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## Ministers and Churches.

THE Rev. R. E. Knowles, of Stewarton Presbyterian Church, has been seriously ill with inflammation of the lungs.

A BRANCH of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavour has been formed in Newtonville and Kendall. A good beginning has been made, and the prospect for the future is encouraging.

THE many friends of Dr. R. F. Burns, of Halifax, will be pleased to learn that as the *Presbyterian Witness* remarks "he is decidedly better and that his symptoms are all favourable. Thousands are praying for his recovery."

A GRAND entertainment was held in Angus on New Year's Day in connection with the Presbyterian Church. Colonel Tyrwhitt, M.P.P., occupied the chair. New Lowell was well represented at it by the young people of the village.

A VERY interesting episode occurred at the annual meeting of the Annan Presbyterian congregation on January 12. The organist, Miss Dewar, was presented with a highly complimentary address and a well filled purse, for which she expressed her grateful appreciation in a few most appropriate sentences.

THE annual New Year's festival and entertainment of Knox Church Sunday school, Cornwall, was, as expected, a most entertaining and enjoyable affair. The attendance was large, the basement of the church being filled to overflowing and the excellently-arranged programme was admirably carried out.

THE Presbyterian Sabbath school, Seaford, held their annual entertainment last week in the church. There were nearly four hundred scholars present, besides their parents and friends. The programme was a good one and exceedingly well rendered. The order was good, considering the large number of people present.

THE annual meeting of the Ladies' Society of Knox Church, St. Thomas, was held recently. The Society has raised the full \$1,000 undertaken by them for the church debt. Officers for 1892 were elected as follows: Mrs. D. K. McKenzie, president; Mrs. J. McCrone, vice-president; Mrs. Flagg, treasurer; Mrs. Graham, secretary; Mrs. McLarty, assistant secretary.

DR. CAMPBELL of Collingwood last Sabbath evening gave a lecture to the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavour, on "The Polity of the Presbyterian Church." The large church was crowded to its utmost. The lecturer clearly and in an instructive manner expounded the cardinal principles of Presbyterianism, and proved it to be Scriptural, and showed its great advantages over Episcopacy and Congregationalism.

THE *New York Tribune* says of the Rev. Dr. James G. Patterson, formerly of Erie, Penn., and well and favourably known in Toronto, who has been preaching for several weeks in the East Harlem Presbyterian Church, that he has received a unanimous call to become its pastor. This is the Church of which the Rev. C. E. Herring was pastor for three or four years. He resigned recently and has gone abroad to study. Dr. Patterson is an interesting speaker, and a hard-working pastor, and in this new field he will have ample opportunity to use both qualities—eloquence and toil.

THE Rev. Dr. A. B. Mackay, Convener of the General Assembly's Committee on the State of Religion, writes: Allow me through your columns to inform Moderators of Sessions that blank forms for the reports of Sessions on the State of Religion have just been distributed, and it is hoped that Sessions will take action at once and hand in their reports as speedily as possible to the Convener of the Presbytery to which they belong. A copy of the blank form is sent to every minister on the roll of Assembly and a parcel for vacant congregations is sent to each Presbytery Clerk.

LAST week the pulpit of the Wentworth Presbyterian Church, Hamilton, was occupied by Mr. Tozo Ohno, of Tokyo, Japan, who is pursuing his studies in Toronto. He spoke to a very large congregation, and held their attention for over an hour, giving many interesting anecdotes of Japanese life and customs, and correcting a good many misapprehensions entertained by people of our civilization regarding his native country. When Tozo Ohno left home he bade farewell to a father, mother and several brothers and sisters, but the recent great earthquake which caused such destruction in the Flowery Kingdom left but one brother to await his return.

A CORRESPONDENT of the *Ottawa Journal* makes the following kindly remarks about Rev. D. MacEachern, who has accepted the call extended to him by the Napanee congregation. Rev. D. MacEachern has been in Vankleek Hill for the last four years, and during that time he has made a number of friends who regret his departure very much, but who hope that their loss will be his gain. He will be missed very much, and it will be hard to replace him as a preacher, Sabbath school teacher and worker. He has been a general favourite among the young. The Napanee congregation are to be complimented on their good judgment in choosing such a man for their pastor. His friends here wish the reverend gentleman success and happiness in his new field of labour.

