

Dempster to his congregation was more than the mere breaking of the ties of friendship, and although their pastor keenly felt his nearing departure he knew he went with humble submission to God's will. It was his wish and he was certain the wish of all present that the blessing of God should continue to abide with their pastor in whatever land he would in future dwell.

The Board of Directors of the Upper Canada Tract Society met on Thursday evening last, with Rev. John Burton, B.D., in the chair. The colporteur's report showed that for October, in Ontario and Manitoba, they had travelled 1,252 miles, made 1,054 visits and sold 773 Bibles and the best religious books. Mr. R. Irvine, one of the best colporteurs, obtained leave of absence until the end of June to finish his arts course in Trinity College, and Mr. Robert Curry, of Tweed, was appointed in his place. Another colporteur will be appointed for western Ontario whenever a suitable man can be found. Mr. Bone continues his work on the Welland canal and Mr. Potter on Lake Ontario and St. Lawrence, both as special sailors' missionaries. Free grants of tracts are continuously going out all over the land, as to the Toronto City Mission, Y.M.C.A., W.C.T. Unions, lumber camps, hospitals, poor Sabbath schools and many needy places. The sailors' bags have been a great boon this summer; \$750 under the Jesse Ketchum bequest will go to all the Sunday schools in Toronto. During October Dr. Moffatt, the secretary, gave twenty-five sermons and addresses in different parts of the province in behalf of the society.

The Guelph Mercury says: The communion was observed in Chalmers Church on Sabbath week. It was held a few weeks earlier than usual so as to come on the last day that Rev. Dr. Wardrope would preach and conduct the services as pastor of the church. It may be well understood, therefore, that the occasion was a solemn one, not only to the venerable pastor, but also to the congregation. The day was remarkably favourable, and this, together with the event referred to, brought out the largest attendance of members which ever gathered within the walls of the church. Dr. Wardrope preached an appropriate sermon from Acts xx. 7. "And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them." At night there was also a large attendance not only of those belonging to the congregation, but also many from other churches, when Dr. Wardrope preached a most impressive sermon from Titus ii. 13: "Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of that great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ." The hymns sung were very appropriate to the subject and the solemn services were brought to a close by singing "God be with you till we meet again," which was sung with much feeling by the choir and the whole congregation.

The Orillia Packet says: We regret to have to record the death of the Rev. George Needham, B.A., which took place at the manse, Edmondville, on Friday morning last. He was quite a young man, and has been cut off in the midst of a useful life. The doctors were not very clear as to the cause of death, but they judged it to be Addison's disease, which is somewhat uncommon. Death was comparatively unexpected, as Mr. Needham enjoyed fairly good health until a very short time ago. He graduated at Toronto University, subsequently attended Knox College, where he carried off a fair share of the honours offered by that institution, from which he graduated in 1889, and was licensed in the same year as a minister of the Presbyterian Church. He was settled over the Edmondville congregation in June of 1890. The congregation has largely increased and in every way prospered under his ministry. He was greatly beloved by all the people, who now mourn his sudden and sad demise. The funeral obsequies were conducted in the church on Monday, by the Presbytery of Huron, in the presence of a large concourse, embracing not only the stricken congregation but

almost the whole community. He is interred in the Edmondville burying ground, by the side of his child. His widow is a daughter of the Rev. George Grant, B.A., I.P.S., Orillia.

The Presbyterian Journal, Philadelphia, says: The First Presbyterian Church, Providence, R.I., celebrated its twentieth anniversary on Tuesday evening, October 25, by a social entertainment, which was attended by a large and appreciative company. The pastor, Rev. J. A. F. McLean, on the Sabbath evening previous, reviewed the work of the church since its organization, showing that during the twenty years \$20 had been received into the fellowship of the church, 440 on profession of faith and 380 by letter. During his pastorate of six years there have been received 403. There are now on the roll 342, of whom 264 are in the city and in good and regular standing. Of the original nineteen charter members only five were present, the others having died or moved to other places. The church edifice cost about \$8,000, and is free from incumbrance. The anniversary exercises were held in the audience room of the church. Mr. Andrew Marshall presided and extended a cordial invitation to all present. Prayer was offered by Rev. Thomas Atkinson, of Worcester, after which the Rev. J. A. F. McLean reviewed his pastoral work and said that during the past year he had fourteen baptisms, three being adults, and had celebrated twenty-four marriages. He spoke of the interesting period at which the church had arrived, and expressed the hope that God would guide and direct them in the future as He had done in the past.

