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takt-144, morning the residence of sources delightful occasion to the pastor of St. Andrew's church \ \ deputation called to express to their pastor and Mrs. Macneill the esteem and good wishes of 5 Andrew's congregation, and to accompany these good water with the substantial gift of a put ec ntaining \$200 in gold

SAYS the lasta Witness At a recent Sabbath maining service in St. Andrew's Church lines a gentleman who contributes to a trly to the funds of the congregation placed on the plate the sum of his sold its for the Poreign Mission work of ar church. A few more gener cus denutions would, we are sure, be re garded ov our Poreign Mission Board as pe miss v acceptable New Year's gifts

1. the Christmas entertainment Hamsville enurch. Mrs. Milne, the or-Lanist, was presented with a handsome regard and recognition of her many vaivable services to the congregation. It may be mentioned that Mrs. Milne is the widow of the late Key Andrew Milne, termer pastor of the congregation whose name is still fregrant wherever he was

The rew church at Kemptown, Colchester Co N 5, was opened for public worship last Sabbath Dec 15 The sactament of the Lord's Supper was also service on Sabbath morning and evening, was conducted by the Rev. Edward Grant, of S.ewia ke assisted by the pastor, Rev Mr Bruce The attendance, particularly Sabouth morning, was unusually large, many coming from ten to sixteen miles.

THE annual meeting of the Bracebridge uingregation vas held on the "th inst. The usual reports from Session, Board of Management, Sahoath School, Minister's hand of Hope, were all of a satisfactory and encouraging character. The congregation hears and unanimously steed increase of \$100 towards the s'ipend beiden the payment of \$35, to ab fer a deficit a finding from reduc-

held in St. Andrew's church, Lippen, on , 30th inst Ine church was well filled Acheson, took the coair, when excellent I and appropriate addresses were delivered has been held in this congregation for six years it was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

THE collectors who were appointed a non of Calvin church, Pembroke, and solicit subscriptions towards the wiping out of the debt on the church, have been successful beyond anticipation. The enire an ount of the debt (about \$8,000) has been subscribed, and a little over With parameter being pride the pastor, Rev. G. D. bayne nants to the fact that few congrepations in the country would have a 'ed so generously, especially after havreso recently contributed so largely to e bu ding fund. The church is now practically free of debt, for although it will be some time before all the subscriptions shall have ocen paid, the debt is provided for

THE annual meeting of St. Andrew's preregation, Carleton Place, was held riday, Dec. 28th, and much business of importance was transacted. The several reports showed the congregation to be in a prosperous condition and the financein a healthy state. The names of Mr. David Watt and Mr. R. Latimer, jr., were added to the Managing Committee. The committee is now composed of Mosein James Gillies, John Macdonald, John Cavers, R Latimer, jr., Daniel Watt and I Struthers, Secretary, A resolution was passed requesting Presby-tery to separate 5. Andrew's congreganon from Franktown, the two charges being too much for one minister It was also decided to adopt the envelope

A CORRESIONDENT writes. Stanley street church, Ayr, han been greatly blessed during thu past seven week, the congregation having enjoyed a series of special meetings, the tike of which Ayr has not seen for the past twenty one years No "atrange fire" was used. The repetition of the, "old, old atory," night after right by the pastor, Rev J. S. Hardie, assisted by Rev. R. Meyera, of Norwich, for two weeks, was the divinely used means in the hands of the Holy Spirit to lead many to exclaim with David, " Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation, etc., and not a few to accep-Jesus as the eternal portion of their souls for us.
Many are now saying "Why are these Tite
blossed sessons of refreshing not more Perth. frequent among our Presbyterian congre-

