

## Church News.

### In Canada.

THE Whitby W. F. M. S. will hold its annual meeting at Whitby on January 15th.

THE Rev. Walter Beattie, of Virden, has offered his resignation to the Presbytery of Brandon.

REV. HUGH CRAIG, B.A., Windsor Mills, Que., has resigned. Resignation takes effect in December.

REV. N. MACPHER has resigned the charge of Marsboro, Que. Resignation takes effect in January.

THE congregation at Winchester gave a collection of \$52.50 at the Thanksgiving service.

THE free-will offering for the schemes of the church, at the Thanksgiving service in Deloraine, Man., on Nov. 25th, amounted to \$75.85.

THE Rev. R. G. MacBeth, M.A., conducted anniversary services at Charwater, Manitoba, and lectured to a crowded congregation on the following Monday evening.

THE Rev. Alex. Currie, of Wawanesa, has gone through an attack of typhoid fever in the Brandon hospital and is once more able to resume his work.

THE Rev. Wm. Chesnut, formerly of Breadalbane, is studying in Manitoba Medical College, with a view to employment as a medical missionary.

THE church for the Sioux Indians at Portage la Prairie, which has been erected under the auspices of the Foreign Mission Committee, is to be opened on the 2nd of December.

THE new church at Winchester is rapidly approaching completion. Dedication will take place about the close of the year. The structure is considered a gem of architecture. Mr. Stalker, of Ottawa, is the designer and architect.

MR. J. M. KELLOCK, M.A., a graduate of Queen's, has been called to Morewood and Chesterville, salary \$900 and manse. If Mr. Kellock accepts, the ordination and induction will take place at Morewood, Tuesday, December 4th, at half past one o'clock.

FIVE ministers of the Presbytery of Quebec resigned their charges within two months. The deficits of the Augmentation Fund in the past and its uncertainty in the future were elements in some of these resignations.

A LITTLE Indian girl, a pupil of the Industrial School at Regina, recently gave a novel and scarcely orthodox answer to the first question in the Shorter Catechism. Man's chief aim, she said, is to glorify God, and to enjoy himself.

On the 11th Nov., the Rev. C. W. Gordon, of Winnipeg, conducted anniversary services at Napinka, in South Western Manitoba, and on the following evening delighted a large audience with a lecture on "Across the Alps on a Wheel."

THE completion of repairs and improvements to the foundation and auditorium of Knox church, Winnipeg, has been celebrated by special services, conducted by the Rev. J. A. Carmichael, of Regina, and the Rev. W. M. Rochester, of Prince Albert.

REV. J. K. SMITH, D.D., Port Hope, will (D.V.) preach in the Queen Street East church, corner of Carlaw Avenue, on Sabbath next, and will assist the pastor, the Rev. W. Frizzell, in conducting special services during the week.

THE W. F. M. S. of South Nissouri Presbyterian church held their annual thank-offering service on the evening of Thanksgiving day. There was a good attendance to listen to an address by the Rev. A. Grant, of St. Marys, on the subject of China missions. The thank-offering amounted to \$25.39.

On the evening of Thanksgiving day a very pleasant time was spent in the schoolroom of St. Andrew's church, Sonya. A Thank-offering service was held by the W. F. M. S., in which the ladies of the congregation were invited to participate. An appropriate programme was rendered and refreshments

served. When the envelopes containing the offerings were opened, the proceeds were found to amount to thirty dollars.

THE funeral of the Rev. John McKay, B. A., late pastor of the Scarboro' Presbyterian church, who died in Colorado, took place at Embro. After a short service at his father's house, the long procession wended its way to Knox church, where the public service was held. Rev. G. C. Patterson, pastor of the church, was assisted by Rev. Messrs. Munro, Harrington; Brown, Scarboro'; Munro, Kintore; Ferguson, Brookdale; McLachlan, Harrington; Leach, Stratford; and Silcox, Embro. The pallbearers were six members of Scarboro' church.

At a recent meeting of the Ladies' Aid Society of St. Paul's church, Victoria, B.C., the report of the treasurer, Mrs. MacRae, showed that the result of the Society's work for the past season—seven months—amounted to \$416, which is to be devoted to the removal of debt, payment of recent improvements on church building and one or two items of incidental expenses. At the suggestion of Mrs. Cochrane, of Kingston, Ont., who visited the city last year, in common with some other congregations in the city, the Society adopted what is known as the "Talent Scheme" for raising funds. Forty members of the Society were given each the sum of one dollar, and with this as capital all traded for seven months, refunding at the end of that time the original dollar and its gains. The latter at the close was found to range from fifty cents, the lowest, to thirty dollars, the highest. The result in this case have shown this to be an excellent method of carrying on the work of the Society, and an improvement on bazaars and other methods usually adopted.

