

## Ottawa and Vicinity.

The sacrament of the Lord's supper will be dispensed a week from next Sunday in St. Andrew's Church.

Rev. Mr. Milne, the Glebe, and Rev. Mr. Herbison, St. Andrew's church, exchanged last Sabbath morning.

Rev. N. McLeod, of MacKay church, preached anniversary sermons at Buckingham, Que., last Sabbath. Rev. Mr. Patterson took Mr. McLeod's services here.

The pupils of the Conservatory of Music of the Presbyterian Ladies' College, will give an Easter recital. Private weekly and fortnightly rehearsals will be held up to Easter.

Rev. N. Macpherson, of Hamilton, occupied the pulpit at St. Andrew's Church at both services Sunday. He preached two very able discourses, in the morning from the text Blessed Are The Merciful, and in the evening on Chastisement, the object of which, he said, was not pain but purity. Rev. Dr. Herridge took the services in St. Paul's, Hamilton.

Rev. Dr. Armstrong preached in St. Paul's church at both services on Sabbath. In the morning he preached on The Institution and Design of the Lord's Supper. In the evening he continued the subject, dealing with doubts and difficulties in regard to observing the ordinance. A number of deaths have occurred in the church during the past year the latest being Mr. D. McLaughlin. Reference was made at the morning service to his death and to the loss the church had sustained.

The parliamentary correspondent of the London Advertiser writes respecting the esteemed minister of St. Andrew's, as follows:—"If a place is to be judged by the able men it sends forth, our Forest City can make a pretty good claim. In Ottawa alone there are enough London Old Boys to make a very respectable branch association. On Sunday evening last I went to hear one of them, the Rev. Dr. Herridge, the noted Presbyterian divine, the pews of whose church are occupied by a cosmopolitan congregation which usually incline many M. P.s. Dr. Herridge formerly resided, now quite a few years ago, in London, with his father, also a clergyman. He went to school there, and from there went to college. Dr. Herridge's sermon was, like his congregation, broad and cosmopolitan. Among other things he said both Protestantism and Roman Catholicism lacked something the other might usefully supply. The doctor, while quite modern as a preacher, evidently favors a service quiet and restful, even a little quaint, reaching back into the past. The organ is an effective one, and the same may be said of Mr. Jenkins, the organist and choir master. The choir, which does not run to noisy effects, is one of the best I have yet encountered in Canada. In St. Andrew's, Ottawa, they sing with the understanding also."

## Northern Ontario.

An esteemed correspondent has a grievance against the Orillia Packet. He says he sprinkled sulphur in his shoes and wore salted undershirts, and still he has the grip. To this our contemporary replies:—"That is what comes of being a Presbyterian. He must have been foreordained to take it."

The recent anniversary services, Churchill, were very largely attended, and very interesting discourses were delivered by Rev. W. J. Rizell, of Toronto. On Monday evening the ladies had prepared an excellent supper and although the storm prevented many from coming the church was comfortably filled. The proceeds for Sunday and Monday were \$101.

A branch of the Lord's Day Alliance has been organized at Beaverton. Rev. H. R. Horne, Elora, was present and spoke in behalf of the Alliance. The following officers were elected:—Pres. Mr. B. Madill; Vice Presidents, all resident clergymen; Secretary and Treasurer Mr. G. F. Bruce. The meeting was held in St. Andrew's Church, and the pastor, Rev. D. W. Best, presided.

The annual meeting of the Gamebridge church was held on the 13th inst. A large representation of the congregation was present. Rev. A. C. Wishart presided. The reports showed the affairs of the congregation to be in a flourishing condition and receipts for the year \$648.93. After all obligations were met, and funds allocated, a balance of \$61.50 remains on hand. The congregation also subscribed \$400 to the Century Fund, and Christian Endeavor Society \$45. Total \$445.

