

Northern Ontario.

Cooke's church Sabbath school, Markdale, held their annual entertainment on New Year's evening and proved a decided success. The church was filled to the doors with an appreciative audience and a good programme was rendered, the pastor, Rev. J. Hunter, presiding.

Q Rev. Peter Fleming's congregation at Feversham have renovated and greatly improved their church edifice, in which reopening services were held on a recent Sabbath, appropriate and interesting sermons being preached by Rev. A. E. Reilly, of Horning's Mills. A supper was given on Christmas eve which was a gratifying success, the proceeds being about \$100.

"The Presbyterians at Holland Centre," says a local correspondent, "had their usual festivities on Christmas evening. The programme was rendered in a popular manner and the selections were very much appreciated by the large audience that listened with good attention. Rev. J. A. Black, B. A., presided with his usual ability and everything went off in a most felicitous manner."

Mr. Thos. Yellowlees, elder in Erskine church, Toronto, preached highly appreciated Sabbath school anniversary sermons in the Methodist church, Flesherton, last Sabbath week and in the afternoon of the same day addressed a largely attended rally of the Sabbath schools of Flesherton and Ceylon. Mr. Yellowlees' excellent addresses will be long remembered by more than the children.

The annual Christmas tree entertainment at Dornoch was held on the evening of the 28th ult. and was pronounced to be the best yet. A large and orderly audience, presided over by the pastor, Rev. W. J. Graham, listened with marked pleasure to a musical treat. Master Geo. Hay and Reg. Moon were the recipients of nice presents for a perfect recital of the Shorter Catechism.

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was observed in Knox church, Beaverton, on the first Sabbath of the New Year. A large congregation was present and the service was most solemn and impressive. In the evening again a large congregation was present and an exceedingly earnest and effective sermon was preached from Matt. 5:8, Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God. Six new members were welcomed by the congregation on Friday at the preparatory service, four on confession of faith and two by certificate. Under the able ministry of the Rev. A. C. Wishart, B. A., the congregation enters upon the work of the new century with abundant promise of success.

The annual concert of St. Columbia Sabbath School, Priceville, was held on the 25th ult. and was a decided success. Tea was served in the spacious basement of the church, after which an excellent programme was rendered in the auditorium above by the scholars of the school, assisted by Miss Tessa McCallum, elocutionist, Toronto, and Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Sheppard and Miss Joy, vocalist, Flesherton. "This was," says a local correspondent, "Miss McCallum's first appearance before a Priceville audience, but she won the hearts of all before she had recited two lines of her first selection." The singing of Miss Joy fairly captivated the audience. Mr. and Mrs. Sheppard are bright and charming singers and always meet with a hearty welcome from a Priceville audience. The pastor, Rev. J. A. Matheson, occupied the chair.

The Sabbath School of Chalmers' church, Flesherton, passed its 25th anniversary very successfully on Christmas evening. An excellent tea was served in the school room, after which in the auditorium above, with the pastor R. L. W. Thom in the chair, an interesting programme was rendered by the scholars, aided by Mrs. T. J. Sheppard, Mrs. Jos. Blackburn, Miss Joy and Miss Christie. Rev. J. Buchanan, of Dundalk, concluded the programme with an address which was punctuated with applause. The anniversary sermon was preached the Sabbath previous by the pastor who presented some Scripture truths in a deeply interesting manner to the children of the congregation. The sister Sabbath school at Eugenia held their annual entertainment on New Year's evening and was also a pleasant affair and gratifying success. Special communion services were held in these congregations on Sabbath last. The Christian Endeavor Society of officers elected in Chalmers' Church for the current term are as follows: President, Mr. Harry Stewart; vice-pres., Miss Hattie Sullivan; recsec., Miss Ethel Cressley; cor.-sec. and treas., Mrs. Jos. Blackburn. The pastor's gift—a new

bible—to the boy and girl reciting the largest number of verses during the year in Chalmers' church Sunday school, was won by Miss Mabel and Master Roy Thistlethwaite.

Quebec.

Kingsbury, Que., has contributed nearly \$5,000 to the Century Fund, all of which goes to the common fund, there being no church debt. Well done! Flodden has yet to be canvassed and no doubt will give a good account of itself.

The congregations of Upper and Lower Leitchfield have made their pastor, the Rev. Robert Whilans, the recipient of some useful and beautiful Christmas presents, testifying in a practical manner their appreciation of his services and the high esteem in which he is held by all classes of the community.

A large number of the members and friends at Grand Mere, Q., gathered at the home of Mrs. Elliott recently and presented the Rev. A. D. Reid with a fine con overcoat as a mark of their appreciation and esteem. The presentation was made on behalf of the church by Mr. Duval, who read a short address, conveying to Mr. Reid the appreciation of the congregation for his faithful services. The address was signed by Messrs. A. Wilkie, J. Morrow, W. Duval, and W. Hirst, managers, on behalf of the congregation.

On the evening of New Year's day a very pleasant social was held at the home of Mrs. Michael, Windsor Mills. During the proceedings Mr. Charles A. Miller, in a few well chosen words, set forth the good work done by the Rev. Charles A. Tanner, during his long residence among the people of Windsor, and as a token of their high esteem and appreciation of his untiring labors on their behalf presented him, in the name of the two congregations of Upper and Lower Windsor, with a handsome fur overcoat. Mr. Tanner thanked the donors in a happy speech.