THE Brooklin Auxillary of the W. F. M. S. has just passed another milestone. On the evening of Thanksgiving day, the annual thanksgiving supper and missionary re-union was held. The service in the church was conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. B. McLaren, who found his duties unusually congenial. Rev. James Harris, Episcopal; Rev. T. W. Leggett, Methodist; Hon. John Dryden and Wm. Smith, M.P., ably supported the speaker of the evening, Rev. R. P. MacKay, secretary of foreign missions, who aroused a general interest with his extensive map and location of the mission fields of the Church, and by his clear concise description of the whole, bringing from his treasures of missionary lore things new and old, and applying the simple old teaching of "Bethlehem and the Mount" to the pressing needs of the great work in these fields. The musical part was well sustained by the choir of the church, and the Holliday Brothers. The little Brooklin auxiliary had experienced all the alternations of doubt, hope and fear as regards their right of existence, but once again they "thank God, take courage and wait for the day." Subscriptions, \$56; monthly collections, \$15.50; door receipts, \$36.50. Total, \$108.

### Presbytery of Barrie.

THIS Presbytery met on Tuesday, 27th November, Rev. D. D. McLeod, moderator. Two calls were sustained, one from Hillsdale and Craighurst to the Rev. J. R. Bartley, B.A., and the other from Cookstown, Townline and Ivy to the Rev. Peter Fleming, of Caledon, of the Orangeville Presbytery. Arrangement was made for induction, conditional upon the calls being accepted. The report of the Presbyterian Society of the W. F. M. Society was received, and it was agreed to express gratification at the results of the Society's work for the year. The Rev. J. McD. Duncan, B.A., requested leave of absence from his pulpit after the close of the year in order that he may fulfil the duties in Knox College, to which he has been appointed in consequence of Professor Thompson's illness. The Presbytery granted leave as asked for, expressing regrets that the impaired health of the Professor rendered it necessary to make the changes in the arrangements of the College, while pleased on account of the honour conferred on one of its members. The congregation of Elmvale received leave to mortgage their new church

property to the extent of \$3,000. The circulars of the Home Mission and Augmentation Committees were considered. The clerk was instructed to intimate to the several congregations the amounts required of them in order to raise the sums allotted to the Presbytery by these Committees, and appointments were made for visiting the aid-receiving congregations. The Rev. A. D. McDonald, D.D., was nominated as moderator of the next General Assembly, specially bearing in remembrance his former services in the Home Mission work of the Church. A circular from the Prisoners' Aid Society was received, which led to the appointment of a deputation to wait on the county council and urge the establishment of a refuge for the poor. A committee was appointed to consider the practicability of holding the meetings of Presbytery at different places in the bounds. The Rev. J. Fraser Campbell was present and addressed the members in the interest of the mission to Central India. The clerk was instructed to print the minutes of the regular meetings and distribute them. There were many other matters attended to not calling for public notice.

### Presbytery of London.

THE London Presbytery held a regular meeting in the First Presbyterian church, London, on Tuesday, 13th November. The attendance of clerical members was good, twenty-four being present, and there was also a fair representation of elders. The following calls were presented by the moderators of the respective congregations. From Wardsville and Newbury in favour of Mr. Alex. Wilson, probationer. The call was supported by Messrs. McNaughton and Atkinson and duly sustained, and put into Mr. Wilson's hands for acceptance. Mr. Wilson subsequently accepted the call, and his induction was appointed in Wardsville on the 5th December, at 11 a.m. Mr. Miller to preside; Mr. Ross to preach; Mr. Henderson to address the minister, and Mr. Barnett the people. A call from Aylmer and Springfield in favour of Mr. W. Cooper, licentiate, was appointed by Messrs. Mitchell and Murray, and duly sustained and transmitted to Mr. Cooper for acceptance. Mr. Sawers was appointed moderator of the session of St. Andrew's church, with power to moderate in a call if requested to do so before next meeting of Presbytery. It was also agreed to sanction the arrangement already made for the supply of the pulpit meantime; and that the pulpit be declared vacant on the second Sabbath of December. Dr. Laing, of Dundas, addressed the Presbytery in the interests of the Augmentation Scheme, and was, on motion duly made and seconded, cordially thanked for his address. The Presbytery agreed that the amount required from this Presbytery, be apportioned among the congregations. A call from Knox church, London South, was presented by Mr. Clark; the call was in favour of Mr. Martin, of St. Paul's church, Toronto. Mr. Andrew Tomson and Mr. Morton were heard as commissioners in support of the call. The call was duly sustained and transmitted with relative papers to the clerk of Toronto Presbytery for disposal. Rev. Mr. Clark was appointed to represent the interests of London Presbytery when the matter is considered by Toronto Presbytery. A call from Claremont congregation, Presbytery of Whitby, was read by the clerk, in favour of Mr. W. A. Cook, of Dorchester and Crumlin. Mr. Cook requested the Presbytery to sist procedure in the matter, as he intended to decline. The Presbytery laid the call aside. The Presbytery spent considerable time in discussing and maturing a scheme for sending commissioners to the General Assembly, chiefly by a system of rotation. Provisional arrangements were made for the induction of Mr. Martin, in view of his acceptance of the call to London South. Mr. Ross, of Glencoe, was appointed to address the annual meeting of the W. F. M. Society on the 29th January, 1895. Mr. Sutherland read a minute in connection with the death of Mr. Murray, of St. Andrew's, London. The minute was adopted and ordered to be published in the church and city papers. The next regular meeting was appointed to be held in Knox