

addresses were delivered by the chairman, Rev. Mr. Daley, of Burford; Mr. Dale, of Brantford, formerly of Mt. Pleasant; and Mr. Taylor, of Blainville. An interesting part of the programme was the addresses and presentations from his own congregations and the Union Sabbath school at Pleasant Ridge. Mr. Gribbin spoke for the congregation and Mr. Davey presented Mr. Sinclair with a well-filled purse on their behalf. Mr. Chatterton spoke on behalf of the Pleasant Ridge Sabbath school and two members of Mr. Sinclair's class presented him with six choice books. Mr. Sinclair leaves for Prince Edward Island, where he has been appointed to preach for some time.

AN Orangeville exchange has this to say regarding Rev. Mr. McKenzie, who has resigned the charge of St. Andrew's, in that town:—"Mr. McKenzie has been just two years in his present charge. He is not lacking in oratorical force and ability, but has no taste for the sensationalism of the modern school of theology. He confines himself to a calm and logical exposition of the principles of Christianity and no one can listen to his sermons without being convinced, not only of his ability, but of his earnestness and sincerity. He has done his duty both as preacher and pastor and his removal will be a loss to the community as well as to the congregation with which he has been identified for two years past."

A WELL attended meeting of Knox church congregation, Guelph, was held Wednesday evening, Nov. 13th, for the purpose of moderating in a call to a minister, according to intimation from the pulpit on the two previous Sabbaths. Rev. Dr. Torrance, as moderator of session during the vacancy, presided and preached from the words: "Say unto the children of Israel, go forward." After some discussion as to the immediate procedure to a call, a vote was taken and a large majority confirmed the vote of the previous meeting, to proceed. The call was then read in blank form and an invitation given to nominate some name to fill the vacancy. Four names were proposed. On a vote being taken Rev. J. A. Anderson, B.A., of Knox church, Goderich, had a majority about equal to the combined vote for the other three. He was then declared the choice of the congregation, and the vote was made unanimous. Parties were then called upon to come forward and sign, and almost the whole congregation remained to do so. Mr. J. I. Hobson and Mr. James Millar were appointed commissioners to support the call before the Presbytery of Guelph at its meeting on the 19th, and the Presbytery of Huron, of which Mr. Anderson is a member. A committee also was appointed, embracing the two gentlemen named and Mr. G. W. Field to prepare reasons of translation in the call. The stipend promised is \$1,600, without manse, in weekly payments. It is earnestly hoped that Mr. Anderson may be induced to accept the call. He will be heartily welcomed by the congregation in Guelph, the Ministerial Association and the members of other denominations.

THE anniversary services of Chalmers Presbyterian Church, Richmond, Quebec, were held on Sabbath, Nov. 10th, when Rev. E. Scott, M.A., of the "Record," Montreal, preached morning and evening to large and interested congregations. The discourses of the preacher selected for the occasion proved to be of a very high order, being both solid and suggestive, and were highly appreciated by the large and attentive audiences that welcomed him. The collections amounted to \$75. On Monday evening 11th, the anniversary tea-meeting followed with good financial results, after which a public meeting was held in the auditorium of the church which was addressed by Revs. Messrs. MacLeod, K. MacLennan, M.A., D. Tait, B.D., A. Stevenson, W. Shearer, B.A., and J. McClung, members of the Quebec Presbytery, and by Revs. J. Hepburn, M.A., C. Deprose and A. Davis resident ministers, and Rev. Mr. Nichols, Toronto. The choir and other kind friends supplied appropriate music, and a humorous reading was given by Dr. Mackenzie, Melbourne. The pastor, Rev. Dr. Kellock, occupied the chair, and in reviewing his short pastorate among them of two years and a half, referred in highly complimentary terms to the very spirited manner in which the various departments of church work had been carried forward by the congregation. He made special reference to the energetic labors of the Ladies' Aid

Society who last year had contributed towards the reduction of the church debt the large sum of \$800 through what is known as the "Talent" Fund, and who will also this year furnish the further sum of \$500 towards the same object. Dr. Kellock further stated that accompanied by Mr. C. Campbell on behalf of the managers, he had visited every family of the congregation soliciting subscriptions for the church debt. The response to this appeal had been most hearty and liberal, and the result most creditable to the people who give \$1,000 for that purpose for this year. The balance left will not prove much of a burden to a willing and working congregation such as this is, and who now must feel greatly relieved and encouraged by this united and successful effort. They are very highly to be congratulated on their endeavour to maintain ordinances and to disseminate the truth as it is in Jesus in the Province of Quebec where the "light that shines from Zion's hill" is so much needed.

### Presbytery of Inverness.

THE Presbytery of Inverness visited Middle River last month and found that the pulpit supply given during the summer had been much appreciated. The congregation had paid all expenses. About \$125 arrears had been paid to Rev. A. McLean since last visitation. Of the balance the congregation agreed, by way of compromise, to pay \$500 within two years. Rev. K. McKenzie continues to labor among them. Rev. D. McLean is at Little Narrows. Middle River would unite with the Forks, Baddeck, to form one congregation. The Presbytery met at the Forks on the 24th. Mr. L. H. McLean, the catechist in the field for the summer, had done good work and was paid in full. \$130 had been expended on the church. \$59 had been contributed toward the Church schemes. About \$262 of the retiring allowance due their late pastor remains unpaid. Many have done nobly, both at Middle River and the Forks, in supporting the Gospel. It is hoped that those who have not done so well will not long stay behind. The Forks hope to become a self-sustaining congregation in the near future, and decline to unite with Middle River. The Presbytery is to meet at Whycomagh Dec. 3rd.—D. McDONALD, Clerk.

