

Ottawa and Vicinity.

It is reported that Rev. Dr. Campbell, formerly pastor of Erskine church, has received a call from Louisville, Kentucky.

The communion service in St. Paul's church on Sabbath morning was well attended. Rev. Dr. Armstrong preached on "Gettusemane."

Rev. A. S. Ross, B. A., the popular minister of Merivale and Westboro, is meeting with much success in his work. Last week the church at Merivale was thoroughly renovated, and at present steps are being taken to build a new manse during the present year.

In the Stewarton Presbyterian church on Sabbath evening Rev. Mr. Herbinson preached a specially appropriate sermon to railway men. Attendance was good, and the sermon was based on the words, "The highway of the upright is to depart from evil; he that keepeth his way preserveth his soul."

The two hundred children of New Edinburgh who attend the McKay church Sunday school had a glorious time on the occasion of their annual festival, and the parents and relatives enjoyed the affair almost as much as did the children. The children were entertained at tea at six o'clock and fully 500 people attended the concert which followed. Even standing room being at a premium. Rev. Mr. McLeod presided, and an interesting programme was well presented by a number of bright, intelligent young people connected with the school.

Rev. Mr. Mitchell, B. A., preached to very large congregations in Erskine church last Sabbath. In the evening he preached a powerful evangelistic sermon from the words, "The Master is come, and calleth for thee." The illustrations were very appropriate, and the discourse made a deep impression. Communion will be observed at the morning service next Sunday, and on Friday evening a preparatory service will be held. The Sunday school still continues to grow and on Sunday the attendance was 264. Mr. J. Bowman the acting Superintendent takes much interest in the work.

The annual children's tea-meeting of St. Paul's church was a very happy affair, and the young people thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Tea was served from half past five to half past seven after which a good programme of songs and recitations was rendered. Dr. Armstrong presided. The music rendered at intervals was an attractive feature of the programme. Prizes were distributed to twenty-five pupils for general proficiency. Those who received prizes were Rebecca Bobier, Mabel Cunningham, Jessie McCormick, Catherine MacPherson, Annie MacPherson, May Murphy, Barbara Wailands, Ethel McCormick, Dorothy Shoolbred, Ethel Fletcher, Marjory Irvine, Ina Murray, Laura Walters, Emma McCormick, Fred Daubney, John Murphy, James Daubney, George Blyth, Stuart Kirkpatrick, Howard Raphael, Gordon Irvine, Gerald Eaton, Robert Hasteley, Harold Davis and John McKinley.

Brockville Presbyterian W. F. M. S.

The Sixteenth Annual Meeting of this flourishing Society was held in St. John's Church, Brockville, Feb. 25th and 26th. Four sessions were held, all well attended, and the proceedings of a most interesting character.

The Corresponding Secretary reported good progress made during the year, among many of the Auxiliaries and Bands. Some of the weaker ones holding together under great difficulties and discouragements.

The Treasurer reported \$1,543 in the treasury, which was considered a creditable amount, as the Presbyterian had also contributed \$300 to the Indian Famine Fund.

About 60 delegates enrolled their names. The kindness and hospitality of the good people of Brockville were unbounded. The systematic manner in which the committee of arrangements managed their various duties were specially noticeable.

The "President's Address," "Bible Readings," "Closing Words" etc.—were all of a most helpful nature, and highly spiritual in their tone. The "Address of Welcome" and Reply, also "Greetings from sister Societies" were unusually fine. Indeed everything presented to the Presbyterian, showed the most careful preparation.

Rev. Dr. Strachan, pastor of St. John's, occupied the chair in the evening, and performed his duties in an exceedingly happy manner. He

was assisted in the devotional exercises by Rev. Mr. Laird, First Church, Brockville, and Rev. Mr. Fee, Merrickville.

The music was particularly good, under the direction of Mr. Graddock, the famous organist. —Addresses by Dr. Woods of India, and Rev. J. A. MacArthur on the Kailash, were listened to with intense interest. Mrs. Blair gave some pleasant reminiscences of the Presbyterian.

The singing of "God Save the King" brought to a close one of the finest meetings held by this Society.

Echoes From The Meeting.

As I attend one Presbyterian after another, I notice the progress made in the work, and the increased interest of the workers.

I see no cause for discouragement; let us not be weary in well-doing, for by and by we will "go in and possess the land."—Mrs. J. H. Merkeley.

Some of us may have little time, others may have little to contribute, and some may think they have few talents, but we can all pray. We have ample proof that God honors definite, intelligent, believing prayer.—Miss J. Colquhoun.

At this remarkable time, the beginning of a new century, let us fervently pray that we may be stirred to greater activity than ever in doing our Father's will.—Mrs. W. B. Smellie.

The more we see of Jesus the less friction there will be in our Auxiliaries, and the fewer misunderstandings. Let this be our motto: "We would see Jesus"—Mrs. Macalister.

We are in for a sweeping forward movement in Missionary work; do not let this Presbyterian lig, nor allow our Auxiliaries to lose their place in the ranks.—Mrs. Blair.

