

Dougall, of Spencerville; W.S. Logie, of Winchester; and Messrs. Baird, of Brockville; Fraser, of Winchester; W. H. Cochrane, of Kemptville; Col. Carmichael, of Spencerville, elders.

Dr. Stewart, of Prescott, who will celebrate his twenty-fifth anniversary as pastor of that congregation in a week, came in for some very favorable comments as well as a congratulatory address from the Presbytery of Brockville at its recent meeting and the Revs. MacArthur and McAllister were appointed a committee to attend his anniversary services.

Western Ontario.

The congregation of Blenheim have given \$282 last year to the several missionary schemes of the church.

Rev. A. Leslie Howard, of Cayuga, exchanged pulpits with Rev. J. M. Mitchell of Blackheath and East Seneca last Sunday.

Rev. Mr. Winchester, Knox church, Toronto, preached anniversary sermons in the Barrie Presbyterian church on Sunday last.

Rev. Dr. Battisby, St. Andrew's, Chatham, was taken suddenly ill in his pulpit last Sunday evening and had to retire to his home. He is reported much better.

On leaving Brantford for Sarnia Rev. J. S. Scott was presented with a handsome gold headed umbrella and writing desk by the Young People's Society of St. Andrews church.

Rev. J. Little of the Holstein church is holding a series of evangelistic meetings, and from the faithful explanation of Scriptures and the earnest attention evinced there must be a power of good received.

The annual meeting of St. Andrew's church, Moorefield, was held in the church on the 17th ult. The finances were reported to be in a very prosperous condition. After the business meeting all present were served with refreshments by the ladies of the congregation.

The Stratford Beacon says: St. Andrew's church organ has arrived in the city, and the experts are expected to begin the work of building it up. The organ will be used for the first time at the Sunday services preceding the recital a date for which will shortly be announced.

At a social gathering of Bright Young People's Society, and Chesterfield Bible Class, the Rev. Mr. Johnston was made the recipient of a valuable students' lamp, and Mrs. Johnston was presented with a comfortable rocking chair. An affectionately worded address accompanied the gifts.

Anniversary services recently held in connection with Monkman church, were very successful. Rev. Mr. Cranston, of Collingwood, gave able discourses on Sunday, and on the following Monday evening entertained a large gathering with an account of a trip to Vancouver by rail, which was illustrated with splendid time-light views.

Rev. E. A. Henry, pastor of Knox church, Hamilton, one of the speakers at the 63rd anniversary tea of the Wesley church, in that city, last week, referring to that part of Bishop Dowling's pastoral, which exhorted the clergy to preach often on the evils of mixed marriages, exclaimed, "Bless his kind heart, that is what we want."

The First church, Brockville, was well filled the other evening to hear and see Mr. J. W. Benjough, the celebrated cartoonist and lecturer. Nor were the audience disappointed. For over two hours he held the close attention of the big audience with his clever sketching and apt stories. The cartoons, which were all good, were of a general character, and only once or twice did he enter the political field in which he particularly excels.

When William Grahame died in 1813; he left to the church of Scotland, Newmarket, 40 acres of land. The revenue from this farm was to be given to the poor of the congregation. Since that time the rental of the farm has been used for the purpose, as intended by the testator. The congregation are now asking permission through the legislature to sell the farm and build a manse with the proceeds, or invest the money in securities. Hon. E. J. Davis has introduced a bill to that effect.

The financial report of the Scotch Settlement church, recently printed, shows contributions to the general fund amounting to \$340.15, and Sabbath collections \$94.56. These two amounts together with a balance from last year place the total receipts at \$460.94. The disbursements

amounted to \$429.45, leaving a balance on hand of \$31.49. The Sunday School receipts, including a small balance, amounted to \$30. Mission moneys for the year are represented in the following two items: General subscriptions \$86; W. F. M. S. \$60.05—\$146.05.

Rev. F. D. Roxborough, of Smithville, and Rev. S. H. Gray, of Dundas, exchanged pulpits on a recent Sabbath.

Rev. F. Maxwell, Ripley, called to Chesley, has decided to remain with his present charge, where his salary has been increased from \$850 to \$1,200.

Rev. W. J. Clarke of the First church, London, in his sermon on Sunday night, referred to the refusal of a Toronto congregation to contribute to the funds of Knox College because of its objection to Prof. McFayden's book. He said the action of the congregation was worse than foolish; it was akin to the spirit which moved the Hebrew Saul to persecute the early Christians. He had the privilege of Prof. McFayden's warm friendship and knew of no godlier, nobler, sincerer man, or more earnest servant of Christ. "He is a great gift to the Presbyterian Church," said Mr. Clark. "If the spirit which animates the attack upon him should get the upper hand in the church of my fathers, I, for one, would step out of it. It might be no great loss to the church, but it would be the only thing I could honestly do."

The vacancy caused in St. Andrew's church, Sarnia, in May last, by the death of Rev. Dr. John Thompson has been filled by the induction of Rev. J. S. Scott, B.D., late of St. Andrew's church, Brantford. The induction services were held on Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 16th, in the presence of a very large congregation. On the evening of the same day a social meeting was held when a very cordial welcome was extended to Mr. Scott by the effie-bearers and congregation. Refreshments were served by the ladies and congratulatory addresses were given by Revs. J. Eadie, J. R. Hall and E. C. Currie. On the following Sunday Feb. 21st, Mr. Scott preached both morning and evening, and made a most favorable impression. The attendance on each occasion was very large, the sermons were decidedly forceful and helpful, and were listened to with rapt attention. The text of the forenoon sermon was John 3:16 "God so loved the world, etc." Mr. Scott enters upon his ministry in this congregation with most encouraging prospects of success.

