

Owen Sound Presbytery will hold an adjourned meeting at Hepworth, on 30th January, for the ordination and induction of Mr. Boyle.

Rev. and Mrs. N. A. Macdonald, formerly of Lorneville, are the guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Fraser, Petrolia.

A telegram has been received by Dr. Fletcher, clerk of the Hamilton Presbytery intimating that five call from Knox Church, Stratford, to Rev. Robert Martin, Erskine Church, Hamilton, was sustained by Stratford Presbytery, and Hamilton Presbytery will meet on January 26 to deal with the matter.

Rev. Dr. Munro, Ridgeway, took the services in New St. James' church London, last Sunday. Rev. A. J. McGillivray conducting the anniversary services in the Ridgeway church on the same day.

Anniversary services, conducted by Rev. Bradley, Berlin, were held in Brown's church, Silverton, last Sunday. The social on Monday evening was an enjoyable affair, and well attended.

The call from Knox Church, Stratford, to Rev. Robert Martin, B. A., is signed by 591 members and 72 adherents. The salary guaranteed is \$2,000, and one month's holidays.

The serious illness of Rev. Cranston, Cromarty, rendered it necessary for the congregation to seek the assistance of Stratford Presbytery. Rev. A. MacAuley, Mitchell, was appointed pro tem to look after the needs of the congregation.

The following officers have been elected by Knox Sunday School Association, Guelph, for 1905: Hon. Supt. Rev. W. Ross; supt., J. A. McRea; 1st assistant, J. J. Forbes; 2nd assistant, A. Scott; sec-treas., J. J. Hackney; ass-tsec., Miss Little, librarian, S. Dougan.

Chalmers Church Missionary Association, Guelph, has elected the following officers for the present year:—Hon. presidents, Revs. Dr. Wardrop, Dr. Torrance and Rev. J. M. Glassford; hon. members, members of session; president, D. Young; vice president, W. Tytler; secretary, Miss F. Cochrane, treasurer, Miss L. Yule. The reports presented were the best in the history of the association, almost \$2,000 was raised during 1904.

At the annual meeting of Glenmorris Church the treasurer, Mr. Wm. Fleming, who has held office acceptably for nineteen years, was made the recipient of a gold watch and a Morris chair, accompanied by an appreciative address, in recognition of his valuable services.

Rev. J. S. Hardie, Listowel, is moderator of Stratford Presbytery for ensuing six months.

At last meeting of Stratford Presbytery a communication was read from Dr. McLeod, Barrie, convener of the committee of the General Assembly on the systematic beneficence. This communication set forth a plan for the furthering of this scheme, suggesting that a committee be appointed by each presbytery to deal specially with this matter; that each presbytery endeavor to have a missionary society formed; that special envelopes for the purpose be distributed among the members of the different congregations, and that the offerings be either weekly or monthly. It was decided that at the next meeting a committee, as suggested, be appointed.

At an adjourned meeting of Owen Sound Presbytery at Lion's Head a call from Hepworth, etc., in favor of Mr. A. M. Boyle was sustained, and Mr. Boyle having signified his acceptance, the date of ordination and induction was fixed for Jan. 30th at 2.30 p. m. in Hepworth Church. Mr. Mowat will preside, Mr. Nelson will preach, Dr. McRobbie will address the minister, and Mr. Acheson will address the congregation. It was agreed to apply to the Augmentation Committee for a grant according to the regulations governing the fund.

Owen Sound Presbytery met at Lion's Head on the 10th inst for the induction of Mr. T. A. Nelson into the pastoral charge there. Mr. Acheson presided, inducted the minister into his charge, and gave the address to the people. Dr. Somerville preached the sermon and gave the charge to the minister. Notwithstanding the storm and drifted roads there was a large congregation present, and Mr. Nelson received a most hearty welcome. The Lion's Head district, after receiving aid from the funds of the church for over twenty years, is now self-sustaining and will at once be able to help others weaker than itself.

The Christmas meeting of the "Mission to Lepers," held in St. Andrew's Church, Guelph,

was specially notable for the reading of an interesting letter from Miss Louise Watt, under date of Calcutta, India, Dec. 1st, in which she gives a vivid description of a visit paid to the Leper Asylum, at Jamaica. She says:—"We came on them (the lepers) so suddenly that I had no time to feel afraid, but from the first sight they thoroughly fascinated me. There are about forty and nine or ten little children. That is the dreadful thing, to see the healthy little ones cuddling in the arms of the diseased fatherly mother. One cunning little brown person was hugging his father close for it was fairly cold and his little healthy feet were on the diseased feet of the poor father, and the leprous arms were round the boy. It is really awful to see that, but they cannot keep them away, unless they get a children's home. In 'The Life of Faith' there is a statement on good authority that in some districts there is a perceptible decrease to the number of lepers owing to the efforts of the 'Mission to Lepers.' The Guelph auxiliary received over \$1,500 last year, and the treasurer has sent this amount, less expenses, to the Edinburgh office."

Montreal.

The Rev. W. D. Reid, B. A., B. D., of Taylor Church, is laid up with a severe attack of quinsy.

