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METHODIST CHURCH NEWS

WESTERN ONTARIO.

The Christmas tree entertainment of Ogrie church S. S. held on Monday evening proved a grand success. The proceeds amounted to over \$52.60.

Mrs. Price, a teacher in the Central Sabbath-school, Woodstock, was waited upon by her class on Monday night, Dec. 26, and presented with a beautiful album.

The Christmas Arch and entertainment in aid of the Sunday School held in the Aylmer church on Christmas Monday was a grand success, financially and otherwise.

Mrs. Laura Edwards, organist of the Fingal church, was, at the Christmas entertainment of the church, presented with an address and purse of money in recognition of her services.

Anniversary sermons were preached in the Methodist church, Gorrie, on Sunday morning, by the Rev. W. H. Wood, of Niagara, and in the evening by Rev. A. Smith of Wroxeter.

A concert was given in the West Brantford church on Thursday evening, Dec. 29th. A good audience was present, and a good program was presented. A chorus of 60 or more voices gave a number of selections under the direction of Mr. Geo. Fisher, and a varied program of song, duet and quartette was very enjoyable. Mr. Piewas acted as chairman.

The members of the Davenport congregation met together in the basement of the church on Monday evening, Dec. 19th, specially inviting the Rev. Mr. Jennings, an aged supernannated minister. After partaking of a most sumptuous repast, Father Jennings was presented with a kind and appreciative address, and an envelope containing a handsome amount of money.

The Sunday-school entertainment in connection with the Woodford appointment was held on Dec. 21st. Refreshments were served at 7 p. m., after which the meeting was called to order by the pastor. The literary part consisted in recitations, dialogues and charades by the school, and addresses by Rev. J. Endicott, of Walter's Falls, and W. H. Hamken, of Owen Sound. The singing was conducted by the Walter's Falls choir. Proceeds, about \$37.

A very pleasing event occurred at the Christmas morning service in the Central church, Toronto. An address of thanks to the leader and choir for their services during the past year was read by Mr. Wickson, the secretary of the Board of Trustees, on behalf of the pastor, officials and congregations of the church. The address was beautifully designed in gold and maroon, the exterior of the card bearing a most artistic lithograph of the organ and chancel, specially designed.

The annual Christmas festival of the London South Sunday School was given on Tuesday evening, 28th ult. After the scholars had satisfied themselves of theainties provided, the Superintendent, Mr. A. Callander, introduced a program of recitations and songs, the following taking part:—Misses Ollie Paul, Nellie Wyatt, Lucy Gowman, Rosa Gartley, Bertha Jarvis, Minnie Rowell, Annie Deacon, Flossie Burns, Clara Brenton, Masters Covert Jarvis, Garfield Case, Messrs. Robt. Harrison and Jas. Learn.

Very successful revival services are being conducted in the New Durham church.

In the Manchester church a jubilee was given to the Sunday school children on Friday evening of last week. The proceeds amounted to about \$30.00.

A Christmas tree entertainment was held in the Calvary church on Wednesday evening, 21st inst. Rev. Mr. Fallis, of the Sylvan circuit presiding. Some \$13 was realized.

The pastor, Rev. Mr. Hanna, assisted by two very efficient lady helpers, has been holding very successful revival services in Chelsea church. Great good has been the result.

The anniversary entertainment of the Midland Sabbath School held on Monday evening, 26th ult., was successfully carried out and afforded much enjoyment to the audience present.

At the Christmas Tree Entertainment of Tapleystown Sunday School, held on Dec. 23rd, Mr. Joseph Penfold, Superintendent of the School, was presented with a handsome bible.

The Shelburne church S.S. anniversary, held in the Town Hall on Christmas night, was the best ever held there. The program was a very good one and the hall was crowded from one end to the other. Financially it was a success.

Special services have just closed in Berlin church, and some thirty-eight names have already been handed in on probation for membership. Mr. J. H. Sedweek ably assisted the pastor, Rev. J. W. German, in the glorious work.

On the evening of the 19th ult., the members of the large and interesting Bible-class of the Central church, St. Thomas, met at the home of their teacher, the Rev. J. Philp, and presented him with a flattering address and a very handsome clock.

