Church News

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CONGREGATIONS AND ADDRESSES.

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New Glasgow and Ratney— " " " "
Walton—Rev. J. Ross, Brussel's, Ont.
Acton, Ont. Dr Torrance, Guelph.
Forest, Ont.—James H. Laird, Session Clerk.
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Florence and Dawn.—Mr. William Webster, Florence, Ont.
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Kempt and Waterloo—Rev. J. Nelson, Windsor, N. S.
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Zion church, Beverwater, Ont.—Rev. John Mordy, M.A., Middmay
Glenelg (Gaelic) Rev Jas. B. Duncan, Paisley, Ont.
Inverness—Rev G. D. Bayne, M.A., Marlborough, Ont.
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Belmont— " " " "
Seymour, etc.—Dr Robert Neil, Hamilton, Ont.
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Stockington, etc.—Rev S. Houston, M.A., Kingston, Ont.
Glenvale, etc.—Rev. Friday McCuaig, Kingston, Ont.
Metcalfe, etc.—Rev. David Mitchell, Belleville, Ont.
St. Columba, etc.—Rev. Donald Kelso, Roslin.
Camilla and Mono Centre—Rev A. Lain, B.A., Mono Mills, Ont.

THE Rev. D. Mitchell, Belleville, has received a call to Jersey City, N.Y.

THE Presbyterian congregation in Rockwood have decided to introduce an organ into their church.

FIRST church, Brantford, has recently paid off $500 of floating debt on the church.

THE net proceeds of the Presbyterian church concert at Edmonton, N.W.T., amounted to over $60.

THE Ladies' Aid Society of the Presbyterian church, Dresden, intend holding an old-fashioned tea-meeting and concert about the 27th.

THE Rev. R. D. Fraser, M.A., Bowmanville, has been preaching a series of special discourses to young people on "Amusements."

REV. MR. BRYDEN, formerly of Nova Scotia, has opened a new preaching place in connection with his field at Selkirk, Manitoba, and is doing well.

THE Rev. Alex. Roulston, of Murray Harbour, was presented on Christmas night by some members of his congregation with a valuable fur coat and pair of gauntlets.

A BOX containing a handsome fur coat for Mrs. Townsend was sent over to the manse on Christmas by a number of the ladies of the Presbyterian congregation, Manitou.

REV. DR BURNS, Halifax, was announced to lecture in the Presbyterian church, St. Stephen, N.B., on the 12th inst., subject: "Rambles on the Continent of Europe."

COTTAGE prayer-meetings have been instituted in connection with the Presbyterian Church, Bradford, to be held weekly at least, in addition to the regular Thursday night and Sabbath morning prayer-meetings.

SPECIAL services are in progress in Erskine church, Montreal. Mr. Jordan is assisted by brethren who have had experience in work of this kind, and whose labours have been greatly blessed in other districts.

MR. W. W. MILLER, superintendent of Knox church Sabbath School, Portage la Prairie, was presented at the Christmas entertainment with a watch and an address in recognition of his services to the Sabbath School.

THE Rev. D. H. MacVicar, principal of the Presbyterian College, Montreal, occupied the pulpit of Knox church, Ottawa, at both services, Sabbath, 10th inst. Dr. MacVicar and Professor Scrimger, of Montreal, will supply the pulpit of Knox church by turns during the absence through illness of the Rev. F. W. Farrier.

AT the annual Christmas entertainment in connection with the Dresden Presbyterian church Sabbath School, the superintendent, Mr. T. B. Anderson, was presented with a beautiful silver water pitcher, tray and goblet, as a slight token of his services. The present was a complete surprise, but it is needless to say was richly deserved.

SAYS a correspondent:—"Rev. J. A. Ross, pastor of Erskine Presbyterian church, Dundalk, has, during the six months he has been settled there, had large accessions to the church by confession of faith, and by his uniting labours and zeal has infused new life into this congregation and endeared himself to not only members of his own congregation, but the whole community."

