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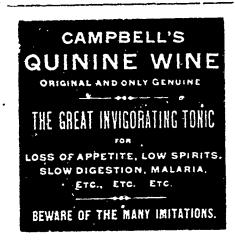
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#### Ministers and Churches.

THE Rev. D A. McLean, of Kemble, has been called by the Presbyterian congregation of Glamis, in the Presbytery of Bruce. But the call has been

THE following were inducted as elders of the Bloor Street Church last Sabbath, viz.: Rev. Dr. McLaren, W. B. McMurrich, J. Aitkins, Iulius Duncant; and J. Wanless, jr., was ordained and in-

AT a meeting of Knox Church, Brussels, Ont., held there on Friday, 18th inst., an entirely unanimous call was extended to Rev. D. Millar, lately of Chester Church, Toronto, and formerly of Aylmer,

THE congregation of the First Presbyterian Church, Vancouver, B. C., presented the pastor, the Rev. G. R. Maxwell, with a very handsome secretarie on the anniversary of his pastorate. The congregation is growing steadily.

THE Presbyterian congregations of Grand Valley and South Luther were very much interested, on the 6th inst., by addresses delivered by Mr. Tozo Ohno, of Toronto. His account of the customs and habits of the Japanese and the progress of missionary work amongst them was listened to by crowded houses, morning and evening. Such addresses as these will give the people a deeper interest in the work of Foreign Missions.

THE Empire of December 14 says: The anniversary sermon in Queen Street Methodist Church was preached yesterday morning by Dr. G. Howie, of Syria, to an immense audience. Rev. Manly Benson cordially thanked the preacher for the "new and forcible way in which he presented the cause of missions." Dr. Howie is expected to work in Victoria County next month in the interest of the Women's Christian Temperance Union.

THE half-yearly business meeting of the society in connection with Wentworth Presbyterian Church, Hamilton, was held last week. Mr. W. R. Leckie gave an address on missionary work, after which the officers for the next half-year were elected as follows: Mr. Albert E. Croal, president; Mr. Arthur Wooley, vice-president; Miss Edith Rowlin, secretary; Miss Katie Woodman, assistant secretary; Miss Annie Wooley, treasurer; Miss Jessie Miller, organist. At the close the members bade good-bye to Mr. William Aikins, one of the number, who is leaving to reside in Organosville. the number, who is leaving to reside in Orangeville.

A social time was spent in the lecture hall of Knex Church, South London, last week. The congregation and members of the Sabbata school assembled with the object of becoming better acquainted. Andrew Thompson occupied the chair, and those taking part in the programme were Mesdames Clark, Russell, Ballantyne and Macpherson. Misses Kemp, L. M. Dewar, Smith and A. McArthur, and Messrs. Smith, Alexander, Thorne and Kemp. Refreshments were provided in abundance by the ladies, and the best of it all the series were free free to the ladies. was the social was free.

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THE Rev. Jonas Johnson, pastor of the Martin Luther Icelandic Church, died of fever Sunday afternoon week at the general hospital after a short illness. Mr. Johnson was founder of the Icelandic Presbyterian Church in Winnipeg, has done a noble work and endeared bimself to all who knew him. The services Sunday evening week were conducted by the Rev. Dr. Bryce and Mr. Larns Johnson, brother of the deceased. Mr. Johnson was quite a young man, had been ordained about two years ago, and married only lately Miss Spears, of Springfield. The funeral took place at ten a mon Tuesday, the 8th inst., from the church, corner of Kate and McDermot Streets.

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THE annual meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of Knox Church, Galt, was held recently. The Treasurer's report showed that \$468.52 had been contributed for the Foreign department, and \$304 for Home Missions. Very satisfactory reports were given from the various Mission Bands. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Mrs. Jackson, President; Mrs. Graham, First Vice-President; Mrs. Millican, Second Vice-President; Mrs. H. A. Cant, Foreign Treasurer; Miss Cant, Home Treasurer; Miss Kerr, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. J. M. Hood, Recording Secretary; Mrs. John Laudreth, Tract Distributor.

The annual meeting of the Brampton Auxiliary

THE annual meeting of the Brampton Auxiliary to the W. F. M. S. was held on the 4th December. The reports of the year's work were very encouraging. With a membership of sixty-four there was an average attendance of forty-one. A more active interest was taken in the meetings than ever before. In July a bale of clothing was sent to the North-West mission schools. In November a very successful Thank Offering meeting was held, at which about one hundred ladies were present. The officers for next year are: Mrs. Gray, president; Mrs. W. D. Hunter, first vice-president; Mrs. D. Kirkwood, second vice-president; Mrs. Corbet, treasurer; Miss Mattie Smith, secretary.

