

now they have 764 thank-offering meetings organized in Bible times, and were of the first and best fruits. Mrs. Fair then read a piece of poetry written by Mrs. Moscrip, quite an old lady of St. Mary's, entitled "An Appeal to Woman for Woman." Misses Hattie and Linnie Irwin then sang by request, "Why stand ye here idle?" Mrs. Gunn, of Boston, brought greetings from the Society of Boston, and also told about the work in Erromanga as carried on by two special friends of her own; she also read an extract from a letter from Mr. Robertson. All joined in singing a hymn while the collection was taken up. Mrs. Lough made the dedicatory prayer. Miss Janet Wilson then gave an original paper on a few reasons why we should work for missions: 1st, The great need; 2nd, It is Christ's command; 3rd, The love of Christ; 4th, Gratitude, we are not Jews, but Gentiles; 5th, We ourselves receive good thereby; 6th, Success is certain, because God has promised. This paper was excellent, and was well worth hearing. Miss Sadie Sibley sang "Scatter sunshine." Miss McTaggart read the thank-offering leaflet, "Mrs. Thurston's repentance." All joined in singing the closing hymn, "A universal prayer." The monthly roll and thank-offering together were \$31.

The services in connection with the opening and dedication of the new building of St. Andrew's church, Sonya, which were held on Oct. 22nd and 23rd, were a decided success. On Sabbath, morning and evening, large and appreciative audiences listened to able and instructive sermons by the Rev. Principal Grant, of Queen's University, Kingston. Overflow meetings conducted by Rev. J. Mehan, of Port Perry, were held in the old building, for those who could not gain admittance to the new. In the afternoon the Principal delivered an address on the "Parliament of Religions at Chicago," to a densely packed audience. The churches in the immediate vicinity, Presbyterian and Methodist, were closed for the day, and both pastors and people attended the opening services. This is evidence of the Christian spirit which prevails in the community. On Monday afternoon and evening, the exercises were continued by a platform-meeting, tea and lecture. Congratulations were extended to the pastor and congregation by many clergymen and laymen in the neighbourhood and from a distance. Mr. Dewey, Methodist, Sunderland; Rev. R. Whiteman, Port Perry; the Rev. M. N. Bethune, of Beaver-ton, delivered an eloquent and instructive lecture on "The Bible not of man." Excellent music was furnished throughout, on Sabbath by the home choir, and Monday afternoon and evening by the choir of Chalmers church, Uxbridge. The proceeds amounted to nearly \$400. The new building is a very fine structure for a country place. It is of red brick, with Ohio freestone trimmings, 58x38, with massive tower, and will seat 500 persons. There is a commodious basement for S.S. purposes, vestry, library, etc. Plans were designed and the work superintended by Mr. W. R. Gregg, architect, Toronto. The cost will be in the vicinity of \$6000. The pastor, Rev. P. A. McLeod, B.D., and his people are to be congratulated on this new era in their congregational history.

Presbyterianism on the North Arm, B.C., owes more to Mr. and Mrs. McCleery than it can well repay. Thirty years ago Mr. McCleery landed in the Province from

the north of Ireland. He settled at the North Arm, and was never lax in his attendance upon ordinances at Westminster, twelve miles off. With his brother, the late Samuel McCleery, they paddled their raft every Sabbath to Westminster, and when settlers began to come in. Mr. McCleery and his brother urged the forming of a mission station at the North Arm. Service was given as Mr. Jamieson was able, and the McCleerys were always the chief contributors. In course of time, the church was formed in the house of Mrs. McCleery's brother, on Sea Island, humorously styled "St. Patrick's Cathedral," and from that time till now, Mr. and Mrs. McCleery have never ceased to show an anxious care for the welfare of the church. Their untiring zeal, their unceasing interest, and their generous liberality, have been the chief factors in helping to build up what the Home Mission Committee called, "that most spirited congregation." To mark their regard for, and gratitude to Mr. and Mrs. McCleery for all their help in past years, the congregation felt that it could not pass without some token of respect, the twentieth anniversary of their wedding. Accordingly, on Friday evening, October 27th, about forty couples, principally members of the Richmond Presbyterian church, drove to the residence of Mr. and Mrs. McCleery, North Arm, and helped them to celebrate their china wedding. It was a complete surprise to the popular couple, but their astonishment was greatly increased when Rev. Jas. Buchanan stepped forward, and on behalf of the congregation of the Presbyterian church, presented Mr. and Mrs. McCleery with three beautiful china vases, a silver and china cake basket, a handsome silver and china pickle dish, and a silver inkstand, accompanying the same with a very kind and affectionate address. The recipients were nearly overcome, and with difficulty managed to express their hearty thanks to the friends and neighbours assembled.

PRESBYTERY MEETINGS.

The Presbytery of Lindsay met in Canington, on the 17th ult., with a fair attendance. Rev. H. Currie was appointed Moderator pro tem. Rev. P. A. McLeod was appointed stated Clerk. Encouraging reports were given in on H. M. work. The two vacancies within the bounds were reported as prospering. Presbyterial visitation was ordered to be commenced immediately after the Christmas holidays. Mr. Henry Rogers was certified to the H. M. Board for employment during the winter months. A public Conference on the State of Religion was held in the evening.—P. A. McLeod, Clerk.

Chatham Presbytery met pro re nata in First church, Chatham, on Tuesday, 31st Oct. A call from St. Andrew's, Windsor, to Rev. J. C. Tolmie, B.A., of First church, Brantford, was presented. It was signed by 321 members and 40 adherents. The stipend guaranteed was \$1,600, payable monthly. Mr. Alex. Bartlett was heard in support of the call, stating that it was practically unanimous, the people in Windsor, and especially the young people, being very anxious that Presbytery should sustain the call, and Mr. Tolmie accept it. On motion duly made and seconded, the call was sustained as a regular Gospel call, and it was ordered to be forwarded to Paris Presbytery.—W. M. Fleming, Clerk.

The Presbytery of Ottawa held its regular quarterly meeting on Tuesday, the 7th inst., in Bank street church, Ottawa. The Rev. Charles A. Doudet, Moderator, in the chair. There was a very large attendance of ministers, all save four being present. The first business was the call from Knox church, Ottawa. In the absence of Mr. Herridge, the Moderator of Session, Mr. J. McMillan, Clerk of Session, reported what had been done. The call had been given to the Rev. Robert Johnston, B.A., of Windsor. It was signed by 290 members and 54 adherents. The guarantee of stipend was for \$2,500. Dr. Armstrong moved that the action of the Moderator be sustained. Mr. Scott seconded, and it was agreed. After hearing the Commissioners, Mr. J. Millan and Mr. J. McJanet, as to the heartiness and practical unanimity of the call, Dr. Armstrong moved that it be sustained as a regular Gospel call and that the Clerk be instructed to forward it with all the necessary papers, to the Presbytery of Lindsay, with the request that they bring the matter to a speedy issue. The reasons of translation were read and ordered to be forwarded along with the call. Mr. Herridge and Mr. Geo. Hay were appointed to represent the Presbytery at the meeting of the Lindsay Presbytery, and in case Mr. Herridge could not fulfil this appointment, Dr. Moore was appointed to act in his stead. Various reports of visitation of augmented congregations were received, and those who had visited, thanked for their dili-

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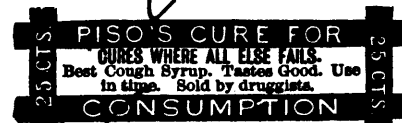
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