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REV. JAMES POTTER, of Morriceville, has accepted a call to the South Side Presbyterian Church, Toronto.

THE Rev. William Dempster has resigned his charge in Hull to seek a warmer climate for the benefit of his health.

JAMES CATANACH, B.A., Queen's, has received a unanimous call to Dunbar and Colquhoun, in the Presbytery of Brockville.

THE collection taken up in the First Presbyterian Church, London, Tuesday evening week in aid of Dr. Paton's work, amounted to \$128.54.

St. John's Presbyterian Church, Almonte, was reopened on Sunday week. Professor Orr, of Edinburgh, Scotland, preached at both services. A tea-meeting was held the following evening, when Rev. A. A. Scott was among the speakers on the platform.

THE congregation of West Adelaide and Arkona, Presbytery of Sarnia, is now prepared to hear probationers, with a view to calling. Applications for a hearing should be made to the Rev. J. McKinnon, B.S., Springbank, Ont., who is Moderator of Session.

THE Rev. Dr. Henderson, Paisley, gave two very powerful discourses in Melville Church, Fergus, on Sunday week. Communion was observed in the morning, and in the evening a united service was held, the subject at night being "A Present God on Earth."

On Saturday, October 1, the Rev. Dr. Armstrong, of Ottawa, underwent an operation at Strong's Private Hospital, Montreal, by which it is expected that he will receive permanent relief. Dr. Armstrong has been laid aside the greater part of the year by the effects of a gripe, which affected his right ear and side of the head.

THE semi-annual meeting of Cokes Church Christian Endeavour Society was held in the church on Tuesday evening week, when the following officers were elected: Miss J. McNabb, president; Messrs. Tait and Kirkpatrick, vice-presidents; Miss Smith, treasurer; Miss M. Pennington, recording secretary; Mr. McCullough, corresponding secretary; and various sub-committees.

At the close of the preparatory services the other night in the Port Stanley Presbyterian Church, the pastor, Rev. Mr. Nixon, was pleasantly surprised by having a purse of \$40 presented to him by the congregation, and a complete set of Washington Irving's works in nine volumes by the members of the choir. Miss Bowes read the address and Miss Stuart presented the purse.

THE harvest home services in connection with the Presbyterian Sunday school, Orillia, Sunday afternoon week, was well attended, the school-room being filled with children and friends. Flowers and fruit in abundance, brought by the children, furnished beautiful and appropriate decoration for the room, and were afterwards thoughtfully distributed, chiefly among those detained at home by illness. The feature of the meeting was a powerful address from Dr. MacVicar, Principal of Montreal Presbyterian College, supplemented by hearty responsive readings, led by the superintendent, Mr. H. Cooke, and excellent singing by the children.

THE handsome parlours of the Moor Street Presbyterian Church were crowded to the doors last Thursday evening on the occasion of the first social reunion given under the joint auspices of the Women's Association and the Y.P.C.A. of the Church. An informal programme of vocal and instrumental music was rendered, and was most enjoyable. Prominently among those who took part were Miss Edith Miller, Miss Cameron and Messrs. C. I. Bagueley and R. Donald. A special feature was the presentation of a travelling bag to Mr. S. McDonald by a few friends on the occasion of his leaving to spend a few months in Denver, Col. Rev. W. G. Wallace made the presentation and presided during the evening.

THE Rev. M. P. Talling, the popular pastor of the St. James Presbyterian Church, London, last week entered upon his third year since his ordination, and the occasion was pleasantly celebrated by a gathering of the adherents and friends of the church. Rev. Dr. Paton, the celebrated missionary, was present, and gave a very interesting description of his earlier work among the savages of the south seas, of his first landing among the cannibals on his errand of love and good will and the events that followed. Rev. Mr. Talling presided, and took occasion to review some of the more important evidences of the advancement made by the congregation since his coming amongst them. The lecture-room had been erected, and paid for too, with \$200, and 151 members were added to the Church membership. Addresses were also given by Rev. W. J. Clark and Rev. J. A. Murray, and Mr. Fred. L. Evans sang a solo.

THE Rev. Dr. Smith, who left Kingston two years ago for Honan, China, as a medical missionary, reports the first conversions since his arrival. He writes that the men, Messrs. Chous, two years ago entered the inn at Hsui-Halen, eager to know if the "foreign devil" doctor could do anything for a man who was blind. The old man had been blind for six years, and had to be led about from place to place. An operation for cataract was performed, which was most successful. For twelve days both men remained at the inn listening to the preaching. The young man became quite interested, while the old man learnt to repeat the commandments and a short prayer. On each succeeding visit to the city, these men were the first to greet us, and each time they gave evidence of increased knowledge, and showed an earnest desire to bring others to the knowledge of the truth as they themselves knew it. They have both been diligent students of God's word. The old man is fifty-six, and the young man thirty-four years of age.

