

The Christmas entertainment of the Embro Sunday School children was a great success this season. A most interesting feature of the programme was the presentation of an address to Rev. G. C. Patterson, expressive of the appreciation of Mr. Patterson's work as pastor of Knox church during the past eleven years, and of the sympathy of his people for their pastor in his trials of the past summer months. The address was read by Jas. Fraser, B. A., on behalf of the young people of the church, and was accompanied by a cheque for \$112, presented by Miss Maggie Murray. Rev. Mr. Patterson was almost overcome, but he heartily thanked them in a feeling manner.

The services in Chalmers church on the 19th ult., were appropriate to the Christmas season. In the morning Rev. Mr. Glassford's plea was for a greater catholicity of spirit, individually, denominationally, interdenominationally, nationally and internationally. In the evening the subject of his sermon to young people was in keeping with the closing year—"Right and wrong uses of the past." Moses words, "Remember all the way that the Lord hath led you through the wilderness," etc., and those of Paul, "Forgetting those things which are behind, let us press forward," etc., formed the basis of the discourse. The apparent contradiction in the two texts were explained and reconciled, and the lessons impressed with clearness and eloquence.

The Chatham News gives publicity to the following characteristic anecdote: The late Rev. Donald McVicar, D. D., principal of the Presbyterian College, Montreal, with his brother Malcolm, when young worked in the logging camps at Chatham township, Kent county. The nights they devoted to study. They would spend so many nights a week studying at home, and the other nights they would come to Chatham and take instructions from the late Rev. Dr. McColl. Dr. McColl acted as private tutor to both the McVicar boys while they were studying in this way, and when they were both successful they never forgot the kindness of their teacher, who had helped them in every way, and had never charged the boys a cent.

At the close of the Thursday night service at Knox Church, Owen Sound, the chair was taken by Judge Morrison, who intimated that something very interesting was about to take place and requested those present to remain. He then called on the ladies to perform their part, whereupon Mrs. LePan stepped forward and read an address which informed Rev. Mr. McAlpine that the ladies wished to present him with a ministerial gown which had been provided for his use in the pulpit. The gown was presented by Mesdames Morrison and Chalmers on behalf of the Ladies Aid Society, and Mr. McAlpine was assisted to put it on. The recipient was apparently taken by surprise, but recovered sufficiently to express himself in a very feeling reply to the address and presentation.

A large deputation from the South Westminster Church quietly waited on Rev. Dr. McCrae, last week, and in the names of the members and adherents of the congregation, presented him with a purse of nearly \$100. Sympathy was expressed with Dr. and Mrs. McCrae in connection with the protracted illness of a member of their family, and they were assured of the earnest prayers of their people. They wished also to express in a special way their appreciation of Dr. McCrae's services, which were so able, helpful and tender. Dr. McCrae said he was quite unable to find words in which to express his heartfelt gratitude to the congregation for their thoughtful act. This was only another of the many kindnesses which he had received from both his congregations.

Eastern Ontario.

Rev. D. Strachan, of St. John's Church, Brockville, has been ill, but is now convalescing.

The Eeniskillen Church narrowly escaped being burnt down last Sunday week.

The annual meeting of the Brockville Presbyterian W.F.M.S. will be held in Iroquois, on February 23rd and 24th.

Rev. Mr. Campbell, Chalk River is visiting in Perth, the guest of his parents, Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Campbell.

Mr. John A. James, divinity student at Knox college, Toronto, is spending his holidays with friends in Carleton Place.

Mr. Howard Scott, Queen's university, Kingston, is visiting his parents, Rev. A. H. and Mrs. Scott, at St. Andrew's manse, Perth.

At the next meeting of Glengarry Presbytery, Mr. A. N. Cheney will move that one meeting of Presbytery in each year be held at Vankleeck Hill.

On Sabbath evening Rev. R. Laird, M.A., in First church, Brockville, continued his series of sermons to young men, taking as his subject, "Enemies of Character."

Rev. Orr Bennett, of Almonte, as interim moderator of Session, presided at a meeting of the congregations of Middleville and Darling, when a unanimous call was extended to Rev. W. E. Wallace, of Uttersen.

The pulpit of First church, Port Hope, was occupied on the 14th by the Rev. David Geggie, of Parkdale church, it being the anniversary services of the Sabbath School.

Rev. Mr. Menzies, Beachburg, was last week presented with a coon coat and a pair of coon gauntlets by his congregation. Mrs. Menzies was the recipient of a purse containing ten dollars.

Rev. James Grant of the First Baptist Church, Collingwood, and Rev. J. Borland of Gibraltar exchanged pulpits last Sunday. In the evening Rev. Mr. Borland preached a special sermon to mariners.

This year the Christmas Sabbath School entertainment in Knox church, Lancaster, was unusually successful, and the young people were delighted. A good programme was submitted. Mr. Wm. Houston acted as chairman.

At the annual Thankoffering meeting of the Appleton Auxiliary W.F.M.S., Mrs. Craig of Ottawa, gave a very interesting address on her work in India. The offering amounted to \$51.63, the largest in the history of the society.

Rev. W. M. Kannawin, of Omeenee, has been preaching in the First church, Brockville; and the Recorder speaks in high terms of his pulpit efforts. "He is one of the rising young men of the Presbyterian church, and will be heard with pleasure in Brockville."

