

Ministers and Churches.

Toronto.

The Chinese meeting in Knox Church on Monday night was a gratifying success. The school room was packed with friends, there being about 300 Chinese present. The singing of hymns and Scripture readings by the Chinese pupils gave evidence of the encouraging progress being made by them in acquiring the English language, and in appreciation of Christian truth. An exhibition of Chinese music by a Chinese orchestra, was most entertaining. The Rev. Dr. R. P. MacKay presided, and stated that a church is now in process of erection in Canton Province, to which the church in which they were meeting had contributed \$800, and was to be called Knox Church Shek-ki. The church is to cost \$2,000, of which \$1,200 are being given by the Chinese themselves. That mission in Macao was last year supported entirely by Chinese in Canada. In order to assist them a collection was taken which amounted to \$77, which the chairman stated would support a native preacher for a whole year. There are some nine Chinese schools in Presbyterian churches in Toronto, and the superintendent of each in a few apt words gave the record of each. The teachers were much encouraged by the success of the meeting.

Montreal.

The usual New Year's rallies were celebrated by the Sunday-schools of the various Protestant denominations in the city on Monday. Erskine Church, which was the meeting place of the children of the Presbyterian schools, was filled to its utmost capacity. The proceedings were rendered remarkable by the demonstration which followed Principal Scrimger's announcement of the fall of Port Arthur. Old and young rose to their feet and cheered again and again. The enthusiasm was renewed when a Chinese boy appeared on the platform and waved the yellow flag. The scholars of the Italian, Chinese and French schools sang hymns in their respective languages, and appropriate addresses were given by Principal Scrimger (who presided), the Rev. F. Walker (of Maisonneuve Mission), and the Rev. Dr. Johnston (of the American Church). Principal Scrimger mentioned the fall of Port Arthur in order that he might draw from the example of the Japanese an illustration of the value of perseverance; the Rev. F. Walker based an instructive lesson on the characteristics of the dandelion; and the Rev. Dr. Johnston greatly interested the children in a little story with a moral about a grain of wheat.

At the Chinese social in the American Presbyterian Church the Rev. Dr. Johnston presiding in his ever happy way. The nicely decorated lecture hall was crowded with Chinese, their teachers and friends. The interesting songs and recitations, of the little tots delighted the audience. About a dozen of them, with half as many Chinese ladies, were present in their finery, the former each being given a cornucopia of candy and an orange from the Christmas tree. The unusual feature was rather in view of the passage of a decade in the work of the Chinese mission, calling forth congratulations to the missionaries, Dr. and Mrs. Thomson; Mr. Chin Sing, assistant, and the superintendents of the various Sunday-Schools.

Quebec.

This is a "Week of Prayer" in the Maisonneuve Church, Montreal.

The Rev. Dr. Kellock, late of Richmond, was inducted by the Presbytery of Quebec as pastor of Leeds Church, Kinnear's Mills, Rev. P. D. Muir acting as moderator, while Rev. W. Shearer, of Sherbrooke, conducted divine service and preached. The moderator gave a brief account of the steps that had led up to the call and settlement, and having put the prescribed questions to Dr. Kellock, inducted him by authority of the presbytery into the pastoral charge of the congregation. Mr. Shearer then addressed the congregation on their duties to their pastor. Dr. Kellock received a hearty welcome on being introduced to the congregation.

A farewell gathering in honor of Rev. Dr. Kellock and family were held in St. Andrew's Church, Upper Melbourne, on Wednesday evening last, when a large number of members and friends assembled to say good bye to him on the eve of his departure to Kinnear's Mills. After refreshments had been partaken of, Mr.

N. Coburn was called to the chair, and conducted the meeting in his usual felicitous manner. Several speeches, interspersed with appropriate and excellent music, were given. The chairman then presented Dr. Kellock with a beautiful pair of fur gauntlets from the ladies of the congregation. Mrs. Kellock received a handsome travelling bag and a purse of money, and Miss Jessie Kellock a silver-backed mirror, from the young men of the congregation. Dr. Kellock replied for all in a most feeling manner, and referred in highest terms of praise to the unbroken harmony and loyalty which had always been shown to him and his family by the whole congregation. The gathering broke up after singing "God be with you till we meet again."

Eastern Ontario.

The Rev. J. Beckett, of Sundridge, is spending the holiday season with his family in Toronto. Rev. James Wallace, B. D., of Lindsay, paid a hasty visit to his parents and friends in Renfrew last week.

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was observed in St. Andrew's Church, Appleton, last Sabbath.

The anniversary services in connection with St. Andrew's church, Carleton Place will be held on January 15th, when Rev. Dr. Herridge, of Ottawa, will preach.

A very successful Christmas tree entertainment was held under the auspices of St. Luke's church, Finch, when an attractive programme was presented to the audience.

Ald. A. E. Ames, M. P., of Montreal, lectured on "An Evening in Canada," at the annual Sunday School entertainment of Knox Church, Cornwall. During the evening there was a distribution of prizes to the scholars.

Rev. A. H. and Mrs. Scott, of Perth, were married twenty-five years ago Saturday and the ladies of St. Andrew's congregation marked the anniversary by presenting Mrs. Scott with some chaste sterling silver-ware.

In response to a request from Rev. R. S. Scott, who is a missionary labouring among the Galicians, for clothing for the children, the Bondhead Presbyterians have responded most liberally, sending by express a bale weighing 150 pounds.

Rev. M. H. Wilson, of Snake River, in St. Andrew's, Renfrew, preached the home mission sermon last Sunday morning. His address was a masterly appeal on behalf of missions in the Canadian Northwest. Rev. J. Hay, pastor of St. Andrew's, took the service for Mr. Wilson.

