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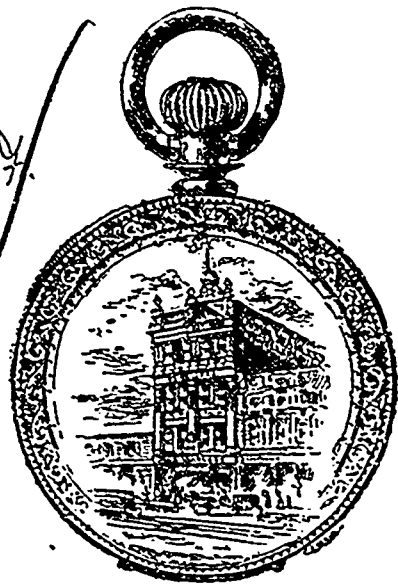
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Ministers and Churches.

THE regular half yearly meeting of the Home Mission Committee will be held on Tuesday, the 24th of March, at nine a.m., in the lecture room of St. Andrew's Church, Toronto.

MR. W. D. RUSSELL, who has been superintendent of St. Andrew's Church S.S., Winnipeg, retired from that position at the close of the year, and on leaving was presented by the teachers with a handsome engrossed framed address, a gold locket, otter cap and mitts and an elegant marble clock.

THE anniversary services of the Dumbarton Presbyterian Church were conducted on February 22 by the Rev. G. C. Patterson, M.A., of St. Enoch's Church, Toronto. Mr. Patterson's reputation as an earnest and powerful preacher was fully sustained. Attendance and collections were unusually large.

THE Rev. T. F. Fotheringham, 107 Hazen Street, St. John, N.B., sends the following note for publication: Will the writers of the essays with the following mottoes kindly send me their names, ages, and post office addresses, as the slip containing these particulars has not come to hand: "Love one another." "Peace be still." "Watch and pray." "Come Holy Spirit."

At the regular meeting of Knox College Literary and Metaphysical Society last week the following officers were elected: President, J. S. Davidson, B.A.; first vice-president, W. H. Grant, B.A.; second vice president, W. Black, B.A.; critic, W. G. Fortune, B.A.; recording secretary, J. F. Scott; corresponding secretary, A. McLean; treasurer, William Cooper; secretary of committee, D. M. Martin; curator, J. Cranston; council, L. McLean, C. T. Tough, J. H. Barnett.

A NEW Presbyterian Church was opened at Delhi (Hamilton Presbytery) on February 22, when the Rev. Mr. Cockburn, of Paris, preached morning, afternoon and evening. The building on each occasion was crowded. The following evening a successful tea-meeting was held, when addresses were delivered by Rev. J. Waddell Black, the Rev. Mr. Macgregor, of Tilsonburg, and the Rev. Mr. Tremble, of Delhi Methodist Church. The music was provided by the Simcoe Presbyterian choir. During the meeting a subscription list was opened when a sum was promised which when added to the previous day's collection amounts to no less than \$300. This small congregation deserves encouragement and congratulation. The chair was occupied by the Rev. Mr. Hamilton.

THE Guelph Presbyterial Woman's Foreign Missionary Society met in Knox Church, Guelph, on February 27, a large representation from the various Auxiliaries and Mission Bands being present. Mrs. D. McCrae, of Guelph, presided at the forenoon and afternoon sessions, during which business was transacted, greetings exchanged with sister societies and a delightful address from Mrs. Ewart, of Toronto, listened to. A choir of young ladies from the different Guelph societies led in hearty singing, and a dialogue was given by members of Melville Auxiliary, Fergus. The reports showed increase in members and liberality, the amount contributed during the year being upwards of \$1,900. Elora was agreed upon as the next place of meeting. The officers elected for the ensuing year were: Mrs. D. McCrae, Guelph, president; Mrs. Smellie, Fergus; Mrs. Winchester, Berlin; Mrs. Goldie, Guelph, and Mrs. Dickson, Galt, vice-presidents; Miss H. Cant, Galt, treasurer; Miss Smellie, Fergus, secretary. The Rev. J. R. Beattie occupied the chair at the evening meeting, and addresses were delivered by Rev. A. B. Winchester, Berlin, and Revs. Dr. Wardrop and Smith, of Guelph; Rev. Dr. Middlemiss, of Elora, and Rev. Dr. Smith, of Kingston, leading in prayer.