Tile Christmas entertainment for the Falls, was a very successful affair A

After the distribution of gifts to the children, the pastor, Rev I Nixon, was presented with a wel-fitted jourse from his Bible class, and Mrs. Nixon with a beartiful sowing machine from the ladies of the congregation. A few items from secretary's report will be interesting The attendance his more than doubled But the most marked increase has been in the pasion s Bible class, which at present nun bein . the average attendance for the last quarter has been 47. The average attendance for the year has been Andrew's church 121, and the collections \$1.5 per Sab A the addition of four follows. Officers, 862, ucholars, 4,951 ceises, cost, scholars at church, 2,426; rotal re cipts. Same balance on hand, 3... 800 of this, with a special collec-.... ich Owen Sound, miele a tion on Sabbath, is given to missions. THE annual meeting of the Cheltenham

and Mount Pleasant branch of the W.F.M.S. was held in the Cheltenham church, on Thursday, Dec 27. Notwith standing the very rough roads, there was a fair attendance of the members and ie for 850, with a he utv expression their friends. The financial report was of a mos' encouraging nature—over \$108 being gathered from the various sources. Through the kindness and to 1 G Micheill St John, N.B., was liberality of "A Friend of Missions," the scene of what must have been a very Mrs. Campbell received, as a Christmas gift, \$50, to be used in becoming a life member of the W F M Society, and the balance to be devoted to Zenana Work It was decided to purchase a sufficient number of the " Monthly Letter Leatlets" to supply each family represented in the Auxiliary with a copy. The programme was interesting and helpful to the mem bers In the evening a public missionary meeting was held, when Rev. S. S. Craig, of Claude, addressed the people on "The Subjective Side of Toreign Missions Mr A E. Mitchell, B.A., of Knox College, followed, dwelling on the "Objective side of Foreign Missions," and Mr. Geo. C Robb, of Loronto, concluded with a stirring address on "The Need of the Foreign Fields

A CORRESPONDENT writes :-- The an nual meeting of the Inverness congregation, Inverness, was held on New Year's id wa ch and chain as an expression of Day. After devotional exercises and a brief address by the pastor, the business was brought before the meeting by the secretary-treasurer reading the annual financial statement, which was upon the wholevery encouraging About \$600 had been expended during the year in church and manse repairs. The m ssionary con-tributions to the schemes increased about \$40. The minister's stipend paid up in full, and a small balance on hand to begin the year with. The treasurer of the La uispensed at the name time. The prepadies Aid Society reported having paid ratory service on Saturday, as also the the congregational treasurer \$65 to be appropriated to repairs of church property The Sabbath-school, to all ap pearance, is doing good work, and has added to its library during the year \$50 worth of books. The Shorter Catechism in the school is studied with very great interest and pains by all the scholars. Thes bool is not very large but we have twinty-seven boys and girls who can recite the whole of the catechism, four of lible Class, Lacies' Aid Society, and whom can give the proofs along with the questions We mention this fact because we know of some achools that exclude the casechism altogether, something that no Presbyterian Sabbath school should be allowed to, do.

At the morning service in St. Andrew's church, Ferges, Sabbath Dec 30 the pastor preaching from 1 Sam xvii 45. A MOSI successful tea meeting was dwell upon the necessity of enforcing the Scott Act, and the liquor system in gen-eral. He compared Goliath to the liquor with guests After tea, the pastor, Mr. traffic and David, his slayer, to the temperance people. The Israelites found a slayer in David able to encounter with and appropriate accuresses were delivered that mountain of brass and pride of the by the following neighbouring clergymer. That mountain of brass and pride of the Revs. Messis. McDanald, Budwernen Philistines. The Lord is not going to Revs. Messis. McDonald, Bridgeman, blay the liquor traffic by a miracle, the Cosens, Martin Cook Henderson, Simple will have to do it and as David put down this great evil and the stones the speaker would recommend would be -ist, Preaching the Gospel, and, Prayer 3rd, Prevention by the means of month or two ago to visit the congrega- proper houses of accommodation instead of the licensed hotel, by instituting Temperance Societies, Christian Unions, etc.; 4th, Professing Christianity and 5th, Prohibition He asked how could they pray-" Thy Kingdom come; and then vote a license to maintain such a system Mr. Mullen stated he liked the prohibit-ing qualities of the Crooks Act, but he liked the Scott Act better because it prohibited still more. He would welcome total prohibition, but in the mean time he would work with all his might for the Scott Act ; it has done a great deal of good and the fact would be proven if ever they had to return