The reports at the annual meeting of Knox church, Beaverton, were all encouraging and showed the congregation to be in a prosperous condition, although it was vacant during part of the year. The total amount contributed during the year was \$1,356.67. After all expenses had been paid the treasurer reported a balance on hand of \$190. The congregation also subscribed \$1000 to the Century Fund—Common Fund—\$653.—Debt Fund \$347. Of this about \$500 has been paid. After the business was over, the ladies served tea, and a very pleasant social time was spent by all present.

## STATE OF FUNDS.

The following amounts are still required to end the year from debt in the several funds:

Home Missions.....	\$40,000
Augmentation.....	12,500
Foreign Missions.....	22,000
French Evangelization.....	9,000
Pointe aux Trembles.....	3,000
Widows' and Orphans.....	8,000
Aged and Infirm Min.....	5,000
Assembly.....	2,400
Knox College.....	5,000
Queen's College.....	3,000
Montreal College.....	3,000
Manitoba College.....	600

To show how difficult it is to form an estate of what may yet be received, the following table gives the number of congregations in each Presbytery that have not yet contributed for the year ending on Thursday, 28th February:—

	PRESBYTERIES.	COLLEGES.	MANITOBA COLLEGE.	HOME MISSIONS.	AUGMENTATION.	FOREIGN MISSIONS.	WID. AND ORPHANS.	AGED AND INF. MIN.	ASSEMBLY.	FRENCH EVANG. TUN.
Quebec.....	10	13	8	8	8	8	9	12	8	8
Montreal.....	24	50	21	21	21	22	22	21	20	20
Glengarry.....	9	15	6	7	6	8	8	8	6	6
Ottawa.....	14	15	13	13	13	14	14	15	14	14
L. and R.....	14	12	10	10	9	12	12	13	12	12
Brockville.....	10	10	8	8	6	9	9	7	10	10
Kingston.....	8	14	7	8	7	9	9	10	10	10
Pelham.....	10	10	8	8	8	9	9	10	10	10
Lindsay.....	5	8	4	5	4	5	6	7	7	6
Whitby.....	7	6	4	6	6	7	7	7	6	5
Toronto.....	24	18	18	18	18	19	19	18	24	19
Orillia.....	12	9	5	9	8	7	7	7	4	9
Barrie.....	18	23	15	13	10	17	18	13	20	20
N. Bay.....	8	3	5	6	7	8	8	9	12	12
Algoma.....	6	4	6	6	6	5	5	6	7	6
O. Sound.....	7	5	5	5	5	6	6	6	7	7
Saugeen.....	6	4	3	4	4	4	4	4	3	4
Guelph.....	9	9	5	5	5	6	6	6	5	5
Hamilton.....	26	25	18	18	19	25	25	17	20	20
Paris.....	10	17	4	7	7	8	8	9	7	7
London.....	13	17	9	9	9	11	11	14	15	15
Chatham.....	12	16	8	9	10	12	12	14	15	15
Sarnia.....	8	9	3	6	3	5	5	7	5	5
Stratford.....	9	8	4	6	4	6	6	6	5	6
Huron.....	5	7	4	5	6	5	5	6	6	6
Maitland.....	7	6	6	6	6	7	7	6	5	5
Bruce.....	9	9	6	7	6	7	8	10	7	7
Superior.....	6	3	4	5	6	6	6	5	6	6
Winnipeg.....	12	9	10	11	13	13	13	12	13	13
Rock Lake.....	8	4	7	8	7	7	7	7	7	7
Glenboro.....	10	5	7	5	7	8	6	8	8	8
P. La P.....	12	7	8	8	9	9	9	8	10	10
Brandon.....	9	6	8	8	9	9	10	8	8	8
Minn.....	8	7	7	7	8	8	7	8	7	7
Melita.....	8	5	6	7	8	9	7	9	7	7
Regina.....	12	7	8	7	9	9	9	9	9	9
Galgary.....	7	3	4	5	6	6	7	7	7	7
Edmonton.....	7	5	6	7	8	8	9	8	8	8
Kamloops.....	10	6	7	8	8	8	8	7	8	8
Rootenay.....	10	8	9	9	9	10	9	9	9	9
West M.....	8	7	7	8	8	8	7	7	7	7
Victoria.....	6	5	6	6	7	7	7	7	7	7

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According to instructions of the General Assembly the Agents of the Church, are to publish a statement in detail of all money received from each congregation in the church up to the 28th of February 1901 for the year then ending. From present indications, there are a large number of congregations that will be reported as giving nothing.

