, Clerk.

Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew.

The regular meeting of Lanark and Renfrew Presbytery was held in Zion church, Carleton Place. After devotional exercises by the moderator, Rev. G. T. Bayne, there was a conference held on the State of Religion and Sabbath Schools. Rev. Messrs. Nixon and Campbell presented the reports on the above subjects, after which there was a general discussion. Next day the business was resumed, when Rev. Mr. Logie, of Chalo River, was elected moderator for the ensuing six months. After devotional exercises Rev. S. J. Taylor, of Montreal, gave a most interesting address on the French work and the obligation to prosecute it. The next order of business was the appointment of commissioners to the General Assembly, which resulted as follows: By ballot — Revs. Dr. Campbell, A. A. Scott and T. Nixon and Messrs. J. Gillies, F. T. Frost, Jas. McLeod and S. S. Hunter, elders; and by rotation — Rev. Messrs. Patterson, Logie, G. T. Bayne, McNabb and Taylor, with the following sessions to appoint their representative elder: Castlesford, Beachburg, Fakenham and Elmsley. It was decided to nominate Rev. Dr. G. L. McKay, of Formosa, as next moderator of the General Assembly—a very fitting tribute to his long work on the foreign field. Rev. Dr. Campbell presented the Home Mission report, which was discussed at some length, especially that part of it which dealt with the Assembly's resolution that home missionary societies among the young people be organized in all congregations. It was finally agreed to send it to sessions for their consideration and report at next regular meeting. The reports on Temperance and Systematic Benevolence were presented by Rev. Messrs. Taylor and Mitchell, both of which were very gratifying. The most heated discussion of the day took place when Rev. Mr. Mitchell presented the report on the new draft Book of Praise. It was finally agreed to enlarge the Hymnal but leave the Psalter stand in its entirety.

Obituary.

REV. LACHLIN CAMERON died at the manse, Thamesford, at 9.20 on Monday evening, 26th Feb., of acute pneumonia in the 67th year of his age, after an illness of a little more than two months. He had not been feeling well in the fall and conducted at least two funeral services in very cold, stormy days, when he ought to have been in his own home nursing himself. He kept gradually getting worse until he had to give up work altogether. Although the doctors did all in their power to relieve their patient, from the first they had very little hope of his ultimate recovery. He came from Scotland when a young lad and attended Knox College, Toronto, from which he graduated. He was settled as pastor of the Acton congregation for some years before coming to Thamesford. It was at that place that he was married to a Miss Kennedy, who proved a devoted, loving wife to him until called away to her reward about three years ago. Mr. Cameron was inducted to the Thamesford congregation in the end of 1874, and he laboured there up to the time of his last illness. He leaves behind him two sons, John Calvin, and Hugh Dallas, and two daughters, Mrs. D. Kester, of Mt. Elgin, and Hannah, and Mrs. Millan, a widowed sister who has been keeping house for him since a short time after the lamented death of Mrs. Cameron. His death has cast a gloom, not only over the whole congregation, but over the whole community. The funeral will take place Thursday afternoon, when the remains will be laid beside those of Mrs. Cameron at the Presbyterian cemetery. John Calvin, the oldest son, just returned last week from California. — Woodstock Sentinel-Review.