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## Ministers and Churches.

THE proceeds of the tea-meeting of Knox Church, Thedford, amounted to \$93.

THE Rev. A. G. Jansen was inducted into the pastoral charge of Durham, in the Presbytery of Saugeen, on the 26th January.

A SHORT time ago the ladies connected with St. Andrews congregation, Perth, presented Mrs. A. H. Scott, of the manse, as a New Year remembrance, with a costly piano lamp and a study lamp. The donation was unexpected, and was appreciated very much by Mrs. Scott.

THE sixteenth annual public meeting of Knox College Missionary Society will be held in Convocation Hall on the evening of Friday next, February 26, at eight p.m. Mr. J. K. Macdonald will preside, an address will be delivered by Rev. E. H. Savers of Westminster, and an essay will be read by Mr. D. Carswell.

THE Knox College Students Missionary Society will be pleased to receive contributions of religious literature for distribution in the more destitute parts of our Dominion. The Society thankfully acknowledges the kindness of those who have given assistance in the past. All contributions should be sent in before April 1 to W. G. W. Fortune.

THE annual social in connection with the Presbyterian Church, Bervie, was held on Feb. 2, which was in every respect a success and the best in the history of the congregation, from which was realized \$54. The pastor's salary is paid six months in advance, and every branch of the Church work in 1891 has been crowned with success. The contributions during the past year have been much in advance of any previous year.

THE first anniversary of the induction of the Rev. J. B. McLaren into the pastorate of the Columbus and Brooklyn congregation was observed on Sabbath, 14th inst., when the Rev. R. P. Mackay, B.A., to the great satisfaction of the people, conducted his services. On Monday evening the annual tea was held at Columbus, when Mr. Mackay delivered his instructive and entertaining lecture on "A Walk Through Picture Galleries."

THE annual meeting of the Brockville First Church Auxiliary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was held on February 4, the reports both of the Auxiliary, Young Ladies' Mission Band and Juvenile Mission Band were all very encouraging and showed that all were in a very prosperous condition. The contributions during the year amounted to \$237. The Auxiliary has a membership of fifty-seven, with an average attendance of twenty-five. In August a bale of clothing was sent to the North-West Indians. In October a very successful thanksgiving tea was held, at which there were ninety-five ladies present; the offering at this meeting amounted to \$50.

THE anniversary of Guthrie Church, Harriston, was held on Sabbath, the 7th February, when Rev. D. C. Hossack, LL.B., of Orangeville, preached very able and appropriate discourses. The large and elegant church was literally crowded by an audience which will certainly welcome the preacher again to Harriston. On the following Monday evening there was a grand social meeting at which instructive addresses were given by Messrs. Hossack, Young, Aull and the resident ministers, and choice music was rendered by the choir. It is agreed on all hands that the occasion was the grandest in the history of Harriston. The total proceeds of the social and collection on Sabbath was the handsome sum of \$453.50. The pastor, Rev. G. Munro, and his congregation are to be congratulated on their success.

SABBAH, the 31st ult., was a red letter day in the Presbyterian congregation of Millbank. The occasion was the opening of a new church. The structure is of white brick, with stone basement, 37 x 60 feet, and seats 300. Cost about \$4,000. The dedicatory services were conducted by Rev. A. Jackson, Ph.D., of Knox Church, Galt, who delivered two thoughtful and impressive sermons from the passages, Psalms cxviii. 22, and Jude xxiii., morning and evening respectively. Although there were supposed (on good authority) to be 500 people in the church at each service, some had to go away because they could not get inside the walls. The usual church-opening tea-meeting was held on Monday evening, when tea was served by the ladies in the basement to over 600 people, after which addresses were delivered in the auditorium by the surrounding clergymen; also by Dr. Jackson. About \$320 were taken, including Sabbath and Monday.

IN the Scotch Presbyterian Church, Jersey City, N.J., on Sabbath, 7th inst., the Rev. David Mitchell took for his text on entering the seventh year of his pastorate Lev. xxv. 4: "But in the seventh year shall be a Sabbath for the Lord." He spoke of the mysterious number "seven," how it ran through the Bible from the creation down to the description of the New Jerusalem in Revelation. The Sabbath was thus emphasized. But the text shows that what the seventh day was to the other six, so the seventh year was to be to the six preceding years. The preacher drew from the verse before him the following suggestive points: 1. We should keep what we have. That was the meaning of the ground lying fallow. It was not to be exhausted. And so it is better rather to conserve than spread out too much. 2. The Sabbatical year was a transition period. And 3. It was a preparation for the years to follow. Mr. Mitchell spoke warmly of what a congregation might accomplish simply from the fact of meeting together, of crowding the sanctuary, of carrying on the Sunday school, of upholding the pastor's hands.