to a license system A CURRESPONDENT writes to the RE-IEW - The members and adherents of the Presbyterian church of Waddington, Y., of which Rev James Robertson is minister, took advantage of the festive holiday season to hold a gathering on Christmas eve for social intercourse, for the exchanging of p esents and congratulations, and thereby for renewing and strengthening the close bond of union already existing between the pastor and people, and between the different members of the congregation. An extensive programme of rec ations and vocal and instrumental music made the evening pass pleasantly and profitably. Two trees, adorned by many useful and costly articles were placed in the church, which had been profusely decorated for the occasion. Many were the words of good cheer and congratulation which accompanied the gifts. The pastor and his wife received many tokens of the appreciation of their services, Mr Robeitson himself having been made the surprised recipient of a handsome gold watch and chain a gift selected by the young ladies on be half of the congregation. To the great aurprise of the children and amusement of all, Santa Claus himself appeared on the scene, and distributed candies to the little folk In his short address, Mr Robert son suggested that next year, on the similar occasion, the gifts be brought and laid at the feet of Him who gave Himself

THE annual meeting of Knox church. Perth, Rev A A Scott MA, was held on the 2nd inst, Mr James Bell in the chair. The reports submitted showed among other items -Families, Sabbath-school of Union church, Smith's 145 single persons, 28, communicants added in 1888, 24; removed, 17, numfine programme of music and recitations, ber now on the roll, 314: Sabbath-school under the management of Mr F. T. scholars on the roll, 120, average attend-Frost, the superintendent, was rendered. ance, 75, pastor's Bible-clase, 25, con- be present. -ROBERT MOODIE, Clark

tributed for missions, \$70 : for supplies \$18; teacheis, 18; vols, in S, S, libeaty 3001, in the mission library, 90; amoun expended on the hurch and mante, \$400 other incidental confregational expenses \$308; congregational collections for missionary purposes, \$112; WF.MS. or dinary roveme thank offering, and the amount raised by the Mission Band, \$187; other benevolent and religious purposes, \$135; amount taken by the S. 8, \$88 Presbytery and Synod fund, \$15; pastor's stipend, \$1 :00, total revenue, The following distribution was \$2,675. made of the missionary funda. Home Missions, S. Joseph Missions, \$236; Augmeniation, 350, French Prangeliza-tion (including asch darshipof \$5 viron the S S. to the l'ointe aux Trembles schools), \$90. Colleges (Queen's), \$35. Aged and Infirm Manisters Fund, \$30; Widows and Orphans, \$25 , Assembly Fund, \$15 . Manitob codege, \$10; to this night he added, \$5 contributed to the building fund of the l'einte aux Trembles schools, making a total to the Schemes of \$639.

#### DEATH OF REV. JOHN GIBSON OF THE DEMERARA MISSION.

THE following letter from Rev. George Stephen, Georgetown, British Guians, South America, to Rev. P. M. Morrison, Agent of the Church in Eastern division. conveys the sad tidings of the death of our missionary, Rev. John Gibson, as mentioned in our issue of 3rd inst.

15 MAIN ST., GEORGETOWN, British Gutana, Dec. 7, 1888.

SIR, -It is with the very deepest sortow that I announce to you the death of the Rev. John Gibson, the head of our Mission to the East Indian Immigrants in the Colony This melancholy event took place on Nov. 26, at his residence, Groenceldt House. The cause of death was acute dyse tery, from which he had been suffering for upwards of a week. How much we have lost by Mr. Gibson's death it would be impossible to put in words. The Prosbyterian missionary society deplores the loss which it has sus-The Church feels deeply its loss. Indeed, I may say, from the Governor down to the poor coolies among whom he laboured, all regret his untimely death. And I have lost a dear friend, who had a single aim in life, the success of his mis sion. He leaves behind him a widow, and a child, born a few days after his death.