THE anniversary social held in Erskine Church, Hamilton, last week, was a grand success. There was a large and appreciative audience, completely filling the body of the church. Tea was served by the ladies in the lecture-room from six to eight p.m., at which hour the chair was taken by Rev. p.m., at which hour the chair was taken by Rev. J. G. Shearer. Addresses were delivered by Rev. I. S. Conning, Caledonia; Rev. S. Lyle, B.D., Rev. Dr. Laing, Dundas; the Hon. R. Moreton. The following musical programme was given: Piano duet, Misses Whyte and George; anthem, "I will Sing of Thy Power" (Sullivan); song, "Resurrection" (Shelley), Mr. I. T. Hall; duet, "The Lord is My Shepherd" (Smart), Misses Allan and Gauld; song, "Flee as a Bird" (Dana), Mr. Charles Mayor; song, "Children Dreaming" (Cowan), Miss Anna Edgar; Miss Gauld, accompanist. The anthem by the choir was a very pleasing selection. Erskine Church has a choit that is a credit to it, and the state of proficiency it has reached reflects much credit on the talented leader, Miss Edgar. leader, Miss Edgar.

THE Queber Chronicle says : So great a sensation has been created in town by the recent sermon of the Rev. A. T. Love, of St. Andrews Church, upon the work of the Salvation Army in the Slums of London, that the rev. gentleman has promised at an early date to give publicity to a number of additional facts concerning the Army's operations which came under his personal notice in the world's metropolis. Mr. Love had felt deeply interested in the weird recital of the wretchedness of the Whitechapel people contained in General Booth's book, "In Darkest England," and was so moved to undertake a personal investigation of the condition of affairs therein described and of the work conducted there by the Salvation Army. Mr. Love gave a clear outline of General Booth's scheme, and stock is compandation of the work undertaken in spoke in commendation of the work undertaken in carrying it out.

SABBATH week Rev. R. J. Beattie, of Knox Church, Guelph, entered upon the ninth year of his pastorate. The sermon in the morning had special reference to the work of the Church in the past and future. He thanked the people for their forbearance and loyalty during the past eight years, and called upon all to give thanks to God for abundant blessings bestowed upon them as a congregation. The membership eight years ago numbered 254. There were now 573 names on the roll; six hundred members had been received during his pastorate. There were upwards of 200 families now in the congregation. Death had claimed thirty-nine mem-bers, six of this number having passed away this year. Eleven young persons had also been taken away by death. Special notice was taken of the increasing liberality and zeal in Christian work shown in the congregation. Touching reference was made to the high character of Mr. Robert McCrea, who had recently passed away.

In a recent discourse Dr. Laidlaw, of Hamilton, spoke strongly against the scenic presentation of religious subjects. His remarks were occasioned by the representation of Ben Hue in Hamilton. He said: I have been asked what my own opinion of the rendering of the play now under consideration is. Let me say, frankly, that I regard it as the greatest public mistake I have ever known Christian people make in all the twenty years of my ministry. It is true that I am not in a position to analyze the per-formance in detail and show that it is wrong in itself. But this is not necessary. It is not necessary for me to be able to analyze alcoholic drinks to show for me to be able to analyze alcoholic drinks to show that they are made up of dangerous ingredients. Let me see that they intoxicate those who drink them and this is enough to warrant me in guarding people against the needless use of them. To me, one of the most painful features connected with the proposed performance is the fact which has come before me again and again during the past week, that the rendering of it by our Christian people is wounding the consciences of many of God's most devoted children in our city. I feared that this would be the case, and in my sermon last Sabbath evening I dwelt with strong emphasis upon the importance of being exceedingly careful not to wound portance of being exceedingly careful not to wound the conscientious convictions of others. Had I then known what I have learned since—how much grieved, not one or two simply, but many of the Christian people of our city, are—I would have spoken still more strongly. I am sure that none of you would willingly wound the consciences of the class of persons to whom I refer, whether they are in high or humble stations.

On December 2 a most successful and enjoyable soirce was held in the Town Hall, Cayuga, under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society of the Presbyterian Church, in celebration of the first anniversary of their minister's induction. The hall, notwith standing the inclemency of the weather and the disagreeable state of the roads, was well filled, many having come long distances, and the other Churches in town were largely represented. After a substantial tea provided by the ladies, who were kindly assisted by a number of ladies from the other Churches, all of whom deserve great credit for the abundance and excellence of the feast, Mr. William Parker, elder, took the chair, and in a few well-chosen remarks opened the intellectual and musical part of the entertainment. During the evening excellent addresses, congratulatory and evening excellent addresses, congratuatory and suitable to the occasion, were delivered by the Rev. Mr. Chalmers, of the Methodist Church, Mr. Kinnear, M.A., Principal of the High School, Mr. A. K. Goodman, LL.B., and Dr. Bayter, M.P.P., ex-Speaker. The musical part of the programme was sustained by Mr. Stevenson and the Barnes Brothers. These gentlemen, all townsmen, acquitted themselves admirably in their songs and recitations, and were frequently encored. Mr. Johnson, toward the close of the meeting, thanked Johnson, toward the close of the meeting, thanked the speakers for their kind words of congratulation, and all who had taken part in the meeting by their presence and otherwise, and expressed the hope that the event of December 2 last year would often be celebrated in the future, and that the present harmony subsisting between him and his people would not soon or easily be broken. Mrs. J. H. Rogers presided at the organ with her well-known taste and ability. ability.

