

Presentation to a Pastor.

REV. MR. HAY, of Cobourg, and his estimable wife were the recipients of a cordial address at the hands of the members of the Bible class and Christian Endeavor on Jan. 22nd. Accompanying the address was a gift of a very handsome study chair to Mr. Hay, and a piano lamp to Mrs. Hay. The following is a copy of the address, to which Mr. Hay made a suitable reply: Dear Mr. Hay,—We, the members of the Christian Endeavor and Bible class, desire to express our deep gratitude to you for your unfailing kindness and sympathy with us in our work as young people. We especially thank you for your faithful attendance, careful preparation, and clear logical exposition of the doctrines laid down in the lessons. Your strong helping words have cheered and encouraged us, and we pray may bring forth rich fruit in many lives. We take great pleasure in presenting these gifts to you and Mrs. Hay as slight tokens of our appreciation of your untiring efforts on our behalf. Our earnest prayer is that you may long be spared to labor in our midst. Signed on behalf of the Bible class and Christian Endeavor. Mrs. Jas. Brotherston, May McCaughey, Jennie Thomson, James Brotherston, James Bolton, Scott Spence. The address was read by Mr. Scott Spence, the presentations being made by Messrs. H. Trobilcock and James Brotherston.

Sabbath School Convention.

THE 26th annual meeting of the South Ontario Sabbath School convention took place in the Whitby tabernacle. From the secretary's report the following interesting figures are taken: There are 46 schools in South Ontario, including Whitby, Oshawa, Pickering and the two Whitby townships. 17 are Methodists, 8 Presbyterian, 6 Baptist, 6 Union, 4 Episcopal, 3 Friends, 1 Reformed Episcopal, and 1 Christian. Of these only 36 have sent reports to the secretary. The 36 schools heard from report 434 officers and teachers, with 3531 scholars—total 3965. Average attendance of teachers 336, scholars 2210—total average attendance, 2546. 402 of the scholars are church members, 72 having joined churches during 1893. 34 out of the 36 schools use the international series of lessons. The contributions to church funds are not nearly complete, but among those who reported such matters it is found that \$339.97 was given to missionary work.

A Credit to Canada.

During the financial crisis which has existed in the financial world during the past 18 months, the United States institutions have suffered great loss, and many excellent securities have shown a marked depreciation in their market value. Unfortunately this same state of affairs has existed in a sister colony, viz., Australia, while even British institutions have also felt the severe strain. It is therefore cause for congratulation to notice that our Canadian financial institutions have remained perfectly solvent, and some of them have, during the period of depression, shown marked progress. Among the latter may be mentioned the North American Life Assurance Company. Its report, which was published in our last week's issue, we heartily recommend our readers to give careful perusal, especially the excellent address of the President, Mr. J. L. Blaikie, and also the remarks of the other Directors. Mr. Blaikie, from his extensive financial experience, extending over 35 years in this city, and as president of leading financial institutions, is well qualified to speak with authority on all matters pertaining to finance. In speaking of the North American Life he demonstrates beyond a doubt the marvelous progress the company has made by comparing its position with that of the other leading companies, including the giant American institutions, and shows that it now ranks second to none. The new business last year was the largest in the history of the company, and what must be gratifying to its policy-holders is that this business was secured without any increase in the expenses of the company, thus fully demonstrating the claim made, that the company is managed with skill and

in the interests of the policy-holders. This claim is further established by the large surplus accumulated for the policy-holders, now aggregating the large sum of \$300,000—the ratio of such surplus to the liabilities being ahead of any of the other leading companies. This is a proud boast to be made for a Canadian company and fully confirms the statement of its president, that the North American can do as well for its policy-holders as any other company, whether it be large or small. The vice president, Hon. G. W. Allan, who, as president of leading financial institutions, can certainly speak with authority, fully endorsed all the president had said as to the progress and prosperity of the North American.

The North American is certainly a policy-holders' company and evidently managed to make it such. We therefore look forward confidently to 1894 showing a larger accession of membership than any previous year.

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REV. D. G. S. CONNERY, M.A., of Winchester, commenced on the 13th inst., a course of lectures in Queen's University on elocution.

REV. MR. MACARTHUR, of Cardinal, assisted by Mr. Colin Cameron, of Iroquois, in a few hours on last Monday, the 5th inst., secured \$353 for the A. and I. M. Fund.

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