

\$7.97 on hand. \$561.91 had been given to missions direct from twelve societies, and 375 members are giving on the "Fulton plan," two cents per week to missions. After the transaction of business Rev. Wm. Patterson of Cooke's Church, Toronto (a man beloved by all Endeavorers), was introduced and received with cheers. Mr. Patterson gave a very practical address, taking as heads for his subject, "All of self and none of Christ"; "Some of self and some of Christ"; "None of self and all of Christ."

PRESBYTERY MEETINGS.

The Presbytery of Guelph met in St. Andrew's church, Guelph, on the 10th of January. In the absence of the stated Moderator, Mr. A. M. Hamilton, M.A., took the chair. Sympathy was expressed with the Moderator under his present affliction, and supply was provided for the pulpit by the brethren over the 25th March, each one volunteering a Sabbath till that date. A committee was appointed to visit Hawkesville and Linwood in connection with the grant they are receiving from the Augmentation Fund. It was left with the city ministers and their representative elders to arrange for holding a missionary institute in Guelph on such a day as may be found most convenient. Deputations were appointed to wait upon the County Councils of Waterloo, Halton and Wellington, and suggest certain improvements in gaol accommodation for different classes of prisoners on the lines proposed by the Prisoners' Aid Association, of Toronto. The committee to arrange for conferences gave in their report recommending that for the present year these be held in Hespeler, beginning on the evening of Monday the 19th of March. A detailed programme was submitted and adopted. The clerk, as convener of the committee on Systematic Benevolence, reported the steps he had taken to procure information from congregations regarding their practice in raising funds for the support of the Gospel among themselves and of the schemes of the church. On motion of Dr. Torrance, seconded by Dr. Wardrope, it was unanimously agreed to nominate Dr. MacKay, of Formosa, at present in Canada, as Moderator of the General Assembly. At the request of the congregation at Eden Mills, Mr. Strachan was continued as pastor for another year. Mr. Armstrong laid on the table his resignation of the pastoral charge of the congregation at Hawkesville and Linwood, and was heard state his reason for the step. It was agreed that his resignation lie in abeyance in the meantime, and that the committee already appointed to visit those congregations make all inquiry into the circumstances, with a view of learning whether they are such as may not be satisfactorily dealt with without requiring a dissolution of the pastoral tie. Dr. Wallace gave a statement regarding what had been done by the congregation at Alma to provide themselves with a new place of worship, the cost of the building and the provision for the furnishing, with the liabilities still existing and the assets on hand. The Presbytery agreed to record its gratification at the prosperity of the congregation, and its hope that there will soon be the settlement of a stated pastor. Inquiry was made and information given as to the long existing vacancy in the Eramosa congregation. A long time was spent considering the report of the Presbytery's committee on a proposed new hymnal. The Presbytery approved of certain principles suggested by the committee as proper to govern any engaged in preparing a book for the worship of God by praise. After long discussion it was carried by a large majority that the Psalms of David, according to Rouse's version, be published in their entirety, without selections from any source, in one volume with the hymns that may be sanctioned by the Assembly. It was also agreed that the paraphrases be incorporated with the hymns and that some of the present hymns be dropped and others added, and also, that the hymns for children be bound up with those for congregations. The further discussion of the report was postponed to an adjourned meeting to be held in the same place on the 23rd January, at 10 o'clock forenoon.

The Presbytery of London held a conference on the state of religion, on the afternoon and evening

