

India, to become their pastor. The decisive step was taken by these congregations at meetings held recently and the call will be prosecuted before Presbytery at its next sitting, Dec. 11th. Dr. Smith is a man who stands high in the church is also a man of very fine parts, and should he decide to accept the call, the congregations will be exceedingly fortunate.

Ottawa.

Communion services were held on Sunday in Bank St., St. Paul's and Knox Church.

The anniversary services of St. Paul's Church will be held on Sunday the 16th, when Professor Ross, of Montreal, will preach. A social will be held on the 17th.

Rev. Dr. Armstrong, of St. Paul's, finished his course of sermons on the Prodigal Son last Sunday evening, his subject being "Mirth within and a Murnur Without."

The choir of Knox Church gave a reception on Saturday evening last to Mr. J. A. Thompson, a member of the choir, who is leaving the city. Mr. Thompson was presented with a gold locket.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Glebe Church has decided to meet at the homes of the members during the winter. The next meeting is to be held on Friday, at the home of Mrs. J. W. H. Milne.

On Friday of this week the Young People's Association of New Edinburgh Church will have its annual debate in the school room. The subject for debate is, Resolved that Ottawa under its present conditions can be better governed by a commission.

The Young Ladies' Bible Class, of St. Andrew's Church, gave a reception on Monday evening to the Young Men's Bible Class and the older members of the Sunday School. Dr. Herridge and Mrs. Herridge were present, and the time passed very pleasantly.

On the 17th of December there will be an interesting meeting held at Knox church, when a presentation will be made to Mr. George Hay, in celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of his ordination to the eldership in that church. A special feature of the evening will be the meeting of Mr. Hay and the pastor of 1850.

Northern Ontario.

The congregations of Thornton and Ivy have extended a unanimous call to Rev. Geo. J. Crawford, of Vasey.

The Sunday School of Knox church, Sundridge, have arranged to hold their annual entertainment on Christmas Day.

The anniversary of the reopening of the Presbyterian church at Emsdale took place on the 25th of November, when the services were conducted by Rev. J. Hamilton, who has been engaged in mission work in Brazil for the past eight years. On Monday evening Mr. Hamilton gave a very interesting lecture; he told how he had to master the Portuguese language of the opposition he had to encounter and of the climate of that remarkable and fertile country.

Maritime Provinces.

Rev. Dr. Talling of Toronto, preached at both services at St. Stephen's church, St. John, N. B. last Sunday.

The ladies of St. John's church, St. John, N. B., held a very successful sale of work on the 29th and 30th.

Rev. J. R. Munro, of Antigonish, preached on November 25th in Earlton, N. S., on behalf of the Century Fund.

Rev. D. S. Fraser, the indefatigable sub-agent of the Century Fund, is doing good work in the Truro Presbytery.

On account of ill-health Rev. S. J. McArthur has withdrawn from the pastorate of St. David's church, Maitland, N. S.

The Truro Presbytery has sustained a call from Lower Musquodoboit in favor of Rev. A. Campbell, of Watford, N. B.

Rev. J. W. Falconer of First church, Truro, gave an interesting lecture on the Crusades, on Monday the 26th in Prince St. Hall.

Rev. J. Carruthers, of James church, New Glasgow, occupied the pulpit in St. Paul's, Fredricton, N. S., on November 25th.

Rev. Geo. Macmillan, of St. Paul's church, Kentville, has resumed his very pleasant "at homes" on Thursday evenings at the manse,

In connection with a series of evening sermons for December on "Coming to Christ at the close of the Century," Rev. J. A. Morrison, Ph. D., has issued a pastoral letter.

Rev. George Sutherland, the first Earlton boy to become a missionary, left for his field of labor in Demerara last week. Before leaving he was the recipient of a present from the people of Earlton.

Rev. Dr. MacRae preached at Harbor Grace, N. S., on Sunday, and it is hoped that he will occupy the pulpit for some time. The congregation in Demerara last week, Rev. J. P. Falconer having resigned.

A union prayer meeting was held in Truro, N. S., on Wednesday, November 29th, in the interests of the British and Foreign Bible Society. The principal speaker was Rev. J. W. Falconer, who gave a very able address.

Rev. Robert Murray, editor of the Presbyterian Witness, accompanied by his son Norman, who recently returned from the war in South Africa, spent a few days in Earlton, N. S., last week. Mr. Murray delivered an address in the Hall on Sunday evening.

Winnipeg and West.

St. Giles' church anniversary services were held last Sunday. Rev. Dr. Kilpatrick conducted the morning service. The anniversary social will be held on Thursday evening next. Rev. Dean O'Meara and other speakers will be present.

At Knox church, Winnipeg, on Sunday evening Rev. Dr. DuVal spoke specially to young men, giving them some excellent advice. At the morning service Mr. Angers sang one of Sir Arthur Sullivan's beautiful compositions, "And God Shall Wipe Away all Tears." The solo was effectively sung and gave many people an insight into the lofty and devout mind of the deceased composer.