THE Presbytery of Maitland on Tuesday, the 20th ult., inducted the Rev. John Rose, lately of Why-

cocomah, Cape Breton, into the pastoral charge of the congregation of Ashfield. Rev. Mr. Murray, of Kincardine, preached. Rev. D. Forrest, Moderator of Presbytery, presided. The Rev. M. McKenzie, of the Free Church, Inverness, Scotland, being present, was invited to sit as corresponding member of Presbytery, and was asked to address the congregation in English and Gaelic, which he did after Rev. Mr. Miller addressed the newly-inducted minister. Mr. McKenzie's address to the people was interesting and profitable. The report of the Board of Management was very satisfactory. After the services were concluded, the Rev. Mr. Sutherland, Moderator of the Session during the vacancy, introduced Rev. Mr. Rose to the congregation, giving him as they were retiring the handshake of welcome. Mr. Rose enters on his labours in Ashfield congregation under most favourable auspices. The congregation is large, united and harmonious. The call to Mr. Rose was unanimous and cordial.

THE students of Morrin College assembled last week in the College Convocation Hall, Quebec, where they were met and addressed by the Vice-Principal, Rev. A. T. Love, and Professors Crockett, Walters and Lefebvre. In the course of his remarks the Vice-Principal referred to the fact which he said did not appear to be generally known, even in Quebec, that the College was fully affiliated in Arts to McGill and that, as a consequence, the degree given to graduates of Morrin College was the B.A. of McGill University. He maintained that the University training of Morrin College in Arts was quite equal to that given in McGill, since in smaller classes such as attended Morrin College the students obtained individually more of the personal attention of their professors than they could possibly have in such large classes as those of McGill. He laid particular stress upon the fact that the examination papers given in Morrin College in second and fourth years are identical with those set for McGill, and said that in all probability the first and third year papers in these two colleges would soon be made identical also. The formal opening of the College will take place during the first week in November when Professor Crockett will deliver the inaugural address on "College Education and Its Relations to the Masses."

MISS JESSIE DUNCAN, Stratford, was on Monday evening week formally designated to the field of labour in Central India as a missionary of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. The Rev. R. Hamilton presided, and Rev. Mr. McDougall from Hunan, China, who is now on furlough, preached from Ezekiel xxxiii 1-12. The sermon was listened to with deep attention. Mr. Hamilton, Convenor of the Foreign Mission Committee, then addressed Miss Duncan, and on behalf of the Women's Foreign Mission Society, presented her with a beautiful copy of the Scriptures. Mrs. Harvey, president of the Society, being unable to be present, sent an address and other tokens of love and sympathy which were read and presented by Miss Mowbray, of Stratford. The meeting was addressed by Mr. McKay, secretary of the Foreign Mission Society, and Mr. Panton, of St. Andrews, Stratford. Both were highly appreciated. Mr. Leitch, Miss Duncan's former pastor, conveyed to her in a few well chosen words the love and sympathy of himself and congregation, and assured her that she would be remembered by them ever at the throne of grace. Mr. A. J. McPherson sang "Abide With Me," and the meeting was closed by Rev. Mr. Tully, of Mitchell, pronouncing the benediction.

THE monthly meeting of the Toronto Auxiliary of the McAll Association was held in the library of Association Hall on Thursday, October 6, Mrs. Edward Blake presiding. After the meeting had been opened in the usual manner, Mrs. Blake announced her intention of resigning her position as president. She was sorry to leave the work and her co-workers, but she and Mr. Blake would sail early in November, and be absent during the greater part of our working year. She thought another president ought to be chosen at once so that the work may not suffer. On motion of Mrs. Cowan, seconded by Mrs. J. L. Brodie, and carried by a standing vote, it was decided not to take Mrs. Blake's name off the roll till the end of the year, and then elect her honorary president, two of the vice-presidents meanwhile taking the duties. The treasurer reported \$187.12 on hand. Miss Cary read a very interesting outline of the "Annual Meeting in Paris," and Miss Wood read extracts from a letter of Mrs. Chamberlain's, treasurer of the American McAll Association, in which she says that "a record of the work done by the mission boat, the *Good Messenger*, would read like new chapters in the Acts of the Apostles." "There is probably no parallel in history to the readiness with which the French people are listening to the New Testament message." The decoration of the Legion of Honour, which has been conferred on Dr. McAll by the French Government, is a fresh proof of what the Government and the French people think of the McAll Mission and its founder.

