

Rev. Dr. Somerville has been nominated for the Moderatorship of next General Assembly by Saugeen Presbytery.

The Presbyterian and Anglican Sunday Schools, of Tilbury, held a successful union entertainment last week.

Next meeting of Saugeen Presbytery will be held at Mount Forest on the first Tuesday of March, at 10 a.m.

The Y.P.S.C.E. of the Cookstown church held a successful tea meeting last week. The proceeds amounted to \$90.

Rev. Mr. McLean, of Duntroon, has announced that in the coming year he will devote from three to five minutes each service to a special address to the children.

Rev. Dr. MacKay, of Chalmers church, Woodstock, has returned from the St. Catharines Sanitarium in greatly improved health. He occupied his own pulpit last Sabbath.

At the meeting of Saugeen Presbytery, Rev. Mr. Farquharson reported that Cedarvale had been granted \$150 per annum by the Augmentation Committee.

The Rev. J. H. McVicar, of Fergus, presented the claims of the famine children in India to the attention of Saugeen Presbytery. Mr. McVicar was tendered a hearty vote of thanks, and it was agreed to appeal to the congregations for aid.

In Saugeen Presbytery honor certificates for repeating shorter catechism were granted Matilda and Elizabeth Butchart, of North Luthers; Arthur Wells, of Amos; Walter Ferguson, Willie Watson, Nathan Grierison and Sydney Fordham, of Knox, Normanby.

In Saugeen Presbytery, after careful consideration, the following resolution regarding the relation of Queen's University to the Church was unanimously agreed to: "Approve of the continuation of the relation of Queen's University to the Church as set forth in the articles of the basis of union, but would not approve of the Church assuming any responsibility for the support or administration of the said University."

A handsome tablet has been placed in St. Andrew's church, Sarnia, by the congregation in memory of their late pastor, Rev. Dr. Thompson. The tablet is made of brass, mounted on oak, is two feet wide by three feet long and bears the following inscription: "In memory of Rev. John Thompson, D.D., for 37 years the faithful and beloved pastor of St. Andrew's church, Sarnia. His first and only charge. Ordained and inducted 25th April, 1866, called suddenly to his rest, 12th May, 1903, in the 68th year of his age. "He being dead, yet speaketh," Heb. XI-IV. "Be ye also ready," Matt. XXIV-XLIV. Erected by the congregation."

The annual entertainment of Knox church S. S., Guelph, was a great success. The Superintendent, Mr. J.A. McCrae, occupied the chair and announced the numbers of an attractive programme. During the evening the Mission Band prizes for regularity of attendance were presented, the first prize being won by Gwendoline Goldie and presented by Mrs. Roberts; the second was merited equally by Jean McLaughlin and Nellie Taylor, and Mrs. R. W. Ross made the presentation. A special prize was also presented by Mrs. Ross to Letta Drever, for bringing the largest number of members to the Mission Band and keeping them there. A feature of the entertainment very much enjoyed, was a Christmas cantata by a number of pupils of the school, the second part of which closed the programme.

The new Presbyterian church at Shakespeare, which has been in course of erection during the past six months, is now in its last stages of completion. The building is of a neat architectural design, centrally situated on a rising ground, facing the south. The auditorium is amphitheatre in style, and with a choir alcove, and a gallery in the rear, has inside dimensions of sixty feet in length by forty feet in width. The pastor of the congregation is Rev. Hugh Cowan, M.A., a graduate in arts of Manitoba University and in theology, of Knox College, Toronto. The committee through whose efforts the building was erected are: R. Whiteman, M.D., chairman; A. J. McMillan, sec.; John Hyde, Adam Armstrong, Thomas Hamilton, Sebastian Dryfozel, James Smith, Joseph Thompson and Peter Sinclair. The dedication of the church took place last Sabbath, Rev. Dr. Robertson, professor of apologetics in Knox College, Toronto, being the preacher at the morning and evening services, and Rev. M. L. Leitch of Stratford, in the afternoon.

Northern Ontario.

Rev. R. Pogue, of Hespeler, a former pastor conducted anniversary services last Sunday week at Stayner.

