

Church News.

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In Canada.

THE next meeting of the Home Mission Committee will be held on the 26th inst. at Toronto.

LARGE and appreciative audiences, liberal collections and fine weather all contributed to the success of the anniversary services at Linwood.

REV. R. DOUGLAS FRASER, M.A., Bowmanville, is interim moderator of the congregations of Newcastle and Newtonville, Presbytery of Whitby, recently united and now vacant.

"KNOX church, Leamington, will hold their anniversary services on March 10th. Rev. J. Hodges, B. A., of Tilbury, will preach morning and evening. Mr. Hodges is one of the best preachers west of Toronto and the Presbyterians are to be congratulated on securing his services." Leamington Post.

MISS MARTHA SMITH, B.E., of Toronto, gave a sacred recital recently under the auspices of the W. F. M. S. at Cheltenham. The programme, which was admirably selected, was rendered in a most interesting manner. The choir and mission band of the church furnished appropriate music.

AT the annual meeting of the Presbyterian (Emmanuel) church, East Toronto, it was reported that the communion roll now contained 140 names, 20 having been added during the year. The revenue of the congregation (exclusive of \$509 building fund contributions paid) was \$2,000, including \$200 from Ladies' Aid, \$234 for missions, of which the W. F. M. S. contributed \$60, and \$147 Sabbath school collections, making an average of about \$28 per family, and \$14 per communicant—a good showing for this young congregation.

A VERY interesting anniversary social was held in connection with the Wellwood station of the Petrol, Man. congregation. An enthusiastic company filled the hall, and did ample justice to the excellent supper provided by the lady friends. Afterwards an exceedingly enjoyable programme was furnished—an important item of which, was a congratulatory address from the congregation to the pastor, Rev. I. Collins Court, on this, the completion of a decade of labor amongst them. The address, which was accompanied by a purse of money, expressive of the esteem in which Mr. Court is held in the community, was full of grateful allusions to the relations of the past and of hopefulness for their continuance in the future.

AT the S. S. Convention, recently held at Williamstown, Ont., representatives from the different C.E. Societies of the county of Glengarry met and forthwith organized the "Glengarry Union" of all the C.E. Societies within its bounds, with the following officers: President, Rev. A. H. MacLennan, B.D., Dalhousie Mills; 1st vice-president, Donald MacArthur, Maxville; 2nd vice-president, Miss A. Condie, East Lancaster; corresponding secretary, Miss Janet MacLennan, Appleton; recording secretary, Miss May Macdonald, Williamstown; treasurer, Mr. Elder, Williamstown. The following were appointed to act with the above officers as an executive committee: Rev. D. McLaren, B.A.; Alexandria, Rev. J. Cormack, B.A., Maxville; Rev. M. MacLennan, B.D., Kirk Hill; Rev. A. Giran, B.A., Williamstown; Rev. C. E. Gordon Smith, F.S.Sc., Lancaster; Miss E. MacCallum, Maxville; Miss J. Foulds, Martintown; Donald Robertson, Maxville; P. Munro, Appleton; D. MacNaughton, Dalhousie Mills; Mrs. J. Wrightman, Picnic Grove. This committee will meet at Alexandria in July, day and hour of meeting to be given at a later date, to make arrangements for programmes, etc., for the first convention, which will be held at Maxville in the month of September. It was unanimously agreed to invite the Y.P.S.C.E.s of Prescott county, Ont., to join the "Glengarry Union" and co-operate in this department of Christ's kingdom.

The annual meeting of St. Andrew's church, Vancouver, was held recently. All the reports submitted were of a most gratifying and encouraging nature. The number of communicants is 428 and the families connected with the congregation number 225. The ordinary revenue for 1894 was \$5,042. The special collection for the church debt amounted to \$1,338. When the sums contributed by the various societies connected with the church were added to the general congregational contributions it was found that the total amount raised during the year was upwards of \$8,000. Of this amount \$4,441 were required for the running expenses of the congregation; the church debt was reduced by \$1,000 and \$875 were paid for interest; the balance of debt on the organ, \$535, was wiped out; the sum of \$609 was devoted to missions; about \$500 were expended in various ways by the different organizations of the church, and after all liabilities had been fully met a balance of \$111 was left in the hands of the treasurer of the congregation. The congregation is to be congratulated on this creditable record. The retiring managers, Jas. McQueen, H. P. McCrancy and F. R. Stewart were re-elected and J. Stark was elected to serve out the balance of G. McQuaig's term of office. A hearty vote of thanks was tendered to the choir for their valuable services.

