

at present. Miss Caven then sang a solo very sweetly, after which Mrs. Bilder gave a Bible reading. The Treasurer's report showed \$71.25 on hand.

On May 20th, at the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of the French American College, the degree of D.D. was conferred upon the Rev. C. E. Amaron. He was instrumental in founding the French American College which has been for some eleven years chartered by the mass Legislature with power to confer degrees. This is the first honorary degree conferred.

On Sabbath, May 31st, the Presbyterian Church, Caledonia, celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of the organization of the congregation. Very appropriate sermons were delivered by the Rev. Principal Caven, D. D., of Knox College, from 1. Kings, 9:3, "And mine eyes and mine heart shall be thine perpetually," and from John 14:17, "And I will pray the Father and He shall give you another comforter that he may abide with you forever." Very large congregations were present to participate in the very delightful services, and the church was beautifully and tastefully decorated. On Monday evening a platform meeting was held, when choice selections of music were rendered by the Philharmonic Society, in connection with the congregation, and stirring and helpful addresses were delivered by Rev. J. G. Shearer, of Hamilton, Rev. Jas. Murray, of St. Catharines, Rev. Dr. Abraham, of Burlington, and several of the local ministers. Warm tributes of praise were paid to the late Rev. Dr. Ferrier, the first pastor of the congregation, who labored so zealously, not only in Caledonia, but in all the surrounding region, and also to his successors, Rev. James Black, and Rev. Thomas Wilson, whose self-denying and faithful labors are gratefully remembered by the congregation. For fifteen years Dr. Ferrier labored over a very wide field. With Caledonia as a centre, he ministered to congregations in Ancaster, Oneida, Indiana, and East Seneca. His successor, Rev. Wm. Wilson, in what was then the U. P. church, carried on the work from the time of his death in 1861 until the union of the congregations about ten years ago. In the Free Church, the minister was Rev. James Black, who for over thirty years ministered to the congregations of Caledonia and Ancaster. The first minister of the united congregation of Caledonia was Rev. J. G. Shearer, now of Erskine Church, Hamilton, whose ministry of nearly three years was marked by signal tokens of the Divine favor, in the increase of the congregation and the development of its resources. For the past five years the work has been carried on by Rev. J. S. Conning, under whose pastorate the congregation has enjoyed a period of continued prosperity. The congregation looks forward hopefully to the future, and expects before long to build a new church, better suited to the needs of the larger congregation and the increased activities. One of the pleasant features of the meeting on Monday evening was the presentation to the pastor of an address by the congregation, a gift of books and an address by the Philharmonic Society, and an address and a beautiful basket of flowers by the Christian Endeavor Society. Mrs. Conning was also kindly remembered. The addresses were expressive of the confidence and affection of the congregation for their pastor, thankfulness for past blessings, and hope for the future.

Presbytery of Lindsay.

The Presbytery of Lindsay met Thursday, May 7th, in Sunderland, chiefly to consider the call to Rev. David Y. Ross, of Cannington. Mr. Ross was the fortunate recipient of two calls, one from St. George, the other from Newmarket. The call from Newmarket was presented at the meeting of the Presbytery of Toronto on the 5th inst. But a letter from Mr. Ross, stating his desire to accept the call from St. George, was read and after a prolonged discussion, the Presbytery of Toronto decided in view of Mr. Ross' letter to proceed no further with the call from Newmarket.

The meeting at Sunderland was well

attended for a special meeting. Those were present, Revs. P. A. McLeod, J. M. Cameron, J. McMillan, J. A. McKenzie, Cambray, Geo. McKay, Sunderland; D. Y. Ross, M. N. Bethune, Elders, Mr. Baldwin, Mr. John Hay and Mr. McTaggart. The Rev. Dr. Cochran, representing the Presbytery of Paris and the congregation of St. George, was present.

After devotional services, Mr. Ross called Rev. J. M. Cameron to the chair. The clerk presented the call from St. George with all papers connected therewith. Dr. Cochran was heard. He stated how unanimous was the call. St. George had a splendid reputation, having had only two pastors in 37 years. The congregation, though situated in a village of considerable size, is yet surrounded by towns and cities near and requires a man of experience and ability. Dr. Cochran mentioned that the people of St. George counted much on Mr. Ross' acceptability among young people. Mr. Hay, representative elder for Cannington, spoke a few words in connection with the call, stating his sorrow at the proposed removal of Mr. Ross. He said that if Mr. Ross would do as well in St. George as he did in this work done in Cannington his record would be good, for he had received between 80 and 90 members in Cannington in three years, most of whom were young people.

The call was then placed in Mr. Ross' hands, and after expressing his feeling of solemnity on the occasion and his desire for Divine guidance accepted the call from St. George. Nearly all the members of Presbytery then in turn addressed the meeting speaking in high terms of the business and ministerial ability of Mr. Ross. The following resolution was then ordered to be engrossed on the minutes:

Moved by Mr. J. W. McMillan, seconded by Mr. J. McDuncan and agreed, "that this Presbytery do hereby express their appreciation of Mr. Ross as a gospel minister and member of this court. He has earned the love and respect of all his ministerial brethren, not alone by his kindly and faithful character, but by his capable discharge of many duties in various relation to this Presbytery, as a member, in several committees and as moderator. We wish him God's blessing in his new field and earnestly commend him to the affection of the members of the Presbytery of Paris."