Miss L. Drake, organist of the Bethel church, near Dundas, was the recipient of a beautiful fruit dish and album as a slight token of appreciation of her valuable assistance rendered the church. Rev. Mr. Cook thanked the congregation on behalf of Miss Drake for their kindness.

The Croton church, Florence circuit, after undergoing repairs for a length of time, was recently re-opened. Rev. J. Livingstone, of Blenheim, Rev. J. Russell and Rev. Mr. Harrison conducted the services. Sunday's and Monday's proceeds amounted to the handsome sum of \$108.

A Christmas tree prepared for the children of the Atkin church, last Friday week met with great success. James Honor was chairman, Miss Susie Park presided at the organ, Rev. Mr. Cobb gave a short address and there were readings, dialogues and singing by the children. \$42.50 was taken at the door.

The Xmas tree on Thursday evening last held in Sweaborg church, proved a success. The tree fairly groaned under the enormous weight of pretty, fancy and enticing presents which its boughs were laden with. The programme reflected credit on the management. A declamation by Master O. Withrow was the masterpiece of the evening. The chair was ably filled by the pastor, Mr. Holden. Proceeds, \$21.

Anniversary services were held in Clifford church, on Dec. 18th and 19th. Eloquent discourses were delivered on the Sabbath by Rev. R. H. Wadell, B.D., of Mount Forest. The tea on Monday proved a success. Excellent speeches were delivered by Rev. Messrs. G. Lounds, Mildmay, and S. Young. The choir of the church gave some well-rendered anthems, as did also the Misses Mills, from Hamston. Proceeds in aid of Trust Fund, \$67.33.

The Sabbath School anniversary sermons of Fingal church were preached on the 18th ult.,—in the morning by Rev. J. W. Annis, M. A., and in the evening by Mr. W. H. May, both of St. Thomas. Large and appreciative congregations, including the children, greeted the preachers of the day. On Tuesday evening, the 20th, the anniversary and Christmas Tree Entertainment took place. There was a full church and a choice program by the children consisting of music, recitations, dialogues, kindergarten exercises, etc. The annual report gives evidence of prosperity.

The Wroxeter will be opened on Sunday next.

A highly successful and enjoyable entertainment was given in the Granton church last week. Proceeds \$28.

Anniversary sermons will be preached in the St. George church, on Sabbath next, by Rev. S. Rose, of Brantford.

A large attendance was present at the tea meeting in the Chelsea church held last week. There about \$100 taken in.

Miss Glassford, choir in the Bradford S. S., was last week presented with an address and a beautiful album, by the scholars of her class.

The Christmas tree entertainment held in the Boston church was a rare treat to the children. The presents were very numerous. Proceeds \$25.

The anniversary services of Dundas church will be preached by Rev. R. W. Woodworth on Sunday next. The annual tea will be held Monday.

Anniversary sermons in connection with the Clearview church were preached on Sunday last, morning and evening, by Rev. J. A. Trollope, Mimisig.

The revival series in the Lyons church have met with great measure of success. They still continue with gratifying results.

The Fergus tea meeting on Christmas Day was well attended. The chair was taken by the pastor, Rev. J. S. O'ling, and able addresses were delivered by J. C. Pomeroy, B. A., and master of the high school, Rev. Mr. Mullen, and Mr. Tolmie.

Mr. B. Bush, the Superintendent of Stirling church S. S., was on Monday evening of last week, made the recipient of a handsome egg chair, from the school. Miss Delia Martin read the address, Miss Nora Martin making the presentation.

The anniversary services in connection with the Markdale church were held on Sunday and Monday, 26th and 27th ult. Rev. Mr. Casson preached eloquent sermons on Sabbath. Collections and free-will offerings of the day \$46.31. Proceeds of tea \$100.

The Christmas entertainment of Salem church, McGillivray, was a decided success. Interesting addresses were given by Revs. Messrs. Jones and Husser, and excellent readings by Messrs. W. T. Amos, M. W. Athouse and F. Turner. Proceeds \$20.70.