THE Presbyterian W.F.M.S., of North Westminster, at their last meeting of the year elected Mrs. Sawers, president; Mrs. Thos. Baty, vice-president; Miss T. Anderson, secretary; Miss Jennie Murray, treasurer, and Miss J. B. Grieve, librarian. The amount of money raised during the year was \$205.19, besides a box of clothing sent to the North-West. A very pleasant entertainment was given in the church on 6th January. Rev. Mr. Sawers occupied the chair. A good programme, consisting of music by the choir and children; solos by the Misses M. A. Murray, Mabel Nichol, Masters Henry Nichol and Harry Wilson, a duet by Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Baty; a class, trained by Miss Jennie Murray, and harmonica selections by Mas-

ters Murray, Armstrong and James Walker; a very interesting address by Mr. James Armstrong, M.P.; recitations by Messrs. Fred. Anderson, Walter S. Laidlaw, and the Misses Edith Sawers, Nettie Beattie, Mary Weatherston and Maggie Haldane. The superintendent, Mr. Elliott Grieve, read the yearly report, showing the numbers on the roll to be upwards of three hundred scholars and twenty-five teachers.

A NEW church was opened at South Finch, Glengarry, on Sabbath, the 10th inst. The services were conducted in the morning and evening by Principal MacVicar, Montreal, and in the afternoon by the Rev. Mr. Cameron, of Woodlands. The assemblies numbered between six and seven hundred, and more than filled the sitting and standing room of the beautiful and commodious edifice which is a credit to the intelligence and liberality of the people. It is as complete in all its appointments as the best city churches, and a marvel of cheapness. The organ, an excellent one, is the gift of the Independent Order of Foresters, the Royal Templars of Temperance and the Ancient Order of United Workmen. The debt upon the building is comparatively small, and was materially reduced by the contributions at the dedication services. The utmost harmony has prevailed among the members of the Building Committee from the outset, and their self-denying spirit and energy are highly appreciated by the people; D. H. MacLean, chairman; D. P. MacKinnon, secretary; Archibald MacKinnon, inspector of works. The congregation is at present without a pastor, but hopeful of an early settlement. Glengarry is not wanting in the attachment to the old blue banner of the Covenant.

THE Presbyterian Sabbath school, Cumberland, held their annual children's concert in the church on New Year's evening, and after a lengthy programme was rehearsed very successfully by the children and commented upon to great length by the chairman, Mr. Beatt, the superintendent, Mr. Dunning, was called on to distribute the prizes. A special was given for the best attendance of elders, which was won by Mr. J. J. Byrnes. Two prizes were given for best attendance of scholars, Ethel Cummings first, Stewart Bratt, second; then a first and second prize to each class as follows: Miss Robbs, Class 1—Eliza McLaughlin first, Cosie McCallum, second. Miss Wilson, Class 2—Emily Byrnes first, M. Huton second. Miss M. Byrnes, Class 3—James Bratt first, Aba. Adams second. Miss Jessie Robb, Class 4—Willifred Allan first, Stewart Bratt second. Miss G. Byrnes, Class 5—Ethel Cummings first, Hattie Dunning second. Miss S. Cochrane, Class 6—Isabell Allan first, Chlois Shirky, second. Mr. C. McRea, Class 7—Arthur O'Neill first, Clifford Allan second. Mr. Brock, Baptist student, was called on during the evening for an address, and responded, giving some useful hints to both teachers and scholars. After the usual formalities the gathering joined in the National Anthem.

THE monthly meeting of the Toronto Auxiliary of the Canadian McAll Association was held on Thursday, January 7, in the library of the Y. M. C. A. In the absence of the president, Mrs. W. S. Finch presided. The treasurer's report was \$509.39, showing a deficit of \$990, and the year closes January 28. One of the members stated that when in Edinburgh last summer she was told that many young ladies were taking up this work, and joining the band of labourers who are working to further Christ's kingdom in France. She also spoke of a deaconess' home in that city for the training of missionaries for Home as well as Foreign work. There are 800 at present in the Home, and during the short time she was in Edinburgh eleven started for foreign fields and three were called to work at home. Miss Caven gave a synopsis of the contents of the "French Quarterly," the return of M. Keck from Africa to work amongst his own people in France, Miss Moggridge's successful meetings in several places in Scotland, Rev. Dr. Wilson's account of the reception given Dr. Loba, who has gone to Paris to aid Dr. McAll, M. Reveilland's information about his recent evangelistic work in the Provinces, where everywhere he found an open door. Mrs. Owen gave an interesting account of Dr. and Mrs. McAll's life and work. She has laboured at Grenelle, a suburb of Paris, where she had a large class of young girls, whom she found industrious and anxious to know the truth. The visit of Rev. Mr. Anderson, who is making a tour of the American auxiliaries, was spoken of. He is coming here from the 2nd to the 12th of February. During that time he will visit some of the auxiliaries in Canada, but as he is willing to speak twice every day it is hoped that his time will be fully filled.