WENTWORTH Presbyterian congregation, Hamilton, held a very pleasant entertainment last week in celebration of the fifth anniversary of the opening of the church. There was a fair attendance and a select and attractive programme. Rev. James Murray, B.A., D.D., the pastor, occupied the chair, and after an anthem by the choir, gave a brief sketch of the encouraging progress made since the founding of the Church. He expressed the opinion that not only in spiritual and moral, but also in material, ways the presence of, and influence exerted by, Wentworth Church and the sister church across the street (St. Matthews) had been of great benefit to the community. Every property owner, he said, felt that the presence of these churches enhanced the value of his lots in their vicinity. While he felt that had Wentworth Church been located farther east the congregation might have been more speedily augmented, he felt thankful and encouraged that it now numbered 325 members, with good prospects for the future. A Sunday school building had now become a necessity, and must be built. How it would be paid for he didn't know, but it would be paid for. A

few days ago he had asked for money and he got it—\$400 in cash put on the collection plates. The programme consisted of brief, racy addresses by Rev. Messrs. Boville and Kerby, a solo by Miss Phillips, two duets by Rev. Mr. Kerby and Mr. Irish, two solos by Mr. Spalding, a quintette and solo by Mrs. Murray (solo), Misses Towers and Hyslop, and Mr. C. Leckie and Mr. Kempton.

On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, October 19, 20 and 21, there will be held in London the fourth annual convention of the Young People's Societies of Christian Endeavour of the Province of Ontario. This organization, a branch of the great Endeavour which has spread the world over, has been growing very rapidly in Ontario during the past few years. Last year there were in the Province at the time of Peterborough convention 546 societies, there are now 827. The object of the Society is to foster the religious life of the young people in the Churches, and is all guided by the motto, "For Christ and the Church." Total number of societies in the world is now 2,180 with 1,370,200 members. It is expected that upwards of 800 delegates will be present at these meetings, at which addresses will be given, and papers read on subjects relating to the work and spread of the Gospel. The outline programme issued a few days ago gives promise of a most interesting series of gatherings. On Wednesday, the delegates will be welcomed by Mayor Spencer and the local ministers. Thursday will begin with a sunrise prayer meeting, and throughout the day there will be reports and addresses given by Bishop Baldwin, of London; Rev. Dr. Rose, of Montreal; Rev. A. Gandier, of Brampton, and others. In the evening a social will be given for the visitors in Princess Rink, where accommodation will be made for a thousand visitors. On Friday the convention will be addressed by Mr. H. W. Frost, of the China Inland Mission, Rev. Dr. Burwash, Chancellor of Victoria University, Rev. Dr. Dickson, of Galt, and other well-known speakers. Societies sending delegates should send word at once to Mr. A. J. Clark, 350 Simcoe Street, London, who will see that the visitors are billeted to the houses of friends. Every arrangement is being made for the comfort of the visiting delegates, by local Endeavourers, aided by city and Church officials, and everyone coming will have cause to long remember their visit to London. Every society should try to send at least one delegate, and those within easy reach of London as many as five or six, for incalculable benefit will be gained from the hints thrown out by the speakers for special lines of work. The London people will be able to give accommodation to all who come.

THE San Fernando *Gazette* says: The Rev. John Mackie is a Presbyterian missionary, and he speaks with enthusiasm of the island and of the good work done by his co-missionaries. There is not a man in Trinidad that will not re-echo all the good things he says of the Rev. K. J. Grant's ministry among the East Indians. With the system of Government that obtains in the Colony, much, very much indeed, depends on the clergy of the different denominations of Christians to keep our people from sinking more and more deeply into the abyss of ignorance and vice which the extravagance of the Legislative Council in enormous salaries to sinecurists and expense of commissions to degrade and subjugate our judiciary, has dug along their path. For education no money can be found; teachers' salaries are, therefore, derisory, in consequence of which the good men are gradually making way for men whose efforts to gain a livelihood as journeymen tailors or shoemakers and similar occupations have proved abortive. The wriggings of the Legislative Council and the Board of Education from one absurdity to another deceive no one. The pith and marrow of all their efforts in the matter of education is "how not to do it," whilst saving appearances. Their theory is that little niggers are not educable. Why, therefore, spend money to educate them? Po-

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