The thankoffering services in Kendal church, fell on a cold and stormy day but were a success. The chief points of interest were good discourses by the pastor, good collections and an excellent address by Rev. Irwin on Monday evening.

It was a pleasing sight to see the two Cornwall congregations unite in services on Sabbath, Jan. 1st. The morning meeting was held in St. John's Church, and the evening meeting in Knox Church. Rev. N. H. McGillivray preached at both services. The pastor of Knox Church was in Tweed conducting anniversary meetings.

On Monday evening of last week a most successful Christmas tree and entertainment was held in the Maxville Church. The affair, which was under the auspices of the Sunday School, was most successful from every point of view. The attendance was very large, while the programme was a most delightful one. Rev. Jas. Cormack, of Ottawa, filled the duties of chairman in a most acceptable manner. During the evening, short addresses were delivered by Revs. J. T. Daley, and H. D. Leitch.

A meeting of St. Andrew's congregation was held in the 2nd concession church on Tuesday, of last week, to consider a better means by which Curry Hill and the Stone Church, Lancaster, can have weekly Sabbath service instead of fortnightly as at present. Revs. Langill and Govan and Dr. Harkness were appointed by the Presbytery to interview the congregation in regard to this matter. No practical result was reached.

On Saturday Prof. Wildgust was waited upon in the vestry of St. Andrew's church, Carleton Place, by Mr. J. F. Cram, who on behalf of the congregation and without ceremony, presented him with a neat leather pocket-book containing sixteen sovereigns in appreciation of his services to the church as organist and choir leader, and wishing him and his merry Christmas. Mr. Wildgust was much taken by surprise, but thanked the donors most sincerely.

Rev. Dr. McLaren, Home Mission Secretary, preached impressive anniversary sermons in the Bradford Church, on the 10th inst. The attendance was large. A free will offering unto the Lord at each service formed part of the worship. Some \$145 were given, this being the sum asked for, also a donation of \$25 from two former members of the congregations.

Melville church Sunday School, Eganville, held their annual Christmas Tree entertainment in the church on Friday evening last. The children rendered a pleasing programme of songs, recitations, dialogues, etc., and were made happy by receiving many Christmas presents. The occasion was taken advantage of by the congregation to make a Christmas gift to the pastor, Rev. Mr. Rattray. On their behalf Mr. James Guthrie presented the rev. gentleman with a fur cap and a sum of money, the receipt of which elicited suitable acknowledgment.

The Carp Auxiliary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and the Ladies' Aid Society of Carp church held joint annual meetings at the home of Mrs. R. H. McElroy. The reports of the missionary societies showed that the thankoffering this year had amounted to over \$27, the total receipts being \$50.86. A box valued at about \$40 had been sent out to Birtle reserve. The officers were re-elected as follows: President, Mrs. Harry Macdougall; Vice-president, Mrs. J. W. McElroy; Treasurer, Mrs. Alex. Andrews; Secretary, Miss E. F. Wilson. The Ladies Aid Society reported the receipts of the recent bazaar—the first bazaar ever held in the village—to have been \$125. The officers elected were as follows: President, Mrs. R. H. McElroy; Vice-president, Mrs. E. P. Pearson; Secretary, Miss Alice Wilson; Treasurer, Miss Isobel Macdougall.

At the successful Sunday School entertainment of Salem Church, Summerstown, the pastor, Rev. J. Matheson, presented the diplomas granted by the General Assembly to those who had accurately recited the whole of the short catechism at one sitting. The winners were Miss Lily Cameron (one of the teachers), Miss Sarah Matilda Chafee, Miss Florence M. Matheson and Homer L. Matheson. Mr. Matheson also presented two prize books to those who had given the most help in his class during the past year. The first, "Errormanga, the Martyr Isle," by Rev. H. A. Robertson, was awarded to Wm. McLean, who, although 87 years of age, is unusually active for a man of his years, and has always taken a very lively interest in all Sunday School work. The second prize, "Dr. Luke of the Labrador," by Norman Duncan, was won by A. D. Matheson.

At the annual thankoffering meeting of the W. F. M. S. of St. Andrew's church, Ashton, the President, Mrs. A. Wilson, occupied the chair. The Home Sec'y called the roll to which all the members responded. Mrs. Wm. Baird led in the responsive reading and after devotional exercises and singing the president introduced Mrs. Gardiner, of Ottawa, President of the Ottawa Presbyterian, who gave a splendid address, based on the mission work of the W. F. M. S. The choir gave an anthem and Mrs. Bayne gave the dedicatory prayer. After the usual vote of thanks Rev. G. T. Bayne closed the meeting with the benediction.

Western Ontario.

Rev. James Wilson, of Glencoe, is unanimously called to Dovercourt Church, Toronto. Salary \$1,500 per annum.

Rev. R. P. McKay, D. D., F. M. Secretary, conducted missionary services in Victoria Church, Lambton Mills, last Sunday morning.

Rev. R. McKay, recently from Nova Scotia, has been preaching very acceptably in Burns' Church for several Sabbaths.

The Home Mission Society of Knox Church, Tara, have purchased a new organ, and on Monday evening there was an organ recital, when a very attractive programme was presented.

Anniversary services were conducted in Knox Church, Stratford, on Christmas Day, by the Rev. R. Martin, B.A., of Hamilton, who preached two very impressive sermons to large congregations.

Rev. Dr. Murray, of Kincardine, preached anniversary sermons in the Kilsyth Church last Sunday, giving his graphic lecture on "The Yellow Stone Park" on Monday evening. The sermons and lecture will not soon be forgotten.

The managers and elders of Macnab Street Church, Hamilton, have selected three members from each body to act as a committee in conjunc-