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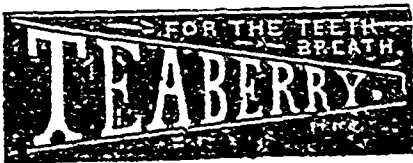
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Rev. Alex. King, M.A., B.Sc., preached interesting and instructive sermons in the Mimico church on 12th inst.

The amount raised by the W.F.M. Society and Missionary Band of St. Andrew's Church, Almonte, was \$412.75 for the year ending December, 1895.

Rev. Alfred Fowler, B.A., gave a popular lecture—"Music and Song Illustrated in Solo"—in the Presbyterian Church, Alvinston, on New Year's night to a large and appreciative audience.

Mrs. D. M. Buchanan, wife of Rev. D. M. Buchanan, of Lanark, was presented on Christmas eve, by the ladies of St. Andrew's Church, with a beautiful Sable fur cape as a token of their esteem.

The Rev. T. F. Fotheringham, St. John, N. B., received an unexpected visit from the members of his Bible class at New Year. After reading a very kind and sympathetic address they presented him with a handsome dressing gown in token of esteem and affection.

H. A. Calvin, M.P., headed a subscription list opened in Kingston for the suffering Armenians with \$50. The speakers at the mass meeting, Rev. M. MacGillivray and Principal Grant, declared that England and the United States should unite and aid the oppressed and persecuted people.

Rev. Mungo Fraser, D.D., of Hamilton, conducted anniversary services in St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Parkhill, on Sunday, January 12th. On the following Monday evening he delivered his famous lecture on Egypt. The audiences on all occasions were large, and the genial doctor's able services were much enjoyed.

On two occasions lately Rev. W. A. Wyllie has been visited by his people, first of Coldwater, then of Waubesa, and presented with addresses and with timely and valuable gifts for which Mr. Wyllie on both occasions expressed his thanks in a suitable manner, and in feeling terms referred to the invariable kindness he had received during his three years' pastorate.

One evening recently a large number of the members of Duff's Church Sabbath school called at the residence of Mrs. Meldrum and gave Miss E. M. Meldrum a genuine surprise by the presentation to her of an address accompanied by kind gifts. Miss Janet McLaughlin and Miss Maggie McBeath made the presentation, and Miss Meldrum replied in appropriate terms.

Rev. David Heron, who has been for forty years a Presbyterian missionary in British India, on New Year's Day gave a very interesting address on the "Lepers of India" in Calvin Church, Pembroke. Forty-one asylums for these unfortunates have been built in India by the board under which Mr. Heron is laboring, and every attempt is being made to stamp out the disease.

With a view to clearing off all indebtedness and beginning the new year with a clean sheet, the members of the Presbyterian congregation, of Deloraine, were asked to make Dec. 22nd., the closing of their contributions for 1895. As a result the plate collection on that eve, together with a few subscriptions added during the week, amounted to within a very small fraction of \$1,100—a sum sufficient to cover all liabilities.

Rev. R. P. Mackay desires to say to our readers that any who take magazines can put them to good use, after they are read, by sending them to one of our Foreign Mission Fields. It is not possible for our missionaries to subscribe for many, nor are there public libraries from which they can draw, yet it would keep them in touch with the times, and help to give freshness and fertility of thought if a few good magazines were within their reach.

The annual entertainment given by the congregation of Knox Church, Orangeville, on New Year's evening was as successful as usual. Refreshments were served in the basement, after which, in the Church proper, a choice programme, consisting of vocal and instrumental music and addresses, was rendered to a thoroughly sympathetic audience. The chair was occupied by the pastor, Rev. A. Wilson, in his usual able and pleasing manner. The proceeds amounted to \$70.

The lecture room of Knox Church, Milton, was the scene of a pleasant event on the evening of the 7th inst. The pastor, Rev. A. Mabaffy returned to town that evening with his bride, and a reception was tendered them. The room was prettily decorated; the addresses were interesting and kindly; everyone seemed happy; while the numerous presents in the rooms of the manse bore tangible testimony to the good will of the congregation. The chair was occupied by J. McCollum, Esq., Mayor.

Letters from Rev. R. M. Craig, late of Fergus, now of Santa Fe., report all in good health, the most kindly and generous treatment from their new congregation of about two hundred people, a nice church capable of seating two hundred and fifty, a ten roomed manse, hot water pipes, etc.; cold weather, as low as zero at night, but fine, sunny, healthy, dry, clear days, at an elevation of 7,000 feet, in the oldest city in America; prospects for the future bright. Mr. Craig's many friends will join in wishing that the bright prospects may continue.

Knox Church, Scarboro, held its annual meeting on the 13th inst. There was a good attendance of members present, Mr. George Elliott was elected chairman. The treasurer's report was highly encouraging, showing that, notwithstanding times of continued depression in agriculture, the liberality of the congregation has been most gratifying, especially in their givings to the Schemes of the Church. Total receipts for the year \$2,240; of that sum \$765 were given to the Schemes of the Church. The reports of the different societies gave marked evidences of growth and increasing interest along the line of Church life and work.

