

that we who remain may be stimulated by his example. We also express our sympathy for his flock now left without a shepherd and also pray that he may be guided during their vacancy and led to make a wise choice of one who will carry on the good work to which our brother has given so much of his strength and loving service."

The next meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held in St. Andrew's church, Sarnia, on the second Tuesday of March, 1898, at 11 a. m.

The Presbytery again met at 1 p. m.

Mr. Daly intimated that he had moderated a call in favor of Mr. Cockburn, at Black Creek, Plum Creek and Guthrie churches, signed by eighteen members and seventy-six adherents, promising \$600 and manse, and asking aid of the augmentation fund to the amount of \$150.

Mr. Livingstone was authorized to moderate in a call at Cornona and stations if called upon before next ordinary meeting of Presbytery.

At the request of the Presbytery Mr. Atherton agreed to retain the clerkship until after the next ordinary meeting in March next. The meeting was closed with the benediction.

GEO. CUTHBERTSON, Clerk.

SARNIA PRESBYTERIAL SOCIETY.

The second convention of the Sarnia Presbyterian Society was begun Monday morning Dec. 5th, in St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, Strathroy, at 10.30 o'clock. The Society includes all the Young People's Societies within the bounds of the Presbytery of Sarnia, over thirty in all, with a total membership of over 1,300. The chair was occupied at the morning session by the President, and devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. S. G. Livingstone, Moderator of Presbytery. The service of song was arranged in printed form and was much enjoyed.

The first paper read was on "The Importance of Pledges in Christian Service."

This was followed by a discussion on the paper led by Rev. R. Drinnan, of Camlachie, who emphasized the importance of looking into the pledge and studying it with a view to better observance. One should not thoughtlessly or ignorantly take the pledge, and a pledge when taken should be kept. We should remember that the promise is to our Lord, the consciousness of this will keep us faithful. The next paper was on "The Young People's Society a part of the Church," emphasizing the fact that the Young People's Society is as much a part of the Church as the Sunday school or any other organization. The paper dealt very fully with the work of the Y.P.S. and its duties, the duty of the members as individuals, of the Church to the Society. Greater loyalty to the Church was urged and constant remembrance of the great phrase of the Pledge, "Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength." A lengthy discussion followed in which many good points were brought out, after which the session closed with the benediction.

The evening meeting opened with a song service after which Rev. W. G. Jordan conducted devotional exercises. The first paper read, "How to create and sustain an interest in Missions" brought forth some very bright and helpful ideas.

The statement that "Lack of missionary zeal is due to one or two things, either lack of information or lack of consecration," was discussed and the thought emphasized that information led to consecration, and often to the saving of the individual.

How to obtain the necessary information was taken up and different methods suggested. The thought suggested was the goodness of God in permitting us to be co-workers with Him. It was hoped that all Christians might be imbued with the spirit of Dr. Grant of Persia, when he declared, "I care not go up to the judgment seat, until I have done my utmost to promote the kingdom of God in the earth."

An interesting paper on "The members' part in the Christian Endeavor meeting," described the four different classes of members: Honorary, active, associate and attendant, as belonging to one great family, with one Master even Christ. The duties of each class were mentioned and the special obligations of the active members dwelt upon.

GENERAL.

Rev. Thomas Corbett, has resigned from the pastoral charge of the Presbyterian church in South Richmond, N.B.

Rev. Mr. Knowles being confined to his house suffering from a severe cold, Rev. Mr. Gilmour, of Almona, preached in Stawerton Presbyterian church, Ottawa, last Sabbath.

The congregation of Zion church, Hull, decided that instead of the annual dinner, they would this year give as a thank offering the amount required, and as a result the sum of \$117 was laid upon the plate last Sabbath.

Miss Margaret McKellar, M.D., addressed a large congregation in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, London, Sabbath afternoon on mission work in India. Her discourse was one of deep interest, and delivered in an eloquent manner.

Rev. Dr. Armstrong preached in Knox church yesterday morning and in St. Andrew's church Ottawa in the evening. At St. Andrew's church Dr. Armstrong delivered a scholarly and earnest address upon the permanency of a Christian's joy.

A very impressive communion service was held in Erskine church Meaford on Sunday Dec. 5th, when twenty-six new members were received, thirteen by certificate and thirteen on profession of faith. This is the first communion service held since the induction of the Rev. S. H. Eastman as pastor.

