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On Thursday evening, February 20th, the pastor, superintendents and teachers of the First Presbyterian Church Sabbath School, Brantford, met at the residence of H. Morice, Esq., and gave a surprise to Miss R. H. Morice, by presenting her with four handsomely bound volumes of standard poets. The Sunday School sustains a loss in the resignation of Miss Morice, who has for the past fourteen years been a teacher in the Sabbath School.

MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERY.

- BARRIE.—Next regular meeting changed to March 17th from March 24th, to be held at Allandale at 10.30 a.m. BARRIE.—At Allandale, on March 24th, at 10.30 a.m. BRANTFORD.—Regular meetings in March, first Tuesday; second Tuesday of July and September of each year. Meets next in Brantford. GURLEIGH.—At Berlin, in St. Andrew's Church, on March 17th, at 9 a.m. To meet in conference in the same place, the evening previous, at 7.30 p.m. HAMILTON.—At Hamilton, in Knox Church, on March 17th, at 9.30 a.m. KINGSTON.—At Kingston, in Cooke's Church, on March 17th, at 3 p.m. LINDSAY.—At Beaverton, on April 21st, at 11.30 a.m. MAITLAND.—At Ripley, in Knox Church, on March 16th, at 7.30 p.m., and at Lucknow, on March 17th, at 1.30 p.m. OWEN SOUND.—At Owen Sound, in Division St. Hall, on Tuesday, March 17th, at 10 a.m. PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE.—At Gladstone, on March 3rd at 3 p.m. PARIS.—At Brantford, in First Church, on March 17th, at 10.30 a.m. WHITBY.—At Oshawa, on April 21st, at 10 a.m.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS.

St. Andrew's Church, Lindsay, held its annual meeting recently. There was quite a large attendance of members and adherents, who evinced great interest in the reading of reports from the W.F.M. Society, "Ivy" Mission Band, "Johnston" Mission Band (boys), Visiting Committee, Ladies' Aid, Young People's Society of C.E., Sabbath-school, and treasurer's statement of receipts and expenditures, which showed the following amounts raised during the year, namely: Schemes of the church, \$650.60; debt fund, \$429.52; Ivy Mission Band, \$30.22; Women's Foreign Missionary Society, \$260.75; Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor, \$31.83; Sabbath school, \$197.65; general purposes, \$3,566.80; making a total of \$4,177.25, which although less than the previous year, is still gratifying in the face of a number of removals and a pulpit vacancy of five months. Great pleasure was expressed at the fact of Rev. J. W. McMillan, B.A., having been lately settled in the congregation, and the hope expressed that he would remain for some time. The sum of \$1,006 was paid on the mortgage, thus reducing the principle to \$10,500.

The annual meeting of St. Paul's Church, Hawkesbury was held on Jan. 8th, the pastor, Rev. W. M. Tuffis, B.D., presiding. The financial statement showed that all expenses had been met and that there was a balance of \$48.60 on hand. The ladies contributed \$255.60 to the Manse Fund. Of this sum \$159.56 were raised by the "one cent a day" scheme. For the first time all the offerings of the Sunday school were given to missions. Thirty-two children gave, in addition to their offerings, \$15.53. To the schemes of the church \$123.36 were given. Five years ago \$48.26 only were contributed to missions. The contributions for all purposes amounted to \$1,668.59. Seven years ago this congregation became a separate charge. Before that time it had with great difficulty paid less than half the minimum stipend. It began its career on the augmented list, meeting its obligations only with the greatest effort. Five years ago the total sum given for all purposes was \$704.02. Since the induction of the present pastor in 1892 a handsome brick manse has been erected costing over \$3,000. The total contributions for all purposes for the four years average \$1,553.06 per annum. Within the same period the number on the communion roll has increased from sixty-seven to one hundred and thirteen. The number of those joining us by letter has been balanced by those removed from the roll for various causes, so that the increase has been caused by the reception of new members. What congregations gain in Eastern Ontario must be obtained chiefly by developing their resources as nearly every change means a permanent loss.

The annual meeting of First Presbyterian Church, Vernon, B.C., was held on the evening of Feb. 3rd. The pastor, Rev. Geo. A. Wilson, B.A., was elected chairman. The reports of the various Societies were presented and showed that progress had been made during the past year. The statement from the Session showed that 28 persons had been received into the membership of the Church, while there were 9 removed, leaving a net gain of 19. Total membership 78. The report of the Sunday School showed number of scholars on roll to be 90; teachers 10; average attendance 70. \$20 was contributed to the schemes of the Church, and a little girl had been supported in the boarding school, Indore. The Y.P.S.C.E. reported through the Secretary. Regular meetings had been held, and much interest had been manifested in the work of the Society. The Ladies' Aid reported total income \$125.75; expenditure \$52.60. The method of systematic giving had been substituted for socials as a means of raising money; a special Fund had been collected for the relief of the sick-poor of the congregation; and valuable assistance had been rendered in this way and much distress relieved. The Treasurer's report showed: total receipts, \$1,194, expenditures \$1,155.95, of this \$250 had gone towards reducing the heavy debt which rests upon the church and manse. Mr. A. C. Buchanan, who is leaving the city for Nelson, B.C., was presented by the pastor in the name of the congregation with a beautiful silver service as a token of the respect and esteem in which he is held by the congregation. At the close of the business meeting, refreshments were served by the ladies and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

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