P. A. McLEOD.

Presbytery Clerk.

Presbytery of Maitland.

Presbytery of Maitland met at Wingham, May 19th, 1896. Permission was given to the congregation of Huron church to apply the proceeds of sale of their glebe land towards liquidating the debt on their church. An overture to the General Assembly on public worship was adopted by the Presbytery. Messrs. MacLeod and Fairbairn were appointed to support the overture before the Assembly. Mr. Peter Campbell, of Bluevale was appointed a commissioner to the General Assembly. Session records were examined and attested in accordance with resolution of the synod of Hamilton and London, the pastoral charge of North Kinloss, Riversdale and Enniskillen was placed on the list of congregations in this Presbytery. Rev. A. MacKay was appointed interim moderator of the session of the pastoral charge of North Kinloss, Riversdale and Enniskillen. A call to the Rev. John Rose of Ashfield from Malagawatch and River Dennis, Cape Breton was considered. Relative documents were read and partly heard. Mr. MacLeod prosecuted the call on behalf of Inverness Presbytery. Commissioners from the session and congregation of Ashfield supported a resolution of the congregation in favor of retaining the services of Mr. Rose. Mr. Rose asked a month's time to consider the call. The Presbytery agreed to hold an adjourned meeting at Lucknow, on Tuesday, June 30th, at 1 p. m., when final action shall be taken regarding the call. The Presbytery extended a cordial welcome home from Scotland to Rev. Mr. Anderson and expressed gratification at his restoration to health. A petition from the

congregation of Calvin Church, St. Helens for leave to dispose of their glebe land and to apply the proceeds of sale to purchase another glebe as soon as one suitable is obtainable was granted. A petition to the General Assembly from Mr. Robert Douglas about appointing a day of humiliation, etc., and one from Robt. Douglas and others about the attitude when at prayer, in the public assembly were transmitted simpliciter. Intimation was read of five ministers from other churches intending to make application to the Assembly to be admitted as ministers of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. The Presbytery will make application to the General Assembly on behalf of Rev. A. Sutherland of Ripley for leave to retire from the active duties of the ministry and to place his name on the list of beneficiaries upon the aged and infirm ministers' fund. The total period of Mr. Sutherland's ministerial service is over fifty years. Mr. MacLeod is appointed to support the application before the Assembly. The committee on statistics reported the report was received and adopted. Mr. R. D. Cameron, a graduate of Knox College, Toronto, having passed a satisfactory examination was duly licensed to preach the Gospel. Mr. W. M. Burton, B.A., a graduate of the same college was licensed by the Presbytery at its meeting in Chatham, during the meeting of synod, April 22nd. The next meeting of Presbytery will be held in the Presbyterian Church, Lucknow, June 30, at 1 p. m. The regular bi-monthly meeting will be held at Wingham, July 31st at 11.30 a.m.—John MacNabb, Clerk.

Presbytery of Hamilton.

The Presbytery of Hamilton met at St. Catharines on May 19th. The only matters of public interest that came before the court were Delhi was transferred to the Presbytery of Paris after May 24th. Rev. J. Black and Mr. T. D. Cowpers were appointed commissioners to the General Assembly. A petition from Rev. W. M. Rogers was transmitted to the Assembly. Rev. Mr. Cruickshank was granted leave of absence for two months, and Messrs H. A. McPherson and J. S. Hall, of Knox College and E. G. Young, of Queen's University were licensed to preach the gospel.—JOHN LAING, Clerk.

"Rescue the Perishing."

These well known words are often sung and repeated, and yet how seldom do those who utter them consider the pressing temporal needs of a large portion of humanity.

There is always a hand stretched out by humanity to help the rich. Institutions of every kind to help them to increase their capital, but few organizations doing a work among the small wage earner, teaching him that most important of all principles—economy, thrift and hope of independence.

What is needed is an object to which economy may be directed, and we know of none better than the spirit of homestead ownership. Let a man once feel that there is a possibility and also a probability that within a few years he may own a perfectly unencumbered home, let it ever be so humble, there springs up within his heart a feeling of hope which nothing else can kindle.

The York County Loan and Savings Company of Toronto offer an excellent illustration of what can be done in this direction. This Company commenced by the sale of shares upon weekly or monthly instalments which are collected each week or month by the Company's agents and in a very short time forms the nucleus for the purchase of a homestead. Sufficient having thus been saved for the first payment upon the property the same system of weekly, or monthly payments continues until in a few years it places the shareholder in possession of a fully paid-up holding free of encumbrance. It would be well if such plans of systematic saving were better known and more universally studied especially by those who have the interests of their fellow-men at heart and who could, by suggesting such a line of action do much to raise the heavy burden from those less favored than themselves.