

The house to house visitation lately completed proved a great success, and the information slips to be handed to the different pastors will be of material assistance to them in their work. At a meeting of the Sabbath School Association held last week the committee that had the work in hand received the thanks of the Association. The slips received show the population of Peterborough and Ashburnham to be 13,799.

#### Presbytery of Guelph.

The Presbytery met on the 17th inst., with Mr. Cunningham in the chair. A good deal of time was devoted to the discussion of the recommendation of the Assembly's S. S. Committee. The first was that the conveners of the committees of presbytery should not be frequently changed. Mr. A. W. McIntosh was confirmed as convener of the S. S. Committee and the committee was empowered to arrange for the systematic visitation of the schools and to consider the question of holding a S. S. Institute.

The report of the Commission on Queen's University was fully discussed. The first and second resolutions were adopted in which the growth of the University since 1875, the great service it has rendered to higher education and the desirability of continuing the connection between the University and the church were recognized. After considerable discussion of the third resolution it was decided by a vote of 16 to 9 to postpone further consideration until next meeting.

A report was presented by the Committee on Foreign Missions stating that a successful conference had been held in co-operation with the Volunteer Union and that it had been decided to ask the presbytery to undertake the support of a foreign missionary. The matter was referred to a committee consisting of the Guelph ministers, with their elders and Mr. Glassford as conveners to consider the matter and report.

Mr. McVicar reported attendance on the W. F. M. S. Presbytery at Acton, and stated that the society was in a flourishing condition.

The mission grants for the past half year were reported as paid, and Mr. D. Armstrong was appointed to the charge of Livingstone church, Baden.

Mr. Ross was appointed convener of the Augmentation Committee. The suggestion of the Assembly to increase the remuneration of ministers of augmented charges in the West by fifty dollars per annum was approved.

It was stated that a Young People's conference, will be held in Knox church, Elora, on January 18.

#### Queen's University.

There has been adopted a printed form of service for the Sunday afternoons throughout the session. The students' choir will be in academic costume, and consists of both male and female. "The Church's One Foundation" has been chosen as the processional hymn as the principal and professors enter Convocation Hall and proceed to the platform. All the prayers are printed. On the 15th the Bishop of Ontario was the preacher and Rev. Dr. Herridge of Ottawa preached a week ago last Sunday.

Principal Gordon has always maintained that the Bible should have a more important place in the colleges and universities than it has. In order to put into practice what he preaches, Dr. Gordon has inaugurated a class, open to the students and the public, for the study of the English Bible. He himself will give a course of lectures on the "Literature and Religion of the Old Testament," while Rev. Prof. McComb will discourse on "The Life and Teaching of Jesus." These lectures will be held on Monday and Thursday afternoons at the college.

Some people are inclined to think that Queen's will have a "negro problem" in a few years. This season no less than eleven negroes from the Barbadoes and Jamaica came to Queen's Medical College, several to complete their courses begun in United States colleges and others to begin the study of medicine. They have received very kind treatment, and have managed to feel quite at home at the University social functions. Next year they say that there will be double their present number here. If the increase continues they will form a large proportion of the medical registration.

#### Induction at Forest.

The induction of the Rev. K. D. McDonald, at Forest, on the afternoon of Tuesday, Nov. 10th, was a most happy and auspicious event.

The Presbyterians of the place were present en masse in testimony of the very unanimous character of the call. The members of Presbytery present were Rev. H. Currie (clerk), John Eadie, Jno. Bailey, J. R. Hall, E. C. Currie and Alexander Rannie.

Rev. Mr. Bailey, who had acted as Moderator of Session during the vacancy, presided on the occasion, and according to custom, the last inducted man preached the sermon. This duty fell to the Rev. Mr. Rannie of Nairn, who very favorably impressed his auditors in this his first appearance. The address to the minister was made by Rev. Jno. Eadie of Pt. Edward, and that to the people by Rev. J. R. Hall of St. of St. Paul's church, Sarnia. Both addresses were well suited to the occasion, and being given by men not new at the business, evidenced keen insight into the needs of the situation and had about them an adaptability which was striking. After the service the congregation was invited to the basement, where the ladies of the church had provided refreshments. If it may be said that the Forest congregation is to be congratulated upon securing as its minister a man of the spirit and education and experience of Mr. McDonald—and it may consider itself very fortunate in this—it may also be said that Mr. McDonald is to be congratulated upon the unanimity with which he has been invited to the charge, and also upon having about him as faithful and loyal a people as the Forest folk.

#### Re-Opening of Chalmers Church, Quebec.

On the 15th. ult., Chalmers church, Quebec, which has been in the hands of the workmen for practically the entire summer, was re-opened under auspicious circumstances. The building has undergone a thorough renovation and the appearance is satisfactory. A new pulpit and platform, the installation of electric lighting in connection with gas, the reseating and carpeting of the church are a few among the many improvements which have been made at a cost of \$10,000. The re-opening services were conducted by Rev. Alex. McMillan, of St. Enoch's church, Toronto, and the clear and thoughtful sermons combined with the delightful service of praise combined to make the occasion one of genuine inspiration.

The Rev. Donald Tait, of Chalmers church, Quebec has intimated to his congregation his purpose to resign his pastorate at the next meeting of Presbytery. Mr. Tait will be greatly missed in the councils of the Presbytery. Mr. Tait is held in highest esteem by his co-religionists and is much endeared to his congregation.

#### Century Fund Booklets and Cards.

As intimated two months ago, booklets and souvenir cards were sent by the Rev. Dr. Campbell, Perth, to all congregations and Sabbath schools entitled to these. Wherever notification has been received regarding mistakes made as to the number sent to congregations, these have been rectified. Now, however, Dr. Campbell informs us that the supply of booklets is entirely exhausted. There still remain, however, a number of cards, and if any Sabbath schools entitled to these, have not received the full number, they are asked to correspond with the Rev. Dr. Campbell, Perth.

#### Paris Presbyterial.

The annual meeting of the Paris Presbyterial W. F. M. S. was held in Paris last week. There were three sessions, all well attended and characterized by enthusiasm. The president, Mrs. Kitchen, of St. George, announced that the Society was in a prosperous condition as indicated by the fact that during the year \$2,000 had been given to foreign missions.

Miss Sinclair, of India, gave an interesting address on the work there and Mrs. Thomas Goldie, of Guelph, spoke on auxiliary work. At the evening meeting, at which Rev. W. A. J. Martin, of Brantford, presided, Rev. G. A. Patterson, of Embro, represented the presbytery, and Rev. R. A. Mitchell, of Honan, gave an illuminative address on the progress of the work there. The officers elected for the present year are:—President, Mrs. Kitchen, St. George, re-elected; Vice Presidents, Mrs. Kirton, Woodstock; and Mrs. A. S. Ball, Woodstock; Rec.-Sec., Miss McMullen, Woodstock; Cor.-Sec., Mrs. Walton, Ayr; Treasurer, Mrs. Qua, Paris. The next annual meeting will be held in St. Paul's church, Ingersoll.

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