A MUSICAL and literary entertainment, under the auspices of the ladies "Home and Foreign Mission Society," was held in the church, Merigomish, on Christmas Eve. Proceeds, $143 75, applied to extinguishing the church debt. Among the speakers present was D. C. Fraser, Esq., of New Glasgow, who delivered an excellent address.

AT the Christmas tree held under the auspices of the Presbyterian Sabbath School and Bible Class, Antigonish, N.S., the pastor, Rev. J. R. Munro, received from the members of the Bible class and others a handsome fur cap and gauntlets. On the same occasion Mrs. Munro was presented with a set of bronze parlour ornaments. Mr. John Bishop, leader of the choir, received a silver cake basket and card receiver.

ON Sabbath, the 27th December, the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed at the mission stations of Spence and Maghetawan, being the first communion service since Mr. Knox was ordained in October last. At Spence in the morning 13 new members were received on profession of faith; in the afternoon, at Maghetawan, eight miles distant, 26 new members were received into fellowship—the majority of this new membership being young men.

A SOCIAL was held in the Presbyterian church, Cartwright, on the 29th Dec. Addresses were given by resident ministers, interspersed by a reading and recitation and vocal and instrumental music by the choir. The Rev. A. M. McLelland, of Ashburn, delivered a very amusing and instructive lecture on "Blunders," which was greeted with frequent applause. On account of the smallpox at Ballyduff the social appointed for the 31st Dec. is unavoidably postponed.

THE annual entertainment of the Sabbath School, West Winchester, was held on New Year's night. Despite the bad sleighing, there was a large attendance of parents and friends. The ladies made ample provision for all the tables in very fine style. Then the musical and intellectual followed. The Rev. Dr. Moffat, the lately settled pastor, gave a thoroughly prepared popular lecture upon "Sir Henry Havelock, the heroic leader in the relief of Cawnpore and Lucknow." The evening brought in the handsome sum of $156.00.

ON Sunday, December 20th, Rev. Prof. Bryce, of Winnipeg, preached in the schoolhouse, Gretna, to a crowded house. This being the first religious service held in Gretna for the last six or eight months, considerable interest was manifested by everybody. The announcement was made that a missionary supplied by the Presbyterian Church would hold service every Sunday if possible. Prof. Bryce preached again, Sunday 27th December. A movement is on foot to move the Presbyterian church at West Lynne here, for the use of mission aries.

THE Presbytery of Miramichi met in the church at Campbellton, on Tuesday, 5th inst., for the induction of Rev. A. Ogilvie Brown into the pastoral charge of that congregation. There was a large and appreciative audience present. The Rev. Neil McKay preached. Rev. A. Russell narrated the steps which had led to the calling of Rev. Mr. Brown. Rev. Wm. Aitken put the questions prescribed in the formula and inducted him into the charge. Rev. D. Wallace Waits gave the charge to the minister and Mr. Aitken suitably addressed the people. Mr. Brown received a most cordial welcome from the people.

THE Christmas Eve entertainment in connection with the Presbyterian Sunday school, Westport, Ont., was a most successful affair. The trees were loaded with gifts, while two tables were required to hold the silver ware and other presents which could not be placed on the trees. Presents were given to the organist of the congregation and also of the Sunday School, consisting of silver card receivers. Mrs. David Y. Ross, the pastor's wife, was also the recipient of three handsome pieces of silver from her friends. The children carried through successfully a concert exercise on the Birth of Christ. The singing of the children was particularly excellent. Total proceeds, including mission money raised on pgs, $39.

THE Montreal Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church of Canada have issued the following list of subjects for consideration and prayer for each month in the year in connection with their work:—January, Christian Liberality; February, French-Canadian Evangelization; March, Home Missions; April, Indians in the North-West; May, Formosa; June, Sister Societies; July, Africa and Corea; August, Japan; September, Trinidad; October, Central India; November, New Hebrides; December, Our Society and Auxiliaries (retrospect and prospect). The meetings of the society are held in the lecture hall of the Crescent Street Presbyterian church on the first Wednesday of every month.

