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OTTAWA.

The Ladies' Aid Society of Glebe church gave an At Home to the ladies of the congregation last week. It was a very successful affair.

Last Sunday, on account of illness in Rev. Mr. McElroy's family, Rev. Dr. Moore conducted the services in Stewarson church.

The anniversary services of St. Paul's church will be held on the 15th instant, when Rev. Prof. Welsh, D.D., of the Presbyterian College, Montreal, will preach morning and evening. On Monday evening the annual social will be held, for which an attractive programme is being prepared.

The congregational social given by the Ladies' Aid Society of Stewarson church proved a great success, about 300 being present. Solos were rendered by Mrs. George Gibson, Mr. W. R. Burrill, and Mr. Charles A. Cook. Miss Marion Seymour and Mr. J. Arnold Thompson gave recitations. The chair was occupied by Mr. Hugh Williams. The Ladies' Aid served refreshments in their usually tasteful manner when the programme was concluded, and thereafter a pleasant social hour was greatly enjoyed.

The Woman's Home Mission Auxiliary of Bank street church, which meets regularly on the last Tuesday of each month, held its annual meeting on the 26th ult., at which reports of the last year's work were given and the following officers were elected: Hon. president, Rev. James Turnbull; president, Mrs. R. Tanner; 1st vice-president, Mrs. Turnbull; 2nd vice-president, Mrs. Ault; treasurer, Miss Greenshields; corresponding secretary, Miss A. Hardie; recording secretary, Miss E. Braden; "pioneer" secretary, Miss M. Dewar; convener programme committee, Miss M. F. B. Allan; pianist, Miss Robertson; executive committee, Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. S. Stewart, Miss M. Turnbull. Contributions to missions for the year amounted to \$67.48, of which \$47.65 was "thank offering." A bale of children's clothing valued at \$40 was sent to Teulon hospital, Teulon, Man., also literature to different mission fields.

The December F. M. Tidings contains the following list of new Life Members: Nancy Stewart Reid, Murray Mitchell Auxiliary, St. James' Square, Toronto; Miss Marguerite Adams, Murray Mitchell Auxiliary, St. James' Square, Toronto; Mrs. Wm. Grayson, presented by Newdale Auxiliary, January 1st, 1907, Newdale; Mrs. D. A. Creasor, Knox Church Auxiliary, Winnipeg; Mrs. David McGregor, Knox Church Auxiliary, Winnipeg; Mrs. John H. Williams, W.F.M.S. Aux., Fletcher; Mrs. Gladys Crowe, Westminster Auxiliary, Winnipeg; Mrs. Wm. Brydon, Westminster Church Auxiliary, Winnipeg; Mrs. Gertrude McFee, Westminster Auxiliary, Winnipeg, Westmont, Que.; Mrs. Geo. E. Neilson, presented by Arnprior Auxiliary, Arnprior; Miss M. McGregor, W.F.M.S., Kippen; Mrs. John Marshall, Knox Church Auxiliary, St. Catharines; Mrs. Richard Mills, Mt. Pleasant Auxiliary, Vancouver; Miss Martha Brown, Knox Church Auxiliary, St. Mary's; Miss Montgomery, The Topp Auxiliary, Knox Church, Toronto; Mrs. Janet Rennie, presented by Sarnia Presbyterial, Nairn.

At Arnprior Rev. J. J. Wright, a returned missionary from Yukon, addressed St. Andrew's congregation on home missions, as carried on in the northern wilds. Mr. Wright is collecting for Queen's University endowment fund.

EASTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. Mr. Moore, of Braeside, has accepted the call to Pickering, Whitby Presbytery.

The stipend offered Rev. Mr. Knox, called to Calvin church, Pembroke, is \$1,500 and a manse.

The repairs to the shed and Manse at Springville are nearing completion, and the church property is now in excellent shape.

Rev. Mr. Hewett, late of Severn Bridge, has accepted the call to Middleville and Darling, in Lanark and Renfrew Presbytery.

Rev. Dr. Campbell occupied the pulpit in Zion church, Carleton Place, on a recent Sunday, the pastor, Mr. Scott, being away on a missionary trip up north.

On a recent Sunday, Dr. Marsh preached anniversary sermons at Lakevale for Rev. Horace A. Peckover, who conducted the services at Springville and Bethany, delivering sermons in the interests of missions.

At the Thank-offering meeting of the W. F. M. Auxiliary of Zion church, Carleton Place, the chair was ably filled by Mrs. W. A. Patterson, and those present listened to an excellent address by Rev. Mr. Daly, of Almonte. The offering amounted to \$127.00.

