

Rev. Geo. Chrystal of Beeton, a former pastor, was a visitor in Avonton for a few days. The reverend gentleman occupied the pulpit on Sunday and was listened to with a good deal of pleasure by his old friends. He has lost very little of his old time vigor, but was almost overcome at times with the memories of other days and of the many faces of old friends that he missed in the congregation.

The Bradford Witness says: Rev. Jas. Bryant and wife of the North West, who have been attending the Presbyterian General Assembly at Kingston, are the guests of Mrs. Robt. Fraser of the Scotch Settlement, for a few days. Mr. Bryant, a former pastor in the Presbyterian Church here, is looking splendid, also Mrs. Bryant. Mr. Bryant was minister of the Richmond, Ont. congregation when he removed to the West.—Ed. D. P.

In his sermon on a recent Sunday, Rev. Dr. Dickson, of Central church, Galt, made reference to the death of Rev. Dr. James, the first minister of the church. The deceased he said, was the first pastor of this congregation and it was while he was settled over it that it had got a firm footing. He was a faithful, eloquent preacher of the Gospel. Preaching was to him a second nature. He was settled in Albany, Hamilton and Walkerton after leaving Galt, and in each and all of these places he did excellent service. Dr. James had lived retired in Paris for a number of years. His was a life of Godlike beauty and simplicity. "Count no man happy until his death," said old Solomon the Greek philosopher, said many years ago, and he was correct in his view, for it was only after a man had passed away that his fellows were in a position to view the life as a whole and speak of him with certainty. Dr. James had entered into the joy of his Lord full of honor, and enjoying the respect of the whole Presbyterian church.

The congregations of Lin and Ospringe honored their pastor by holding special services on June 11th at which Rev. J. A. Matheson of Prieveille and Moderator of Orangeville Presbytery took a leading part as the representative of the presbytery. On Monday a large gathering assembled in the Erin church, and after tea Mr. T. Young, the chairman read an historical account of the church from the time of Rev. D. McMillan, nearly sixty years ago, and dealing specially with the good work done by Mr. Fawcett in his long and helpful pastorate of twenty-five years. Mr. Matheson read a complimentary resolution from the Presbytery of Orangeville thanking both pastor and people for their faithfulness to each other and to Presbyterian ideals in harmoniously living together so long. Mr. Young read an address from the congregation and Mr. Robinson presented Mr. Farlie with a purse of gold. The resident minister and Rev. Buchanan of Dundalk; and Cheyne, of Claude, delivered congratulatory addresses and a programme was also rendered by the choir and other friends. A similar meeting was held at Ospringe on Tuesday, and at both gatherings the people evinced their goodwill to their pastor and his excellent wife.

The monthly social meeting of the Stanley Street Ladies' Aid Society, Avr, was held at the residence of Mrs. Jas. Richardson yesterday afternoon. The attendance was very large, some eighty persons being present. After routine business, including arrangements for the annual "Harvest Home," a short program was introduced. Rev. Messrs. Hunter, Card, Grant and Nixon were the speakers. A solo by Rev. Mr. Crossley and a duet by Mrs. (Rev.) Nixon and Mr. Crossley, entitled the "Glorious Song," were highly appreciated.

Have I given to missions "till I feel it?" Which do I pray for most—for missions, or for myself? Am I more afraid of offending God, or of offending some man whom God wants me to help?

#### W. F. M. S. GLENGARRY PRESBYTERIAL.

The 22nd annual meeting of this vigorous society was held in Alexandria on the 21st and 22nd of June. There was a large number of delegates present, and encouraging reports were read from 33 auxiliaries and 16 mission bands. The amount contributed towards Foreign Missions during the past year was \$3,118.73; the weight of clothing sent to Northwest, 1,280 lbs; number of copies of the Foreign Mission Tidings subscribed for, 434. A full report of the annual meeting in Peterborough was given by the president, Mrs. R. Harkness of Cornwall. Several Bible readings were given, and an address to the children by Miss McDougall of India, was interesting.

The public meeting on Wednesday evening was presided over by Rev. D. McLaren. Rev. A. McCallum presented greetings from the Presbytery, and addresses were given by Rev. N. H. McGillivray of Cornwall, and Miss McDougall of India. The beautiful song service was a pleasing feature of the meeting.

From the News, Alexandria: On Thursday morning after the devotional exercises and the reading of minutes, Mrs. Dr. Harkness delivered her address, which contained many helpful suggestions and criticisms. We regret that space will not permit us to give a detailed report of the same.

The reports from the several committees were most encouraging. This was particularly the case with the report of the treasurer, Mrs. J. D. McLennan. The total amount received from auxiliaries was \$2,700.77, and from Mission Bands \$228.00. All of which was forwarded to the central fund, Toronto.

