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Ministers and Churches.

St. Andrew's congregation, Windsor, have lately placed in their church a new organ costing \$3,000.

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The Rev. J. Barclay Muir, D.D., will occupy the pulpit of St. Gabriel church, for several weeks during the absence of the pastor, Dr. Campbell.

The Rev. J. Edgar Hill, pastor of St. Andrew's Church, was a passenger on the steamship *Parisian*, and has returned to Montreal in the best of health.

The Rev. W. G. Wallace, pastor of the Bloor Street Presbyterian church, and wife have sailed for England, where they will spend three months' holidays.

A call, moderated in by Rev. Dr. J. K. Smith, has been extended by the congregation of Milbrook and Garden Hill to the Rev. William Johnston, Knox College, Toronto.

The First Presbyterian church, Brantford, have unanimously called the Rev. R. M. I. Hamilton, of Toronto. Improvements in the manse will be made, to cost not more than \$1,000.

Rev. D. Mackenzie, B.A., of Orangeville, preached anniversary sermons in the Presbyterian Church, Flesherston, last Sabbath. A festival and entertainment was held on Monday evening.

Dr. MacIntyre, of the Presbyterian Ladies' College, supplied the pulpit at Dunbarton and Scarborough on Sabbath the 24th inst., in the absence of the Rev. Mr. Chisholm, away at the Assembly.

Rev. M. L. Leitch, of Stratford, has so far recovered that he was able to preach in Knox Church Sunday morning. Rev. Mr. McLaughlin, of Harington, occupied his pulpit in the evening, and preached an excellent sermon.

The Rev. J. Rennie, of Manitowaning, opened a new mission station at Lily Lake, Manitowaning Island, on the 10th June. About 60 attended the service. This station will be connected with the Bidwell field under charge of Mr. Burton, student.

Rev. Dr. McMullen, of Knox church, says *The Sentinel-Review*, who has been preaching a series of sermons every Sunday evening, taking up each book of the New Testament, has postponed these very interesting and instructive discourses until the fall.

The Rev. A. Ben Oliel and Mrs. Ben Oliel expect to visit Toronto about the end of this present week, and to hold public meetings in connection with Christian work among the Jews in the city of Jerusalem. No doubt many will be interested in this approaching visit and its object.

Mr. Eshoo, a converted Persian, who lately completed a three years' course in theology at Knox College, has been addressing meetings in Nova Scotia on Persian customs and manners and on mission work in that country, to which he expects to return at an early date as a missionary.

Mrs. R. Grant, President of the Hamilton Presbyterian Society, gave a very interesting address to the Lynedoch branch of the W.F.M.S. on Monday evening of last week, at the house of Mrs. A. E. Charlton. Mrs. Grant is a very enthusiastic worker in the cause of missions and the ladies present listened with great attention and pleasure to her address upon the annual missionary meeting held in Ottawa in April last.

Rev. Principal King, recently received the intimation through Mr. W. Mortimer Clark, Q.C., of Toronto, of a bequest to Manitoba College by the late Mr. Robert Carswell, teacher, formerly of Hamilton. The sum so bequeathed is likely to amount to \$2,500, and, according to the will of Mr. Carswell, the interest from it is to be devoted to two scholarships—one for New Testament and another for Old Testament exegesis. The gift is all the more acceptable as it was entirely voluntary and unexpected and from one who, though unknown to Dr. King, must have met the Doctor during his pastorate in the east.

The anniversary services of St. Andrew's church, Peterboro', were recently conducted by the Rev. T. Goldsmith. *The Examiner* says: It was the third anniversary of Mr. MacWilliams' pastorate. It is needless to say that these have been three years of great prosperity in this congregation. The church, almost empty, is now full. The membership has increased from about 130 to 320, notwithstanding that many have been removed by death and by leaving for other parts. The Sunday school has also had remarkable growth, now numbering about 350, there being over 100 in the pastor's Bible class. There are also large and active junior and senior Y. P. S. C. E. societies. The prayer meeting is now largely attended. The Ladies' Aid and the W. F. M. S. are also large and doing excellent work. In fact the congregation is now large and well organized in every department. The labours of Mr. MacWilliams and his faithful workers have not been without fruit and must be very gratifying and encouraging to all.

A very large and happy company assembled on a recent evening at St. Andrew's, Peterborough, in connection with anniversary services. From 6 to 3 p.m. tea was served to large numbers. Probably never before did so many of the congregation, both from country and town, enjoy together a social tea and conversation, a large number of the local ministers and their ladies being also present. Shortly after 5 p.m. the pastor, the Rev. A. MacWilliams, took the chair. The meeting was opened by singing the familiar hymn, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," after which the Rev. Mr. Young led in prayer. Mr. MacWilliams then in a very

few words expressed his great pleasure at seeing so many present on such an occasion, at the true friendship that prevailed, and his delight at seeing so many of his brethren in the ministry on the platform. A lengthy programme of music and speeches was carried through, at the close of which Rev. Mr. Goldsmith in highly complimentary language moved that a hearty vote of thanks be tendered them for the delightful music furnished. This and other votes of thanks were carried and a most enjoyable and successful social evening was then brought to a close by singing the doxology, and the benediction by Rev. Mr. Goldsmith.

