

Mr. W. R. Leckie, who for some time has efficiently discharged the duties of Superintendent of St. Andrew's Sunday School, Hamilton, has resigned, much to the regret of teachers and scholars.

At the meeting of Paris Presbytery provisional arrangements were made for the induction of Rev. R. G. MacBeth, of Vancouver, who has accepted the call sent him from Paris, but no definite date was named.

Rev. Samuel Carruthers, minister of Dovercourt Road church, Toronto, who went to Britain three months ago for the benefit of his health and was recalled on account of the illness of his wife, arrived home a week ago and on Saturday was taken seriously ill. Considerable anxiety about the recovery of either Mr. and Mrs. Carruthers is entertained by both friends and physicians.

At the recent meeting of Guelph Presbytery some time was spent in considering the report of General Assembly's Committee on the Enlargement of the Powers of Synods. All the suggestions were concurred in, with one slight modification.

At Guelph Presbytery Mr. Gilchrist reported that the Home Mission Committee had paid the grant to Baden for the half year, and raised the allowance from \$2 to \$4 per Sabbath, and has sanctioned the appointment of Dr. Armstrong to the field. Mr. Gilchrist was requested to see to the financial arrangements between the station and Dr. Armstrong.

The interior of Knox church, Guelph, was destroyed by fire on the evening of the 18th inst. The church edifice is valued at \$30,000, the insurance is said to be \$10,000. This is the congregation Rev. W. S. Ball, a brother-in-law of the late Hon. George Brown, ministered to for many years.

Mr. Thomas Martin, who for eighteen years has been either teacher or superintendent of Westminster church, Mount Forest, has been presented with a handsome ebony cane with a gold head suitably engraved, accompanied by an appreciative address. Both come from the teachers and scholars of the Sunday school on his resigning the office of superintendent. Mr. Martin made a feeling reply.

Guelph Presbytery has appointed the following commissioners to the General Assembly: Messrs. Gilchrist, Waterloo; A. M. Hamilton, Winterbourne; W. Robertson, Puslinch; R. E. Knowles, Knox church, Galt, and Dr. Torrance, ministers, with Messrs. J. P. Roger, M.D., Melville Church, Fergus; James Bryce, Central Presbyterian Church, Galt; John Scott, Mosa, and the representative elder from Knox Church, Galt, whose name has not been given to the Presbytery through some oversight of the Session.

At the conference in connection with the March meeting of Paris Presbytery, held at Ayr, the moderator, Rev. W. A. J. Martin, presided, and gave an interesting address on "How we shall best secure higher spiritual life in our congregations." Rev. G. C. Patterson of Embro spoke on "The Relation of the Sabbath School to the Conversion of Children." The address of the evening was delivered by Rev. Alexander Essler, M. A., of Cooke's church, Toronto. He dealt in a very able and convincing manner with the subject of "The Ideal Home."

On Sunday, April 10, Knox church, Hamilton, will have reached its 60th year, and the jubilee of the church will be celebrated by a special programme, lasting two weeks and winding up on the above date. Among the speakers will be Revs. Dr. James, a former pastor; Dr. W. E. Wilson of this city; W. J. Clark of London and A. B. Meldrum of Cleveland. The prominent feature of the celebration will be the deepening of the spiritual life of the congregation. On May 1st the alterations and improvements in the church building will be begun. The cost will be \$15,185.

The congregation of the First church, London, have been dedicating their new Sabbath school building, recently erected, which is most commodious, and is well adapted for the purpose for which it was built, being modern in every particular. The red brick and stone work is in itself a fine addition to the church, at the rear of which it is situated. While a separate building, the rear wall of the church has been used for a partition, and doors have been cut from one building to the other. The Sunday school has been built in the form of a semi-circle, the platform being at the west. There are over 20 class rooms,

with a total seating capacity of 700 or 800, and the arrangement such that no matter what part of the school a teacher or pupil may be in, a clear view of the platform is obtainable. When it is mentioned that a committee of ladies supervised the furnishings and decorations it will be understood they are chaste, bright and beautiful.

At Guelph Presbytery it was reported by the convener of Committee on Conferences, that he had called a meeting of the committee twice, but none had attended, so no arrangements had been made for a conference. It was then agreed to hear the reports of each of the committees that would have been taken up at the Conference, embracing report on Church Life and Work, presented by Mr. Horne, on Sabbath Schools by Mr. A. W. McIntosh, Evangelistic Services, by Mr. Bradley, and Young People's Societies, by Mr. Johnston. All of these reports were interesting, full of information on their respective departments, and carefully prepared by those getting them up. Regret was expressed that there was not a large audience of the people to hear them, and receive the stimulus they were fitted to give. Mr. Horne was requested to put his report into such a form and size that it might have a large circulation, at least in the bounds.

