

The recent sacred concert in St. Elmo church was a rare treat, and a great success for the Guild. The singing of Mr. Ruthven MacDonald, of Toronto, and Mr. J. W. Hinchcliffe, of Ottawa, was greatly admired, and both gentlemen are sure of a warm welcome from a St. Elmo audience.

Rev. Dr. McLaren, home mission secretary, was at Owen Sound on Sunday and Monday the 29th and 30th ult. On Sunday afternoon he addressed the meeting for men in the town hall, a series of which are now being held and are well attended.

The induction of Rev. Robt. McDermont of Glasgow as pastor of Locke street and Barton church, Hamilton, was largely attended. Rev. A. McWilliams, moderator, presided, Rev. E. A. Henry preached the sermon, and his subject was "The Ministry of Reconciliation." The moderator spoke of the steps leading up to the call and induction, and offered the induction prayer. The address to the new pastor was given by Rev. Neil McPherson. Rev. Dr. Lyle addressed the congregation. Following the induction refreshments were served by the Ladies' Aid Society of the church.

The 26th convention of the Presbytery of Glengarry Sunday School Association will be held in the Presbyterian church, Dunvegan, on Tuesday and Wednesday, Jan. 19 and 20, 1904. Among those who will contribute addresses and papers will be the Rev. K. A. Gollan, Dunvegan; the Rev. R. Harkness, Cornwall; Mr. Thos. Yellowless, secretary of the Ontario Sunday School Association; the Rev. L. Beaton, Moose Creek; the Rev. P. F. Langill, Martin-town; Dr. D. O. Alcure, Cornwall; the Rev. W. C. MacIntyre, Woodlands; the Rev. D. H. Leitch, St. Elmo; the Rev. W. A. Morrison, Dalhousie; Mr. Alex. McInnes, Vankleek Hill; J. J. Wightman, Maxville; the Rev. J. Mattieson, Summertown; the Rev. A. Graham, Lancaster, and the Rev. D. N. Coburn, of Lunenburg. This Association was organized at St. Elmo on Sept. 27, 1881. In 1883 it decided to rebuild the Glengarry chapel at Formosa, and a year later undertook to support a native teacher at this chapel. In 1893 it was decided to support another missionary in Central India, and two years later this mission was increased to four native teachers. Since 1895 the Glengarry Association has supported these five Christian workers in the Far East.

Western Ontario.

Rev. Mr. McQuarrie has been authorized to moderate in a call at Tilbury.

The next meeting of the Chatham Presbyterial union of Y. P. S. is to be held in Manesville.

Next meeting of Chatham Presbytery in St. Andrew's church, Chatham, on 1st. March at ten o'clock, a. m.

Owing to continued ill-health the resignation of W. A. Wylie, Hyde Park and Kamako, has been accepted by London Presbytery.

The London Presbytery has pronounced in favor of raising the stipend in augmented charges from \$750 to \$800.

The following compose the H. M. committee of London Presbytery, viz., Rev. J. P. Stuart, convener, Rev. T. A. Watson, S. Laurence, and elders W. H. Geddes and A. P. Campbell.

A call to Rev. A. H. McGillivray, of Newmarket, to the First Presbyterian church, Chatham, has been sustained by Chatham Presbytery and provisional arrangements were made for his induction.

Rev. R. E. Knowles, of Galt, has been lecturing with much acceptance to a large audience in London, Ont., His subject was Abraham Lincoln.

The ladies of St. Andrew's church, Thamesford, held a successful tea, at which Rev. Mr. Clark, of London, lectured on Savonarola. It is needless to say that the great Florintine was presented to the audience in a masterly way.

The Presbytery of London approves of the continuance of the present relations between Queen's University and the Presbyterian church, and that the presbytery commend the support of Queen's University to the continued liberality of the church.

A special meeting of Orangeville Presbytery was held at Dundack on the 24th ult. to deal with the resignation of Rev. P. Fleming of Maxwell who has been called to Minto, Man., Mr. Fleming's resignation was accepted, and Rev. L. W. Thom, of Flesherton, was appointed interim moderator and to declare the pulpits

vacant. Mr. Fleming has done faithful work on that field during the past six years.