It is gratifying to know that the Rev. Mr. McLennan, of Kippen, who was so seriously injured by the acetylene gas explosion which wrecked his church, is now able to be about again, and was announced to take his own services last Sabbath.

At Orilla on Wednesday, December 16th in St. James Church, by the Rev. Canon Greene, Constance Massey Hope, second daughter of Robert Wade, Esq., to Frederick Grant, barrister-at-law, of Midland, youngest son of the Rev. R. N. Grant, D. D., of Orilla.

Anniversary services were held at Corbetton on the 22nd ult, when large congregations enjoyed two thoughtful sermons from Rev. J. Little of Holstein. On the following evening a very successful towl supper and entertainment was held, the proceeds being \$75.

The Ventry Anniversary sermons were preached by Rev. N. Wellwood, of Dundalk, who exchanged pulpits with the pastor, Rev. J. Buchanan. The usual tea and entertainment followed when an attractive musical programme was well sustained by the choir and orchestra. The pastor presided.

At a Bible Society meeting in St. Andrew's Church, Beaverton, the speakers of the evening were Revs. Best and Berry whose interesting resume of the labors of this world-wide and influential missionary and evangelizing Society were exceedingly instructive and interesting. Rev. Mr. Currie offered prayer while Rev. Mr. McKay read the lessons. The Collection which was in aid of the funds of the Society was very generous.

Montreal.

The Rev. Robt. Johnston, D.D., has gone to Clifton Springs, N.Y., where he expects to remain until the first week in January.

The ordination was to have taken place last week at the General Hospital of Mr. Norman MacLeod, a young Presbyterian Divinity graduate, who has been lying ill in that institution for some weeks. When the time came, however, the ceremony had to be postponed as Mr. MacLeod's condition was such as to render any excitement very undesirable.

The special services in connection with Chalmers Church began last Sunday evening, when a large congregation was addressed by the pastor, Rev. G. C. Heine, and the Rev. J.A. Steven, of London, England. The subject of "Abundant Pardon" was listened to with deep interest.

The ladies of Taylor church held a bazaar last week in the lecture room, in aid of the fund to raise the church debt. His Worship Mayor Cochrane officially opened the sale. The room was decorated simply, but with pretty effect.

In the centre of the room was the fancy work table in charge of Mrs. McCormick, president; Mrs. Shaw, Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Reid, Mrs. Smyth, Mrs. Gambell and Miss Bennit. At one side of the room was the long candy table, laden with every imaginable delicacy. The ladies who attended to this table were Mrs. Clishe, Mrs. McCormick, Miss Murray, Miss Shaw, and Miss Smyth. Those who attended on the refreshment tables were Mrs. Murray, Mrs. Bennit, Mrs. Gordon, Mrs. Drysdale and Mrs. Swinton.

Maritime Provinces.

We find the following in the last issue of the Presbyterian Witness: Rev. Gordon Dickie has declined a call to St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, St. John, N. B., one of the largest and most influential churches of that denomination in New Brunswick, and accepts a small country charge in Bras d'Or, in Cape Breton, at \$700 less salary, and with no prospects of an early increase. Two or three months ago, Rev. Clarence McKinnon, of Sydney, declined a call to a Chicago church, with \$7,000 salary, preferring his present church in Sydney with only a stipend of \$1,200 a year. Rev. Mr. Dickie is a native of Windsor, N. S. And still it is often scoffingly said that the "call" with the largest stipend is the one always accepted!

Quebec.

The Women's Missionary Society of Chalmers church, Richmond, held its regular meeting last week at the manse, Mrs. Kellock presided. Reports were from the various home mission fields of the Northwest, all of which were encouraging.

The Presbyterians of Grenville had their Christmas tree and annual entertainment on Friday evening of last week, the church being filled with the members and friends of the congregations. While the children's hearts were being made glad by the distribution of a large number of beautiful presents, the Rev. Mr. Boudreau, pastor of the church, was presented with a well-filled purse by Mr. Thomas H. Williamson, on behalf of the congregation. The pastor was deeply moved and on Sunday from the pulpit, thanked his people for their great kindness to him and to his family.

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