Referring to the recent death of Mrs. Smellie, widow of the late Rev. Dr. Smellie, of Fergus, a correspondent of the Sentinel-Review says: Some of her greatest characteristics were her wonderful thought and care for those in affliction and sorrow in congregation, village, or country, her desire to draw young and old to the folds of the church, her intelligence, memory of families, devotion to her friends, her wide influence and the inspiration of her life to others; she retained her faculties and wrote letters the day before her last illness, in spite of 89 years of life. That she was esteemed and revered by all was evidenced by the large attendance at her funeral in Melville church, the village and all the churches being represented. Mr. MacVicar paid a beautiful tribute to her memory on Sunday. The other pastors spoke of the loss to the village and their appreciation of her life. The funeral service in the church was entered into by all the resident ministers, the consensus of opinion being that village and country have lost their mother in the church.

Lindsay Presbytery Notes.

The regular March meeting was held in Woodville on Tuesday the 15th inst. There was a large attendance, and a long dacket, which made it a very busy day.

The Rev. D. McKerral, of Sutton, was a visitor, and was asked to sit and deliberate.

Notice of motion for the appointment of a standing committee on the Reviewing of Session Records as given. It is hoped that the work of such a committee will ensure the annual review of all Session Records, and prevent the recurrence from year to year of the same old errors.

Mr. Martin, Presbytery's representative to the annual meeting of Lindsay Presbyterial W. F. M. S., presented a very gratifying report of that society's work for the past year.

The following commissioners to next General Assembly were elected: Messrs. D. W. Best, A. N. Campbell, H. Peckover and W. M. Reid, ministers, and Messrs. R. F. Willis, H. Baldwin, A. Jackson and C. Wren, elders.

Presbytery approved of the remit re the extension of the powers of Synods, and would favor a further extension of the powers of synods so far as could be made consistent with the unifying of the whole life and work of the church.

Reports of various standing committees were presented. The convener of the committee on Church Life and Work congratulated presbytery on the very hearty response to the questions asked by almost every congregation and mission station within the bounds; and reported a unanimity in the answers, much greater than usual. The treasurer's annual statement showed the financial affairs of Presbytery to be in a very satisfactory condition.

There was a serious discussion of the question of evangelistic services, and provision was made for the selection of deputies by the Presbytery.

We are to lose the services of the Rev. James Gilchrist ordained missionary at Kimmount, who is to leave for the North West, in April. The cordial good wishes of all the brethren will go with him to his new field of labor.

It is with pleasure that we report that Sunderland has been removed from the list of augmented congregations, and Mr. Peckover and his good people are to be congratulated.

The next regular meeting of Presbytery will be held in Oakwood on Tuesday 28th June at 11 o'clock, a.m.

Jubilee Celebration.

FROM THE ENTERPRISE.

The jubilee of Rev. Duncan Cameron's ministry was fittingly and appropriately celebrated in the Oakville Presbyterian Church on Sunday and Monday evening. The event was the happy thought of the popular pastor, Rev. Dr. McNair, and was the means used in expressing to Mr. Cameron appreciation for his long and faithful service in the work of the Church and for the Master. The occasion will, no doubt, ever remain in the memory of the recipient as a bright spot along the well-trodden path he has followed.

Large congregations were out both morning and evening. Mr. Cameron occupied the pulpit Sunday morning and preached one of his old-time vigorous and thoughtful sermons. His text was: "Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord." Rev. Prof. McLaren, D. D., of Knox College, Toronto, preached in the evening, taking for his text, "Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

On Monday evening the school-room of the church was crowded by friends to see or take part in the proceedings. Rev. Dr. McNair acted as chairman, and with him on the platform were Rev. Alexander McMillan, Moderator of Toronto Presbytery; and Rev. Mr. Cameron. Interesting addresses were made by Revs. McMillan, Moir and Jeffrey. Letters were read from the different churches in which Mr. Cameron labored, all of which were written in terms of praise and appreciation. An address was read from the Session of Oakville Presbyterian Church after which Mr. Cameron was presented with a handsome Oxford Bible, Book of Praise, and copies of "The Martyr Graves of Scotland," "Dawn in the Dark Continent," and "Old Testament Prophecy."

Mr. Cameron made an interesting reply, giving some of his earlier experiences, and feelingly thanking all connected in any way in the celebration of his jubilee.

Mr. Cameron was born on the Middleton farm of Deruelich, Strathguy, Perthshire, Scotland, on the 26th of April, 1821. Both his parents belonged to the Presbyterian Church of Scotland. One of his earliest recollections is his mother putting him on his knees and teaching him to say his prayers. He received his education in Daniel Stewart's Free School, McDougall's Grammar School, Greig's Mercantile Academy and Davidson's Classical Academy, in the city of Perth. He took the branches prescribed by the Senate of the Free Church College to be taken in the University of Edinburgh, and the eight years' ordinary course in the Free Church College. He was licensed by the Free Church Presbytery of Breadalbane in June, 1853, and was appointed by the Colonial Committee of the Free Church to go to Canada. On the 22nd of August, 1853, he married Miss Christina McNaughton, daughter of Mr. John McNaughton, elder of the Free Church, Strathguy, and the next day they sailed from Glasgow for Montreal. They arrived in Vankleek Hill in the first week of October. Mr. Cameron preached there for some time and was called, ordained and inducted into that congregation on the 4th of March, 1854.

His other charges were Kirk Hill 16 years, Beaverton 2 years, Lucknow 14 years, Manitowaning and East Williams. He has resided in Oakville 12 years.

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