

At the close of prayer meeting on the evening of December 26th, 1895, the congregation of Calvin church, East Wawanosh, presented their pastor, Rev. W. T. Hall, with a fur coat, a pair of fur gauntlets, and a robe for his cutter, accompanied by an address very expressive of their affection towards him, and appreciation of his labors among them. Mr. Hall gave a suitable reply, speaking of the kindly feeling which they had shown toward him and their united effort with him in seeking to promote the cause of the Master.

### Annual Meetings.

#### EAST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, TORONTO.

THE annual meeting of the East Presbyterian church, Oak street, Toronto, Rev. J. A. Morison, B.A., minister, was held in the church on Wednesday evening, January 3th, at 8 o'clock, the pastor in the chair. The gathering was large and enthusiastic and the reports were cheering. It is evident that a good church work is going on in a quiet but steady way. The membership was increased during the year by 93; showing a net gain of 49, or a present membership of 429. The attendance upon the Sabbath services continues to grow and a deep earnestness is manifest. The managers' report shows a sum of \$4222.44 received from the congregation for congregational purposes, an increase of \$489.67 over 1894. The Christian Endeavor Society has also done well. Over 11,000 tracts were distributed in the city. Regular visits were made to hospitals, sick and poor. The Junior Endeavor have contributed \$15 to Miss Peterson's work in China. The Sabbath school report showed an average attendance of 365, while the pastor's Bible class numbers over 150 and will in future meet in the church auditorium, to provide room for the still growing membership. The present winter course of Bible study is the Parables of our Lord. The Women's Foreign Mission Society reported a good attendance at the meetings, and a total sum of \$35.17 raised during the year. The Missionary report showed a total of \$36.32 contributed for the church schemes. The Ladies' Aid have been active and have raised \$293.18. The auditors of last year, viz., Mr. H. O. Drayton and George P. Scott, were re-elected, and the following gentlemen were elected as managers: Dr. J. T. Duncan, James Frame, Wm. Crichton, T. Tomlinson, Wm. Ross and P. McIntosh. The pastor in a few closing remarks declared—"The outlook is bright for the present year and with the Divine presence, guidance and blessing still greater things will be achieved."

#### CHALMERS CHURCH, MIAMI.

THE annual meetings of Chalmers church, Miami, and St. Andrew's, Nelson, Man., were held on the 3rd and 4th inst. On the reading of the reports of Miami congregation it was found that the Ladies' Aid Society had collected during the year \$395, which, with the amount realized at the anniversary (held on the 22nd and 23rd ult.) when Rev. Mr. Ross, of Belmont, preached two able discourses made a total of \$479, a sum sufficient to pay the entire debt on the church building, with exception of a small balance which will 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 on church property, besides the ordinary expenses of the church. The Nelson congregation has no debt on the church building, and its reports showed that there had been collected during the year for all purposes the sum of \$420.

### Kingston.

As the Presbytery of Kingston met some days ago and as a report presented by the Home Mission Committee was of such an encouraging character, it occurred to the writer to make some comparisons between our condition now and what it was twelve years ago when he came into the Presbytery. The whole Church will be interested in knowing whether there be signs of growth or otherwise in the one of the oldest regions of the province and in some respects one of the hardest fields so far as our Church is concerned. It is to be remembered that our field is very large, being about 100 miles from east to west and about the same from north to south, that much of it is poor soil and thinly populated, and where the population is dense, for reasons that need not now be touched upon, the members and adherents

of our Church are comparatively few in numbers. In such circumstances, and particularly when as in other older parts of the province many of the young people are disposed to move into newer and more fertile regions, it was not to be wondered at if but little progress was made; there was rather satisfaction to be expressed if we held the ground already possessed. Let the figures to be put down here be carefully noted. Twelve years ago the working ministerial force in the Presbytery was nineteen, and seven vacancies were reported to the Assembly, together with nine mission stations. Some of the vacancies were not worthy of the name. Three of them are still vacant and they are reported as mission fields rather than as vacancies. Some years later the position did not seem much brighter. Now our ministerial force is thirty-one instead of nineteen. We have practically no vacancies, but there are two or three fields where we are ready to employ ordained missionaries if the right men were available, and we have twelve mission fields in which students are employed in the summer and the majority of them get regular supply in the winter from the college. Within the last four months there were three pastors set over charges and three ordained missionaries appointed to fields. Of the three fields just referred to as having got ordained missionaries not one of them had a name or a place in our church as late as eight years ago. Another point may be mentioned. We can count at least five of our settled charges that some three or four years ago were receiving considerable sums from the Augmentation Committee and now they receive nothing. They have become self-supporting. Some of us can remember, not so long ago either, when there were only three or four self-supporting charges in the Presbytery, when the five above referred to are added it is seen that the progress made is very encouraging. While well aware that much remains to be done, we take the liberty of saying that we may congratulate ourselves on what has been already accomplished, and above all we are to thank God for what He in His goodness has done for us. He has done great things for us and we are glad.