ANNIVERSARY services were conducted recently by Professor Caven, of Knox College, Toronto, in the Presbyterian Church, Campbellford. On the following Monday evening the annual tea took place. This part of the proceedings was assigned to the ladies, who strove to leave no want unsupplied and they succeeded admirably, serving a most enjoyable repast, that satisfied all who partook of it. At 8 o'clock the chair was taken by the Rev. M. Scott in the auditorium, and the second part of the programme of the evening was proceeded with. It was opened by singing, and prayer by the Rev. A. Dowsley. Brief addresses followed, most suitable and full of excellent thoughts, by Rev. C. Parker, Campbellford, Rev. A. Graham, of North Williamsburg, Rev. Dr. Thomson, of Hastings, Rev. J. Hay, of Cobourg, former pastor of the church, and Rev. J. L. George, of Belleville. The latter was the speaker of the evening, the others having given way to allow him plenty of latitude. He gave a lecture on "The Pleasures of Life." It was thoroughly enjoyed from beginning to end. Rev. J. Hay took for the subject of his short address, thoroughness, tact, perseverance and principle, which he outlined with his well-known ability and in a very pleasing manner. All the gentlemen on the platform expressed kind wishes for the welfare of the church. The choir added very much to the enjoyment of the meeting by singing several excellent pieces in a most creditable manner. The receipts from collections and tea amounted to about \$175.

PRESBYTERY OF STRATFORD.—This Presbytery met in Knox Church, Stratford, on the 5th inst., Rev. R. Hamilton, moderator. Mr. Campbell, of Granton asked the Presbytery regarding the arrangement of stations and hours of services in his field. Messrs. Hamilton, Tully, Panton and McMaster were appointed a committee to visit these fields, consult with them as to the propriety of making the necessary change and report to next regular meeting. Reports in behalf of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund and the Foreign Mission Fund were presented by Messrs. Dickson and Henderson, which were adopted. An overture was presented by Mr. Tully, which is as follows: "To the Reverend the Synod of Hamilton and London, the following overture is presented by the Presbytery of Stratford. In view of the fact that the feeling is wide-spread in the Church, that the interests of the Church would be better served by bringing a larger number of our ministers and elders into active service as members of the various committees by which so large a part of the work of the Church is done, and for this purpose it is desirable that the members of these committees should be evenly distributed among the Presbyteries. Be it resolved that the committee appointed to strike standing committees shall consist of members who shall be nominated by the Presbyteries, each Presbytery making its nomination from among its commissioners to Assembly, and it shall be the duty of the Moderator of Assembly to name from this number the convener of the committee." This overture was unanimously adopted by the Presbytery, and the Clerk was instructed to forward it to the Clerk of Synod. Messrs. Tully and Hamilton were appointed to support this overture on the floor of the Synod. Mr. Campbell read a paper on "Evangelistic Services" which was well received by the Presbytery. Messrs. Campbell, Hamilton and Tully, were appointed to correspond with parties with the view of securing the services of some evangelist, and failing this to arrange among members of presbytery a series of such services. Mr. Campbell was asked to publish the paper. Presbytery adjourned to meet in Knox Church, Mitchell, on 17th January, 1893 at 2 p.m., when the Woman's Foreign Mission Society also meets.—A. F. TULLY, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF WHITBY.—This Presbytery met in St. Johns Church, Port Perry, on Tuesday, October 18. A conference under the direction of the Presbytery was held on the evening preceding, when "The Nature of the Young in the Home" was spoken to by Rev. J. A. McKee, B.A., Orono, and Rev. R. B. Smith, Ashburn. "The Organization of the Young in the Church" by Rev. S. H. Eastman, B.A., Oshawa, and Rev. J. S. McLaren, Columbus. The church was completely filled by an enthusiastic audience, and an interesting free discussion was had of the subjects above named. The choir of the church rendered admirable service. The conference was continued on Tuesday morning at nine o'clock, an address being given by Rev. R.

D. Fraser, M.A., Bowmanville, on "The Conduct of Public Worship." As a result of the discussion which followed, a committee, with Mr. Fraser as Convener, was appointed by the Presbytery to prepare an order of public worship to be submitted to the next meeting of the Presbytery and to be used so far as possible in the congregations of the Presbytery. The Presbytery was formally constituted at eleven o'clock by Rev. R. D. Fraser, Moderator. In the absence through illness of Rev. A. A. Drummond, the Clerk, Rev. J. A. McKee was appointed Clerk pro tem. The claims of Home Missions and Augmentation were presented by Rev. J. Abraham, Convener of Home Mission Committee. Amounts were allocated to the various congregations of the Presbytery. Mr. Allison, an elder from the congregation of Dunbarton, appeared before the Presbytery for approval in view of his appointment as a lay catechist by the Home Mission Committee. After conference with Mr. Allison through a committee the approval asked for was cordially granted. The Presbyterian Women's Foreign Mission Society requested the Presbytery to appoint one of their number to give an address at the next annual meeting of the Society at Oshawa in January. Rev. R. M. Phalen, B.A., of Enniskillen and Cartwright, was appointed to give the address. Rev. J. Abraham and Mr. George Thompson were appointed a committee to visit Newcastle congregation in connection with the grant from the Augmentation Fund. Instructions were given to print the report on statistics and systematic beneficence for distribution among the families of the Presbytery. It was further agreed that each pastor bring the subject of systematic giving before his people in a sermon. A resolution expressive of the sympathy of the Presbytery with its venerable and esteemed Clerk in his continued illness was adopted. The Presbytery adjourned to meet at Oshawa on the third Tuesday of January next, at 10.30 a.m.

PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.—An adjourned meeting of the Presbytery of Montreal was held in the Presbyterian College last week; Professor Scrimger, Moderator pro tem. The Rev. Dr. Smyth read a report of the Examining Committee recommending that the following students be certified to the Senate of the Presbyterian College. Messrs. A. W. Snyder, first year arts; W. MacKeracher, third year arts; Louis R. Giroux, second year theology; also Mr. McInnis, first year theology, to attend until his papers arrive from the Presbytery of Algoma. The report was concurred in. The call from St. Hyacinthe to the Rev. M. F. Boudreau, of New Glasgow, was then taken up. The call was unanimously in favour of the Rev. Mr. Boudreau, and was accompanied with a guarantee from the congregation of \$200 a year, with rent of house, on condition that the minister exert himself to have a manse built there without unnecessary delay. Mr. Ducloux appeared as commissioner from St. Hyacinthe, and Messrs. Murray, Simpson and Vernon from New Glasgow. These gentlemen having been heard, the Presbytery resolved to apply to the Board of French Evangelization for an annual grant of \$300 and to the Augmentation Fund for \$300. Mr. Boudreau decided that, with the consent of the Presbytery, he would accept the call. The Rev. A. J. Mowatt moved, seconded by the Rev. F. M. Dewey, that the translation be granted. The Presbytery adopted the motion, and at the same time resolved to put on record its special sympathy with the New Glasgow congregation, and to assure them of its co-operation and assistance in every possible way. It was decided to declare the pulpit of New Glasgow vacant on the second Sabbath in November, and that the Presbytery should meet at St. Hyacinthe on the 10th inst. to induct the Rev. M. F. Boudreau. The Rev. Mr. Taylor was appointed Moderator of the Session of New Glasgow during the vacancy. Papers were read bearing upon the call from East Gloucester to the Rev. N. Waddell, of Russelltown. Mr. Cræser appearing from the congregation of the latter place. Mr. Waddell decided not to accept the call, and the Presbytery expressed its hearty approval of his decision. The Rev. F. M. Dewey applied on behalf of Mr. Newmark for leave to substitute a course of reading for attendance on lectures during the winter. Mr. Newmark, after conference with a committee of the Presbytery, agreed to continue attendance in the meantime.



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Mr. McAlla, a native of County Down, Ireland, came to Canada in 1854, and after a short residence in Hamilton located in St. Catharines, where, in partnership with his brother, he carried on a successful grocery and hardware business. Heart, head and conscience were put into the business, and it was successful beyond that of many who began the race with them. He was in the highest sense an honourable business man, and possessed the respect and confidence of the whole community.

Mr. McAlla was first and always the servant of Christ, to whom he consecrated his eminent ability. His labours were abundant in the congregation in which he was an honoured and beloved office-bearer. Until failing health compelled him to give up active work, it was to him a privilege to visit the sick, the burdened, the tempted, and his presence always brought comfort. He did not visit for the sake of visiting, but delighted to go where he could comfort distressed ones, or help those who were discouraged into a brighter Christian experience. He was the minister's assistant, doing willingly and cheerfully whatever was to be done. The writer has often marvelled at his tact in dealing with individuals. Taught by the Holy Spirit and assisted by experience he had wonderful skill in diagnosing spiritual maladies, and was greatly blessed of God in leading many to Christ. Young men were greatly beloved by him and in this sphere he delighted to toil. For years he taught a class for young men which was the centre of blessing; and "my young men," as he loved to call them, are to be found all over the globe doing active Christian work. Not Canada alone but Corea, Japan, and many other lands have felt the power of his consecrated life through those who received instruction from his lips. This was the last department of Christian work to be given up, and the separation was painful.

For a number of years his health has been very indifferent. Bronchial colds and excruciating headaches caused him many sleepless nights and weary days. About a year ago, while attending a funeral he received a severe wetting, from the effects of which he never recovered. Although able to be about the house the greater part of the time, and occasionally to drive out, his work outside his home was done. One would like to lift the veil and give the world a view of that home, but it is too sacred to expose to public gaze. It was thoroughly Christian, sanctified by the word and prayer, a veritable Bethel.

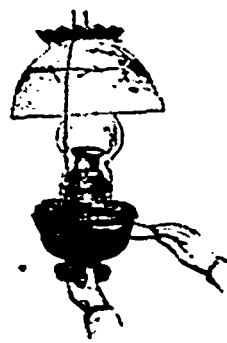
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