

the same intolerant, though restrained spirit of persecution, the dead formalism, prejudice, ignorance, superstition, immorality and oppression of the present; and hope by the grace and help of God to be instrumental in bringing this deluded, dead and dying people to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. Brethren, help us with your prayers.

JAMES A. DODDS.

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Church News.

In Canada.

Mr. MORRISON has resigned the charge of Cayton church and North Dawn.

CHATHAM Presbytery has nominated Dr. Hattaby, of Chatham, as Moderator of the Synod of Hamilton and London.

The Presbytery of Sarnia has nominated Rev. Dr. MacKay, Formosa, for the moderatorship of the General Assembly.

SPECIAL services were held at Blakeney on the 11th by Rev. P. K. Mitchell, of Almonte, Ont., followed on the 12th by a tea meeting.

THE annual Sabbath school convention for Prince Edward County was held at Picton on the 12th and 13th inst. The meetings were very successful.

On the departure of Rev. J. F. Forbes from Green Hill and West River, Picton, for a new field, he was presented with a testimonial of the esteem of his old parishioners.

Rev. Mr. BRADLEY has accepted call from Alvinston; induction will take place on 27th inst., Mr. McKee to preach, Mr. McDiarmid to address the minister and Mr. Currie to address the people.

Rev. NEIL McPHERSON, M.A., has accepted the call from Petrolia; ordination appointed 20th April, Mr. Eadie to preach, Dr. Thompson to address the minister and Mr. McKee to address the people.

THERE was a large gathering of the congregation of Kingsbury met at the manse to have a social time and bring to their pastor, Rev. J. McClung, and his family, a handsome donation of money and produce as a token of their appreciation of their labours among them. After spending a pleasant evening they dispersed, all feeling much the better for having made others happy.

At a *pro re nata* meeting of the Presbytery of Lindsay held at Sunderland on the 19th inst. a unanimous call was presented from the congregation of Sunderland and Viscount in favour of Rev. George McKay, Queensville, in the Presbytery of Toronto. The call was sustained and ordered to be transmitted to the Toronto Presbytery for speedy action.—P. O. McLEOD, Clerk.

At the annual meeting of the Listowel congregation some interesting figures were presented. The session report showed sixty additions to the membership roll, less nine by death and removal, now leaving, after the purgation of the roll, a total of 349. The report of the general fund showed total net receipts during the year \$2,672.22. Plate collections and pew rents showed respectively a gain of \$148 and \$340 over previous years. Mr. Brook, treasurer of the building fund, reported \$1,000 paid in during the year. Mr. Donaldson, treasurer of the special fund, for reducing the debt by about \$1,000 a year, reported the scheme inaugurated about Nov. 1st last, to have collected at date of meeting \$-98. The retiring church managers Messrs. J. Livingston, T. L. Hamilton, and G. Y. Donaldson, were re-elected. Messrs. W. Thompson and R. McMullan were appointed auditors. To sum up, the standing of the congregation showed about \$4,200 net collected from all sources, of which \$283 was devoted to missions. The assets over all liabilities show over \$11,000, and fully \$1,000 in better shape than a year ago. After the meeting, closed by devotional exercises, the ladies of the congregation treated all present to coffee and cake.

ON the evening of Sabbath, the 18th inst., at Stewarton church, Ottawa, after an able and appropriate discourse by Rev. R. E. Knowles, B.A., pastor, on service for Jesus' sake, and in presence of a large congregation, two new elders were added to the kirk session of this growing and prosperous church, by the induction of Mr. James J. Campbell, formerly an elder of Knox church, Regina, and the ordination of Mr. Henry L. Wood, by the laying on of hands of the session. Both gentlemen having received the right hand of fellowship from their colleagues were fittingly addressed by the moderator on the responsible duties to which they have been unanimously called. It is a matter for congratulation that the new elders are so eminently qualified for active work in the promotion of the Master's cause.

On Friday evening of last week, occurred at St. Paul's church, Toronto, one of those pleasant incidents which tend to bind pastor and people more closely together. Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Martin were invited to a congregational "At Home," where they were completely taken by surprise when Mr. Greig, one of the session, acting as spokesman, asked their acceptance of a handsome walnut secretary as a slight token of the congregation's appreciation of their decision to remain with them, instead of accepting the call to East church. Mr. Martin spoke briefly of the strong attachment he felt for the people of St. Paul's, among whom he had labored almost since the inception of the work, and thanked them for their uniform kindness culminating in the splendid gift. An address from Rev. Wm. Burns, and an hour's social intercourse brought to a close one of the pleasantest evenings the congregation has ever had. The work of this young charge is in a most hopeful condition, and promises a speedy and steady development.