The annual meeting of the Montreal Auxiliary of the British and Foreign Bible Society will be held in St. Andrew's Church on the 26th inst. His Grace the Primate of All Canada, and President of the Auxiliary, Archbishop Bond, will preside. Special music will be rendered by the choir of the church. The Right Rev. James Carmichael, D.C.L., D.D., Coadjutor Bishop of Montreal, will be one of the speakers, and it is hoped the Rev. Dr. Henson, of Tremont Temple, Boston, will also deliver an address on that occasion. Diligent efforts are being put forth to make this anniversary a successful one. At the recent meeting of the Society it was reported that the special contributions for the Centenary Fund now amount to about \$7,734.64. The sum aimed at is \$10,000. The travelling secretary, the Rev. Thos. Bennett, adds this note: "Neither sickness, weather, roads nor any mishap prevented my holding any meeting at the appointed time, or at any date preferred by the Branch."

Quebec.

Last Sunday, Rev. Rev. J. B. McLeod, Kingsbury, by order of Presbytery, preached St. Andrew's church, Sherbrooke, vacant owing to the resignation of Mr. Shearer. It is understood that already there are several applications for a hearing.

Winnipeg and West.

Presbyterianism is growing rapidly in the Prairie province. The new churches opened during 1904 are Norwood, Elmwood, Dufferin avenue and St. John's. St. Andrew's mission on Sherman street is making rapid growth, and Augustine mission at Riverside will ere long develop into a separate congregation. Knox people are discussing the erection of a new church edifice, the present building is too near the business centre, and the site would command a good price for commercial purposes. The congregation is in the fortunate position of having almost wholly wiped out the debt against the present property. "The new church when built will be an edifice worthy of Presbyterianism and the traditions of Knox church," said a prominent member to a Tribune reporter; and no doubt this will be the case.

Orangeville Notes.

Presbytery meeting held in Orangeville, Jan. 10th. Rev. J. A. Matheson, Priceville, elected moderator; Rev. J. Buchanan, Dundalk, elected permanent clerk. Presbyterial visitation committee reported that nine congregations remained to be visited. Only one was not in favor of increase of salaries, while all others were not only in favor but promised to use their utmost diligence to raise required funds. Dundalk and Grand Valley had both increased pastor's salaries.

Certificate from Victoria in favor of Rev. W. N. Carr who has charge of Talbert and Keldon, was presented, Mr. Carr was received under care of Presbytery.

Rev. D. McKay, who was inducted Jan. 6th, into the charge of Alton and West Caledon, was welcomed to the Presbytery by moderator.

In the absence of Mrs. Buchanan of India the clerk was appointed to address the Presbyterial W.F.M.S. in session and to thank them for their good work for the Kingdom of Christ.

A certain congregation refused to receive supply from probationers committee. Presbytery requested congregation to obey law of the church, and to pay the Probationers the emoluments.

Presbytery congratulated Rev. G. S. Scott and his Maple Valley congregation on the successful opening of their new church.

It was reported that the congregation of Mount Pleasant had opened a beautiful new church the previous Sabbath and, owing to the splendid services and energy of the Pastor, Rev. J. H. Edmonson, it was opened free of debt, and with a surplus of \$150. Presbytery ordered the clerk write congratulating Mr. Edmonson, and his Mount Pleasant congregation, on the fine spirit shown and the splendid work done. The whole matter reflects the utmost credit on the people who have been nobly led by their energetic and resourceful pastor, to whom is due a large share of credit for the work.

Lindsay W. F. M. Presbyterial.

The twenty-third annual meeting of the Lindsay Presbyterial W.F.M.S. was held in Knox church, Beaverton, on Tuesday the 10th inst. and was fairly well attended, notwithstanding the storm that raged the preceding night, and all that day. Representatives from country auxiliaries were unable to come at all. The reports from all the auxiliaries were most encouraging, one new auxiliary having been added or rather an old one was re-organized, during the year, and is again doing good work. The number of Auxiliaries are 25, with 13 Mission Bands. Number of members in Auxiliaries 542, and the contributions \$1,818.54, mission band giving \$202.68, making a total of \$2,021.22. A large quantity of clothing made up, new material, quilts, socks, mitts, etc., etc., were sent to Rolling River Reserve, and were valued at \$150.

Dr. McKellar, who was present, gave a most interesting and graphic account of the terrible visitation of famine and plague, and the results which followed. Of our 2,000 children rescued by our missionaries, 1,200 have survived the awful experience, and are now being trained in Christian principles and useful pursuits in the Orphanages and Industrial schools, in connection with our Missions. Of these already a number have professed their faith in Christ and have been baptized, and have also become self-supporting as teachers, Bible readers, tradesmen, domestics and housewives, thus carrying a living influence in many directions among their own people. At the evening meeting, which was presided over by Rev. Mr. Webster, Oakwood, moderator of Presbytery, in the absence of the pastor Rev. A. C. Wishart, the report of the Presbyterial was received, and replied to by the Rev. Mr. Kunnawin, Woodville. Dr. McKellar also gave another interesting and instructive address. The officers for the present year are:—Miss Robinson, Beaverton, President; Mrs. Stewart, Lindsay, 1st. Vice-President; Mrs. Martin, Cannington, 2nd. Vice-President; Mr. Kunnawin, Woodville, 3rd. Vice-President; Mrs. Webster, Oakville, 4th. Vice-President; Mrs. Bascom, Uxbridge, Rec-Sec.; Miss Gilchrist, Woodville, Cor-Sec.; Miss McSwyren, Woodville, Ass. Cor-Sec.; Mrs. Gilbertson, Beaverton, Sec. of Supplies; Mrs. M. Phadden, Cannington, Treasurer; Miss Campbell, Gamage-bridge, Mission Band Sec.

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