The Rev. A. Mackay, of the Lucknow church who is about to leave for another field of usefulness, was last week presented with an address and a purse of gold by his affectionate people, Mrs. Mackay being also the recipient at the same time of a beautiful cabinet of silverware. The addresses to the pastor and his wife were read by Mr. D. R. McIntosh, while the gifts were presented by Mr. Charles Baird and Mrs. Edwin Purvis, respectively. The Rev. S. M. Whaley, B. A., then read an address to Mrs. Mackay from the Women's Foreign Missionary Society, at the same time presenting her with a certificate of life membership in the society. A peculiar interest attached to the occasion when Mr. Mackay, in thanking the congregation, referred to the remarkable undesigned coincidence of this great honor being shown him on that particular day—his birthday—such a birthday as he would never see again—his fiftieth—his jubilee. Neither he, nor Mr. Alexander McKinnon, who had appointed the meeting for this day, had any thoughts of its being the anniversary of his birth. That the two should come together showed that a higher hand ruled over all.

Winnipeg and West.

Rev. John Hogg, of Winnipeg, is retiring from the active charge of St. Giles' church.

Rev. R. J. Macpherson, of Winnipeg, has accepted the call from the congregation of Cartwright, Man.

Rev. Dr. Pitblado, on resigning from the pastorate of Westminster church, Winnipeg, was voted a retiring allowance of \$500.00 for three years, and was presented with a purse of \$250.00.

Rev. Mr. MacLean, pastor of our Church at Stonewall, was badly burned about the face and one hand by the explosion of a lamp over the choir platform. The fire was put out before much damage was done.

At a recent meeting of West church, Westminster, B.C., Rev. Mr. Wilson, of Vancouver, in the chair, after hearing the report of the committee on supply, the congregation decided to

extend a call to the Rev. Dr. D. Wardlaw Taylor, M.A., Ph.D., now of Canmore and Banff. Dr. Taylor is a son of Sir Thomas W. Taylor, for many years Chief Justice of Manitoba. He was two years studying in Germany and Scotland before taking his theological course at Knox College, Toronto.

British and Foreign Notes.

The British mission to Tibet is experiencing heavy falls of snow and extreme cold.

In time of peace the Japanese army, consisting of 421,000 men, costs but \$18,500,000 a year.

More than twenty thousand persons are killed every year in India by snakes, tigers, and other wild animals.

The sum of £37,343 was raised for Foreign missions by the United Free Church during 1903 an increase of £1,294 over the previous year.

The first synagogue in Rome which has been built by the Italian occupation of the city has recently been opened in the very shadow of the Vatican.

Glasgow Presbytery has expressed a desire that students for the ministry may be made more familiar with economic problems and social questions.

Under the laws in New York fortune tellers, or those who pretend to tell fortunes, are classed as disorderly persons and are punishable under the penal code.

With a population of about 2,500,000 Paris has fewer than 100 negroes within its limits. It is claimed that the coloured population of France is less than 550.

Tokio in 1898 had a population of 1,440,000 and it covers 60 square miles. Canton harbors 1,600,000 inhabitants within a circuit comprising only 20 square miles.

The pulpit supplies at the Metropolitan Tabernacle during Rev. Thomas Spurgeon's absence this month include a Congregationalist, a Wesleyan Methodist, a Presbyterian, and three Baptists.

There are now only three survivors of the pre-disruption ministry of the Free Church—Rev. James Yuill, of Peterhead, and the two veteran missionaries Rev. Dr. Murray Mitchell and Rev. Dr. Thomas Smith.

Complaints have again been made to Dundee Presbytery of the "Ritualistic practice" of Rev. Mr. Adamson, of Barnhill, in connection with the Communion observance. The Presbytery has delayed its decision for a month.

Regent Square church, London, (Rev. Alex. Connell) reports a total income for 1903 of £3,471, as compared with £3,359 in the previous year. There is a slight decrease in the membership, which now stands at 831; but the manifold agencies of the congregation have been carried with unabated vigor, and an encouraging amount of success.

Prof. George Adam Smith, in a letter written from India to "The Glasgow Herald," appeals for a capable young minister to take up the work at Wellesley Square Church, Calcutta, where a vacancy will shortly occur. "A young man," says Prof. Smith, "of the proper spirit and ability would find his ministry open more auspiciously here than in nine-tenths of the charges possible to him in Scotland."

An audience of quite a thousand people heard Dr. Pentecost's lecture on the Far East last Friday evening at Marylebone Presbyterian church. Dr. Pentecost took a grave view of the crisis, and said that if war came he hoped Japan would drive Russia back to Siberia, and if she failed, that the nation's of the Anglo-Saxon family would come to her assistance. With regard to China, Dr. Pentecost quoted with approval the saying of Sir Robert Hart, that only a rapid and miraculous development of Christianity could put new life into the ancient Empire.

The congregation of Dunbarton has called the Rev. R. T. Cockburn of Grand Valley. Salary \$750.00 with a manse.

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