The Rev. J. W. Macmillan, pastor of St. Andrew's church, Lindsay, announces that he has decided to accept the call to St. Andrew's, Winnipeg. Mr. Macmillan will probably preach his farewell sermon early in February, and enter upon his duties in Winnipeg shortly after.

The anniversary of St. Andrew's, Pakenham, will be held on the first Sunday of 1903, Jan. 4th, when Rev. Professor Jordan, D.D., of Queen's College, Kingston, will conduct the services; and on Monday evening, January 5th, a sacred concert will be given in the church.

On Friday evening the 19th Rev. G. Weir, of Avonmore, addressed the annual Thankoffering meeting of W. F. M. auxiliary at Grand Hill. The church was well filled and appreciated the address.

Knox Church, Beaverton, has purchased an acetylene generator and was last Sabbath lit by this excellent illuminant for the first time. The improvement is very great over the gasoline vapor, shedding a pure bright light of great brilliancy.

At the recent meeting of Glengarry Presbytery on motion of Mr. Cormack, congregations within the bounds were recommended to hold special evangelistic services in January, and that Jan. 18th be a day of special prayer for a forward movement in "Evangelistic Work as recommended by the Presbyterian Alliance."

At the conclusion of a very interesting and instructive discourse, with special reference to Christmas, in St. John's Church, Cornwall, on Sunday 19th ult., Rev. Dr. MacNish spoke of the loss sustained by the Presbyterian Church in Canada during the year now drawing to a close, by the death of three of her foremost men—Rev. Dr. Robertson, of the North-West Missions; Rev. Principal Grant, of Queen's University, Kingston, and Rev. Principal MacVicar, of the Presbyterian College, Montreal. Eloquent tributes were paid to the ability and worth of the deceased.

The annual Thankoffering meeting of the W.F.M.S., of Avonmore, was held in the church there, on Monday evening the 15th inst. At 7 o'clock Mrs. (Rev.) G. Weir addressed the Ladies of the congregation, in the basement of the church, after which Rev. Robt. Harkness, of Cornwall, delivered a stirring address to a large audience. Excellent reports were read from the Woman's and Young Ladies Auxiliaries and the Mission Band, showing that the past year, has been the best in the history of this congregation. A good Thankoffering was received, which will

bring the total receipts of these Societies for the year to about \$200.

The Rev. Dr. Jordan, of Queen's, conducted the re-opening services of the Sunbury Presbyterian church on Sunday Dec. 21st. There was a large attendance at the morning service, and considering the unfortunate weather, the afternoon and evening services were very encouraging. Rev. Mr. Davey, who took charge of this field less than two years ago, has been doing good service. The work of the parish has been re-organized and the church at Sunbury has been thoroughly repaired and tastefully decorated. In this rural charge there are opportunities for important work and the pastor is evidently seeking to make the best of the position.

A very pleasing entertainment took place on Monday evening in the Woodland church. The chair was ably filled by the pastor, Rev. Geo. Kendall. An interesting part of the evening's program was the presentation to Miss Katie McEachren, organist, of a well-filled purse, as a token of the appreciation and good-will of the congregation. Miss McEachren, accordingly taken completely by surprise, suitably replied. The address was read by Mrs. (Rev.) Kendall and the presentation made by Mr. R. A. Fraser, Elder of the church.

Winnipeg and West.

Rev. Dr. Bryan appears to be doing useful work for the College with whose interests he has been closely identified for so many years. At Moosejaw recently he collected \$900 for Manitoba College and expects \$200 more. He has gone on from Moosejaw to Regina on the same business.

Rev. Joseph and Mrs. Hogg, Winnipeg, extended invitations to a large number of young men away from their homes, to spend Christmas eve at 390 Notre Dame Avenue. The invitations were pretty generally accepted, and many countries were represented by the young men present. A red letter evening was spent by all; and a vote of thanks was presented to the host and hostess who had by their thoughtfulness and hospitality, so added to the enjoyment of the strangers.

British Columbia.

The Rev. A. E. Vert, pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, New Westminster, B. C., has resigned.

Rev. Mr. Lang has commenced work at Okanagan, B. C. He has also a station at Fairview. The Vancouver World correspondent says: The reverend gentleman believes in and exemplifies practical religion in deed and speech. He has begun a literary club at Fairview with a view to moral and religious instruction as well as entertainment of a profitable nature. During the winter service will be held here on Friday evenings and at Fairview and the mines on Sundays and week days.

The Rev. Murdoch Mackenzie, a missionary in China, and formerly in Honan, China, leaves Toronto shortly to return to his work in India.

Union and evangelistic services will be held in the Methodist and Presbyterian churches at Aylmer, Que., the first Sunday in January. Rev. A. E. Mitchell, of Erskine church, Ottawa, will preach the first week in the Presbyterian church. The services will be held in the Methodist church the second week.

Rev. J. McP. Scott, who has for several years been doing a good work, and doing it well, in the North Eastern part of Toronto, announced on a recent Sabbath that the debt of \$300 on St. John's church had been paid off, and that a balance of \$70 remained to the good. Well done!

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