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The Y. P. A. of Bank Street Presbyterian church, Ottawa, tendered a reception on the evening of the 19th ult. to a sumber of Normal School students in the handsome Sunday School hall of the church. The reception took the form of a neatly arranged and admirably carried out concert. Mr. Keane, president of the association, occupied the chair, and Rev. Dr. Moore welcomed the Normal-ites in a nicely worded little speech. The singing of the National Anthem brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

### Ministers and Churches.

The annual tea meeting in connection with the Brooksdale Presbyterian Church was held recent-

The organ in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Peterborough, is now pumped by a one-horse power electric motor.

The Rev M L Leitch addressed the Y.PSCE. of Knox Church, Stratford, a short time ago on the subject of " Presbyterianism.

A Woman's Foreign Missionary Society has been organized in connection with Zion Presbyterian Church, Hull, Mrs. H. M. Scott, president.

A number of residents of this district attended services in Knox Church, Listowel, on Sunday, 11th inst. The Rev. Dr. Parsons, of Knox Church, Toronto, presided, and pleased the congregations very highly.

The Presbyterian Church, Avonton, was put up at auction and sold to Mr. R. Ballantyne, of St. Paul's. It has to be removed by the first of May in order to clear the site for the new church that is to be erected next summer. The price realized was

Rev. Robert Aylward has no idea of removing to Hamilton, as stated. He has simply accepted an invitation to supply for a few weeks the pulpit of St. ohn's Presbyterian Church, in that city, whose pastor, the Hon. R. Moreton, is shortly leaving on this beautiful to the state of the stat a trip to Europe.

Sabbath, the 18th ult., the congregation of Knox Church, Winnipeg, worshipped for the first time, since the renovation of its auditorium, and the improvements under the deft hands of skilled workmen were pronounced by all to be perfect in tasie and harmony. Rev. Dr. Du Val preached an excellent discourse.

Mr. Sutherland M.P., in his address condemned the intolerant spirit that was showing itself in some of the movements of the present day. His political faith was. Complete separation of church and state. No religious denomination should receive from the state any favor whatever-even to the extent of exemption from taxation.

The ladies of the Presbyterian Church, Petrolea, were "At Home" Wednesday evening, 21st ult., and a large number of visitors enjoyed their hospitality to the full. In the absence of Rev. Mr tality to the full. In the absence of Rev. Mr Cuthbertson, who was to have been present, Mr. I. J. Bell took the chair, and a very good chairman he made. Every one went home satisfied and hoping the ladies would often be "At Home" in the future.

The Lambton Convention of Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor met in Watford on the 221d and 25rd ult., which has been the most suc cessful one since the organization. At all the sessions the churches were filled to their utmost, and the arealest interest was manifested by the numerous delegations in the part which they took in con-nection with the discussions on the various papers read, all of which were well prepared.

Rev. James Murray, of Wentworth Presbyterian Church, Hamilton, a graduate of Queen's has made a success of his work there. At the late congregational meeting it was proposed to increase his salary to \$1.500 per year. Mr. Murray strongly objected. The church had heavy burdens put upon it just now, the times were hard, and he decidedly refused to accept any increase this year. He was willing to do hard work he have year not warring for salary again. hard work; he was not working for salary alone.

The Barrie Presbyterian anniversary, Sunday and Monday, 13th and 19th ult., was a great success, larke crowds attending each of the Sunday services. at which Dr. Cochrane, of Brantlord, preached. The reverend gentleman is small in stature, but great in intellect. A large attendance from other churches were present both morning and evening, and some were not a little interested in hearing the Doctor dilate on what are called "religious tramps." On Monday evening an elaborate tea was served in the basement.

In a letter received by Dr. King from Rev. Chas. Gordon, who is expected to take charge of the lorage Avenue Mission, that gentleman mentions the gratifying fact that he has now obtained promises of support for twenty six mission fields in Manitoba and the Northwest, at the rate of £50 for each for a term in some cases of three and in others of five years. Mr. Gordon expects to close his extremely important mission in Scotland by the end of March. He is being pressed to visit Ireland also in the same cause. If he consents it will be only for a week or two.