A NEW church at Bar River, Algoma, was opened on Sabbath, the 14th February. The service in the morning was conducted by the Rev. A. Findlay, Superintendent of Missions. In the afternoon the sermon was preached by the Rev. Mr. McAllen of the Methodist Church, and in the evening the service was conducted by the Rev. D. H. McLaren,

M.A., of Bruce Mines. Large audiences were present at all these services, manifesting the interest which is being taken in the work by the community at large. Bar River is a new station on the Tarbutt Field, opened only some two years ago. It is situated in the Township of Laria, one of the best in the District of Algoma. A thrifty class of settlers have taken possession, whose enterprise is manifested, among other ways, in their determination to supply as speedily as possible the want felt since their organization of a proper place for worship. On Friday, the 12th inst., a concert was held in the church, the proceeds from which, together with the collections on Sabbath, amounted to about \$90, which leaves the building free from debt with a small balance on hand which will go towards the completion of it.

A MOST interesting service was held in the Presbyterian church, Waterloo, on Thursday evening, February 4, being the induction of Mr. Samuel Carruthers, formerly of Beverly, but more lately of Wappingers Falls, U.S., to the pastoral charge of the Presbyterian congregation there. Mr. McInnis, of Knox Church, Elora, preached, according to the appointment of the Presbytery, taking for his text Ecclesiastes x. 1: "Keep thy foot when thou goest to the house of God." After the sermon, Mr. A. M. Hamilton, of Winterbourne, who had been appointed to preside on the occasion, and who has efficiently acted as Moderator of Session during the few months the Church has been vacant, gave a brief narrative of the steps in the call to Mr. Carruthers, put to him the usual questions, and, having received satisfactory answers to these, led in prayer, in the course of which he inducted him into the pastoral oversight of the congregation, and commended him to God for grace and guidance. He afterwards declared him duly inducted as minister of the Presbyterian Church, Waterloo, with all the rights and privileges thereto pertaining. He then gave him the right hand of fellowship, in which act he was followed by the members of Presbytery present. Dr. Jackson then addressed him, and in the absence through sickness of Mr. Winchester, who had been appointed to this part of the service, Mr. William C. Armstrong addressed the people on their respective duties. Arrangements were made to introduce Mr. Carruthers to the congregation and the Session. His name was then added to the roll, and he took his seat as a member of the court.

THE sixth annual meeting of the Canadian McAll Association took place on Thursday, February 4, in the Young Men's Christian Association. A large number was present. The president, Mrs. Blake, occupied the chair. Reports from Auxiliaries of the Association, namely London, Hamilton, Woodstock, Winnipeg and Toronto were presented. The annual report of the general secretary spoke of the work in France and the various methods used by Dr. McAll to present the Gospel to the French people, and to bring them to a knowledge of Christ. Gospel services, Bible classes, Sunday schools, mothers' meetings, cottage meetings, free dispensaries and a missionary boat which plies along the rivers and canals. This year the Mission owns a boat. Heretofore one was loaned by a friend of the Mission. From Rochefort, La Rochelle and Toulouse, stations in which the Canadian Association is particularly interested, the reports are satisfactory. There are now 130 halls in Paris and throughout France where services are held two or three times a week, and in several of them nightly. Ten thousand children in France are reached by means of the Sunday school. Great interest was evinced by the presence of Rev. S. H. Anderson, Paris, France, who has been since November in America in the interests of the McAll Mission, and had come to Canada for a short time to plead the cause here. Mr. Anderson gave a most graphic account of the Mission, the meetings, the halls, the workers, and told many touching stories of the love shown for the Bible, so long a sealed book to these people. Mr. Anderson also addressed meetings in London, Woodstock, Hamilton and St. Catharines. Two Auxiliaries have been the result of his visit to Canada, one in Parkdale and one in St. Catharines.