THE Presbyterian Church follows Scotsmen wherever they go. In Victoria, Australia, where there is a large Scottish and North of Ireland representation, it has been strong from the first, and Melbourne is a powerful Presbyterian centre. It appears that a love of change has manifested itself among the churches of that city. It is thought that the governing power has been too much in the hands of the clergy, and the demand is made that the Presbyterian system be so modified as to admit of a larger lay representation. This is an old story. Congregations have always manifested a disposition to relel when they felt the power of the presbytery. It will not be wonderful, however, if in these new regions public sentiment should force some change.—*Free Press.*

THE Rev. D. B. Cameron, who lately resigned the pastoral charge of Knox church, Acton, was waited upon at the manse on the evening of the 30th December by a large number of friends, both old and young, and presented with a beautiful and costly tea-service. Col. Allan read the address and made the presentation, to which Mr. Cameron gave a suitable reply. Mrs. Smith then read an address and presented, in the name of friends and well-wishers, a silver cake-basket and epergne to Miss Cameron. Mr. Strachan, of Rockwood, replied for her. Brief addresses were afterwards delivered by Dr. Torrance, of Guelph, Mr. Pigott, of St. Allan's church, Acton, and Mr. John Mackay, student in Theology, of Knox College, Toronto. A very pleasant evening was spent by all present.

THE congregations of St. Andrew's, Scarborough, and St. John's, Markham, called last Tuesday on the Rev. Chas. A. Tanner, their pastor, and presented him with an address, a handsome horse and harness. Mrs. Tanner was also presented with a costly fur coat and cap. A sumptuous repast was served up in the Sabbath School house, after which Mr. John T. Brown, session clerk, took the chair; Miss Emma Thomson presided at the organ. Several hymns were sung in which all present seemed to join heartily. Several speeches were made and an amusing paper giving an historical sketch of the causes of the present gathering was read by Mr. Andrew Wood. The benediction was pronounced by the Rev. R. V. McKiddon, and a very pleasant afternoon spent in Christian fellowship was brought to a close.

THE Presbyterians of Greenbank, Ont., held their annual s tree on Christmas Day, and it proved a complete success. After an address in the afternoon by the pastor, Rev. T. T. Johnston, tea was served, and it is needless to say in first-class style, as all Greenbank repasts are. In the evening addresses were delivered by Rev. Messrs. Rowe (Methodist), and McMeehan, of Port Perry, after which the Rev. E. Cockburn, of Uxbridge, delivered his lecture on "Sights and Impressions of the Old World." The lecture throughout was excellent, giving a glowing description of the sights in Ireland and Scotland. Excellent music was rendered by the church choir. On the Monday evening following a social was held when speeches, recitations and music were given to the large audience assembled. The proceeds amounted to the good sum of $95.

THE annual entertainment of the Presbyterian Sabbath School, Parry Sound, took place on the 30th December, consisting of reading, singing and recitations by the scholars. After tea, prizes were presented for repeating the Shorter and Mother's Catechism, and also the Golden Texts for the year. The pastor, the Rev. A. Hudson, before delivering the regular discourse in the morning, preached a short sermon to the children. This was done with a view of inculcating a desire on their part to attend church. He at the same time offered a prize to those most regular in attendance. Two scholars did not miss a service morning or evening during the year, while nine others came very close to them, and six others were thought to be worthy of a "present," making a total of seventeen who received a reward for regular attendance. Prizes for attendance at Sabbath School were also given. A collection on behalf of the school was then taken up, amounting to $20.75, after which Santa Claus distributed the presents off the tree.

