

WESTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. James Rollins, of London, has been speaking at Lucknow on the Laymen's Missionary Movement.

Rev. R. E. Knowles, the author-preacher of Galt, is announced to lecture on February 9, under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society of St. Andrew's Church, Sault Ste. Marie, on "The Cotter's Saturday Night."

The past year was a good one for St. Andrew's Church, Stratford, and the congregation look forward hopefully to the time to come. The reports from all the organizations within the church show a total revenue of \$5,028, of which \$496 was for missionary and benevolent schemes. After meeting all obligations there is a balance on hand of \$60.00.

The reports presented to the annual meeting of Knox Church, Ayr. (Rev. John Thomson, pastor), were of the most satisfactory character. The receipts reached \$3,716.46, with an expenditure of about an equal amount. This congregation has valuable assets amounting to \$26,226.22, while its liabilities are very little. Mr. Thomson's ministry dates from 1871. May his bow long abide in strength!

The Heepelar congregation, (Rev. J. A. Stewart, pastor), had to report a considerable deficit in the general fund, this being attributed to the large amount paid towards the building fund, about \$4,568 of the first instalment having been received. The plate collection increased nearly \$60 over the previous year, and the mission schemes have also advanced. The minister's valuable services are greatly appreciated by the congregation.

In that glorious likeness of Christ thou wilt be made rich and find all the solace and sweetness in the world. —John Tauler.

WHITBY PRESBYTERY.

At the last meeting of Whitby Presbytery all the ministers were present except one, and only five of the elders failed to appear.

Mr. Crozier gave an opening address on The Millennium.

Rev. A. S. Kerr, of Melville church, Scarborough, was elected Moderator for the ensuing year. Mr. David Ormiston, a member of the court, died on the last day of the old year. He was by profession a lawyer. His brethren of the Presbytery esteemed him very highly, and elected him their Moderator for the year 1895.

Submission of the questions on Church Life and Work gave occasion for a good conference, and the following recommendations were adopted: (1) That our ministers and sessions endeavor to introduce some form of family worship and Bible study in all homes, especially where there are children. (2) That our ministers urge frequently and earnestly upon parents and young people the privilege of serving God in the ministry.

There appeared before Presbytery a deputation from a community of about twenty families resident in South Myrtle, who were formerly Methodists but for reasons given had separated from that body and were now worshipping in a temperance hall and were receiving preaching supply from the United Missionary Alliance. They asked to be received into the Presbyterian Church and to be added as a preaching station to the congregation of A-hburn and Utica. Their request was accompanied with a guarantee of stipend. A committee of Presbytery will visit the field, acquaint themselves with the circumstances and report at the April meeting of Presbytery, when the matter will be issued.

Rev. James Binnie, of Kingston Presbytery, addressed the court in the interests of Home Mission work within

the bounds of our own Synod. He gave a lucid presentation of the needs of the mission field, and the Presbytery resolved to do its best to raise the sum asked for by the Synod.

Matters sent down from the General Assembly for the consideration of presbyteries were dealt with and the following decisions reached:

Re status of minister evangelists and students: Recommend that a seat in church courts be given only to those who have reached the full status of ministers.

Re Aged and Infirm Ministers' fund: Disapproval of making connection with the fund obligatory upon ministers or contributions incumbent upon congregations, and respectfully suggest that a difficulty in the way of some ministers and congregations would be removed by the granting of permission to retire to all who have served the Church as ordained ministers for forty years, as well as to those who have reached the age of seventy years.

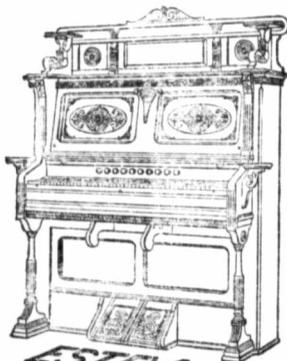
Disapprove of placing names of assistant pastors on roll of Presbytery.

Recommend that presbyteries pay the travelling expenses of their own commissioners to the General Assembly.

Approval of interim act re licensure of students.

At the annual meeting of Chalmers' Church, Quebec, the reports were all of a very encouraging nature. The number of families connected with the church is 91, and the total membership 247, sixteen of whom were received during the year. The pastor, the Rev. W. C. Clark, officiated at 11 baptisms and 8 burials. The congregational receipts amounted to \$5,774.33. The total amount of money raised for the year is \$11,800. Every society reported a balance on the right side. There are few congregations of less than a hundred families that succeed in raising as much money.

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