THE handsome and commodious edifice erected by the Presbyterians of Palmerston to accommodate the rapidly increasing congregation was formally opened and dedicated to the worship of God last Sabbath. Notwithstanding the severity of the weather the spacious building was crowded to overflowing both morning and evening. The Rev. Dr. Cochrane, of Brantford, had been secured to preach on the occasion, Mr. Aull, the esteemed pastor of the Palmerston church, having been a co-Presbyter with the doctor for many years in his former charge. In the morning he preached on the opening of the gates to receive the King of Glory, and in the evening on the grand destiny in prospect for the sons of God. It is doubtful if ever such a packed audience was seen in Palmerston before. To say that the church was filled to excess gives little idea of the crowds that gathered seeking admission long before the hour of evening service. Large numbers came from Fergus and adjacent towns, despite the intensely cold wind that prevailed. In the afternoon the Rev. Mr. Nugent, of the Methodist church, preached to a good audience on the building and uses of Solomon's temple. On Monday night a social and tea meeting was held, presided over by the pastor, when brief addresses were delivered by the resident ministers and others in the neighbourhood, also by Mr. James McMullen, B.P., after which Dr. Cochrane delivered his well-known lecture on the "Queen's Highway to British Columbia," and for two hours held the large audience deeply interested under his graphic description of the prairies and rocky fastness of the North-West Territories. Altogether the services connected with the occasion have been a marked success, and augur well for greatly extended opportunities for a large increase of the Palmerston Presbyterian church. Mr. Aull has been settled here for sixteen years. When he came the church was in an exceedingly weak and disorganized condition, but now under his zeal and prudence and pulpit ministrations, it holds a first place in the Presbytery. The collections in connection with the opening will be in the neighbourhood of \$400.

Presbytery of Toronto.

THE regular meeting of the Presbytery of Toronto was held on Tuesday the 26th ult. Rev. J. W. Bell was chosen moderator for the ensuing six months. The following were chosen Commissioners to the next General Assembly: Ministers—Rev. Principal Caven, D. J. Macdonnell, Dr. McLaren, Dr. Gregg and Dr. Parsons, by election; and Rev. Joseph Watt, S. S. Craig, J. A. Turnbull, W. G. Wallace, J. Mutch, Walter Reid, J.

Neil, D. B. Macdonald and Dr. McTavish, by rotation; Elders—Messrs. Hamilton Cassels, John A. Patterson, J. K. Macdonald, Hon. G. W. Ross, Jos. Gibson, Hon. Justice MacLennan, Dr. C. Y. Moore, Robert Stewart, Nath. Steen and J. R. Miller, by election, and Messrs. Chas. Morris, Andrew Scott, Donald Hendry, A. H. Gordon and W. Mortimer Clark, by nomination of session. A number of Presbyterians resident in the vicinity of Kew Beach and Balmy Beach, presented a petition asking to be organized as a congregation. The petition was received and neighbouring sessions will be heard in respect to the new organization at the April meeting of Presbytery. The remit from the General Assembly relating to the appointment of a special committee to take the oversight of Jewish missions, was considered, and it was agreed to recommend that the work among the Jews be continued under the supervision of the Foreign Mission Committee. Rev. Alex. McMillan intimated his declination of the call addressed to him by the congregation of the Church of the Redeemer, Deseronto, and on motion the call was set aside. After hearing reports from those appointed to visit the aid-receiving congregations in the Presbytery, it was agreed to ask for the following assistance from the Augmentation Fund for the ensuing year, viz.: For St. Paul's congregation, Toronto, \$250; for Southside, \$200; for the Church of the Covenant, Toronto, \$200; for Mimico, \$200; for Sutton, \$100; for Laskay and East King, \$140; Fairbank and Fisherville was reduced to the status of a mission station, and the question of supply was left in the hands of the Home Mission Committee. The greater part of the day was given to the consideration of the organization of a new congregation in Parkdale. Reports were heard from neighboring sessions, two reporting no objection to the organization, two stating the conviction that there is not room for a third congregation in Parkdale, one opposing the organization. The session of Dunn avenue presented a history of the case together with their answers in respect to granting organization, and the petitioners tabled their statement of the origin and development of the movement. After a prolonged discussion the following motion was passed by a vote of 17 to 14: "That the Fern avenue congregation and the petitioners be amalgamated into one congregation, which shall have its place of worship to the north of Queen street, and not farther east than Macdonnell avenue, that a site shall be selected within these limits not later than six months after the date of organization and that a church edifice or a schoolroom shall be erected within twelve months from the date of organization, that in the meantime the congregation shall have leave to meet in the Cowan avenue church for a period not exceeding twelve months, and that during the said period a Sabbath school and an evening service shall be carried on in the Fern avenue church." Against this decision several members entered their dissent. The Presbytery adjourned to meet in St. Andrew's church, Toronto, on Tuesday, the 5th day of March next, at the close of the meeting to be held on that day.—R. C. Tind, Clerk.

Presbytery of Lindsay.

THE Presbytery of Lindsay held its regular meeting at Sunderland on the 19th inst. There was almost a full attendance of ministers and elders. Rev. R. Johnston, B.A., B.D., moderator, presided. Messrs. D. B. Macdonald of the Presbytery of Toronto, J. Frazer Campbell of India, L. R. Gloag, Elberington and Stewart being present were invited to sit and deliberate as corresponding members. Mr. Macdonald, by appointment of the Augmentation Committee, addressed the Presbytery in the interests of that branch of the Church's work. He received cordial thanks for his address, and was assured that the Presbytery will do its utmost to further the interests of the fund. Mr. Campbell delivered a stirring address upon the various phases of the work in India, urging increased liberality in the support of foreign mission work. He was listened to with keen interest, thanked for his address, and promised continued and increased support. The clerk read a