The Rev. R. T. Ballantyne, B. A., late of Tamworth, Ont., was on the 3rd, inducted into the pastorate of the Presbyterian church, St. Andrew's, the Rev. Dr. Patterson having recently resigned on the ground of increasing years and infirmities. While the new pastor was warmly welcomed, the people deeply regretted having to part with their old spiritual adviser who had baptized and married most of them as well as many of their children. The church has an unique record, having had only two ministers in eighty-two years and no interregnum between the two pastorate. Rev. Dr. Patterson presided; Rev. James Fraser addressed the minister, and Rev. Waddell the people. At the close of the induction service Mr. Ballantyne was warmly greeted by the large congregation present.

The Presbyterians of Kingsbury and Flodden Presbytery of Quebec, observed the sacrament of the Lord's Supper on the 6th Jan. The weather was favorable but the roads were heavy, yet the people turned out well and the attendance at both churches was said to be by some of the oldest members the largest in the history of the congregation. Thirty-two united with the church, all except two on a profession of faith in Christ. The pastor, the Rev. James Sutherland, although only about four months in charge as settled minister has been greatly encouraged in his work and at the close of the service told the people that that day was one of the crowning joys of his ministerial life.

The new Presbyterian church in St. Louis de Gonzague was formally opened on December 30. The pastor, Rev. S. F. McCusker, was assisted by the Rev. J. D. Anderson, of Beaunarnois, who preached very able sermons at both services. The auditorium and the school room extension were filled at both services, many visitors from Valleyfield and elsewhere being present. A very successful social was held on Monday evening, when the building was packed to the doors. On this occasion Mr. G. M. Loy, M. P., ably filled the chair. Addresses were delivered by the Rev. D. W. Morrison, the Rev. J. E. Ducloux, and the Rev. J. D. Anderson. The Rev. Dr. A. B. MacKay, of Crescent street church, Montreal, sprang a very pleasant surprise upon the large audience by walking in at the right moment, and treating them to a practical and entertaining address. The collections at all services amounted to \$17.19. There remains only a balance due on the heating and light accounts. The church is modern in all its appointments, and a credit to the Presbyterian cause in St. Louis de Gonzague.

Rev. S. J. McArthur, late of Maitland, accepts a call to St. Andrew's church, New Glasgow, N. S.

British and Foreign Items.

The most costly Parliament in Europe is that of France.

Leith Walk is to be repaired at a cost of fully £11,000.

On his semi-jubilee Rev. W. Clark, Barrhead, has been presented with £250.

Measles, scarlet fever, diphtheria and typhoid are very prevalent in Edinburgh.

It is officially reported that the loss incurred by the Paris Exposition was \$400,000.

Rodyard Kipling testifies that teetotallers stood out the fatigues of the war best.

Rev. A. McD. C. Tolmie, parish minister of Southend, Campbelltown, is bankrupt.

Rev. Dr. Robert Rainy, now 74 years old, has been principal of New College for 38 years.

Of the 24 Free Church ministers who have stood against the Union, ten belong to the Highlands.

Dr. Conan Doyle is to propose "The Memory of Burns" at the annual dinner here of the Burns Club.

A Hawick man wants better Presbyterian visitation, so as to stir up lazy parish ministers who skulk their work.

Rev. James Murray, Kilmalcolm, author of "Scotland a Hundred Years Ago," is on a tour round the world.

The death in his 90th year is announced of Mr. John Jack, D. C. S., and for many years clerk to the late Lord Deas.

Rev. R. J. Drummond, Lothian Road U. F. church, was on the 10th ult. presented with a purse of sovereigns, etc.

At Aberdeen Christmas show of fat stock the Queen was "highly commended" for the best pair of two-year-old heifers.

The story of David and Jonathan is to be the subject of the window memorial to General Wauchope in St. Giles's Cathedral.

November was, with one exception, the rainiest November in Glasgow since 1868, being 56 per cent above the average.

Lord Roberts and General Ian Hamilton are to lend some interesting trophies of the South African war to the Glasgow exhibition.

Lord Low has refused to separate the united parishes of Larbert and Dunipace. These parishes have been united for about 300 years.

The Duke of York when in Australia, will, by direction of the Queen, bestow a number of distinctions upon prominent public men in the federated colonies.

It was in 1694 that the Bank of England issued its first bank note, but at that time such valuable little pieces of paper had been in circulation in China for three centuries.

An Irish M. P. on the debate on the war convulsed the house in stating that in Dublin he often saw men, disabled in the war, walking about the streets without their legs.

Belfast is greatly elated over the intended visit of the Prince and Princess of Wales to lay the foundation stone of the Royal Victoria Hospital. The exact date is not yet fixed.

A Scottish lady in London lately sent a cheque for £1000 to educate the natives of Lovedale and Livingstonia, as a thank offering for the destruction of the Boer oppression of the dark races.

The Clachan House, Roseneath, at which the Duke of Argyll and the Princess Louise have arrived, has undergone wonderful improvement since the Princess took the work of renovation in hand.

An Annan schoolmistress, whose salary it is proposed to reduce, has sent a note to the Board expressing the opinion that "the Board's sense of justice seems to be subordinate to its desire to save money."

At Dumfries a candidate for the transfer of a public-house license recently was told that he "bore an irreproachable character, and that the bench wished to save him from himself" by refusing the transfer.

A school inspector in the North of Ireland was once examining a class in geography and asked the question: "What is a lake?" He was much amused when a little fellow, evidently a true gem of the Emerald Isle, answered, "It's a hole in a can, sir."

During the Rev. Dr. Mitchell's period of service in South Leith three new churches have been erected, namely, the Abbey, St. John's and St. Paul's, while the restored church of Restalrig is a fully equipped mission station in connection with South Leith.