At the Millbrook Presbyterian church last week there was that ever-pleasant ceremony performed of the burning of the mortgage. There was a large attendance. Rev. Mr. Thompson, of Hastings, clerk of the Presbytery, was the chief speaker. Other invited ministers on the platform were Rev. Mr. Cooper, of Port Perry Presbyterian church, and Rev. Dr. Marsh, of Springville.

The seventy-second anniversary of Orono congregation was observed on Sabbath, November 24th. Rev. H. E. Abraham of Port Hope was the preacher for the occasion and gave two excellent sermons. The offering for the day amounted to one hundred and nineteen dollars. This congregation has had four pastors in seventy-two years. Messrs. George Lawrence, J. A. G. Calder, A. Fraser and the present pastor, Rev. J. A. McKeen.

The Thank-offering meeting of the W. F. M. Auxiliary of St. Andrew's church, Carleton Place, was addressed by Rev. J. H. Bruce, a returned missionary from Honan, who gave most interesting information respecting Presbyterian mission operations in that distant land. Mrs. A. W. Bell presided. The offering amounted to the large sum of \$260, the largest in the history of the society. The dedicatory prayer was offered by the pastor, Rev. J. J. Monds. The attendance was large, and the meeting was a success in every respect.

At the induction of Rev. W. J. Knox, late of Strathroy, into the pastorate of Calvin church, Pembroke, Rev. Dr. Hay, of Scotland, moderator of the Presbytery, presided; Rev. D. N. Coburn, of Smith's Falls, preached the sermon; Rev. T. W. Goodwill, of Cobden, addressed the minister; and Rev. John Hay, B.D., of Renfrew, delivered the charge to the congregation. The members of this large and influential congregation gave Mr. Knox a very hearty reception, and he enters upon his work in Pembroke under the most gratifying prospects for success.

The Peterboro Review of the 23rd ult. says: The elders and managers of Springville and Bethany Presbyterian churches met at the Manse, Springville, last night, and spent a social time. They

were accompanied by their wives and passed a most enjoyable evening. It was the occasion of the first anniversary of the pastorate of Rev. Dr. Marsh, who is very popular with all the members of Springville and Bethany Presbyterian churches. Under his direction the temporal and spiritual affairs of the congregations are in good condition. About sixty members have been added during the past two months in Springville church. After congratulatory speeches were made and refreshments served by Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Marsh, a very profitable hour or two was spent in viewing the stars through Rev. Dr. Marsh's telescope.

The Lanark and Renfrew Presbytery is noted for the orderly transaction of its business. From a long docket the following items are noted: Rev. A. H. Scott presented a report on the two funds of the church which deal with the support of the aged and infirm ministers and the widows and orphans. Over 300 aged men and widows of departed ministers draw from these two funds of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Rev. A. A. Scott advocated the home missions department and presented a claim of \$1,700 from the Assembly committee as the amount expected from the Presbytery. Rev. John Hay reported in behalf of the Augmentation committee and urged that branch of the work should be well sustained. The department of social and moral reform, organized at the Assembly of 1907, was spoken to by Rev. D. Currie, for whom a resolution of condolence was recorded on account of affliction in his home. Rev. E. W. Mackay addressed the Presbytery on the subject of systematic giving. Rev. Mr. Peck, speaking in the interests of the Sabbath school work of the church, outlined a plan in contemplation for the holding of four institutes in four centres of the presbyterial area during the coming winter. Rev. Mr. Coburn, the successor to Mr. Cooke in Smith's Falls, was appointed to represent the Presbytery at the next meeting of the Lanark and Renfrew Women's Foreign Mission Society Presbyterial.

Sydney (N. S.) Presbytery, at a meeting held last week, unanimously decided to put in nomination the name of the Rev. Clarence McKinnon, Winnipeg, for the chair of Practical Theology and Church History, now vacant at the Presbyterian College, Halifax. Mr. McKinnon is well and favorably known here, and his acceptance of the chair would be welcomed throughout the east.

A most successful year was reported at the forty-seventh public meeting of the Knox College Students' Missionary Society. Last summer thirty-six students had charge of missions in the west, an increase of two. If sufficient subscriptions are received they hope to put from forty-five to fifty missionaries in the field next summer. Last year the public subscribed \$9,000 to the society. Mr. A. M. Dallas, B.A., gave an account of his work last summer among the loggers of British Columbia. The Rev. D. C. Hossack, who occupied the chair, and the Rev. J. G. Shearer, secretary of the Moral and Religious Reform Association of the Presbyterian Church, gave short addresses on home missions.

The Rev. J. H. Hamilton of Weston preached anniversary sermons in Alexandra church, Brantford, on Sunday last to the delight of large and appreciative audiences. It was a real pleasure to many of his friends to hear his voice once more.