Rev. Robt. Johnston gave the third talk of his series on "The Pilgrims' Progress," with stereopticon views at the Auditorium, London last Sunday afternoon. After a brief resume of the two previous addresses, Mr. Johnston spoke of Christ's climbing the "Hill of difficulty," of his visit to the "Palace Beautiful," of his imprisonment in "Vanity Fair," and of the martyrdom of Faithful. From that point, "The Way of Life" will be continued next Sunday. A feature of the service is that the hymns and scripture lesson are thrown on the canvas, so that all may see them with ease, and as a result the congregational singing is excellent.

The anniversary services at St. Paul's church, Ottawa, last Sabbath were well attended and the sermons at both services were excellent. Appropriate music was rendered. Rev. D. M. Ramsay preached in the morning and Rev. W. T. Herridge in the evening. Rev. Mr. Ramsay preached from John xiv. 1: "Let not your heart be troubled ye believe in God believe also in me." Jesus had just warned His disciples that He was soon to leave them. Therefore their hearts were troubled and He exhorted them to trust in God. Mr. Ramsay pointed out. Faith in God is not quite the same thing as faith in Christ. They who believe in Christ, have learnt to have faith in God. Men are more easily led to have confidence in men. They are alive to the concerns of their property and their life but not to those of the soul. And if we do realize the value of the soul, all the less likely are we to trust in God unless we are convinced that He is trustworthy. Is God trustworthy? asked the speaker. What is His character? His word and His works declare Him to be perfectly righteous, all-powerful and all-wise. Is He not absolutely trustworthy? His greatest promise, moreover, was that of the Messiah and this He has abundantly fulfilled. May we not rest assured, then, that if we trust in His Son, He will fulfil the promise of salvation? Should we not find peace in the promise that all things work together for good to them that love Him? If Abraham trusted Him with the child of his hopes, may we not trust all things into His hands? Rev. W. T. Herridge in his sermon in the evening chose for his text Acts x. 6: "He lodgeth with one Simon a tanner whose house is by the sea side, he shall tell thee what thou oughtest to do." The person referred to is Peter and Mr. Herridge in commenting upon the verse said that the possibility of redeeming man should make him dear to his fellows. Christ chooses whom the world has spurned. If we intend to do the work of the Master we must never be fastidious of our surroundings. It would be a very sad thing if God did not love us more than we love one another.

WHAT IS RHEUMATISM?

The Cause of Those Dreadful Aches and Pains.

ACIDITY IN THE BLOOD NEUTRALIZED AND RHEUMATISM CURED.

Do you know what is meant by the aches and pains of Rheumatism—swollen joints, sharp, agonizing twinges which affect the arms, back and hips, causing misery day and night?

Rheumatism is one of the most painful diseases to which the human race is subject, and medical skill has done its utmost to conquer the disease. Hundreds of different remedies have been provided in the form of liniments and other local applications, but these medicines give only temporary relief. The best authorities admit that rheumatism is a disease of the blood. It is caused by acidity of the vital fluid, which produces inflammation in the joints and the torturing agony which afflicts the sufferer.

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RHEUMATIC FEVER.

"Four years ago my little daughter, Hattie May, had a severe attack of rheumatic fever, during which the attending physician for twenty-four hours would not give us any hope of her recovery. She was so sick that she could not bear the weight of the bedclothing, which had to be supported by pillows bolstered up around her. After the illness had passed she was in

A VERY WEAK CONDITION.

and had to be carried from one room to another, and in fact could not use her hands or her feet. Her knee and ankle joints as well as the joints of her fingers and toes, were as purple as when bruised. The doctor ceased his visits about Thanksgiving and it was not until the following spring that she could walk from one room to another. I gave her Hood's Sarsaparilla and she took four bottles in all. We saw an improvement in her condition before she had taken all of the first bottle. Her general

HEALTH IS NOW GOOD.

and she has not had any rheumatic trouble since last spring. Her knees and ankles are regaining their strength. When I told the doctor I was giving her Hood's Sarsaparilla, he said that it was not only the best thing we could do, but the best Sarsaparilla that she could take. We do not think she would ever have regained the use of her limbs if she had not taken Hood's Sarsaparilla. It came to give the medicine to her as the result of my own

ANTI-CRUST INFELICITY.

with it several years before I had no appetite and suffered a terrible distress in my stomach after eating. After taking Hood's Sarsaparilla I was relieved. Now I have great faith in the medicine." Mrs. FREDMAN ROBERTS, 39 Bridge St., Belfast, Maine.