THE anniversary services held in Carmel Presbyterian Church, Hensall, on Sabbath week and following evening were very largely attended and were successful in the fullest sense of the word. The Rev. Mr. Ross, B.A., of Brussels, preached both morning and evening, delivering exceedingly able and interesting discourses on both occasions. The large and spacious church, together with the gallery, were well filled. On the Monday evening following, when the tea-meeting was held, the church was fairly packed, and everything passed off most pleasantly and successfully. The tea was A No. 1 in all respects and reflected the highest credit on the ladies as excellent cooks and liberal providers, while the programme for the evening was all that could have been desired, and was very much enjoyed, as could not otherwise have been the case. The reverend gentlemen who were present and spoke were as follows: Rev. Mr. Acheson, of Kippen; Rev. Mr. Casson, of Seaforth; Rev. Mr. Grant, of St. Mary's, and Rev. Mr. Irvine, of Hensall, and the addresses were all excellent. Dr. Campbell, of Seaforth, and Mr. Burns, of Toronto, were also present and gave readings and recitations, which were much enjoyed. Miss Hotnam, of Staffa, sang a couple of solos which were well rendered; Professor Hawkins, of Staffa, also gave a very fine instrumental in his own inimitable manner, while the church choir, under the leadership of Mr. C. McAllister, added much to the pleasure of the evening, as did also Mr. Jameson and family, of Brucefield. Each gave some fine selections which were much enjoyed. The total proceeds of the Sabbath collections and tea-meeting amounted to the handsome sum of \$270, which were certainly most gratifying to the congregation and committee in charge.

ON the evening of Thursday, February 26, Rev. Dr. McTavish, pastor of Central Presbyterian Church, Toronto, delivered a lecture under the auspices of the Mission Band, on "Scotland." Mr. W. Campbell, a member of the Board of Management of the Church, occupied the chair. After the singing of a hymn and prayer by Mr. Crombie the Doctor began his lecture, and for the space of over an hour he treated his hearers to a most entertaining, instructive and at times amusing description of what he saw and heard in "the land of

brown heath and shaggy wood." Dr. McTavish began by a description of Edinburgh as seen from Arthur's Seat and the Calton Hill, taking in the beautiful surroundings also, and painting in glowing colours the Lothians, the Firth of Forth and the various historical scenes which come within the range of vision from the points of vantage already mentioned. Descending into the valley the doctor described St. Anthony's Chapel and Well, Holy road Chapel and Palace, and then, taking his hearers into the city, he described to them many of the houses and ancient buildings, around which cluster such stirring memories of by-gone days. He spoke of Knox's house, of St. Giles, of the castle, of the Grassmarket and of Greyfriars Churchyard with the varied associations which cling to each, and became eloquent when describing the cruelties practised upon our covenanting forefathers, who chose rather to die than relinquish their right to worship their God according to their conscience. Leaving Edinburgh, Dr. McTavish took his audience to Glasgow, from which he carried them with him to Greenock, where the boat for the West Highlands was taken. Then came a graphic description of the sail down the noble Clyde, the run through the Crinan Canal and the sail into the beautiful bay at Oban Gates, and while going up the Caledonian Canal the lecturer diverged a little and took his hearers to the top of Ben Nevis. The description the Doctor gave of the sunset, as seen from Oban, and of the landscape, as seen from the top of Ben Nevis, was very fine, almost rivalling the pen-pictures by Black of the beauties of West Highland scenery. After a passing glance at Inverness, the Doctor passed into Ross-shire, and described his experiences at the homes of two of his acquaintances, whose Highland welcome he spoke of in very glowing terms. The description of family life in the manse at Edderton was particularly impressive, and brought to mind vividly Burns' familiar words: "From scenes like these auld Scotia's grandeur springs," etc. The lecture was listened to with deep interest, and at the close a hearty vote of thanks was, on motion of Mr. Henry Meldrum, seconded by Mr. R. Donald, sr., passed in favour of the Doctor for the excellent manner in which he had handled his subject. During the evening, and as being appropriate to the occasion, the Misses Paton sang a duet, "The Rowan Tree," and Mr. J. M. Wright gave a solo, "Oh Why Left I My Home?" The benediction by the pastor brought the proceedings to a close.