THE Presbyterian church, Napanee, was thronged last week by members of the congregation and friends from other Churches interested in witnessing the induction which was about to take place. The Presbytery of Kingston being constituted, the extract from the minutes of the Presbytery of Glengarry granting the translation of Rev. Mr. MacEachern was read. The Rev. J. L. George ascended the pulpit and conducted public worship, preaching a very excellent sermon from 1 Cor. iii. 9. The prayer after sermon being ended, the Rev. Mr. Mackie, Moderator of the Presbytery, narrated the steps that had been taken to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Rev. Alexander Young. The questions of the formula were read by the Clerk and satisfactorily answered by Mr. MacEachern. The Moderator then solemnly commended him to God for guidance and success in his ministry, and, giving him the right hand of fellowship, inducted him into the pastoral charge. The Rev. Mr. Houston addressed the newly-inducted minister on the duties and responsibilities of his office. Rev. Mr. Rattray next addressed the people on their duties toward the minister who had now been placed as an overseer among them. The congregation was dismissed with the benediction, and as they retired an opportunity was allowed them of exchanging greetings with their new minister. The members of the Presbytery being again convened, Rev. Mr. MacEachern signed the formula of adherence to the Confes-

sion of Faith and took his seat as a member of the court. The Presbytery entered into conference with the elders, trustees and managers of the congregation, congratulating them upon seeing the vacancy so speedily and satisfactorily filled, and the meeting of the Presbytery was closed with prayer. Mr. MacEachern enters upon his work in Napanee with every prospect of a successful and happy ministry. The call was most unanimous and enthusiastic. There is a well-organized staff of officers and Sabbath school teachers, under whose faithful guidance the work went on most harmoniously during the short vacancy in the pastorate, and now that they have a recognized leader, they will doubtless continue their labours with renewed energy. The church was tastefully decorated with evergreens, mottoes and plants, the work of the Young People's Association.

ON Tuesday evening, the 12th inst., there was a large company gathered together in the Presbyterian church of Cumberland, Ont., at the invitation of the Ladies' Aid Society. Mr. W. C. Edwards, M.P., of Rockland, occupied the chair, and on the platform with him were the Rev. Dr. Moore, of Ottawa; the Rev. L. R. Gloag, lately from Britain, and the Rev. J. H. Beatt, the pastor of the congregation. After partaking of an excellent repast of tea, coffee and cake, a capital programme of music and speeches was gone through. The choir, under the leadership of the pastor, sang some hymns and anthems with great taste. The Misses Wilson, Edith Wilson, Dora Dunning and Lough and Messrs. Wilson, Lough and Beatt rendered two duets and a quartette very sweetly. Mr. Beatt sang the two arias with their accompanying recitatives from the Messiah "Behold and See," and "Thou Wilt Not Leave His Soul in Hell;" and he also gave the Scotch song, "Ilka Blade o' Gress Keps its Ain Drap o' Dew," with his usual verve and taste. Dr. Moore and Mr. Gloag made most interesting and instructive addresses—a difficult task at such a meeting, but most ably accomplished, the large audience showing their appreciation by their wrapt attention. Mr. Beatt in the course of his remarks stated that he had now been with them as their pastor for two years and a-half, and in that time there had been very encouraging progress made. In referring to the roll of membership he stated that he found 123 on the roll when he came, and that sixty-five had joined during the two years and a-half, but two had been called away by the Master from this lower assembly and ten had left them to strengthen other congregations in the land, thus leaving a total of 176 on the roll. He mentioned too that he had made seventeen couples happy during that short time, and he hoped to do so to as many more in a shorter period. This was leap year, and he trusted that the young ladies would take advantage of their privileges as the young men were bashful. Mr. Edwards was most felicitous in the chair, keeping the whole company in the best of humour by his happy hits and allusions. Altogether one of the most enjoyable evenings was spent that have yet been given by the Ladies' Aid Society, and all felt almost sorry when it came to an end. We hope it will not be the last. The ladies have now completely cleared off the debt from the manse.

PRESBYTERY OF BROCKVILLE.—This Presbytery met at Iroquois on December 8. Nearly all the members were present. Elders' commissions were received from Morrisburg, First Church, Brockville and Westport, in favour of Robert Toye, Robert Graham and William McKnight respectively. Members were appointed to visit aid-receiving congregations as follows: Mr. Mackenzie to Westport; Mr. Potter to Bishop's Mills; Mr. McDiarmid to Merrickville; Mr. Cameron to Athens and Toledo. Mr. Mackenzie was asked to levy the amount required from each congregation for Home Mission and Augmentation Fund. Mr. Hunter from Morewood reported that that congregation had failed to come to any agreement about a settled

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