Orangeville Presbytery has undertaken the support of a missionary in the Northwest.

The members of the W. F. M. S., of the Ailsa Craig congregation in the arranging for their annual thank-offering meeting secured Rev. John Rennie, formerly pastor of the congregation, to give an address on the Home Mission work of the church. The meeting was held on Tuesday evening last when the church was crowded. Mr. Rennie gave an interesting address, speaking chiefly of Home Mission work in the district of Algoma with which he had been intimately connected for the last fifteen years. The thank-offering laid on the plate was \$31.

The Presbytery of Chatham resolved that the relation of Queen's College to the church, established by the Act of Union be not disturbed; and that the Presbytery cordially commend the further endowment of Queen's to the voluntary liberality of our congregations.

At the last meeting of Chatham Presbytery, a motion of regret at the departure of Mr. Knowles from Chatham was adopted; the moderators of the sessions of the H. M. fields were instructed to visit these fields with the view of reducing the grants; The remits of the Assembly in reference to the recommendation of the augmentation committee that the missionaries stipend be not less than \$800 and manse was endorsed.

In the London Presbytery Rev. T. R. Shearer reported as to the support of the schemes of the church by the congregations of the presbytery. There was an apparent decrease of some \$2,000 from the return of 1901 in 1902, but this was due to the fact that some congregations had reported their givings to the common treasury fund although it had been a part of their regular givings. Allowing for this error there has been really an increase. A number of interesting facts were brought out in Mr. Shearer's report. The recommendations were that the monthly envelope system be used in raising funds for the church schemes; that where Sabbath schools and young people's societies do not contribute they be urged to do so; that where the women in any congregation are not organized they be recommended to organize; and that ministers give at least once a month at some public service a statement of the need of the work of the church.

Northern Ontario.

Proton Station choir recently gave a concert at which a pleasing programme was rendered.

Rev. W. Farquharson, of Durham, was at Elmwood last week delivering an address on the Union Jack.

Miss McLeod, of Ingersoll has been engaged as organist in the Presbyterian church, Collingwood. Miss McLeod has been for two years organist in Chalmer's church, Woodstock, and before leaving was the recipient of an address and presentation as a token of the esteem in which she was held.

At anniversary services in Allandale church, conducted by Dr. R. P. McKay, F. M. Secretary, the collections amounted to \$300.

Rev. Dr. McLaren, Home Mission Secretary, spent Sabbath last with the Presbyterians of Collingwood, preaching morning and evening and addressed the Sabbath School in the afternoon.

Rev. T. A. Sadler, of Russell, and Rev. W. Purvis, of Campbell's Bay, have received calls to the Northwest.

The congregation of North Gower and Metcalfe have called Rev. Mr. McLeod, of Nova Scotia, a brother of Rev. D. M. McLeod, of Billings' Bridge.

The annual tea meeting in the Newmarket church was a great success. The debt which has been standing on the church for 29 years has been wiped off, and the discharge of the mortgage was read to the audience during the rendering of the programme. Suitable addresses were delivered by Rev. Dr. Bruce, Dr. Carmichael and Mr. Frizzell.

Rev. Dr. Campbell, of Perth, preached at the opening services of the new church, recently completed at New Liskeard, with a seating capacity of 350, and costing about \$4,000. The collections amounted to \$112.20. The building is said to be the finest in Temiscamingue.

Rev. J. A. Matheson, of Priceville, has recently been engaged in Bible Society work, and his congregations at Swinton Park and Priceville were favored with a visit from Rev. A. McGillivray of Toronto, on last Sabbath week. At the latter place Rev. J. A. Felstead of Flesherton, preached in the morning; in the evening Mr. McGillivray delivered a special sermon to the Foresters and two other benevolent societies in the place. The sick children's hospital, Toronto, was benefited by the plate contribution.

The General Assembly is to be asked to establish a new Presbytery to consist of Northern British Columbia and the Yukon, and to be known as the Presbytery of the Yukon.

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