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The record of progress presented at the thirteenth annual meeting of the North American Life ought to be most gratifying to all its policy-holders, and considering the great general stringency in business during 1893 is remarkable. Last year was the most successful in its history. Excellent men are at its head. A single sentence from the report of the consulting actuary and one from that of the President, Mr. J. L. Blaikie, should be satisfactory to our readers. The former said, "the excellent condition of the company and its financial management is an augury of future strength, based upon a business that appears to be eminently satisfactory in every detail and requirement." Mr. Blaikie said, "the progress during the last five years has been something remarkable; the assets have increased by 157 per cent., in insurance in force by 67 per cent., the cash income by 75 per cent., and the surplus in which the policy-holders are most interested has made the wonderful increase of 481 per cent. The perfect confidence of the public in the character and business ability of the Board of Directors and in the agents and officers of the company who transact its business is no doubt the secret of this now unusual success. To the Managing Director, Mr. McCabe, the efficient Secretary, Mr. Goldman, and the able Board of Directors great credit is indeed due for this unparalleled success.

Ministers and Churches.

The *Christian Sentinel*, published by the Reformed Presbyterian Publishing Company, has completed its eleventh year.

It is announced that Rev. John McEwen, Provincial Normal S. S. Instructor, will hold an Institute in Guelph towards the end of May.

The Rev. Prof. Ross, of Montreal, has lost by death his little daughter Marion, after a very painful illness. The little one was about five years old.

Rev. A. E. Vert, Presbyterian minister at Delaware, is unable to preach, owing to the condition of his eyes. It is feared he may lose the sight of the right eye.

The old church building at Avonton was sold by auction last week. The last service will be held on the 1st of April. Work on the new building will commence in May.

The Rev. Wm. Shearer delivered a very interesting lecture Friday evening the 9th inst., in the Baptist Church, Sherbrooke, Que., to an appreciative audience, on Martin Luther.

Rev. Dr. Stewart, of Orangeville Presbytery, filled the Presbyterian pulpit of Omamee on Sabbath the 11th inst., very acceptably. No choice has yet been made for the vacant pulpit.

Rev. J. W. Macmillan, of Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church, Vancouver, B.C., lectured on the 22nd inst. on Poetry, the proceeds of the oratorical treat to go in aid of the Woman's Missionary Society.

At a meeting of St. Andrew's congregation, Picton, the rebuilding of the church was discussed. It was decided to commence work next spring. The church will be rebuilt as near the old lines as possible, but improvements will be made in the seating, etc.

A Missionary Institute was held in Guelph on the 19th and 20th inst. There were morning, afternoon and evening sessions held on the latter day. The object of the Institute is to bring before the public the work in connection with the missions of this church.

Upon his arrival at McDonald's Corners, with his bride, Rev. James Binnie, Presbyterian, was presented with a purse of \$30, together with a congratulatory address. The Elphin and Snow Road congregations gave Mr. and Mrs. Binnie suitable presentations.

The Guelph City S.S. Association held its annual convention on the afternoon and evening of the 12th inst., in Trinity Baptist Church. The attendance of S.S. workers was good considering the very inclement weather which goes to show the great interest taken in this work.

The members of Zion Church, Brantford, wish Rev. Dr. Cochrane to take a trip around the world at their expense for the benefit of his health, upon which his many, long, arduous and responsible labours are beginning to tell. Should the Doctor do this he will carry with him the good wishes of the whole church.

The death of Donald McKay, B.A., Ph.D., a graduate of Toronto University, took place at Embro on Sunday night the 11th inst. He was 35 years of age and had accepted a position on the professorial staff of the above University, but owing to failing health was compelled to give it up at the opening of last session.

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed in the Presbyterian Church, Princeton, on a recent Sunday by the pastor, Rev. W. H. Shearer. There were six new members joined the church. Rev. Mr. Cockburn, of Paris, conducted the preparatory services on Friday, when he met many of his old friends and acquaintances.