THE regular annual meeting of the Kildonan congregation was held in Kildonan West school house on Tuesday, January 29th, the Rev. William McKinley, pastor of congregation, occupied the chair, and Robert McBeth acted as secretary. The meeting was opened with reading of Scripture, singing and prayer. Minutes of last annual meeting, and also of a special meeting held July 20th, were read and adopted. Mr. James Harper, treasurer of the managing committee, reported showing that \$1,368.96 had been received from all quarters during the year and that \$1,557.90 had been expended, leaving a balance on hand of \$11.06. The report showed that there was due the sexton \$17.50, and the Imperial Bank \$200; total liabilities \$217.50. The report was received and adopted. Mr. William Fraser, treasurer of the trust committee reported, showing a balance on hand from last year, \$232.61. Received during the year, \$162, expended during the year, \$108.35; balance on hand, \$388.26. Mr. Fraser also submitted on statement of investments, showing the assets of the congregation to be \$3,164.37. Report was received and adopted. Mr. Fraser, from the cemetery committee, reported that \$45 out of the trust funds had been expended in cutting grass, and otherwise keeping the cemetery in proper condition. The report of treasurer of the Missionary Association, R. McBeth, showed that about \$200 had been collected and allocated to the various schemes of the Church. The Moderator of the kirk session read a statement of the work of the congregation during the past year. The statement showed that there were 58 families connected with the congregation, and 118 names on the communion roll, 12 were received into the fellowship of the church during the year. The general work of the congregation was in a very satisfactory condition. The utmost harmony prevailed. The office bearers were faithful; also Sabbath school teachers. The young people's Society of Christian Endeavor was proving to be a means of benefit to all connected with it. The Missionary Association did good work. Faithful work was done by the choir. The retiring managers, Messrs. Peter Kaufman, T. H. Gunn and W. Matheson were re-elected. A vote of thanks was tendered to the leader and members of the choir. Meeting closed with prayer.

THE annual congregational meeting of St. John's Presbyterian church, Medicine Hat, N.W.T., was held on 31st January. There was a large representation of the congregation present. After devotional exercises by the minister, Rev. Chas. Stephen, M.A., the congregation appointed Mr. Wm. T. Finlay, J. P., representative elder, as chairman. The various reports were then submitted and approved. The Sabbath school report was presented by Mr. Finlay, who has been for some years superintendent. \$10 were given by the school towards Foreign Missions, \$5 towards Presbytery fund, and \$10 towards church finances. The Bible class had contributed \$3.50 to Manitoba College and \$1.50 toward Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund. The treasurer's report showed the congregational finances to be in a fairly healthy condition. Through the efforts of the Ladies' Aid (Mrs. John H. Spencer, president), the sum of over \$300 had been handed to the managers towards reduction of church debt. The total payments to schemes, \$70; on strictly congregational purposes, \$1,188.78; on church and manse, \$386. The choir has been recently re-organized, under the superintendence of Mr. Tweed, with the accession of several new singers. The choir has contributed very much to the comfort of the worshippers in perfecting the praise of the Lord. The following managers retired according to rotation but both were re-elected. Messrs. Hargrave, secretary, and Stewart, treasurer. The average contribution toward stipend per communicant was \$15.17. The pastor brought the proceedings to a close by a few words of thankfulness for the past and encouragement for the future, after which the congregation sang "Blest be the tie that binds our hearts," and were dismissed with the benediction. The Sabbath services are: Bible class at 10.15 o'clock, morning service at 11 o'clock, afternoon service at 15 o'clock (8 miles east at Dunmore), evening service at 19.30 o'clock. The Sabbath schools meet at 15 o'clock in Medicine Hat and 14 o'clock in Dunmore.

Presbytery of Hamilton.

THIS Presbytery met on the 19th and 20th days of March. The first day was spent in conference on the reports on Sabbath observance, systematic beneficence, Sabbath schools, and the state of religion. The subject of Temperance was considered on the second day. Resolutions were passed in the interests of all the matters referred, and decided improvements in several respects were reported. Hagersville was erected into a supplemented congregation. Committees were appointed to consider a rearrangement of the fields (1) connected with Chippewa, Port Robinson and Crowland, (2) around Smithville, St. Ann's, Wellandport and Muir's Settlement. The progress in the eastern part of the Presbytery is marked and hopeful. Commissioners to the General Assembly were appointed, viz. Geo. Burton, W. P. Walker, J. Murray, J. Laing, R. J. Laidlaw, J. G. Shearer, D. B. Marsh, W. H. Geddes, J. W. Mitchell, R. H. Abraham, J. Crawford, ministers: W. McClure, Geo. Elliott, Ad. Laidlaw, J. Charlton, F. Reid, R. A. Thomson, G. A. Young, Alex. Davidson, R. McQuene, J. Ogilvie, Geo. Rutherford, elders. Rev. Dr. O. L. MacKay, of Formosa, was nominated as Moderator of Assembly. A call from First Church, Brantford, to Dr. Abraham was laid over till an adjourned meeting. Rev. T. A. Tinkham, formerly Baptist minister at Port Colborne, applied to be received as a minister of this church. The clerk was instructed to issue circular letters. The remits of Assembly were laid over till the May meeting.—JOHN LAING, Clerk.

Presbytery of Sarnia.

THE Presbytery of Sarnia held its usual quarterly meeting in St. Andrew's church, Sarnia, on the 15th inst. Rev. Mr. Lochhead was appointed Moderator for the next six months, and took the chair. Dr. McKay, of Formosa, was unanimously nominated Moderator of next General Assembly. The next ordinary meeting was appointed to be held in St. Andrew's church, Sarnia, on first Tuesday in July at 10 a.m. Reports from congregations as having held missionary meetings during the winter were read, show-