The anniversary services in Knox Church, Cornwall, on a recent Sabbath, were in every way satisfactory. The Rev. Prof. James Ross, M.A., B.D., of the Presbyterian College, Montreal, preached at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. and addressed the Sunday school in the afternoon. His discourse in the morning was based on 1 Tim. i. 11, "The glorious gospel of the blessed Lord, which was committed to my trust." In the evening he took Gal. ii. 20, and preached a most searching, evangelistic sermon. In the afternoon his topic for the children was "The Joyfulness of Christian Service." Large congregations were present at all the services, and all were delighted with the addresses. On Monday evening the ladies gave an ice cream social. The pastor, Rev. Mr. Hastie, presided. The choir rendered several choice pieces. Rev. Mr. Tennant, of the Methodist Church, and Rev. Dr. MacNish, of St. John's Church, gave appropriate addresses, which were well received. The former spoke on "Character," with special reference to the young, and gave wise counsel as to its formation and preservation. The latter gave some humorous illustrations of ministerial life. Then followed the chief address of the evening by Prof. Ross on "How People can Help their Minister." It abounded with good advice and was lit up all through with flashes of wit and humour that kept the audience wide awake.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

The following is a summary of the report of the Committee on Statistics presented to the General Assembly: The report of the Committee on Statistics was read and adopted. In the number of churches or stations supplied by pastors there was an increase of 108. In the number of families there is an increase of 2,151. The entire number of these is now 91,638 and it may be safely computed that these represent more than 500,000 persons. With mission stations included they would represent between 30,000 and 40,000 more. In the number of communicants there is an increase of 1,875, but a decrease of 958 on those added on their own profession of faith and an increase of 31 of those added on certificates. In the number of ruling elders there has been an increase of 81, but of other office bearers, whether managers or deacons, a decrease of 539. The communicants are represented in the weekly prayer meeting by 57,528, an increase of 2,132, being less than 63 per cent. of the number of families. Sabbath school and Bible classes show an increase of 1,252, and the officers in charge and management of these an increase of 580. Congregational missionary associations have fallen off by 29, but woman's foreign and woman's and young people's home mission societies have increased—the former 44 and the latter 32. Six hundred and twenty manse, a decrease of 9, are provided for ministers by the people of their charge; and 29 manse, an increase of 3, were built during the year, and 51 churches. On the stipend received from all sources, including for example the grant from the augmentation fund, there has been an increase of \$3,761 and on that paid by congregations, without such or similar aid, a decrease of \$19,432, the total amount having been \$812,585, as compared with \$832,017. Unfortunately, or disappointingly, there has also been an increase of \$2,402 on arrears of stipend, these being now \$15,615. On the total payments of strictly congregational purposes there was a falling off from \$1,653,216 to \$1,643,872, or a decrease of \$9,344, and by far the greater item towards this was in stipend paid by the different congregations. On the contributions to the schemes of the church there are decreases as follows: College fund, ordinary, \$4,798; special, \$4,861; on augmentation, \$2,799; on aged and infirm ministers' fund, \$9,889; on widows' and orphans', \$113; and on Assembly expense fund, \$212. In 1893 the total payments to the schemes of the church were \$295,264, and in 1892 they were \$295,475, a decrease of \$211. The contributions for all purposes have fallen from \$2,076,171 in 1892 to \$2,056,300 in 1893, being a decrease of \$19,871. In the Synod of the Maritime Provinces there has been a decrease of \$23,392; Toronto and Kingston, \$34,000; Manitoba and the North-west Territories, \$400, and British Columbia \$2,308, making an aggregate decrease of \$61,006. The Synod of Montreal and Ottawa gives an increase of \$32,820, and Hamilton and London of \$315, which, with an increase of delayed returns of \$8,000, make a total increase of \$33,135, leaving a net decrease of \$19,871 as stated. The total receipts during the past year amounted to \$2,056,300, which is exclusive of the sum raised by mission stations, \$41,786.

These recommendations of the committee were agreed to:

I. That it be an instruction to kirk sessions and those charged with the financial affairs of congregations and stations to answer in proper form each one of the questions sent out to them, and promptly to make their returns at or immediately about the time fixed by committee.

II. That Presbyteries be enjoined to see that these instructions are in both instances carried into effect through their clerk or Committee on Statistics.

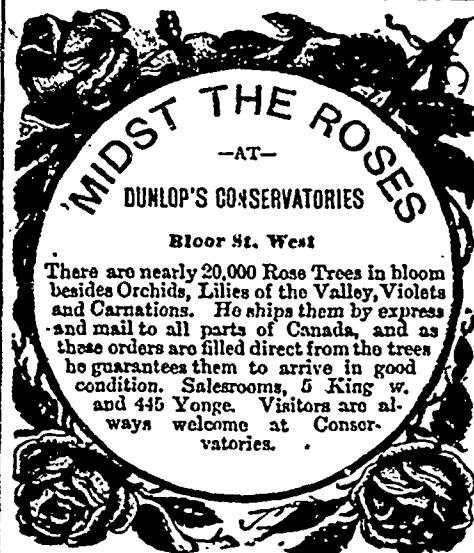
III. That this Assembly carry out the decision of the Assembly of last year by making it a standing order to have the report of the committee considered at an early period of its meetings, so that

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IV. That Presbyteries be required to give the names of professors and colleges, when such stand on their roll, with the salaries received by each; yet to enter these so as not to appear part of the expenditure to which the moneys contributed in their bounds are applied.

GLENGARRY W. F. M. S.

The 11th annual meeting of the Glengarry Presbyterian W. F. M. S. was held in the Presbyterian Church, Alexandria, on the 6th and 7th inst. Out of the 26 Auxiliaries and 8 Mission Bands in the Presbytery, 22 Auxiliaries and 5 Mission Bands were represented and most of them reported progress and increased interest in this part of the Master's work and testified that in endeavouring to help others, their own souls were being blessed and they were becoming better acquainted with the work and workers in the different fields where our mis-

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