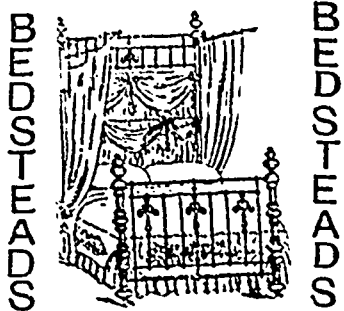


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Ministers and Churches.

A short time ago about seventy of the Dunbar congregation gathered at the manse and presented the Rev. Donald Stewart and family with a considerable amount of farm produce as tokens of their respect and esteem.

On Friday evening, Jan. 18th, the members and friends of Port Credit Presbyterian Church, presented their pastor, Rev. A. R. Linton, B.D., with a Persian Lamb cap, Coonskin driving mitts and a silk scarf, accompanied with an address expressing their esteem and good wishes.

The annual entertainment of the Dunbar Presbyterian Sabbath school, was held in the Church on Tuesday evening, 25th December. Admirable addresses were delivered by Rev. Messrs. Graham and Kellock. The music by the choir and Messrs. Day and Hudson was all that could be desired.

The congregation of St. James Presbyterian Church, London, of which Rev. M. P. Talling, B.A., is pastor, unanimously desired him, to withdraw his resignation. The reverend gentleman on account of this and the strong feeling expressed at Presbytery permitted it to be tabled until the next meeting of Presbytery.

EMBRU: The annual meeting of the W.F.M.S. of Knox Church, was held on Wednesday, 9th inst. The reports showed that the interest in all the work of the society was well-sustained throughout the year. The membership at present is 48. Clothing valued at \$26.29 was sent to the Indian Missions of the North-west, and the contributions for Foreign Mission work reached the very creditable sum of \$198, which is considerably in advance of any previous year in the history of this auxiliary.

NIAGARA FALLS SOUTH: The annual meeting of the congregation of Drummond Hill Church, was held on Wednesday evening, January 16th. The pastor, Rev. James Wilson, B.A., occupied the chair. The reports from the various societies connected with the congregation were very encouraging. The contributions show an increase over that of the previous year. The mission schemes of the Church have been much more liberally supported than usual—about \$400 being raised for their support during the year by the congregation and the societies connected therewith. The congregation starts on its new year of labor entirely free from debt of any kind, which is certainly very creditable considering the financial depression of the past year.

WINCHESTER: The annual meeting of the congregation, was held Thursday evening, Jan. 10th. The pastor, Rev. D. G. S. Connerly, M.A., in the chair. The reports from all the societies connected with the congregation were most satisfactory. During the year there was a large addition to the membership. The attendance at all the services connected with the congregation has been very large. The Sunday school is in a flourishing condition. The trustees reported the sale of the old church building for \$800. The proceeds of this sale will be devoted to the erection of horse sheds on the new church site. The Building Committee reported progress. The new church will be completed about the second week in February. The money raised during the year for all church purposes amounted to \$7,021, exclusive of the proceeds of the sale of the old church.

NORTH LUTHER: The anniversary services, annual tea, and children's social, in connection with this congregation were greatly enjoyed, and in every way successful. The Rev. G. Munro, M.A., pastor of Gethsemane Church, Harrison, preached morning and evening to large and appreciative congregations, on Sabbath 13th inst. and his discourses were greatly enjoyed by all. The tea meeting on Monday evening was largely attended, and enjoyed by both old and young. The speaking was of a high order, the speakers being, Revs. Messrs. Munro, of Harrison; Morrison, of Cedarville; Honey, of Conn (Methodist), McLeish (Evangelist), and Messrs Jas. McMullen, M. P., Halsted, and Hampton, of Mount Forest. The home choir, under the leadership of Mr. Sturdy, rendered excellent music to the delight of all present. The pastor, Rev. H. McKellar, presided. The social for the children on Tuesday evening was largely attended and thoroughly enjoyed. Sabbath collection and proceeds of tea meeting and social, \$100.00. The new church is now entirely free of debt.