The series of meetings in connection with the West End Mission, Deseronto, continue to be very numerous and attended and Mr. Lowes and his assistants have been much encouraged. "It is one peculiarity of these meetings that the male element predominates, something altogether different from what obtains in other churches of the town."

Rev. A. H. Drumm, of Avonton, conducted the communion services in the Presbyterian Church on Sabbath, 18th inst. and preached the thanksgiving sermon on Monday. Mr. Drumm is an earnest, thoughtful preacher, and his sermons were highly appreciated by large congregations, and we are sure that all who heard him will be pleased to have the privilege of listening to him again.

The annual meeting of the Union mission bands of the Presbyterian churches of Ottawa, was held on the evening of the 21st, in Knox Church, the president, Mrs. Evans, occupying the chair. An interesting programme was carried out, including an address on Mission Work by Rev. Dr. Armstrong. The corresponding secretary of the Union, Miss Horsey, presented a report which showed the work done during the past year. Miss McNicholl, the treasurer, reported a good balance on hand.

Rev. R. H. Myers preached his farewell sermon in the Presbyterian Church, Norwich, on the 11th inst., to a large congregation of attentive hearers. There is a general feeling of regret among all those who are acquainted with Mr. Myers, as well as his own parishioners, on account of his leaving, as he has ever evinced the Christian gentleman in his intercourse with all. He has the best wishes and the deepest sympathy of many persons in the town, not only for himself, but Mrs. Myers, who was greatly esteemed and loved by those associated with the Christian work.

In a letter received by Dr. King, from Charles Gordon, who is expected to take charge of the Portage Avenue Mission, the rev. gentleman mentions the gratifying fact that he has now obtained promises of support for twenty-six mission fields in Manitoba and the Northwest, at the rate of \$50

for each, for a term in some cases of three and in others of five years. Mr. Gordon expects to close his extremely important mission in Scotland at the end of March. He is being pressed to visit Ireland also, in the same cause. If he consents it will be only for a week or two.

On the evening of Monday the 26th inst., a largely attended meeting of members and adherents of St. James Square congregation was held for the purpose of calling a minister to supply the vacancy made by the removal, eighteen months ago, of the Rev. Dr. Kellogg to an important sphere of usefulness in India. The Rev. Principal Caven, Moderator of Session, presided, and an almost unanimous call was extended to the Rev. Louis H. Jordan, B.D., who for the last three months has with great acceptance filled the pulpit, to become the pastor at the salary of \$4,000 per annum.

There was a good attendance at Knox Church, St. Thomas, on the evening of the 22nd, when Rev. A. Findlay, superintendent of Presbyterian mission work in Northwestern Ontario, gave an address on the needs of fields under his charge. Mr. Findlay has served as superintendent for eighteen years. During that time the country has been opened up, and mission work greatly extended. There are now sixty-six fields, with 201 preaching stations, and seven settled pastors. Services are often held in farm houses, and it is found impossible to keep pace with the development of the work. Mr. Findlay is authorized to visit the older parts of Ontario and interest congregations in raising a church and manse building fund for Northwestern Ontario. The district includes Muskoka, Parry Sound, Nipissing and Eastern Algoma.

Under the auspices of the Ministerial Alliance of Brantford, meetings were held in Zion Church on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of last week, at which a number of the prominent ministers and missionaries who were in attendance at Toronto, delivered addresses on foreign missionary work. They are on their way to Detroit where a large convention will be held, and are holding meetings in Toronto and Hamilton, Brantford and other places through the province for the purpose of exciting deeper interest in the work of Foreign Missions. Those who addressed the Brantford meeting were: Rev. A. F. Pierson, D.D., of Philadelphia, editor of the *Missionary Review of the World*; Rev. A. J. Gordon, D.D., of Boston, one of the associate editors of the same publication, and W. Spencer Walton, of South Africa, one of the conductors of the Cape Mission in South Africa.