A CHESLEY correspondent writes:—The anniversary services of Geneva church, Chesley, were held on the 3rd inst. Rev J. C. Smith, M.A., B.D., of Guelph, preached both morning and evening. The sermons were faithful presentations of gospel truth and characterized by ethical teaching of a very high order. They were thoughtful, scholarly, and evangelical, were delivered with much power and earnestness and were listened to with deep attention by those who were privileged to be present. On the Monday evening following, Rev P. McF. McLeod, of Toronto, delivered his noted lecture in the same church on "That Young Man." It evinced a wonderful knowledge of human nature, keen powers of observation on the part of the lecturer, and was interspersed with sufficient of the humorous to keep all present good-natured and pleasant, while at the same time it contained good gospel teaching for all, and especially for young men. It was an intellectual treat which the audience thoroughly enjoyed, and shows that Mr. McLeod, on platform as well as in pulpit, is able to sustain the high reputation which he has so deservedly won.

THE anniversary services in connection with the Port Hope Sabbath School were held on December 27th and 28th, and were of a very interesting character. Rev. John McEwen, long connected with the Ontario Sabbath School Association, preached morning and evening. On Sunday afternoon addresses were delivered by Messrs. D. Chisholm, J. L. Irwin, and Rev. J. McEwen. On Monday evening the scholars and their friends were out in full force to complete the programme. One of the features of the evening was the rendering of a Scripture concert exercise. The singing and responses were very good, and met with the decided approbation of the audience. The concert exercise was followed by Mr. McEwen, who succeeded in holding the attention of the scholars on a somewhat difficult theme, to the very close of a forty-five minutes' address. The prizes for the year were distributed to the successful scholars, which was followed by a genuine surprise to the superintendent Mr W. Wilkinson, when Mr James Craick came forward, and in the name of the teachers and a few friends, presented him with an address accompanied by a very handsome time piece. The scholars were made happy as they left the church by the thoughtful provision in their behalf of Messrs. Sheby, Paterson, and J. F. Clark. The collections were considerably in advance of those of last year.

THE Rev Mr McTavish of the Presbyterian church, St. George, was united in marriage on the 30th December with Miss Maggie Jane McKay, second daughter of Rev. W. A. McKay, B.A., of Chalmers' church, Woodstock. The ceremony was performed in the church at one o'clock, at which hour the galleries and area were filled by a large assemblage of interested spectators. The members of the Paris Presbytery were present in large numbers, several of whom took part in the marriage ceremony. The Rev. Mr. Ross, of Ingersoll, read the Scriptures; Rev Mr Robertson, of Chesterfield, engaged in prayer after which the father of the bride united the happy pair in marriage. Dr Cochrane then delivered an address to the bride and bridegroom, followed by a closing prayer by Rev Mr McMullen, of Woodstock. At the close of the service in the church about 100 guests sat down to a sumptuous *déjeuner* in the spacious hall connected with the church, when short and happy speeches were made by the reverend gentlemen present. The Rev. Mr Boyle, of Paris the now only bachelor of the presbytery, most gracefully acted as groomsman, with Miss McKay, the bride's sister, as bridesmaid. The best wishes of many friends in Woodstock follow the "daughter of the manse" to her own manse in St George, where we are assured a happy greeting awaits the young and popular minister and his amiable wife.

KNOX church, Cornwall, held its Sabbath School anniversary on New Year's night, and as usual was an out and out success. After tea, Dr. Aiguire took the chair in the absence of the superintendent, Mr. Hill Campbell. A programme of singing and recitations by the scholars was then gone through, and short addresses were also given by the Bible class teacher, Dr Aiguire; by the superintendent; and by the pastor, Rev. James Hastie. In his remarks the pastor spoke in the highest terms of the devotedness and efficiency of all the teachers. He stated that besides the school in town there were five other schools taught by members of the congregations scattered over the vicinity, ranging from three to six miles out. To each of these one or two men went out from town every Sabbath afternoon and taught, while the Bible class teacher taught twice every Sabbath, in town at three p.m., and then at five p.m. conducted a service three miles out in the country. He expressed his great gratification at the number of young people who had been received into full communion during the year. Of the 62 admitted by the session, 52 were by profession of faith, and of these 52, 40 were young people, 36 of whom were from the school in town, ranging in age from eleven years to twenty-three or four. The total Sabbath School receipts for the year were $351 70, of which the scholars contributed $144.51. Contributions had been made by the school to several missions and also considerable towards furnishing the new building, leaving a balance on hand of $219.58, which would be increased by nearly $50 taken in that evening.