The 'day of prayer' has been generally observed, and it gives added interest to know that on that day all our societies are "bound by the golden chains of prayer about the feet of God"—Mrs. Beckstead.

State of Funds.

On the evening of the 28th February—the day fixed by the General Assembly for the close of the ecclesiastical year—the following amounts were still required to enable the several committees to end the year free from debt:—

Home Missions	\$21,500
Augmentation	5,000
Foreign Missions	4,800
French Evangelization	1,500
Pointe aux Trembles	250
Widows of Orphans	5,000
Aged and Infirm Ministers	2,000
Assembly	300
Knox College	5,000
Queen's College	2,250
Montreal College	2,600
Manitoba College

The books are to remain open until Tuesday, 12th March. All money received in the office in Toronto up to the evening of that day will appear in the detailed statement of receipts for the past year to be submitted to the General Assembly. It is earnestly hoped that every congregation of the church will have remitted its contribution for the schemes prior to Tuesday. If this is done, the probability is that most of the funds will be free from debt. The chief anxiety at present is in reference to the Home Mission Fund. The success of every scheme of the church is, more or less, bound up with the success of our Home Mission work, and it is of the utmost importance that the committee be put in a position whereby, instead of contracting the work, it will be able to avail itself of the many new openings for the entrance of the Gospel throughout the country. In connection with the opening of New Northern Ontario and also the new settlements west of Lake Superior, our Church must enter in immediately if it is to do its fair share of work in supplying Gospel ordinances to these districts.

As it sometimes happens that the Treasurers of missionary funds connected both with congregations and sabbath schools, are unaware of the date when money should be forwarded, may I ask the ministers of the church personally to see that money is all forwarded so as to reach the office by Tuesday next? Let every fund be free from debt in the opening year of the new century.

ROBT. H. WARDEN.

Toronto, 2nd March, 1901.

British and Foreign.

Rev. Dr. Dykes Ayr, is about visiting Egypt. St. Paul's United Free Church, Dundee, is to have an organ introduced.

It is interesting to know that a Carlyle still tenants Craigenputtock.

The boys at "Thurms" treat telephone insulators as handy "cockshies."

The Helensburgh Town Council deleted the "VII" from the oath of allegiance.

The cathedral of Strasburg is the finest thing in stone and tracery Europe can show.

Mr. Hugh Paton, evangelist, has been holding a series of successful meetings in Wick.

The United Free Glasgow Presbytery urge congregations to keep a list of total abstinents.

Before the war the mines of South Africa gave work to between 60,000 and 70,000 men.

An epidemic of typhoid fever is raging in Rome which bids fair to spoil the season there.

The income of the National Bible Society during 1900 was £28,647, and the expenditure £20,096.

It is estimated that five millions of people saw the funeral procession of the late Queen in London.

People who are 85 years of age—and there are many such—are now living under their fifth monarch.

Rev. J. Wright, for 57 years minister of Chalmers Street Church, Kinross, wishes a colleague and successor.

Rev. Dr. James MacGregor, St. Cuthbert's, Edinburgh, is confined to the house through indisposition.

Mr. Ross, of McGibbon & Ross, architects, Edinburgh, says that Linlithgow Palace can be restored for £40,000.

In 1859 there were 10,314 juvenile offenders in England. Now there are 4500 only in the various reformatories.

It is stated that the eastern slopes of the Andes are richer in gold, silver and copper than the Transvaal or Klondyke.

The death in her 97th year is announced of Miss Isabella Souttar, one of Aberdeen's oldest and best known inhabitants.

An organ was heard within South Beach Church, Ayrshire, on the 5th inst., for the first time in the history of that church.

The census taken in St. Petersburg on Dec. 27th shows that the population of the Russian capital is approximately 1,500,000 persons.

There died at Mayfield Gardens, Edinburgh, on the 10th inst., Rev. James Selkirk, senior minister of the East Free Church, Aberdeen.

One of Rotheray churches bears in its title—United Free Parish Church—a link with all three leading denominations of the Presbyterian Church.

The Earl and Countess of Aberdeen were among those who witnessed the final scene of the funeral of the Queen in St. George's Chapel.

Rev. Lewis A. Muirhead, Broughty Ferry, is to be the first holder of the Professor Bruce lectureship in New Testament Learning instituted in Glasgow College.

Giffillan Memorial Church, Dundee, has decided that the salary of the organist should be £60, and that £10 should be struck of the allowance for extra cleaning.

A number of the ratepayers of Gairloch wish the parish divided into two portions—the quad sacra parish of Poolewe to be one portion, and the rest of Gairloch to form the other.

The position of Lord Lyon King-of-Arms was fully recognized at the funeral of Her Majesty, Sir James Ballour Paul being assigned a place in St. George's Chapel, Windsor, according to his rank.

The foundering of the mail steamer Rio de Janeiro inside the harbour of San Francisco last week at the very end of a long voyage is one of the most appalling disasters recorded in the annals of sea misadventure.

The Duchess of Argyll is the handsomest of all the Queen's daughters, and looks wonderfully young and well. She is also exceedingly clever, with strong artistic tastes, and has a truly royal charm of manner. She is the King's favourite sister.