Tuesday afternoon, 20th ult., the Missionary Institute of the Presbyterian Church, Guelph, opened its first session in St. Andrew's Church, the Rev. A. M. Hamilton, of Winterbourne, presiding There was a good attendance of pastors from the surreunding district and much interest shown the meeting. The object of these institutes is to identify more closely the people generally activities. identify more closely the people generally with missionary intelligence and thereby create more interest and by means of question drawers and open conference to overcome the difficulties that generally exist in the mind of many people in connection with foreign mission work.

At the meeting of the Presbytery of Toronto on the 6th inst., the Rev. Louis H. Jordan, B.D., accepted the call of St. James Square congregation to become their pastor, after having supplied the pulpit for upwards of three months. It is hoped that under his ministry this congregation will keep up the good name for missionary spirit and in-terest, which under his two able predecessors, Rev. Principal King, D.D., of Manitoba College, and Rev. Dr. Kellogg, it has carned. The induction will take place on the evening of the 27th. At the same meeting of Presbytery the Rev. Mr. Martin, of St. Paul's, Toronto, declined the call extended to him by the Oak Street congregation, which the Rev. I. M. Cameron lately residued.

#### ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEET-INGS.

DUNBARTON AND MELVILLE.-The annual meetings of Dunbarton and Melville Churches, Scarboro, held recently, gave evidence of unusual prosperity and increased interests in missionary and benevolent work. A local paper says, "It is refreshing, in these times when congregations, especially those in rural districts, complain of hard times and decreasing membership, to hear the Mel-ville Church, Scarboro, has almost doubled its membership and more than doubled its contributions to missions since the settlement of their present minister. We are not surprised to hear that they added \$100 to his salary.

RIVERSIDE, N. S.—The report of this congregation for 1893 is as follows: Number of communicants, 265; number received on profession of faith, 16; number received by letter, 5; number removed death, 5; number removed by letter, 5; number of infants baptized, 14; number of adults baptized, 7; number in Sabbath School and Bible class, 300; amount paid for salary, \$800; amount expended on C. and M., \$238.82; amount expended on other congregational purposes, \$306.06; amount paid to missions, \$445.24; amount paid Synod and Presbytery Fund, \$5 50; amount paid other benevolent purposes, \$63 86; amount paid for all purposes, \$1,859 48.

CLIFFORD. The annual meeting of Knox Church, Clifford, was held on 5th of February. All the reports were of the most encouraging nature. There were 27 received into full communion, 19 by profession and 8 by certificate, making the present membership 180. In the Christian Endeavor Society there are 28 active and 27 associate members, 55 in all. There are 90 scholars in the village Sunday School, 60 of whom study shorter catechism. There are 20 members belonging to the W. F. M. S. Amount reject by congression Status, States, States some time together, the ladies providing refresh ments. There was a large attendance.

THORNBURY.—On the evening of January 17th the annual congregational meeting of St. Paul's church, Thornbury, was held. There was a good attendance of the members and excellent reports read from the various departments of church work. During the year 65 communicants have been added to the roll, viz. 58 upon profession of faith and 7 by certificate. The financial report was most gratifying, showing considerable increase upon any former year. For strictly congregational purposes, to the increase over the preceding year was one third; schemes of the church, 3½ and for other benevolent purposes 2½ times as much as 1892. In the Sunday School and other organizations the work is also progressing and an interest is being awakened in missions and other church schemes which will have good fail in the near forture. bear good fruit in the near future.