### Saugeen Presbyterial Society.

THE eighth annual meeting of this society was held in Knox church, Mount Forest. A large number of delegates were present. Officers were elected for the current year as follows:—President, Mrs. Aull, Palmerston; 1st vice president, Mrs. Barington, Mount Forest; 2nd vice president, Mrs. Morrison, Cedarville; 3rd vice president, Mrs. Ramsay, Mount Forest; treasurer, Mrs. MacGregor, Mount Forest; secretary of supplies, Mrs. Munro, Harrison; presbyterial secretary, Mrs. Bowie, Mount Forest; auditors, Mrs. McVicar, Dromore; Mrs. Miller, Holstein. Mrs. Barington read an address of welcome to the delegates to which Mrs. Munro very suitably replied. The reports of secretary and treasurer were then heard and were most encouraging, showing a deeper interest taken in the work and an advance in the amount contributed. The society now numbers sixteen auxiliaries and six mission bands with five hundred and sixty members. 1150 pounds of warm clothing were sent this year to the North-West and the handsome amount of \$316.47 added to the funds for the cause of Foreign Missions. Greetings were received from the sister societies of the town. Mrs. Bowie gave an address on "How to Extend the Missionary Spirit in our Auxiliaries." Mrs. Morrison read an excellent paper on "Prayer." During the afternoon the ladies of Knox church choir favored the audience with several pieces of music which were very much enjoyed. The meeting was closed with prayer offered by Mrs. Scott, of Arthur. Rev. G. Munro, of Harrison, presided at the meeting in the evening. We were privileged to listen to a most interesting address by Rev. J. T. Smith, M.D., of Honan, China. Our sympathies were drawn out to our beloved missionary in his very delicate state of health and we earnestly pray for his speedy recovery and that he may be permitted to return to his chosen work. Rev. G. Munro moved a vote of thanks to the ladies of Mount Forest for the kind manner in which they entertained the delegates. The Rev. J. Morrison of Cedarville engaged in prayer and thus closed one of our most pleasant meetings one which

shall not soon be forgotten.—B. BOWEN, Presbyterial Secretary.

### Knox College Alumni Association.

The Conference under the auspices of our Association will be held from Tuesday, Jan. 28th, until Thursday, Feb. 6th, 1896. The adjourned meeting of the Association will be held in connection with the Conference.

#### CONFERENCE PROGRAMME.

I. Theology.—1. Biblical—Rev. Principal Caven, D.D. 2. Systematic—Rev. Prof. McLaren, D.D. (a) "Christo-centric Theology." (b) "The Atonement." 3. Apologetic—Rev. W. D. Armstrong, Ph.D. "The Christian Ministry and Modern Thought." II. The Church.—1. "The Idea of the Church"—Rev. Principal Sheraton, D.D. 2. "History of the Irish Church"—Rev. Wm. Gregg, D.D. 3. "The Eldership"—Rev. J. J. A. Proudfoot, D.D. 4. "Some Elements in the Development of the Church"—Rev. John Somerville, D.D. III. Introduction.—"The Book of Acts"—Rev. Jas. Ballantyne, B.A. IV. Comparative Religions.—1. "The Brahmo-Somaj in India: its Significance and Value"—Rev. L. H. Jordan, B.D. 2. "Religion in Egypt"—Rev. W. A. Hunter, Ph.D. V. Homiletics.—Rev. J. J. A. Proudfoot, D.D. VI. Social Science.—1. "Socialism and Christianity"—Rev. G. M. Milligan, D.D. 2. Socialism as found in (a) Plato, (b) More's Utopia.—W. Houston, Esq., M.A. 3. "Single Tax"—J. W. Bengough, Esq. VII. Astronomy.—John A. Paterson, Esq., M.A. Opportunity will be given for discussion on each of these topics. Billets for homes will be furnished to all who intimate their intention of attending this Conference before January 24th. Address Rev. John Mutch, M.A., 110 Havelock St., Toronto. No arrangement will be made for reduced R. R. fares.

### Sousa's Band Concert.

AN additional attraction with Sousa and his forces next week will be the appearance with this organization of Miss Myrta French, soprano, and Miss Currie Duke, violinist. Miss French is said to be one of the most brilliant sopranos of the East, and to add to splendid talents of voice and method a stage presence of impressiveness and beauty. Miss Currie Duke is a southern beauty, the daughter of Gen. Basil Duke, of Kentucky. She was a pupil of Joachim while in Europe, and greatly favored by the great master. The concerts will be given on Monday and Tuesday evenings next. The plans open on Thursday at the Massey Hall.

### Recognition in Heaven.

BY JOHN IMRIE, TORONTO, CAN.

SHALL we know our friends in Heaven—  
Kindred souls while here below!  
Will the pleasure there be given  
Recognizing those we know?  
Yea! the Scriptures plainly telleth,  
We shall know as we are known,  
Ours of gracious welcome swelleth,  
Sung by seraphs round the throne!

See you happy mother finding,  
One-by-one, her children dear;  
Family ties for ever binding,  
None are missing—all are here!  
Wife and husband fondly meeting,  
No more sorrow, death, or pain;  
Brothers, sisters, gladly greeting,  
Never more to part again!

Sunder'd friends again united,  
Wrong and falsehood all forgiven;  
The pure in heart hath God invited,  
He is Love, and Love is Heaven!  
Walking humbly—sins confessing—  
"God and Heaven" our watchword be;  
Praying for the Father's blessing,  
Heaven shall open unto thee!

Ah! to mix that great re-union,  
Doom'd eternal death to die;  
Never more to have communion  
With our friends beyond the sky.  
Worse than death to be rejected,  
Banish'd from the happy throng;  
Never coming—yet expected,  
Shall we miss that welcome song!

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