

Miss Helen Davies has been appointed soprano soloist of the First Church, Peterboro.

St. Andrew's church, Smith's Falls, celebrated its sixty-ninth anniversary.

The Presbyterians of Westmeath, held an enjoyable tea-meeting on Christmas eve.

Mr. Howard Scott, Queen's, is spending the vacation with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. A. H. Scott, St. Andrew's manse, Perth.

Rev. Mr. Kannawin and Mrs. Kannawin, of Woodville, Ont., have been spending a few days with friends in Brockville.

The Rev. J. U. Tanner, of Lancaster, is spending the Christmas holidays with friends of his former pastorate in Omemee.

The Presbyterian Women's Foreign Missionary Society for Lanark and Renfrew will meet at Pembroke on January 13th and 14th.

Mr. Robt. McPhee, of Montreal, representative of the Continental Heat and Light Co., is installing an acetylene light plant in the new Presbyterian church at Balderson.

Rev. N. H. MacGillivray, of Carp, who has accepted the call to St. John's church, Cornwall, will leave for his new field of labor about the end of January.

The united congregations of St. James' church, Stouffville, and Melville church, Markham, have extended a unanimous call to Mr. Robert Barber, a recent graduate of Knox College.

In connection with the Sunday School concert in the Napanee church, mention is made of the singing of two Chinamen which was considered quite a novelty, and showed what progress they are making in English and music. The cantata was the principal feature of the evening, and reflected great credit on Mrs. Edwards and Miss Henwood, who so efficiently instructed the children.

The Brockville Recorder 21st. inst. says: The services in the First Presbyterian church yesterday were conducted by Rev. Mr. Bryan, of Westport. There was a good attendance both morning and evening, considering the unfavorable weather and slippery sidewalks. Mr. Bryan is an able preacher and his sermons were listened to with pleasure and profit.

On Monday evening, the Children's Mission Band of St. John's church, Cornwall, had a very pleasant entertainment in the Sunday School room. Dr. McNish opened the evening with a prayer and a few remarks, after which a hymn was sung and then the children presented a good programme. Miss Amy McNish and Ethyle Skelton presided.

The Y.P.S.C.E. of Knox church, Cornwall, at their annual meeting on Monday evening last, elected the following officers for the current term—Rev. Robt. Harkness, hon. president; Miss Hattie Binnie, president; Mr. J. R. Herdman, vice-president; Miss Ida Paterson, corresponding secretary; Miss Jessie Fetterly, recording secretary; Miss Louise Gillie, treasurer. The regular standing committee for the winter season were also named at this meeting.

The Mission Band of Knox church, Lancaster, held its annual meeting on 19th inst., there being a full attendance. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—Mrs. Wm. Henderson, sr., President, re-elected; Miss J. Ray-side, 1st. Vice-President, re-elected; Miss C. Dickson and Miss Olive Fraser, 2nd. Vice-Presidents; Miss M. Gillespie, Secretary; Miss M. Houston, Treasurer. The Treasurer reported a balance in the bank of \$40.55.

#### Western Ontario.

Tilbury congregation has unanimously called Rev. Mr. Livingston, of Amherstburg.

It is proposed to change the name of Wentworth church, Hamilton, to St. Andrews.

West Flamboro Presbyterians recently celebrated the 70th. anniversary of the congregation.

Tenders are invited for a new church at Maple Valley; material to be brick and a stone foundation.

Rev. Isaac McDonald, of Mosa, has received an unanimous call to Southampton; stipend \$750 and a manse.

Rev. J. G. Stuart, London, is interim moderator of the sessions of Hyde Park and Kamoka, vacant by the resignation of Rev. W. A. Wylie.

The Ladies' Aid of Gables church have just completed the payment of the entire expense connected with the building of the church sheds last summer, the amount being nearly \$140.

Rev. R. Pogue, pastor of Hespeler Presbyterian church, has accepted a call to Bethany church, Philadelphia, as assistant to Rev. Dr. Patterson, formerly of Cooke's church, Toronto.