The annual meeting of St. Andrew's Church, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., was held on the 9th inst. The usual reports were presented, all of which were of a most encouraging nature. There are now 175 members on the roll, a net increase of 37 during the year. The managers reported \$50 cash on hand to begin the new year, and \$350 by special subscription towards defraying the mortgage on the Church. The ladies of the congregation—mainly through the Talent Scheme—raised \$425 more for the same object. At this rate the mortgage of \$1,200 will soon disappear. This state of affairs reflects great credit on the energy of both pastor and people, especially when it is considered that during the past year the congregation became self-sustaining.

The annual meeting of Zion Presbyterian Church, Thessalon, was held on the evening of Tuesday, January 9th. Reports were received from the secretaries and treasurers of its church Ladies' Aid, Y. P. S. C. E., and Sabbath School. The report of the Session showed increase of membership 28. The receipts during the year were \$343.88; expenditure, \$324.09. The Ladies' Aid reported great interest in the work by its members. Its receipts were \$172.21, expenditure \$165.38. Christian Endeavor Society showed steady increase, there being 21 active and 30 associate members, with receipts \$22.47, expenditure \$19.35. The Sabbath School reported receipts \$81.31, balance on hand \$34.30. Refreshments were served and a pleasant time spent.

The annual meeting of East Church auxiliary to the W.F.M.S. was held in the lecture-room of the church, Oak St., on the evening of January 6th. After the opening exercises and the usual business routine the reports for 1895 were received. The following officers were then elected: President, Mrs. Morrison; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Culross, Mrs. Shaw, Mrs. Gunn and Mrs. Tomlinson; Sec., Mrs. Bryans; Treas., Miss Duthie; Leaflet Sec., Miss Fullerton. Solos were sung by Miss Smith and Mrs. Cromarty and a very interesting address was given by Mrs. Ball. At the close of the business meeting, the pastor, Rev. J. A. Morrison, the Session and the Board of Managers met with the ladies when refreshments were served and a very pleasant half-hour spent in social intercourse.

The annual meeting of Chalmer's Church, Miami, and St. Andrew's, Nelson, Man., were held on Friday and Saturday, December 3rd and 4th. The report of Miami congregation showed that the Ladies' Aid Society had collected during the year \$396, which, with the amount realized at the anniversary held on Nov. 22nd and 23rd, made a total of \$479, enough to pay the entire debt on the Church building with the exception of a small balance to be paid in a few days. This congregation of scarcely seventy members has, in a little more than three years, paid a little over \$1,000 of debt on church property, besides its ordinary expenses. The Nelson congregation has no debt on the church building, and its reports showed that there had been collected for all purposes during the year the sum of \$420.80.

The Ladies' Aid of Knox Church, Midland, gave an enjoyable tea and concert in Ingram's Hall on New Year's night. The programme was an excellent one. A number of Rev. Dr. James's family, who were in Midland for the celebration of the "Golden Wedding" of Dr. and Mrs. James, took part, and won for themselves a warm place in the hearts of the audience. The playing of Mrs. Thomas D. James, of Cheboygan, in company with Miss Whyte, the organist of Knox Church, was greatly admired, and Mr. Edward James's songs were received with much favour. Mr. John James, of Albany, recited in excellent taste "A Victor of Marengo," and Miss Jean James from Vassar, in her rendition of "A Story of the Maine Coast," fairly brought down the house. There was a large audience present by which the whole evening's entertainment was thoroughly enjoyed.

The ladies of Claude Church, in January, 1895, organized a Home Missionary society in addition to the W.F.M.S., seeing the needs of the Home field were as great as the Foreign. The annual meeting of these two societies was held in Inglewood on December 31st. Together they raised the sum of \$118.52, which includes expenses for missionary purposes. This amount is a little less than was raised by the W.F.M. Society the previous year. The membership is not large although nearly all the ladies of the church give cheerfully, still it remains the duty and privilege of every church member to be a member of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies. The meetings held from month to month have been very helpful in the past years, owing in a large measure to the untiring efforts of the president, Mrs. Farquharson. At the Thank-offering meeting in October, Mrs. Grant, of Hamilton, was present, and her talk on Central India mission work was much appreciated. Mrs. Perdue, a member of the society, rendered very beautifully a poem entitled the "Syrophenician Woman."

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GOLDEN WEDDING.—On Tuesday evening, December 31st, 1895, at their residence, Oak Cottage, Midland, the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. James, late of Walkerton, celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage. Children and grandchildren to the number of twenty-five gathered around them to offer congratulations. As the members of Dr. James's family are widely scattered, the "Golden Wedding" was made the occasion of a happy family reunion, and many of the cousins who had never met, had the opportunity of making each other's acquaintances while they spent a few days at grandmas. Dr. and Mrs. James are still hearty and vigorous for their years, and do not look as if fifty years of married life had been theirs. On Sabbath, the 29th ult., the Doctor conducted the morning services in Knox Church, of which his son is pastor, and delivered an eloquent and impressive discourse, and on New Year's morning also gave an address at the congregational prayer-meeting.

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