

LINDSAY NOTES.

At the last regular meeting of Presbytery in Lindsay, Rev. R. McEachern, of Leaskdale, was elected moderator for the next half year. The next regular meeting was appointed to be held in Lindsay on the first Tuesday in March at 11 o'clock a.m. and Messrs. Wallace, Lord and Findlay were appointed to arrange for a conference to be held in connection therewith.

Rev. James Hodges, of Oshawa, addressed the Court in the interests of the Synod's Home Missions Committee, and Rev. W. W. McRae of Knox, Beaverton, presented the claims of Knox College.

The loss by fire of the church at Cobocoonk was a severe blow to the congregation there. The Presbytery listened sympathetically to the statement made by the Minister, Mr. J. Ross, and appointed a committee to visit Cobocoonk to see what can be done towards erecting a new building.

Resolutions anent the translations of Messrs. A. U. Campbell, lately of St. Andrew's, Quaker Hill, and H. D. Leitch, lately of Sonja, were adopted and copies of the same were ordered to be forwarded.

The induction of Mr. H. N. Konkile took place at Sonja on the 18th inst. There was a large attendance and the services were very interesting. Mr. A. J. Mann, of Woodville, conducted public worship, Mr. T. M. Wesley of Sunderland, presided. Mr. C. S. Lord, of Fenelon Falls, addressed the minister and Mr. G. Munro, of Oakwood, addressed the people.

The annual Children's Christmas entertainment at St. Andrew's, Beaverton, was held on the 22nd and was a great success, and quite kept up the brilliant record of past years. A feature of unusual interest took place near the close when Santa Claus from among his gifts produced a large box and called upon Miss Muir, president of the Young People's Guild, to present to the pastor a beautiful silk pulpit gown, and asked Mr. R. McKay to read the following address:—"Rev. D. W. Best, Dear Sir:—The Guild and young people of the congregation consider the present festive season an appropriate time for expressing their appreciation of your systematic and untiring efforts for their intellectual and religious progress, and wish to emphasize the sentiment by adding a slight token of their regard and esteem.

Accept then this Pulpit Gown with their warmest wishes for a glad Christmas and a Happy New Year, and know that it is their sincere and earnest hope that the same garment may long hang in the vestry of St. Andrew's Church, Beaverton."

Rev. Turner, of Kirkfield has been preaching in the Orillia Presbyterian Church.

The annual Christmas Tree entertainment of St. John's church, Cornwall, was as usual a great success. The programme of 28 items, consisting of speeches, recitations, choruses, instrumental solos and duets, was received with hearty applause. The tree for the occasion, which, by the way, was an excellent one, was heavily laden with presents for both young and old. At the intermission the chairman, Rev. N. H. McGillivray, called upon the Sabbath School superintendent, J. G. Harkness, to make a presentation. The happy recipient was Miss Garvin. In a few well chosen words Mr. Harkness, on behalf of the Sabbath School staff, presented Miss Garvin with an umbrella as a slight token of appreciation for long, faithful and valued services as a Sabbath School teacher. During the evening the pastor presented Miss Ella Black with a beautifully engraved diploma, given by authority of the General Assembly, to all scholars who successfully recite the shorter catechism. The recipient was highly complimented on her success.

EASTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. W. J. McQuarrie who recently resigned the pastorate of Pittsburg and Sandhill goes to Yellow Grass, Sask.

Rev. Mr. Prettie of Vernon occupied the pulpit in St. Andrew's church, Metcalfe, on a recent Sunday evening.

Rev. D. M. MacLeod, late of Billings Bridge, was the preacher in St. Andrew's church, Appleton, on a recent Sunday.

Rev. James Cormack, of Ottawa, very acceptably supplied the pulpit of Knox church, Vankleek Hill, on Sabbath last week.

The induction of Rev. H. W. Konkile as pastor of the Sonja church took place on the 18th inst. The interesting ceremony was followed by a social reception in the evening.

The Christmas Tree in the Melville church, Ashton, proved to be one of the finest held there for some time. The church was filled to overflowing, many having to stand. Mr. A. Morton made a very efficient chairman. The usual large number of Christmas gifts were distributed at the close of the entertainment.

The annual Christmas entertainment of the Weethoro Sunday school was a most enjoyable event. A varied programme was presented, and Rev. D. Findlay gave an appropriate address. The arrangements for the social were in charge of Mr. James Hill, superintendent, and Mr. J. A. Murphy, and proved satisfactory to all concerned.

Last Sabbath week the people of Knox Church, McDonald's Corners, celebrated the second anniversary of the opening of their new church. Rev. Wm. McDonald, of Lanark, was the special preacher invited for the occasion, and took advantage of the opportunity to link the past and future into a message of inspiration and hope for the present.