The London West church had a Christmas Tree entertainment on Wednesday night. The Rev. C. W. Smith presided, and a typical old "Santa Claus" in full costume distributed the various and sundry presents with which the tree was loaded. The evening was pleasantly spent amid music, recitations, singing, &c.

The S. S. anniversary in connection with the Stirling church, held on Monday evening, Dec. 26th, was attended with every success. A very interesting and varied programme was gone through, at the close of which all attending the school were presented with a bag of confectionery and fruit. The proceeds amounted to over \$26.

The annual Sabbath School anniversary in connection with the Arthur church was held on Monday night, 26th ult. A very large crowd filled the hall to its utmost capacity. A splendid tea was served, after which an entertainment was given, consisting of music, singing, recitations and speeches. Rev. Mr. Thom gave an interesting and pleasant address.

On Monday evening, Dec. 28th, a very pleasant and successful Christmas boat entertainment in connection with the Hensall S.S., was held in the church. The boat, which was well furnished and equipped, with handsome and useful presents, presented a very fine appearance. Rev. R. Godfrey, pastor, occupied the chair in his usual pleasing and able manner. The proceeds of the entertainment amounted to nearly \$40.

The annual tea meeting of the London-boro church was held in the Temperance Hall on Monday evening, 26th ult. The entertainment in the church was, also, all that could be expected. The selections by the choir were excellent and good addresses were given by Revs. E. Mead, T. Gee, A. W. Tonge and E. Fessant, of the London conference. Proceeds of tea, over \$97, which with other proceeds will doubtless reach the round \$100.

Zion church meeting on week, which was, intellectually, over \$89.

There was a mc Tree Entertainment in the church on the 23rd beautifully decorated presents, while special occasion were delivered Moore, Mr. Jenking proceeds amounted to \$100.

Mr. W. Godfrey, of Grovesend Sunday School made the recipient of an handsome hanging lamp, by the school. Mr. Jas. A. Burdick was also presented with an address and a beautiful China Tea Set in recognition of his valuable services as organist and leader of the choir.

EASTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. Mr. Allin, of Brockville, has accepted the call to George-st. Methodist church, Peterboro'.

The Christmas tree entertainment of Salem church, near Colborne, on Monday last was a very successful affair. Proceeds, \$40.

Missionary sermons were delivered in Epsom church by Rev. R. N. Willoughby, of Port Perry, on Christmas day. Collections, subscriptions, etc., amounted to \$17.71.

The Christmas tree entertainment at the Foot church, Scugog, came off on Friday evening, the 23rd. The programme was very varied and very lengthy, but seemed to give satisfaction to the large audience. Proceeds, including \$5 presented to the school by Mr. Adams, through the pastor, were \$24.50.

The special services which have for the past eight weeks been held with so much success in the Western church, Napanee, closed on Friday evening before last. They were the most successful ever held in the town. The membership was greatly quickened, and two hundred have already connected themselves with the churches. Rev. Mr. Baker, pastor.

The annual Christmas and literary entertainment of Gesto church was held on Saturday last, and proved to be one of the most pleasant and interesting ever yet held there. During the evening, the Superintendent of the Sabbath-school, Mr. John Rodd, was presented with a very complimentary address, accompanied by a large panel morocco bound bible, on behalf of the scholars and friends of the school.

Anniversary services in connection with Beulah church, Huntingdon circuit, were held on Sunday, Dec. 18th. Rev. J. J. Rice, of Stirling, officiated in the morning, and in the afternoon, addressed a full church at the children's service. The pastor, Rev. G. Robinson, took the evening service. At these services, instead of the usual tea meeting, a cash contribution was asked for, and the people's response was very satisfactory—the amount given reaching about \$60.

The Revs. Crossley and Hunter began a series of union evangelistic services in Whitby on Sabbath. The Rev. Mr. Hunter conducted the service in the Presbyterian church. In the evening the evangelists both took part in the services in the Methodist church. The Rev. Mr. Crossley gave one of his interesting unique song sermons. The Rev. Mr. Hunter conducted the after service with much success. Thirty-five adults indicated their determination to consecrate their services to God.