THE annual meeting of the Lindsay Presbyterial Society was held on February 24 at Beaverton, where about two hundred delegates and their friends were assembled. The very inclement weather kept many away, especially those who would have driven from the country. The meeting was opened at eleven a.m. in the basement of the church, the president, Mrs. McIntyre, presiding. After the reading of the minutes of the last annual meeting, the election of officers was proceeded with, the result being: Mrs. D. J. McIntyre, Lindsay, president; Mrs. Hanna, Uxbridge; Mrs. Campbell, Quaker Hill; Miss McKennan, Cambridge, and Mrs. Glendinning, Sunderland, vice-presidents; Miss McKennan, Lindsay, secretary; Mrs. McKay, Woodville, secretary of literature; Mrs. McPhaden, Cannington, treasurer. The ladies of the Woodville-Auxiliary gave an invitation to the Presbyterial Society to hold its next annual meeting in that place which was accepted. A motion was brought before the meeting and passed that the president have the privilege of asking any one or all of the vice-presidents to assist in visiting the Auxiliaries during the year. Another motion was also moved and carried that if a deficit be found in the Presbyterial fund it be made up by the Presbyterial treasurer sending to each Auxiliary the amount required from it, always proportionate to the number of members. After some routine business the meeting adjourned for dinner which was served in the church by the ladies of Beaverton, whose hospitality throughout was most hearty and generous. The afternoon meeting opened at two o'clock. The president was assisted in the devotional exercises during the day by Mrs. Cameron, Cannington; Mrs. Scott, Cambray; Miss McKennan, Cambridge, and Mrs. Hanna, Uxbridge. The delegates were welcomed to Beaverton by Miss Gilchrist in a short address which was replied to on behalf of the delegates by Mrs. Locher Sutherland. The meeting was favoured in having Mrs. Ewart whose very able address was listened to with the greatest interest. The secretary, Mrs. Stewart, Lindsay, read her report, which showed the total number of Auxiliaries to be twenty, with three mission bands. Two new societies had been formed during the year by the president. The membership exceeds last year by about fourteen, the average attendance by eighteen. The total value of clothing sent to the North-West was \$260.50. The report showed also a considerable increase in the number of subscribers for the letter leaflet. The treasurer's report was read by Mrs. Hall, of Uxbridge, and showed that we had reached the point at which we have been aiming for some time, that is the raising of \$1,000. This is in advance of last year \$142.50. Votes of thanks were offered to Mrs. Ewart, the ladies of Beaverton and the choir, and to the retiring officers, Mrs. McMillan, Wick; Mrs. Hall, Uxbridge, and Mrs. Stewart, Lindsay. The meeting in the evening was addressed by Rev. Mr. Galloway, Kirkfield, and Rev. Mr. Cameron, Cannington, whose earnest words we will not soon forget. We are thankful to our heavenly Father for the share in His glorious work He is permitting us to take and pray that ours may not be a small part in winning "the world for Christ."

PRESBYTERY OF PETERBOROUGH.—This Presbytery met on January 20, fifteen ministers and nine elders present. It was agreed that Cobourg and Peterborough be centres at which Sabbath school institutes shall be held. The union of Garden Hill and Millbrook was reaffirmed, as was also the independence of Centreville (this at a subsequent meeting). The following minute was adopted in connection with the resignation of Rev. A. Bell. "The Presbytery in accepting the resigna-

tion of the Rev. Alexander Bell as pastor of the St. Andrew's Church, Peterborough, would hereby express their sincere sympathy with their brother in the painful affliction that has overtaken him, and pray God that he may soon recover from his severe and protracted illness and be enabled for many years to come to labour in the vineyard of our common Lord. We would likewise hereby express our high appreciation of the ability and scholarship of Mr. Bell as a lucid expounder of the truth of God's Word, as a fearless and able defender of that truth when assailed by its enemies and as a clear and forcible preacher; and our earnest hope is that, restored to health, he will still continue to employ his high gifts in proclaiming the Gospel of Christ to frail and perishing sinners. The Clerk is hereby authorized to transmit a copy of this resolution to Mr. Bell." Delegates were appointed to visit the several augmented congregations before next meeting, which was appointed to be held in Mill St. Church, Port Hope, on March 17, at ten o'clock a.m. A conference on the State of Religion was appointed in connection with next meeting. Mr. Burnett gave notice of motion for the adoption of an overture to the General Assembly for the appointment of a committee to consider: 1. Is it desirable that the statistical tables as contained in the appendix to our minutes of Assembly should continue to be extended to the length which has been the rule hitherto? 2. Is it desirable that the expense of giving a free copy of the minutes to every elder of the Church should be continued? It was recommended that rule nine in regulations of Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund remain as at present. No action taken with regard to other proposed alterations.—W. BRUNETT, Pres. Clerk.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS.

THE annual business meeting of Knox Church, Guelph, was held recently. There was a large attendance, and several old members remarked that it was the best meeting of the kind they had ever attended in Knox Church. After devotional exercises conducted by Rev. R. J. Beattie, pastor of the Church, it was moved that Mr. J. I. Hobson take the chair. Reports were presented from the Session, managers, treasurer, Sabbath schools and Bible class, Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Missionary Association, Ladies' Aid Society and Young People's Society of Christian Endeavour. All these reports were of a very satisfactory nature. There are 200 families and 534 members. During the year seventy-nine members were received and forty-eight dismissed. Seven members were removed by death. Much satisfaction was expressed over the provision made during the past year for the payment of the church debt. The whole amount is subscribed and about half the amount has already been paid and applied on the debt, thus saving the interest to the Church funds. The whole sum will be paid before the end of the present year. Messrs. S. Hodgskin and R. Johnston were appointed auditors. The retiring Board of Managers, with three additional members, were elected for the present year. Their names are as follows: Mayor Goldie, chairman; George Dudgeon, treasurer; Andrew Scott, secretary; Arch. Frew, David Little, R. A. Butchart, Robert Gordon, Thomas Anderson, H. Wetherston, James Millar, George Whitelaw and Gilbert Amos, jr. Hearty votes of thanks were given to the retiring Board of Managers, to Mr. George Dudgeon, treasurer; to Mr. and Miss Walker for musical services in the Bible class, to Professor Shaw for valuable work done in the Bible class and congregation during the year, to the choir and to Mr. Hobson for his services in the chair. The meeting closed with singing and the benediction.

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