ST. PAULS Presbyterian Church, Daly Avenue, Ollawa, was filled at both services on Sabbath week on the occasion of the anniversary sermons. Rev. Dr. MacVicar, of Montreal, was the preacher. The singing was bright and hearty, and the collections, which were liberal, were given to the interest fund. In the morning Dr. MacVicar preached an able and instructive sermon on "The Assurance of Hope," taking for his text Heb. vi. 11. He dwelt on the possibility and grounds of assurance. entering largely into the theological and historical aspects of the question. He illustrated from his experiences as a pastor the great value of religious nurture in the home and in the Church, pointing out the fact that, for those so brought up, the day and date of conversion was not the great question, but the reality of their regeneration. God has not said to every one, old or young, virtuous or pro-fligate, who enters His kingdom, they must pass through the experience of the Philipian gaoler. May not many enter like Lydia, whose heart the in printedon the inbel. Lord opened to receive the Gospel? May not the ions. Neverald in bulk.

work of grace, reaching to full assurance, be the gradual working and growth of years? Why should persons who have thus grown up as Christians in the Christian Church be asked for day and date and be reproached and branded as no Christians or as Christians of an inferior order? Who shall preas Christians of an inferior order? Who shall presume to determine dogmatically and with mathematical certainty the moment when the omnipotent apirit of God first took dealing with his soul? "Whosoever believeth on the Lord Jesus Christ shall be saved." Have you this faith? Then you are saved. He concluded by pressing his hearers to test their faith by what it grasps, by what it does and by what it is willing to suffer. In the evening Dr. MacVicar preached a powerful sermon on the cure of the maniac of Gadara, taking as his text the words, "Go home to thy friends and tell them how great things Jesus hath done for thee." From this he claimed that Jesus intended converts to prove their sincerity and zeal in their home and overyday life before they attempted to go forth into active work for Him. A man that was not able to be a missionary at home would not make a missionary in Africa. missionary in Africa.

THE Bowmanville Statesman says: A severe trial has fallen upon the Rev. A. Leslie, Presbyterian minister of Newtonville, in the death of his wife on Monday, 7th inst., after an illness of only twelve hours. Without previous warning she was seized with convulsions early on Monday morning, and notwithstanding all that medical aid could do passed away at seven o'clock the same evening. The startling news of her death was received with great grief by the whole community, for the deceased lady had endeared herself to a wide circle of friends in Clarke township by her high Christian character, the amiability of her disposition, and her active interest in her husband's work and in every wood cause. The sympathy of the congregations good cause. The sympathy of the congregations of Newtonville and Kendal, of which Rev. Mr. Leslie has been now for nearly thirteen years the Leslie has been now for nearly thirteen years the minister, and of the whole community was shown by the large attendance at the funeral on Thursday forenoon. The elders of Newtonville and Kendal congregations acted as the pall-bearers. The following members of the Whitby Presbytery took part in the services at the house and in the church and afterwards at the cemetery: Revs. A. A. Drummond, J. Abraham, S. H. Eastman, B.A., R. D. Fraser, M.A., J. A. McKeen, B.A., and W. F. Allan, B.A., and also Rev. R. T. Courtice of the Methodist Church, Newtonville. Rev. R. P. Mackay, M.A., of Toronto, a college friend of Mr. Leslie's, delivered the address in the church. The congregation was visibly affected as Mr. Mackay referred in a touching way to the deceased as a daughter, a wife and mother and Christian worker. daughter, a wife and mother and Christian worker. Mrs. Leslie was the younger of the two daughters Mrs. Leslie was the younger of the two daughters of our respected and venerable townsman, Rev. George Purkis. After graduating from the well-knowf ladies' academy of Mrs. Lay in Montreal, she taught for a time in that school, and afterwards in Miss Haight's ladies' school, Toronto. As a teacher she was energetic and successful, and greatly beloved by her pupils. In her new sphere at Newtonville she threw herself ardently into the work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and with an active interest in everything that pertained to the welfare of her husband's congregations. tained to the welfare of her husband's congregations. Her loss will be deeply and widely felt. We extend our sympathy to Rev. Mr. Leslie and the whole circle of bereaved relatives.

THE concert given by the Toronto Vocal Society in the Pavilion last week was one of rare excellence. The careful and conscientious training of Mr. W. Edgar Buck was apparent in the fine and effec-tive choral singing. The special artists for the oc-casion were Miss Fremstadt, whose singing was charming and cultured; Mr. Victor Herbert, the accomplished violincellist, and Miss Irene Gurney. the brilliant planist.

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