It is hoped, however, that before the end of February, the large majority of those who have not yet contributed, will have forwarded their contributions, otherwise there will be heavy deficits in connection with several of the funds.

ROBERT, H. WARDEN.

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## Foreign Mission Notes.

We are indebted to Rev. Dr. McKay, F. M. Secretary for the following items.

The purpose of these regulations is to place the work amongst the Indians and Chinese more directly under the supervision of Presbyteries, and for that purpose presbyteries are asked to appoint committees who will regularly visit the missions within their bounds and report to the F. M. C.

The missionaries at Crow-eand are very much in need of better water-supply. The water so far has been taken from the river, which is some distance away, and during the winter the flow is obstructed and the water becomes impure. They are asking for a well near the mission buildings.

Mr. McKittrick, the missionary amongst the Indians at the Lake-of-the-Woods, is preparing plans for an Indian Boarding School at Shoal Lake, that will accommodate forty or fifty children. The Indians in that region are urgent for the fulfilment of the promise given two years ago, and it is important in dealing with any, but especially with Indians, that promises are strictly fulfilled. Mr. McKittrick also urges the need of a launch in order to expedite travel in visiting the stations.

The Executive of the Foreign Mission Committee met on Tuesday the 12th inst. New regulations for the administration of foreign mission work in the Western provinces had been prepared months ago and submitted to the Western synods for their judgment and suggestions. In the line of suggestions made both by synods and missionaries, these draft regulations were modified, finally adopted by the Executive, and will be enforced immediately.

The ladies in Central India also feel the pressure of so many famine children. They were gladdened a few weeks ago by the arrival of Miss Wallace, who having finished her work in the hospital at Chefoo, came to India on her way home, but with the purpose of remaining there if her services were required. The committee gladly accepted her offer and allowed her to remain to assist her sister missionaries in the struggle.

Mr. Wilkie's arrival in Indore was cordially welcomed by the teachers and students in the college. Mr. Ledingham was in charge of the college during Mr. Wilkie's absence on furlough, and did the work with entire satisfaction. Teachers and students united in presenting an address to Mr. Wilkie, upon his arrival, and another to Mr. Ledingham, upon his departure for Dhar, where he will now continue to do evangelistic work. Both addresses were highly complimentary.

The attention of Presbytery Clerks is called to the startling orders of the Church which require that all documents sent to the General Assembly should be on foolscap paper, written only on one side of the sheet so that they may be preserved in a form convenient for reference. Further, that each separate item of business should be on a separate sheet of paper. The vario items of business are frequently referred by the General Assembly to separate committees. It is necessary, therefore, that each be upon a sheet of paper by itself.

The situation in China is not very much changed. It is interesting to learn that new converts are being gathered in, even in the presence of persecution, and in the absence of the missionaries. The loyalty and patience manifested by the converts is making an impression upon their heathen neighbors. Famine is staring North China in the face. Already many are starving. Our missionaries there, out of their own private resources are sending into Honan small remittances, in order to assist Chinese converts. The committee will render some assistance in this respect, which will not only assist the suffering, but testify to the heathen what Christian sympathy means.

Rev. W. Meikle is conducting special services in Wentworth Church, Hamilton.

St. Stephen's congregation, Winnipeg, have decided on a new church building, as the old one has grown too small for the increasing numbers attending the services.

All things are under the sovereign will of God, and He makes all things work together for his own holy purpose.