A largely attended meeting of the Ministerial Association was held at Vancouver on November 20th. A petition from the W. C. T. U. was read, addressed to the Mayor and Aldermen, asking laws regarding the sale of liquor and other moral reforms should be vigorously enforced. A lengthy discussion was held on this petition.

Correction

Statements published draw attention to the danger to health arising from the use of improper food materials, specially cheap baking powders.

In themselves these cautions need not be found fault with, when, however it is added that in order to procure perfectly safe and wholesome baking powder from 40 to 50 cents a pound must be paid for it, and all lower priced powders are discredited, correction is imperative.

The many thousands who have been, and still are, using the Cooke's Friend Baking Powder will not believe that fable.

There are, however, other thousands who should be informed that 25 cents is the retail price of a pound of Cooke's Friend Baking Powder in any respectable grocery store, and that it is equal in quality and purity of ingredients to any other baking powder in existence. The Cooke's Friend is absolutely free from alum or any other injurious ingredient.

British and Foreign Items.

Arran has seventeen churches to a resident population of under 5000.

Rev. Dr. Stewart has gifted 95 handsome volumes to the Peterhead Public Library.

Rev. Mr. Dunlop has been elected Moderator of Dumbarton United Free Presbytery.

Rev. Dr. Blair, Dunblane, is first Moderator of the Free United Presbytery of Stirling.

Rev. Dr. J. G. Paton, the venerable missionary lectured in Uddington on the 3th inst.

Rev. Dr. Campbell preached his farewell sermon in Marykirk, Stirling, on the 11th inst.

Rev. Mr. Morrison, Auchtermuchty, has been elected Moderator of Cupar United Free Presbytery.

In ten years over 800 persons were found guilty of murder in Austria. Only 23 were put to death.

Rev. Mr. Geddie, Banff, has been elected Moderator of Strathbogie and Banff United Free Presbytery.

Rev. J. B. K. McIntyre, Largo, has been appointed Moderator of Ardrossan United Free Presbytery.

Rev. D. K. Miller, Eyemouth, has been elected Moderator of Duns and Chirnside United Free Presbytery.

The only thing that makes me respect the devil is the fact that he is a hard worker, says General Booth.

Owing to the absence of British tourists Belgian hotelkeepers have had the worst year they have known.

Rev. Peter Macdonald, minister of the Free Gaelic church, Stornoway, has declined a call from Govan.

Rev. G. Blair, assistant, Leith, has got a call to be colleague and successor in Dunblane United Free Church.

Rev. D. Landsborough, Kilmarnock, has been elected Moderator of Irvine and Kilmarnock Free Presbytery.

Rev. G. Sutherland, Montrose, has been elected Moderator of Brechin and Fordoun United Free Presbytery.

The Southend congregation in Arran has been christened Bennecarrigan to distinguish it from the Kintyre Southend.

At Girvin the Union Sabbath evening services of the Established and United Free churches has been resumed this winter.

The United Free Presbytery of Stirling boasts of 90 members, representing 39 charges, and extends from Dollar to Balquidder.

Dr. Robertson's church at North Berwick is now known as The Abbey Church, and the Rev. Mr. Davidson's church as the Blackadder church.

The United Free congregation at Kilmacolm of which Rev. A. J. B. Patterson is minister, has decided to erect a new church to cost about £3,000.

On the 9th inst. Rev. H. B. Gray, Lochwinnoch, sailed, along with his wife and family and the Rev. Thomas Gray, his brother, for New Zealand.

The Girvan Free church is now known as the Chalmers Free Church of Scotland and the United Presbyterian church as the Trinity United Free Church of Scotland.

There died at Edinburgh on the 8th inst., the widow of the Rev. David Sutherland, Inverness, and last surviving member of the family of John Macdonald, Esq., Ness Castle.

Sunday, the 4th inst. was an interesting day in the history of the Cotbridge United Free Church—children's day, the celebration of the union, and the introduction of an organ.

Dr. Conan Doyle says that the salvation given by his little girl when he returned home after his defeat at the Parliamentary election was, "Oh, daddy, I am so sorry you did not pass."

At the Communion in the Melrose Parish church on the 4th inst., there was present Mr. Wm. Millar, Gattonside, who was born at Old Bridglands Toll, near Kelso, on 6th June, 1800, and is thus in his 101st year.

The Christmas Ladies' Home Journal is an exceptionally good number. Edward Bok and Margaret Sangster both have written on the subject of what Christmas should be, and many suggestions are given in regard to the making of presents, and also the making of good things for the table. The "Little Men" play is adapted from Louisa May Alcott's story, and will be sure to have a great deal of pleasure to any of our young people who may take the trouble to get up an evening's entertainment for Christmas day. The Curtis Publishing Co., Philadelphia.

The Contemporary Review for November contains articles on "The American Presidential Election" and "Bryanism," and also discusses the recent "kaki" election in England and its probable effects. Prof. Geddes has a long paper on the Paris Exposition, in which he points out why the exhibition failed to meet the expectations of those who attended it. In "An Empire Adrift," the India question is entered into in a very interesting way, while "The Position in Italy" is also reviewed. Leonard Scott Publication Company, New York.