The social evening of the Young People's Union of Knox church, Beaverton, was a pleasant event. Mr. J. McCullough acted as chairman, and opened the meeting with the singing of the long-metre Doxology, which was followed by an excellent programme, consisting of readings by Miss M. Calder, Miss B. Galloway, and Mrs. J. C. Morrison, with a recitation by Miss Beatrice Logan and three well-rendered and pleasing solos, sung by Miss Jennie Galloway, Miss Annie Calder, and Mr. McCullough.

At the annual thankoffering meeting of Zion church (Carleton Place) auxiliary of W. F. M. Society, Mrs. W. A. Patterson, president of the society, conducted the meeting and made the dedicatory prayer. Mrs. F. McEwan read the lesson, Miss M. McRostie offered the opening prayer and Mrs. A. Wilson, of Appleton, gave the address—a very able address indeed, the topic being "Thanksgiving," and some reasons why we should give thanks. The young ladies acted as ushers and also took up the offering which exceeded \$100.

The Presbyterian congregation of Avonmore and their popular pastor, Rev. Dr. Maclean, are to be congratulated on the success that has attended his ministry in this place. When Mr. Melean received a call about three years ago, the congregation were only paying \$750; now they are paying a stipend of \$1,000 a year. The congregation evidently appreciate his labors here, as evidenced by the fact that some time ago they gave him a three-months' vacation, paying for pulpit supply during his absence, and on his return a few days ago presented him with a fine Jersey cow, and Mrs. Maclean with a beautiful fur-lined coat.

The choir loft or stall should be a second pulpit in the church and the choir a second preacher.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

The only Irish crop that shows any increase over last year is hay.

There is a great deal of destitution in Ayr, and the outlook is far from promising.

The royal infirmary, Edinburgh, has received a bequest of \$1,500 by the will of the late Mr. Peter Easson, Perth. It is to be known as the "Easson Brothers' Bequest."

At Ajmer, Rajputana, India, on the 21st ult., aged 67, died the Rev. John Husband, R.C.S.L., C.I.E., missionary of the United Free Church.

Old age pensions in Dundee will amount to \$2,500 per week.

The Marconi wireless telegraph station, about which so much was spoken at one time, has vanished from Fraseburg.

Under the new Education bill the grant payable to denominational schools will be increased from 3s. 6d. per head to 6s.

The widow of Rev. Dr. Donald Grant has presented the "Life of Gladstone" and 100 other books to Dornoch, Sutherlandshire, Carnegie Library.

A farm of 300 acres owned by Mrs. Wilson who resides in Scotland, and situated at Ballyglass, about ten miles from Castlebar, was cleared of its entire stock of cattle and sheep on November 8.

Owing to the very small number of aliens now coming to England, the Alien Immigration Board rarely sits in London. It has just met for the first time for two months. There were only two cases.

Peterborough cathedral restoration fund, which was started 5 years ago, and has just been closed, has reached over \$250,000.

Twelve Chinamen were baptized in the presence of a crowded congregation at a Liverpool church recently.

Sir Robert Perks, speaking at the City Temple, London declared: "Everywhere to-day we hear of Scotland for the Scotch, Ireland for the Irish, Wales for the Welsh, India for the Indians, China for the Chinese—and England for the English."

Instead of providing wine at a luncheon, which he had given, the High Sheriff of Glamorganshire (Mr. F. W. Gibbins) intimated to his prospective guests that he had sent donations to the Swansea institutions for the blind and the Swansea Orphan Home.

The new Moderator of the English Presbyterian Synod is a Scotchman. He is the Rev. J. Campbell Gibson, senior missionary of the Presbyterian Church at Swatow. Dr. Gibson is a native of Glasgow, a powerful preacher, and has served all his life in the English Presbyterian Church.

Edinburgh has one policeman to every 580 inhabitants, while Glasgow has one to every 568. The average acreage to each officer in Edinburgh is nineteen, while in Glasgow it is only eight.

The north of Scotland had a visit from a very severe snowstorm last week, and Ben Wyvis and many other northern mountains had their winter suit on.

The nine days' meetings in Boston in behalf of the Laymen's Missionary Movement closed with a mass meeting in Symphony Hall at which resolutions were adopted pledging the churches of Boston for \$275,000 to aid in carrying the Gospel to foreign lands. The resolutions pledge the denominations which have joined in the Boston campaign, the Baptist, Congregational, Episcopal, Methodist and Presbyterian, to a large advance in gifts and service.

Self-righteousness is the excess of goodness that one has over his neighbor.