THE following are the chief congregational statistics in connection with Knox church, Calgary, for the year 1885:—Baptisms, 12; deaths (since July 1st), 3; marriages (since July 1st), 5; communicants added during year, 28; present number of communicants (revised roll), 50; number of Presbyterian families, 35; number of self supporting single individuals (approx.), 70; number of books in Sunday School library, 192; number of *Records* taken by congregation, 41. The names of fifty members stand now upon the roll; no names of course being counted in, except where parties are actually resident here. Eleven joined us, for the first time, on the 20th December:—By certificate, Mr. and Mrs J. Patterson, from Knox church, Winnipeg; Mrs. G. Martin, from St. Andrew's church, Toronto; Miss Agnes Leishman, from St Andrew's church, Arnprior; Dr. and Mrs Lafferty, from Presbyterian church, Regina; Wm. Bruce, from Chalmers' church, Guelph; Daniel Hattie, from James church, New Glasgow; and by profession, Mrs. James Colvin, F. Ernest Young, and D. R. Clarke, of Calgary. The following handsome donations from the friends of Knox church were recently received by the Building Committee, and the hearty thanks of this congregation are due to the generous donors:—Wm. Mortimer Clark, Esq., Toronto, $50; Mrs. W. Mortimer Clark, $50; G. Hague, Esq., Merchants' Bank, Montreal, $25. These friends worshipped in our little church on occasion of their visit to Calgary in October, and the kindliness they then expressed in words they have since proved in this practical way.—*Knox Church Messenger.*

A LARGE representative meeting of the congregation of St. Andrew's church, Lindsay, was held in the church room on Wednesday evening. The meeting was called for the consideration of a proposition relative to the building of a new church, and the large attendance of the members, both ladies and gentlemen, showed that a lively interest was taken in the question by the congregation. Sheriff McLennan was appointed chairman, and a statement was submitted by the board of managers, the purport of which was that owing to the present church not affording sufficient accommodation a new church should be built. They had solicited subscriptions in order to ascertain the feeling of the congregation with regard to the matter, and by sixteen persons the large amount of $6,050 had been subscribed. Mr. McNeillie explained that although the Presbyterian population in the town had been gradually increasing, in 1874 two churches afforded accommodation for nearly 600 people, while at present there was only accommodation for about 350 people. The Rev. Dr McTavish stated that the successful working of the church was much impeded by lack of accommodation. Opinions were then expressed by members of the congregations, and all were in favour and anxious that a new church should be built. It was decided then that a church should be built in some central locality. Finance and building committees composed of the following gentlemen were then drafted: Finance Committee—Sheriff McLennan, S. A. McMurtry, D. Dunoon, A. Robertson, Alex. Jackson, Wm. Brown, J. McSweyn, T. Stewart and J. R. McNeillie. Building Committee—W. Needler, R. Spier, Andrew Jackson, A. Campbell, D. J. McIntyre, M.P.P., James Hamilton, James Keith, J. Mathie and Thos. J. Ray. The committees were instructed to bring in reports of progress at the annual congregational meeting to be held in January. There can be no doubt but that our friends of St. Andrew's church will, in building a new church and enlarging their borders, take a step that will not only add to the importance of the church, but give that accommodation which has so long been urgently needed. We hope to see some scheme matured in time to commence operations early the coming spring.—*Post.*

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