LINDSAY: The annual meeting of the congregation of St. Andrew's Church, (Rev. Robt. Johnston, B.D., pastor) was held on Wednesday, the 16th inst. A spirit of encouragement marked every report presented. A membership that has increased to 515; a Sabbath school that has out-grown the ample accommodation provided a few years ago; a prayer-meeting regularly attended by over two hundred persons; a growing work among the young people; a Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of 112 members contributing about \$300; a girls' Mission Band of 60 members, and a boys' Mission Band lately organized; a contribution of over \$1,200 to the schemes of the Church, and a surplus in the treasury of the ordinary revenue, are some of the encouraging features of the work reported on Wednesday evening. The Manager's report closed with these words: "Hopefulness may well be the key-note of this report. Unanimity of pastor and people is characteristic of the congregation; righteousness is preached and attention is given to the word. The Lord has made our way prosperous and we have had good success."

BRUSSELS: The annual meeting of Melville Church, was held on the evening of January 15th. Refreshments were served under the management of the social committee of the Christian Endeavor Society, after which business was proceeded with, the pastor, Rev. John Ross, in the chair. Reports were presented from the session, Board of Management, Sabbath School, Christian Endeavor Society and the Missionary Society, by the pastor, G. F. Blair, Alex. Ross, J. H. Cameron and Mrs. Tufts respectively, the pastor adding a brief statement on behalf of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. These reports, without exception, were of an encouraging character, indicating that progress had been made all along the line. Number of families in the congregation, 120; additions to the roll of members, 35; dismissals, 19, leaving a net gain of 16, and a membership at the close of the year of 272. The total amount raised was \$2,221.19, of which \$545.10 were contributions for missionary and kindred objects. The ordinary revenue met all obligations and left a balance of \$14.46 in the treasury. The choir rendered several musical selections during the evening which added not a little to the enjoyment of the meeting.

WHITBY: The Whitby Presbyterian W.F.M.S., held its annual meeting in St. Andrew's Church, on Tuesday, January 15th, and was largely attended by delegates from all parts of the Presbytery. The society has 17 auxiliaries and five Mission Bands, with 473 members in all. There was contributed during the year \$1,074, together with clothing for the North-west Indians valued at \$184. Miss Drummond, Newcastle, president, occupied the chair. The address of welcome was given by Mrs. Dr. McGilivray. Whitby, and the reply by Mrs. McLaughlin, Bowmanville. An invitation to hold the Presbyterial meeting of 1896 at Bowmanville was accepted. A discussion took place as to the best means of securing the proper clothing for the North-West. Mrs. Harvie gave valuable advice about this matter. The afternoon meeting was addressed by Mrs. Fraser Campbell, of Central India, and Mrs. Harvie, of Toronto, who gave a vivid and eloquent description of her tour amongst the Indian Missions in the North-west last summer. At the evening meeting, which was open to the public, Mr. David Ormiston, Moderator of Presbytery, presided, and the Rev. A. Leslie, M.A., Newtonville, and the Rev. J. Fraser Campbell, Central India, gave addresses. The choir of the church rendered valuable service, and the visiting ladies, along with the members of the Presbytery, which was in session at the same time, were handsomely entertained at luncheon and tea by the ladies of St. Andrew's.

SHELBURNE: The W.F.M.S. of Knox Church, held its annual meeting on Thursday, 10th inst. The president, Mrs. MacRobbie presided, and all the office-bearers, except two, were present. In closing the report for the year 1894, the regular collection and members fees amounted to \$37.07. The thank-offering meeting was held in November, and, notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, there was a large attendance. Miss MacWilliams, returned missionary from Indore, C. I., delivered an earnest, pointed and helpful address, dealing especially with the dark side of woman's life in India, and her earnest appeal to the women of our privileged land made a deep impression, and the Foreign Mission spirit received a great impetus. The sum realized amounted to \$21, making a total of \$58.07. Our little society has an advance of \$18 over last year's collection. The box of clothing sent to the North-West was valued at \$51.50. The past year has been the most successful in the history of the society. Just after this first meeting that ushered in the new year, our little circle was broken and the society suffers an almost irreparable loss in the death of our first vice-president, Mrs. S. F. O'Flynn, who has been an active member ever since its organization and was a moving spirit in counsel and action. The sympathy of the Society is extended to the sorrowing husband and family.