UNDERWOOD AND CENTRE BRUCE.-The an nual meetings of the Underwood and Centre Bruce nual meetings of the Onderwood and Centre Drice congregations, of which Rev. James Fitzpatrick, late of Nova Scotia, is pastor, were recently held. In both congregations the financial report was highly satisfactory, and presented a balance on the right sade after meeting all the obligations of the year. The amount contributed for all purposes was \$1,036; of this amount Underwood contributed Serve and Centre William Serve Thempore. ed \$1,206, and Centre Bruce \$428. The amount contributed to the schemes of the church was \$206, being \$51 more than during the preceding year; of this amount Underwood contributed \$141, and Centre Bruce \$65. The church at Underwood was repaired at an expense of \$273, and now presents a much improved appearance. 29 communicants were added, 12 at Underwood, and 17 at Centre

KNOX CHURCH, RAT PORTAGE, ONTARIO.— This congregation held its annual meeting on the 31st of January. There was a good attendance. The pastor, the Rev. R. Nairn, B.A., opened the meeting with devotional exercises, after which Mr. Wm. Margach was elected chairman. Reports from session, C.E.S.S. School, W. F. M. Society, Children's Mission Band, Ladies' Aid, were giv all indicating growth, activity and spiritual life in the congregation. Mr. D. F. Ferguson read the managers' report, which was an exceptionally good one. It showed that while the congregation was increasing in numbers, individual liberality has also increased. The managers were enabled to meet all liabilities in a most satisfactory way. Money raised from all sources some \$2,500. The meeting was closed by the pastor, when all went have a good winter. home in good spirits.

The annual congregational meeting of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Victoria, B.C., was held on Thursday evening, 1st of February, and was largely attended. The reports presented all indicated satisfactory and gratifying progress in every department of the church's work during the past year. There was a gratifying increase in the membership, both on profession and by certificates from other congregations, the number now on the roll being 67; in the Sabbath School there are 96 enrolled with 12 teachers. The financial statement of the with 12 transfer. Inc unable is statement of the treasurer of the congregation showed a balance on hand of \$79. The financial statement of the treasurer of the Sabbath School showed a balance on hand of \$86, all contributed or raised by the children. The Ladies' Aid Society reduced the Building Fund debt to the amount of \$200, with a balance on hand of \$22.50. The cordial thanks of the congregation were tendered to the ladies for their valuable aid

KNOX CHURCH, GODERICH.—The most harmonious and interesting annual meeting in the his-tory of Knox church, Goderich, was held on the evening of Ian. 21st. Daring the year, the

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communion roll received a net gain of ninety-one members, leaving now 502 on the roll. The sum of \$1,493, was raised for missionary and benevolent objects. Before the close of the meeting, the following resolution was carried unanimously by a standing vote:—"That this congregation, in greatful recognition of the prosperity that has attended them as a church during the past year, as shown by the increase alike in the ordinary revenues. shown by the increase alike in the ordinary revenues and in the contributions for the schemes of the church, and by the fact that for the first time in many years they have, after paying all current expenses, a considerable balance on hand; and as a mark also of their appreciation of the services of their esteemed pastor, the Rev. Jas. A. Anderson, B.A., to whose faithful and unwearied labors, they feel that this prosperity is in a large measure due, hereby ask him to accept as a free-will offering a cheque for an additional \$100 for the past year.

Mr. Anderson replied in grateful and feeling terms.

ST. ANDREW'S, SMITH'S FALLS.—The financial statement for 1893 of St. Andrew's Church, Smith's Fall's, just issued, contains some extracts from the report of the Board of Managers, from which it appears that this year, though undoubtedly one of financial depression, has been the most prosperous that St. Andrew's has ever had. Since the Rev. C. H. Cooke's induction about six years ago, a very fine manse has been built, the interior of the church remodelled and refurnished, and a school room erected; and in the beginning of the year 1893 there still remained on this account liabilities amounting to about \$7.000. At the earnest request of the Board, made on account of the very dis-couraging outlook, the pastor personally undertook a canvass for the whole amount. "The result," the report goes on to say, "was even beyond our expectations," a considerable sum over and above what was required to pay both principal and in-terest having been subscribed. Of this, between \$2,600 and \$2,700 has already been paid in. The statement shows the total amount raised by the congregation to have been \$4,675.23, which is about \$1,000 more than the average for the last five years. A gratifying feature of the financial showing is, that notwithstanding the extraordinary effort in connection with the wiping out of the debt, the schemes did not suffer, the amount raised for these being even slightly in advance of previous

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