The Anniversary Tea in the Methodist Church, Brooklin, on Monday 26th ult., was attended by such large numbers from a distance that the usual social after had to be abandoned. The church was filled with people who thoroughly enjoyed the platform meeting. Mr. Norman, the young man on the Greenwood circuit, led off with a fine humorous address, which had its points in his last word, which gave a very open countenance to the audience. Rev. H. Moore, a former pastor, followed with an address full of wisdom and good words. The selections by the choir were heartily approved by the audience who were delighted with them. Rev. Mr. Phelps occupied the chair in his most happy manner. Proceeds about \$70.

The congregation of the Morrisburg church last week presented Mr. G. P. Graham, leader of the choir, with a handsome easy chair, and Mrs. Graham with a beautiful mirror.

The members of Mrs. C. A. Smith's Bible Class, in the Port Hope Sunday School on the occasion of her removal to Toronto, presented her with a beautiful teacher's bible, accompanied by an address.

Missionary sermons will be preached in the Church-st. church, Bowmanville, on Sabbath next by Rev. Dr. Shaw, of Toronto. A meeting will be held on Monday evening when Rev. Mr. Hiraiwa, a native Japanese minister will appear in native costume.

The members of Ashburnham church Sabbath-school recently presented their teacher, Mrs. (Rev.) J. C. Wilson, with a very handsome plush album. Mr. I. Wilson, organist of the church, was also presented with a handsome writing desk by the members of the choir.

Missionary sermons will be preached on Sunday next, in the Hampton church, by the Rev. J. E. Sanderson, M. A., and Rev. E. Barras, M. A. On Tuesday evening the Missionary Meeting will be held when Rev. Mr. Hiraawa, a native minister from Japan, will give an address.

Rev. Mr. Thompson, of Cobourg, the new incumbent of the George-st. church, Peterboro', held his first service on Sunday morning last. Rev. Mr. Thompson is a young man, earnest and powerful of speech, and on his first appearance created a favorable impression. He will occupy the pulpit until next June.

The Ladies' Aid of the Cartwright church gave a tea and entertainment and bazaar on the 26th ult. Tea was served at 5 o'clock, after which a program was rendered, consisting of readings, recitations, dialogues, music, &c. The articles of the bazaar were disposed of during the evening. The autograph quilt was sold for \$18. Proceeds of tea and bazaar about \$85.

The Oakland church anniversary held on Monday, was a success. Rev. Mr. Webber, Newmarket, preached morning and evening, Sunday, and gave good spirited sermons. On Monday the tea meeting was well attended and Mr. Webber's lecture on "The age we live in," was practicable, interesting and in some parts of it eloquent. Proceeds of anniversary amounted to over \$90.

The Whiffy Tabernacle Christmas Entertainment was a grand success. The body of the church was comfortably filled with happy children and their delighted parents, and the white wings of the large yacht, that rested peacefully upon the dry boards of the altar steps, were literally covered with gifts for the pupils of the Sabbath school. Mr. F. Powell, Superintendent, occupied the chair. The literary part of the program was well rendered, and gave entire satisfaction.

The anniversary services of the Queen St. church, Bowmanville, were held on Sunday and Monday last. The Rev. H. Moore, of Sanford, delivered a most excellent and interesting discourse on Sunday morning which greatly impressed the large audience present. Rev. R. D. Fraser, of the town, occupied the pulpit in the evening. The tea on Monday, though up to its usual excellency, was not so well attended as in former years. The proceeds amount to between \$50 and \$60.

The anniversary sermons in connection with the Sherbrooke Sabbath School, Que., were preached on Sunday, December 28th, by the pastor, Rev. Jas. Kines. The Festival and entertainment took place in the fine large school room on Tuesday evening when about three hundred were present. The program comprised several excellent recitations, effective dialogues, vocal and instrumental solos and trios. The Christmas Cantata "Immanuel" was also rendered by about fifty voices, the parts being very creditably sustained throughout. The report of the secretary-treasurer showed the number of the school to be upwards of 200 with an average attendance of 150. The finances showed a healthy state, the receipts since last anniversary being \$260. The school has given to the new church in all about \$150 besides paying all running expenses.