Called in the vigor of thy life
In thy woman's budding prime,
Our aching hearts cannot resist
To say "It was not time,"
Still, bending low in reverence
Before the awful throne,
We whisper in our bitter grief,
"O God Thy will be done."

ORANGEVILLE: The ninth annual meeting of the Orangeville Presbyterian W. F. M. S. was held in St. Andrew's Church, on Tuesday, Jan. 8th. Delegates were present from seventeen auxiliaries and four mission bands. A short devotional meeting was held before the business meeting in the morning. The reports of the different secretaries were encouraging, while the treasurer's statement showed a slight advance on last year. An invitation to hold the semi-annual meeting at Hillsburg was accepted. Mrs. Campbell, of Cheltenham, was enthusiastically re-elected president. With the exception of Mrs. Farquharson, of Claude, who was elected third vice-president, other officers were re-elected. At the afternoon meeting the money raised this year, \$740, was dedicated to the Lord in prayer by Mrs. Crozier, of Grand Valley. A solo—"Jerusalem" was beautifully rendered by Miss Robinson, of Claude. Mrs. Fowle and Mrs. Elliott each spoke for a few minutes on "What We are Going to do in Our Auxiliaries This Year." Mr. Goforth then spoke briefly on the domestic life of the missionaries in China. A duet was sung very sweetly by Miss Balmer and Miss McConnell. The meeting, having been re-inforced by the Presbytery, many members of which were most anxious to hear the speaker of the afternoon, Mrs. Harvie took the platform, and, in her account of her

recent tour through the North-west, held her audience spell-bound, except when her amusing reminiscences caused a smile. General regret was expressed that her time was so limited, so much interested was everyone in her experiences. A large audience assembled in the evening to hear Mr. Goforth on his work in China. His forcible address was fitted to rouse greater zeal in the missionary cause. While the collection was taken up, Mrs. George Aiken and Miss Clark sang a duet—"Peace"—with pleasing effect. Rev. D. McKenzie, pastor of the church, presided. Collections for the day amounted to \$30.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH TALENT MEETING, KINGSTON.

There was a large gathering in St. Andrew's Hall, Kingston, lately to hear the methods and results of the talent-working during the past year. It was generally thought that the grand total previously obtained, would not again be reached. But a second time it was proved that one dollar could be wrought into sums of magnitude. Four ladies made out of four dollars over five hundred dollars, and the total net gains on two hundred talents amounted to over two thousand one hundred. Mrs. Mackie, the President of the Society, was at the top of the list, with a net gain of \$162.21; \$122.70, \$12.55, \$120.50, \$30.10 came from Miss Brown, Mrs. F. Folger, Mrs. Galloway and Miss Cochrane respectively, followed by fifty workers with sums ranging from forty dollars to six. The remainder of the total was made up of many small sums, ranging from five dollars to twenty-five cents. Much gratification was shown at the result; several gentlemen addressed the ladies in laudatory strains and urged the continuance of the work. The Rev. John Mackie, who presided, and read at intervals in the proceedings interesting letters from the ladies showing how they had used the talent entrusted to them, conveyed the thanks of the church to the two hundred, saying that \$4,000 raised by them in two years was surely well worth more than thanks. The result showed the weight of individual effort, and what could have been done if enthusiasm had animated every worker. He mentioned that their example had been followed in very many churches throughout Canada and the States, and in the Old Country, and wherever the pamphlet, giving the account of their proceedings, had gone, which seemed to be everywhere, the little book having reached its sixth edition and being still in demand.—*Kingston Daily News.*

PRESBYTERY MEETINGS.

The Presbytery of Huron met in Hensall on the 15th of January. Mr. McKay, of Lucknow, was appointed Moderator for the ensuing six months. The remit on the Hymnal was considered. It was agreed to approve of the Book of Praise as sent down in the remit. It was recommended that the Jewish Mission be under the control of the Foreign Mission Committee. The annual report of the Presbyterial W. F. M. S. was submitted, showing gratifying results. The membership of the society is 683 and the sum of \$1,367 was contributed, besides clothing to the value of \$262 sent to the Indians of the North-west. Questions to be sent to the Christian Endeavor Societies within the bounds was submitted and approved of. Mr. Cooper declined the call given him by the congregation of Union Church, Brucefield, and Moderation in a new call was granted.—A. McLEAN, Clerk

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