### Presbytery of Sydney.

THE PRESBYTERY of Sydney met in Falmouth street church, Sydney, on the 6th inst. Rev. John Fraser reported that he had moderated in a call at South Gut, that it was in favor of Rev. Malcolm McLeod, Cape North, signed by seventy-seven communicants and 128 adherents, and accompanied with a guarantee of \$530 salary, and other relative documents. The call was sustained, commissions heard. Mr. McLeod being present the call was presented to him for his decision, and after some time for consideration accepted, his induction to take place on the 4th of December, at Englishtown. Mr. Greenleaf to preach, Mr. Drummond to preside, Mr. Calder to address the minister, and Mr. Fraser the people. Presbytery recorded its deep sympathy with Cape North in the loss of a pastor they so highly esteemed. Mr. McElashen was appointed to preach at Englishtown on the 10th inst. at 1 o'clock p.m., and give all the necessary intimations, etc., for induction. Amputation business was disposed of as follows: Glace Bay allocated \$70, Port Morien, \$50; Sydney Mines, \$15; St. Andrews, Sydney, \$40; Mira, \$35; Falmouth street, Sydney, and Bridgeport, \$50 each; North Sydney, North Shore, Bonaventure, Gabarus, \$25 each; Cape North and St. Peter's, each \$20; Englishtown and South Gut, \$25; Grand River, \$20; Loch Lomond, \$15; Little's Creek and Little Brasford, each \$10. It was agreed to ask a subsidy of \$300 for St. Peter's, and \$250 for South Gut and Englishtown. Reports from our catechists were laid on the table. They were from Messrs. McAdams, Leitch's Creek; Fraser, Little Brasford; McDonald, laboring in Mt. Drummond congregation; McNeill, Pleasant Bay; McKinnon, Little Lake, and McIntosh, Louisbourg. Presbytery was highly gratified with the manner in which these young brethren performed the work prescribed in their several fields of labor. The action of the convener, Mr. Calder, on Sabbath Observance was cordially endorsed, and the committee were directed to persevere in

their good work, exercising all due diligence to expose the greatness of the sin of Sabbath desecration, and if possible not only avert its growth, but effect its overthrow. Next meeting of Presbytery was appointed to take place on the third Wednesday of January, 1896, in St. Matthew's church, North Sydney.

### The Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

TWO hundred delegates met in the Provincial W. C. T. U. Convention held in Knox church, Hamilton, Oct. 29th, Mrs. Thornley, president, in the chair. During the three days session report after report piled up a huge chronicle of work attempted and accomplished in the forty different departments of work, and lively discussion and hints stimulated the workers for work in the year to come. The corresponding secretary reports 202 unions, with 4,800 active members and 589 honorary. 88 Bands of Hope with 10,028 pledged children, and "a steady increase in interest and activity. This year is the most successful in work that it has been our privilege to report." The report of the bright and ever business-like treasurer, Miss MacArthur, probably stands alone in this year of financial depression as it showed, after large expenditures, a balance on hand of \$895.56. The whole convention arose and sang the Doxology in grateful appreciation of this mark of God's favour. The sessions were bright, interesting and helpful. Tuesday night the delegates were given a high tea and reception in Knox church, Mrs. Day-Smith, of Hamilton, extending a graceful welcome on behalf of the Hamilton and Central Unions. Dr. Burns for the Ministerial Association, the mayor as Mayor, and Mr. Buchanan, R.T.T., all gave a kindly greeting, and Mrs. Lyle, for the Woman's Council, gave a model address of welcome. Mrs. Asa Gordon, of Ottawa, Mrs. Rutherford, of Toronto, replied to these greetings in a most heartfelt and eloquent manner. The prize banner for the greatest increase of membership was awarded to Algoma. Mrs. Boole, of N.Y., lectured in the Centenary church, Thursday night, to a most representative audience gathered from all parts of Ontario, silver-haired grandmothers, blooming and careworn matrons, self-reliant spinsters, and the youthful and sweet-faced Y's, forming a living mosaic of faces rarely, if ever, witnessed. Mrs. Boole's lecture, "Deborah in the Battle," was a fine parallel between Deborah leading the hosts of Israel and the women of today leading the Temperance hosts against the "time destroyer, soul-destroying and love-depressing" liquor traffic, also in describing the erection of a large tent in Prohibition Park, N.Y. The large poles and hooks and immense piece of rubber folded on top with many ropes attached and hanging down, and the workmen, by means of these ropes, and all pulling together and getting the tent into its proper shape and position. She likened the different departments of work to these ropes which the "W.C.T.U." women are pulling and trying to cover this Province with a huge prohibition tent. Though a temperance organization, with its first aim and object the extermination of the liquor traffic, the W.C.T.U. does many a charitable and philanthropic work. Among its forty departments of work are evangelistic work among the sailors, work among railroad employees, lumbermen, scientific temperance, etc. It is a sad reflection that out of eleven hundred men visited by the W.C.T.U. missionary in lumber camps only seven were professing Christians, and this in Christian Ontario! Would it be out of place to ask here why our Presbyterian sisters do not take up this work more heartily. Presbyterian women have always responded to the call duty "Ready, aye ready?" All acknowledge prohibition to be the need of the day. Why may not the work for prohibition go hand in hand with our mission work, and the same brains which plan so wisely and the same hands which give so freely to help the sisters in heathen lands, come to the rescue and help along this Prohibition work, bringing sleep to our sisters who belong to the great army of lie-awakes, removing temptation from our drunken brothers and giving protection to our way-becked boys and girls, a certain number of whom must go to destruction if this evil is not banished from our fair Province. A full report of convention and all information in regard to organizing a W.C.T.U. may be obtained from Miss Cofford, London, Ont.