On Wednesday evening, Feb. 7th, a large party of members and adherents of the congregation of St. Paul's Church, Thornbury, took the pastor, Rev. J. F. Simpson and his family by surprise at their residence and after spending a most enjoyable evening presented him with an address expressive of the good will existing between pastor and congregation, the high esteem in which he and his family are held and appreciation of the good services which he has rendered since his advent amongst them. The address was read by Miss Lottie Idle, accompanied with a well filled purse, which was presented by Miss Alice Grierson to Mrs. Simpson. Mr. Simpson responded appropriately, commending the congregation for their energy and success in congregational work during the past year and urging that by still greater and more united effort Presbyterianism may be given a more prominent position in this locality than it has hitherto enjoyed. After the singing of a hymn and prayer the gathering dispersed, having enjoyed a most pleasant and cordial evening together.

The annual meeting of the Toronto Presbyterial Society was held in the Leslieville Church on Friday, February 23. Mrs. Gray, of Brampton, presided. The morning session was largely devoted to business. Mrs. Murray, of Churchville, Mrs. McLaren and others gave suggestions on Bible study in Auxiliaries and Mission Bands. A vote was taken on two questions, "that representation at annual meeting be altered," lost; "that the annual reports be not distributed gratuitously," carried. Between sessions an excellent lunch was served in the pleasant school room by the ladies of St. John's and Leslieville Church. The officers elected for the ensuing year were: Mrs. Gray, Brampton, president; Mrs. Hamilton, 1st vice-president; Mrs. Ball, 2nd vice-president; Miss Janet Smith, 3rd vice-president; Mrs. Tibb, Streetsville, 4th vice-president; Miss George, secretary; Miss Reid, treasurer; Miss Phoebe Smith, leaflet secretary; Miss Craig, N. W. Supply secretary. There are 52 Auxiliaries, and 25 Mission Bands in the Presbytery, with a membership of 2,459. There are 784 members of general society, and 23 new life members. The amount raised during the year was \$5,874.50. The dedication prayer was offered by Mrs. Telfer. A solo, "Cast thy bread on the waters," was sung by Miss McDonnell, and Miss Martha Smith recited two poems, "The tapestry weaving," and "Voices in twilight." Dr. Marion Oliver gave a very interesting address on "Native Christian women," from which we give a few thoughts. They are very industrious and all try to make their houses homelike. They are neat and clean personally, and wear very little jewelry. The Christian women dress their little children, while the heathen mothers allow theirs to run naked till five or six years of age. In the matter of truthfulness there is a great difference, as you never find a heathen woman telling the truth if she thinks it might hurt her. Some of them are devoted, consecrated servants of God. Yesudabai, the matron of our hospital till her death, was an earnest worker. There was never a patient in the hospital 24 hours before she spoke to her about the way of life. Beneki, the head mistress of the Mahratti school, works in a quiet, conscientious way. The children take to her wonderfully. Another, whose influence is very beautiful to see, is that of the wife of Mr. Wilkie's assistant pastor, Mr. Jehory. Mrs. Serago and daughters are doing a work somewhat like that of Fundita Ramjibai, whom we all remember, the difference being, that theirs are purely Christian schools. Mrs.

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**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEET-
INGS.**

The annual report of St. Andrew's Church, Strathroy, for 1893, indicates a fair measure of prosperity. The membership is now 242, a net increase of ten. The total receipts from all sources amounted to \$2,078.08. The Sabbath School, under the superintendency of Mr. John Geddes, is in a flourishing condition; and the same may be said of the Ladies' Aid Society, the Society of Christian Endeavor, Woman's Foreign Mission Society and the Band of Hope. In all the varied departments of church work the pastor, Rev. W. G. Jordan, M.A., takes an active interest, with most beneficial results.

A pleasant and harmonious meeting of Cooke's congregation, Kingston, was held in the Sunday School room recently. A goodly number were present when Rev. S. Houston opened the proceedings with devotional exercises. The Committee of Management presented the annual financial report which showed the monetary affairs of the church to be in an improved and healthy condition. The statement was received and adopted. The condi-

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