of the 8th inst., in Knox Church. Rev. T. Wilson, of Dutton, presided. The chief subject was the mission work of the church, and the problem was how to awaken interest and stimulate liberality. Several of the speakers spoke of the need of wise organization and continual instruction. The injury done to legitimate work by irresponsible beggars was referred to. Rev. Dr. Robertson, superintendent of Northwest Missions, was present, and spoke of the work under his charge. The Northwest work has grown very rapidly, but not nearly all the ground is occupied. This year the harvests in some parts were destroyed and the missionaries will suffer. The church cannot retire from any one of the fields occupied without loss and disgrace. The country needs religious institutions, and already the influence of work done is being felt. Dr. Robertson's address was very stimulating. Others followed with suggestions as to ways and means for collecting funds. The Presbytery met for regular business on the 9th. A request was read from residents of Ilderton, asking to be organized as a congregation in connection with the English settlement congregation. The matter was referred to interested sessions. A letter was read from the Presbyterian Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, asking that Rev. J. A. Macdonald be appointed to represent the Presbytery and deliver an address at the annual meeting of the society, to be held in Glencoe in February. This appointment was accordingly made. Rev. A. Henderson presented the Home Mission report of the Presbytery, and deputations were appointed to visit augmented congregations. Calls from London East to Rev. D. M. Robertson, from Glencoe to Rev. R. W. Ross, from Delaware to Rev. Hugh Brown, and from Port Stanley to Rev. J. H. Courtenay, were reported, and will be disposed of this afternoon. The chief business before the Presbytery in the afternoon was the disposal of calls. Four came up and were sustained. Rev. J. Ballantyne presented a call from London East, signed by 141 communicants and forty-eight adherents in favor of Mr. D. M. Robertson, a recent graduate of Knox College. At a subsequent stage, Mr. Robertson accepted the call, and his ordination and induction were appointed for the evening of January 23rd. The second call was from South Delaware and Tempo in favor of Rev. Hugh Brown, of Havelock, Presbytery of Peterboro. The call will be forwarded to the clerk of that Presbytery, and Rev. J. K. Smith of Port Hope, asked to support it there. It is expected that Mr. Brown will accept. Rev. J. A. Macdonald presented a call from Port Stanley in favor of Rev. J. H. Courtenay, of St. Thomas, a recent graduate of Knox College. The call was entirely unanimous and very hearty. The representatives of the congregation supported the call. Mr. Courtenay accepted the call and his ordination and induction appointed to take place at Port Stanley on Wednesday, Jan. 24th, at 2.30 p.m. The fourth call, presented by Rev. A. Henderson, was from Glencoe, signed by 167 members and 47 adherents, in favor of Rev. R. W. Ross, a college classmate of Messrs. Robertson and Courtenay. Mr. Ross was not present, but provisional arrangements were made for his ordination and induction at Glencoe on Monday, Jan. 29th, at 2 p.m. The congregation of St. James' Church, London, obtained leave to borrow \$1,000, additional, in order to consolidate their debt. Rev. A. Millar and Rev. D. Kelso obtained leave to moderate calls at Wardsville and Dunwich respectively. Rev. W. P. Clark presented the report of the Committee on Temperance. Rev. J. A. Macdonald moved the Presbytery to nominate Rev. Dr. G. L. Mackay missionary to Formosa, now in Canada, as Moderator of next General Assembly. The Committee on Remits reported against the proposed new Book of Praise. Considerable discussion arose over a motion to make a large selection from the Psalms rather than incorporate the entire Psalter. The Presbytery decided to recommend the incorporation of all the Psalms, using better versions where obtainable, increasing the number of hymns, omitting the paraphrases as a separate collection, but incorporating selections from the paraphrases in the Hymnal. Other minor changes were also recommended. The Presbytery will consider the hymns proposed to be added at an adjourned meeting in London on January 23rd, at 10.30 a.m. The various licentiates will also be examined at that meeting.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS.

The annual meeting of St. Andrew's Church, Lindsay, was held on Wednesday evening, 17th inst. Rev. Robt. Johnston, B.A., pastor of the church, presided. There was a large attendance and the proceedings were marked by much cordiality and interest. The pastor read the address of the session, expressing gratitude to God for all that has been accomplished in the past, hopefulness for the future and urging renewed consecration to the work of the Lord. Reports were presented and read from the Board of Managers, the Sunday School, Woman's Foreign Mission Society, Mission Band, Visiting Committee, Ladies' Aid Association and Young People's Christian Endeavor Society, all of which showed that active and successful work had been done during the past year. A significant fact respecting the Sunday School is that the attendance has quite outgrown the accommodation in the school-room, it having become necessary to teach seven classes in the church. The membership of the congregation is now 498. The amount raised during the year 1893, for all purposes, was \$6,925. Included in this amount is \$1,243 for missions and benevolent objects, \$545 being contributed by the congregation generally, \$268 by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, \$51 by the Mission Band, and \$79 by the Sunday School. Of the revenue \$2,400 was for the reduction of the debt. When all subscriptions have been paid the liabilities will be reduced to \$8,600, a most gratifying condition of affairs, when it is remembered, as was stated, that within the past eight years \$29,000 has been expended for land, build-

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ings and furnishings. Grateful reference was made to the fact that although the pastor has twice been called to the charge of other congregations since the beginning of last year, he is still with his people in Lindsay, prosecuting the work of the Lord with great zeal and even greater power than in the past, and to the continual increase in the attendance at the Sabbath services and at the prayer meeting.—*The Canadian Post*, Lindsay.

The annual meeting of the various social and religious organizations of St. Andrew's Church was held on the 17th inst. The pastor presided and there was a large attendance. The first report considered was that of the schemes of the church, which showed a financial improvement on the last year. The Missionary Societies next came under review—the Women's Foreign Mission Society, the King's Messengers and Sunbams. These reports were all satisfactory and were adopted. Mr. A. M. Gunn reported in the Fort Pelly Mission; the Central S. School (St. Andrew's), the London North, the London West, and the St. Andrew's Bible Class next reported and these reports were also received. The Woman's Visiting and Aid Society submitted their report, which showed the society to be in a more flourishing condition than at any previous time. The money aid rendered to the poor had been the source of great blessing. The Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor reported a healthy, active condition, and the future prospects of usefulness were most encouraging; these reports were accepted. The choir also reported, and the prayer meeting committee through its chairman. The meeting was most harmonious.—*London Free Press*.