THE Presbyterian congregation of Melrose held their annual tea-meeting in the hall at that village recently. Despite cold weather the hall was crowded to its utmost capacity with a respectable and happy assembly, including deputations from Deseronto, Belleville, etc. Rev. James Rattray, B.A., the pastor, who, we may add, admirably filled the chair for the evening, called the meeting to order. Grace was sung, and soon all, with appetites whetted by the frosty air, were busy discussing the good things which the ladies of Melrose had provided with a good taste and profuse liberality which we have never seen excelled. No one was allowed to go away empty, and yet there remained delicacies enough to supply another hundred or two of visitors had they been present. After tea the programme was entered upon. It was of superior merit and held the attention of the large audience to a late hour. The choir of the Presbyterian congregation of Deseronto, who had been invited to assist in the musical portion, rendered valuable assistance, giving several choruses with good effect. Vocal solos were sung by Miss Deans, Miss Bothwick and Mr. John Walker: a trio by Messrs. I. H. Walker, John Walker and W. Foster was well given and heartily applauded, as were the quartettes by the Misses Deans and Bothwick and the Walker brothers. A feature of the evening was the character sketches by Mr. Fred Fairman, who was applauded for his clever efforts. Miss Hattie Taylor, of Corbyville, contributed an excellent reading in the Scottish dialect, and her sister, Miss Allie Taylor, made herself a favourite by her declamatory efforts. Both sisters were heartily applauded. Miss Maggie Robertson also contributed a recitation. During the evening Rev. T. H. Macdonald, of the Methodist Church, Lonsdale; Rev. W. B. Floyd, of Deseronto, and Mr. Russell, of the *Tribune*, delivered addresses. Rev. R. J. Rattray and his people are to be congratulated on their successful meeting, which realized the handsome sum of \$110 for the manse building fund.

THE tenth annual meeting of the Peterborough Presbyterial Society was held in the Presbyterian Hall, Port Hope, on February 3. The morning session was occupied with the business of the Society. The afternoon session was well attended, about 150 ladies being present. The delegates were welcomed by Mrs. W. R. Reid, Port Hope. Mrs. McNachton, Cobourg, suitably responding on behalf of the delegates. The reports as presented by the secretaries were interesting and encouraging, there being an increase all along the various lines of work. The total membership is 645; of these, 241 are members of Mission Bands, 166 are members of the general Society, two are new life members, and we have two Scattered Helpers. The sum of \$1,564 has been contributed to the general fund, of which \$374 has come from Mission Bands. The amount is largely free-will offering. Clothing, almost altogether new, valued at \$287, was sent to Round and Crooked Lake schools. After an able address by the president, Mrs. Craick, Mrs. McQuestion, Hamilton, gave a most interesting talk on our duty to heathen women. She was heard with close attention, and her soul-stirring words were greatly appreciated. Greetings were extended by representatives from the Methodist and Baptist Women's Circles. The evening meeting was held in First Church, Rev. B. Canfield Jones efficiently presiding. Rev. A. B. Winchester, Berlin, delivered an address of thrilling earnestness. The speaker, although ill, spoke with such power that his words by many will never be forgotten. Rev. J. R. Gilchrist, Baltimore, represented the Presbytery in a most acceptable manner. His address was full of encouragement to the members of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and well calculated to awaken and sustain an interest in every heart. The choir rendered excellent music during the evening. A solo by a female voice elicited very flattering comments. The meeting was further enhanced by the charming floral decorations, the perfume of blossoms being very agreeably noticeable. The following officers were elected for 1892: Mrs. Craick, Port Hope, president; Mrs. Fairbairn, Peterborough; Mrs. Lord, Grafton; Mrs. Paton, Peterborough; and Mrs. Thompson, Hastings, vice-presidents; Mrs. W. M. Graham, Lakeside, corresponding secretary; Miss M. Dickson, Peterborough, recording secretary; Mrs. W. R. Reid, Port Hope, literature secretary; Mrs. Hay, Cobourg, treasurer.

THE eighth annual meeting of the London Presbyterial Society was held in St. Andrews Church, London, on the afternoon of Tuesday, 9th, and Wednesday, 10th February. The President, Mrs. Ball, Vanneck, occupied the chair. There was a full attendance of delegates from the different Auxiliaries and Mission Bands, whose bright expectant faces were a happy augury of the good time all who were privileged to be present enjoyed. Mrs. Blair, London, gave a cordial address of welcome to the delegates to which Mrs. Macdougall, St. Thomas, replied in a happy manner. The reports by the secretary, Miss L. M. Fraser, and the treasurer, Mrs. Thomson, were most encouraging. The contributions this year amounted to over \$1,900 in money, besides abundant supplies sent to India, which were cheerfully given. Also goods sent to Bittle, N.W., and other places. Mrs. R. Reid, London, led in prayer, dedicating the money. The delegates were generously entertained at tea and luncheon by the London ladies in the lecture room of St. Andrews Church. The public meeting in the evening was well attended. The pastor, Rev. J. A. Murray, presided. Addresses from Rev. Messrs. J. A. MacDonald, St. Thomas, and William Patterson, Cookes Church, Toronto, were listened to with attention and delight. Rev. W. J. Clarke, pastor of Park Avenue Church, London, read the Presbyterial Report prepared by Miss L. M. Fraser. Rev. Messrs. Ballantyne, London South; Talling, St. James Church, and Simpson,

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