Moose Creek was chosen as the place of meeting in 1906, and the election of officers resulted as follows:—

President, Mrs. R. Harkness, Cornwall; vice-presidents, Mrs. W. A. Morrison, Dalhousie Mills; Mrs. D. McVicar, Finch; Mrs. Wm. McLeod, McCrimmon; Mrs. Langill, Martintown; Mrs. Coburn, Newington; Mrs. Jas. Fraser, Lancaster; treasurer, Mrs. J. D. McLennan; corresponding secretary, Miss A. M. Cline, Cornwall; recording secretary, Miss M. McGregor, Martintown; F. M. L., secretary, Miss J. Copeland, Cornwall.

The last session of the meeting was presided over by Mrs. Jas. Fraser, who conducted "A Model Auxiliary." The interest displayed in this was keen, and many profitable suggestions were presented.

A map exercise, on Japan, by Miss S. B. McCrimmon, and a paper on "The evils of the liquor traffic," by Mrs. Wightman, were appreciated contributions to the afternoon's programme.

At this session, Mrs. Langill, of Martintown, was appointed a delegate to the annual meeting to be held in Winnipeg.

Pleasing features of the meeting were the solos "Star of the East," sung by Miss McNichol, and "Abide with me," by Miss Ada McTae.

With her usual tact and wisdom, Mrs. Gollan conducted the "Round Table Conference." The suggestions offered, the questions asked and the fruitful discussion engaged in, cannot fail to be of benefit to all who participated.

The parting words were given by Mrs. R. C. McGregor, of Sandringham, and after the usual votes of thanks, this most successful twenty second Presbyterian was brought to a close.

Before leaving, refreshments were served by the ladies of the local auxiliary.

The taste for emotion may become a dangerous taste; we should be very cautious how we attempt to squeeze out of human life more ecstasy and paroxysm than it can well afford.—Sydney Smith.

#### ERSKINE CHURCH, HAMILTON.

For a quarter of a century Erskine Church has been zealously prosecuting the Lord's work in the west end of the city, and its people have reason to be proud of the accomplishments of that period. They have prepared a celebration of the semi-jubilee of the church, which will begin to-morrow and continue for one week, closing on Sunday, July 2. Like some of the other Presbyterian churches of the city, Erskine owes its origin to the missionary spirit of Central Presbyterian Church. In the spring of 1874 Central purchased a lot on Pearl street between Florence and York, Pearl St. Mission was built, and the late Hugh Young as superintendent and the late Duncan Robertson as leader of the singing. Rev. John McColl, then pastor of Central, took an active part in the work of the mission. In a short time the mission grew to such numerical strength that it was deemed advisable to get a student pastor, and Mr. Reed, of Knox College, was secured. He was succeeded by Mr. Thomas Scouler.

In July, 1880, the people of the mission petitioned the Presbytery to be allowed to organize a congregation, which was granted, and organization at once took place. Mr. Scouler had, in the meantime, completed his course, was called as pastor and was ordained and inducted the following December. He was thus first pastor and first moderator of the session of Erskine Church, the other members of the session being Alexander Thompson, Robert Allen, Ex-Mayor George Murison, Samuel Crawford and John McBean. Under Mr. Scouler the present church was built in 1884, July 1 next being the 21st anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone.

Mr. Scouler's pastorate lasted until 1887, when he went to New Westminster, B. C. Rev. W. J. Dey succeeded him, and was pastor for two years, going from here to Simcoe, Ont. After a vacancy of over a year Rev. J. G. Shearer, then of Caledonia, was called, and accepted the pastorate, which he held exactly nine years, leaving to take the office of field secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance. Under him the church had great prosperity and rapid growth. Rev. R. Martin came in June, 1900, and was pastor for four and a half years, leaving to go to Knox Church, Stratford. The present pastor, Rev. S. B. Russell, entered upon his duties in May last.

Erskine now has a membership of nearly 700, a strong Sunday school, and its work is thoroughly organized in all departments.

Rev. Dr. Lyle has ever taken an active interest in the welfare of the church, and is considered one of its staunchest friends.

#### BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

The latest official census of Russia shows that the country has a population of 125,640,021, comprising 37 tribes and nationalities.

In nearly every street of the cities of Japan there is a public oven, where for a small fee people may have their dinners cooked.

A Swiss authority insists that 200 Russians will spend more in a month than 1,000 British men and women for the same period of time.

Britain's Envoy to Russia demanded satisfaction for the sinking of the steamer St. Kilda, and a promise that such a thing shall not happen again.

There are now few ministers in Greenock U. F. Presbytery who were ordained in the seventies or earlier, but one of the oldest is Rev. George Rae, who celebrates his semi-jubilee as minister of the Ashton U. F. Church.

Gifts recently made to Princeton University include 3,226 acres of land almost contiguous to the University property, more than doubling its present holdings, an annual income of \$100,000, and a recitation hall to cost about \$300,000.