Anniversary services were recently held in the Rothsay church, Rev. Mr. McCullough, of Guthrie church, Harrison, preached eloquent and impressive sermons morning and evening. The offerings amounted to \$80.

Rev. Mr. Sawyers, of Bracefield, conducted anniversary services most acceptably at Avonton recently. The tea meeting on the following evening was very largely attended, and the arrangements for supper very complete. A musical and literary program followed accompanied with addresses by Revs. McAuley of Mitchell and Stewart of Motherwell.

The new church edifice at Kilsyth was opened for Divine Service last Sabbath, Rev. Prof. McLaren, D. D., preaching in the morning and Rev. Dr. Somerville, of Owen Sound, taking the evening service. The opening services will be continued next Sabbath, when Rev. Dr. Gilray, of Toronto, will officiate.

Rev. Mr. Cranston, of Collingwood, preached anniversary sermons last Sunday for the Bradford Presbyterians. It was the 10th anniversary of the opening of the new church, and half a century since the forming of the congregation. On Monday evening Rev. Dr. Gilray, of Toronto, lectured to a large audience on "Rome, City of the Seven Hills."

—Sarnia Observer: A large assemblage of people turned out Sunday afternoon to hear Hon. G. W. Ross, at St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, when he delivered a most thoughtful and inspiring address on the effect of home mission work on the development of national character. His address delighted his hearers and the collection then given on behalf of the Sunday school mission fund amounted to the handsome sum of \$108.07, being upwards of \$40 more than what was asked for.

The Woodstock Chalmers' church S. S. anniversary on Tuesday evening was a great success. From six to eight, a supper was served to the scholars, after which they and their friends filled the body of the church. Mr. James Weir, superintendent, presided, and called on Rev. Dr. McKay to open with prayer. The entertainment consisted of instrumental duets, vocal solos, dialogues, recitations and choruses. A leading feature of the programme was a cantata entitled "The Pilgrims," by seventeen young ladies, conducted by Miss Dodge.

It is not yet too late to make mention of the successful anniversary services held by the Woodbridge Presbyterians, when Rev. S. Talling preached morning and evening to large congregations. On Monday evening following a social entertainment was held at which a meritorious musical programme was submitted; but the feature of the evening was an eloquent address by Rev. Alex. Esler, of Cooke's church, Toronto. The proceeds will be devoted to liquidating the debt of the new manse erected by

the united congregations of Knox church (Vaughan) and Woodbridge and which is (as it ought to be) a most comfortable home for the minister's family, with all modern conveniences, open fire places and lighted with Siche gas throughout. Rev. M. McKinnon, who was only recently settled in this charge, has already endeared himself to the people; while in the "mistress of the manse" he has a help mate indeed.

#### Lindsay Presbytery.

At the recent regular meeting of Presbytery in Lindsay Dec. 15th, there was an interesting discussion of "The relation of the young people to the church," led by Mr. Kannawin, the interest created by the opening address was well sustained by a number of succeeding speakers, including the Rev. Dr. McTavish, of Toronto, who also addressed the court in the interests of the Foreign mission work of our church; and for his comprehensive, and persuasive address on this subject, he received the thanks of the Presbytery.

The remit on stipends in augmented charges was considered and the judgment of Presbytery was that the minimum of stipend in augmented charges should be raised not less than fifty dollars. The augmentation committee's remit was considered and the judgment of Presbytery was that the minimum in augmented charges should be raised by not less than fifty dollars.

One, probably two, out of our three augmented charges will become self-sustaining congregations next spring.

Mr. P. F. Sinclair was elected moderator for the next half-year. The next regular meeting will be held in Woodville on Tuesday, March 15th, 1904.

There was earnest discussion of the report of the Assembly's commission on the relations of Queen's University to the church. The 1st, 2nd, and 3rd resolutions adopted by the commission were approved. The hour having arrived when it was necessary to adjourn the court arose without pronouncing upon the 4th and 5th resolutions.

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