I can, at present, say no more, for my heart is too full of sorrow. Kindly comnunicate this sad news to Foreign Mission Committee, to whom I will write re-

garding the carrying on of the Mission, I am, very faithfully yours, GEORGE STEPHEN.

Hon. Secy P. M S.

MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERIES.

WINNIPEG. HELD an adjourned meeting on the 28th of December. The congregation of Fort William sent a letter expressing regret at the resignation of Mr. H W. l'raser, but since he felt it to be his duty to accept an appointment as a foreign missionary, they would acquiesce. The Rev. John Pringle, of Port Arthur, was appointed Moderator of Session next meeting of Presbytery is to be field in Knox church, on the 7th of March -

#### ANDREW B BAIRD, Clerk. BARRIE.

This l'resbytery held an adjourned meeting at Barrie on Dec. 18, for emergent business in the forenoon, and for a Conference on Sabbath Schools in the afternoon and evening. The Presbytery was constituted at It a. m., Mr. W. A. Duncan, B D, Moderator, and proceeded son, and lives: Choice inusic was rendered by the choir of the congregation, independent of the congregation, independent of the choir of the congregation, independent of the leadership of Mr. James has the giant, so it will be necessary for Moodie of the unit source which the people to select five smooth somes to the people to select five smooth some smooth smooth smooth some smooth smoot The papers were read were heard, namely, Mr. D. D. McLeod for the Picab very of London, and Mr. Hollingshead from the congregation calling . Messrs. A. Smith, J. Austen and W. Atkison for Tottenham and Beeton. Mr. Wilson, on being asked to intimate his decision, accepted the call, and it was agreed to translate him to the London Presbytery for induction to the charge of Dutton : also that Mr. Barnett be Moderator of the Session during the vacancy, and declare the pulpit vacant on January 6. It was agreed to hold next regular meeting at Orillia on Jan. 29, at 230 p. m., and hold a meeting in the evening in connection with annual meeting of the Presbyterial W.F.M. Society. The Presbytery was reconstituted at 2.30 p.m., and resolved itself into a convention on Sabbath Schools with as many members and friends of the Church as had come on invitation given from the pulpita. Dr. Gray took the chair, Mr. Leishman, clerk, pro tem. Half an hour was spent in devotional exercises. After remarks by the chairman, Mr. J. M. Stevenson, elder, opened a discussion on "The Position of the Shorter Catechism in Sabbath Schools" which was participated in by several members. Then followed the question "How Older Scholars may be Retained in the Sabbath Schools," intro-duced by an excellent address by Mr. W. R. Ludhope, of Gravenhurst, ahly seconded by Mr. J. Henderson, of Bar-rie, and others. The following motion rie, and others. The following motion presented by Mr. Leishman, seconded by Mr. Findlay, was carried at the evening session: That the convention recognizing the importance of the Shorter Cate-chism in training children, and also the fact that only one-third of Sabbath Schools, reporting to the Presbytery report the teaching of the catechism, pledge itself to use every effort to have it taught in every Sabbath School in the bounds of the Presbytery." It was agreed that a copy of this resolution be sent to every S Superintendent in the bounds. The Convention resumed at 7.30 p.m., Mr. Stevenson occupying the chair ably. Mr. Grant addressed the meeting on Sabbath School as a Factor in Church Life," and a discussion ensued. Mr. McLeod then introduced the last topic, "Lesson Helps and S. S. Literature," which was duly considered. The Presbytery appointed a large committee to

prepare for a conference on the state of

religion and kindred subjects, and to re-

port at next regular meeting. The con-terence was profitable and interesting to

those present. It was a matter of regret that a large number of members of

Presbytery did not find it convenient

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