The annual meeting of the congregation of the Church of the Redeemer, Deseronto, was held in the church on the evening of Thursday, 11th inst. The report of the Kirk Session showed that during the year 50 members had been received, 32 by the profession of faith, and of these 10 had come from the Sabbath School. One member had died during the year and 18 had left with certificates or had been retired, leaving 177 active members on the roll at the end of 1893. There are 122 families connected with the congregation. Treasurer's statement appended showed that the congregational collections for the schemes of the Assembly, etc., aside from the offerings of the societies, amounted to \$185.63; for the Session Fund \$36.45 had been collected. The Board of Managers reported that the revenue for the year was \$1,613.45, of which \$1,391.65 was from envelope offerings and \$155.67 plate collections. The expenditures were \$1,693.37, leaving a deficiency of \$80.12, which has since been wiped out. The Ladies' Missionary Society, few in numbers, had by monthly offerings raised \$48.69. The steady Gleaners had raised \$144.57 by different events held during the year. The Christian Endeavor Society reported a year of successful work and collections to the amount of \$67.01. The Golden Rule Mission Band had by hard work on the part of its members raised \$113.52. Mr. G. A. Lowe submitted a very encouraging report of the West End Mission. The total amount raised by the congregation for all purposes was about \$2,750. An adjournment was then made to the lecture room where cake, sandwiches and aromatic coffee were discussed. The meeting was subsequently dismissed with the doxology and benediction.

The annual congregational meeting of Carmel Presbyterian Church, Virden, was held on the afternoon of the 9th inst. The pastor, Rev. W. Beattie, took the chair. The report of the managers showed the church to be in a healthy condition financially. The pastor's salary was paid in full and other incidental expenses could be fully met by subscriptions yet to come in. The management start out with good prospects for the coming year. In place of the retiring manager, Mr. Mahill, Mr. P. McDonald was appointed, Mr. James Rothnie being elected for another term. The report of the Sabbath School showed that it was in a most prosperous condition. The Woman's Help Society presented a report which showed that the church was largely indebted to the ladies for the present encouraging financial state of the congregation. The Young People's Christian Endeavor Society report proved that the work among the young people of the congregation had been carried on vigorously. Before closing, the pastor, in a few suitable words, in the name of the congregation presented Mr. Bremner with a sum of money in recognition of his valuable services as leader of the choir. Mr. Bremner thanked the congregation for their kindness and said he always felt it to be a duty, and a pleasant duty, to help on church work. After partaking of the hospitality of the ladies and managers the meeting was brought to a close by singing the doxology and the pastor pronouncing the benediction.

The annual business meeting of Zion Presbyterian Church, Carleton Place, was held last Wednesday evening, the 10th inst., and was largely attended. The reports presented were all very satisfactory, and show the congregation to be making steady progress. The following facts were given: Members on the roll, 357; added during the year,

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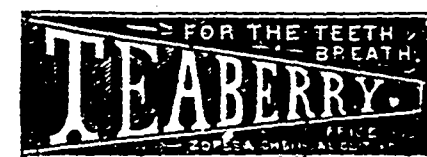
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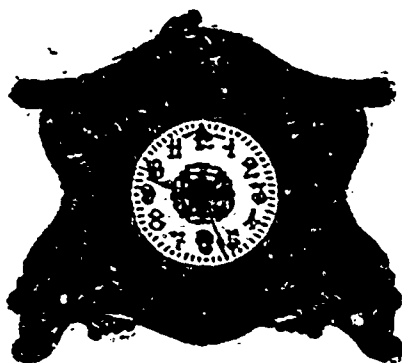
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10; contributed for mission purposes, \$915.81; Congregational Fund, \$1,905.14; Building Fund, \$537.17; Ladies' Aid Society, \$125.20; Sunday School, \$145.24; a total of \$3,628.56. The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society raised \$240, the Mission Band \$35, and the Ladies' Aid \$125, (\$100 of which was granted to the Manse Fund). Every fund showed a good surplus, after all liabilities had been met, and the manse debt had been reduced to \$1,500, against which there are cash and subscriptions amounting to over \$500. A motion was carried unanimously raising the pastor's (Rev. A. A. Scott) salary from \$1,000 to \$1,200. After the business had been disposed of, refreshments were served by the ladies of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, after which one of the most successful meetings in the history of the congregation was brought to a close by the singing of the doxology and the pronouncing of the benediction.

The Presbyterian congregation of Winchester held its annual meeting on the evening of January 10th. The treasurer's report showed the finances of the congregation to be in a prosperous condition. The following are a few items from the report: Collection for the schemes of the church, \$176.30; collection by Sabbath School for Jewish Mission, \$10; thank-offering for Missions, \$69.50; collections by Sabbath School for Pointe aux Trembles School, \$50; raised by Woman's Foreign Missionary Society during the year, \$85; by Young Ladies' Diligent Band, \$86; by Willing Workers' Society, \$230. The congregation contemplates building a new church next season.

The annual congregational meeting of Ormiston C. P. Church, Lucan, Ont., was held on Wednesday evening, the 17th inst., and was larger than usual and the financial and other reports were very encouraging. One of the pleasing incidents of the meeting was the unanimous vote to increase the stipend of the pastor, the Rev. John Campbell, as a mark of their appreciation of his labors, and their esteem for himself personally.

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