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cularly good. Another very pleasing feature of the evening was the excellent recitals by Miss Annie Richardson, elocutionist, of whom Flesher-ton (her home) may justly feel proud. At the close a prettily decorated Christmas tree was relieved of its precious burden and the presents distributed among the happy children. Proceeds, \$75.

The Rev. H. W. Brown, evangelist and Wolf shon, singer, have for the past week been holding meetings in the town of Blenheim. There has been great interest in, and good results from their labours. The meetings are union, and Mr. Brown is a decided friend of the pastors with whom he labours. Great excitement and stirring up of the feelings is foreign to his method of work. His meetings are conducted quietly, and everything is done in an orderly manner. He is pointed as his illustrations, many of them being drawn from a rich and varied experience. He has been associated with nearly all of the most notable evangelists of the world. His afternoon Bible-readings are replete with the simple teachings of the Bible, and are very instructive. This week will witness the interest on the increase. The singing of Mr. Wolfshon is enjoyed and is given with telling effect. The purpose of these gentlemen is to spend the winter and spring in Canada.

Encouraged by the evident signs of appreciation displayed over the delivery of a couplet of sermons to young men during the latter part of the past year, Rev. Louis H. Jordan, B.D., decided that an additional course of six sermons, addressed to the same constituency, might not be undesirable. The first of this series—all of which will consider "The Ethics of Success"—was delivered a week ago Sunday in St. James' Square Presbyterian Church, city, on "The Ambition to Succeed." Brilliant originality of thought, and exceptional attractiveness of treatment, were evidenced in the discussion of this topic. The first taste of such an intellectual treat makes one eager for the similar pleasures which are in store. Following are the titles of the sermons yet to come: February 3rd, "The Lesson of Life's Yesterdays;" March 3rd, "Secret Faults;" April 7th, "Voices which Mislead;" May 5th, "The Young Prophet of Galilee;" June 2nd, "Christ's Call to Busy Men." It is to be hoped Mr. Jordan will not forget the necessities of young women in this connection.



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A THRIVING CHURCH.

A series of very interesting anniversary services in connection with College Street Presbyterian Church in this city closed on Monday evening, 7th inst. It was twenty years on the last Sabbath of last month since Rev. Alexander Gilray was inducted into the pastorate of the College Street congregation, meeting then in a small rough-cast building situated in the open field. It owed its organization largely to the far-seeing policy for church extension in Toronto of the Rev. Principal King, who, from the first, and the congregation with which he was so long identified, have always taken a special interest in College Street congregation. It began with fifty members and has now upwards of 800. Four years ago a new, large and commodious church was erected capable of seating 1,200, and two years later a Sunday schoolroom was built, the whole costing \$47,000. On the last Sabbath of December, the Rev. L. H. Jordan, B.D., pastor of St. James Square Church, preached in the morning, and Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, B.D., in the evening. Last Sabbath the services were conducted by the Rev. James Stewart, of Prescott. Mr. Stewart preached the first sermon after the induction of Mr. Gilray twenty years ago, and last Sabbath he preached the first discourse on his entering upon the twenty first year of his pastorate. Rev. John Neil, of Westminster Church, gave on Monday evening a lecture on a visit to Holland and the Lakes of Kilarney. All the anniversary services were most interesting and well fitted in their results to encourage both the pastor and people of this thriving congregation.

PRESBYTERY MEETINGS.

The regular meeting of the Presbytery of Toronto was held in St. Andrew's Church, on Tuesday the 8th inst. There was a large attendance of members and of commissioners who had business before the court. St. John's congregation, Toronto, was given permission to elect trustees and secure transfer of deed of property and encumbrance thereon. Mr. Scott, in making the request gratefully acknowledged, on behalf of his congregation, the great kindness of St. James' Square, the mother congregation, towards St. John's congregation, from the day of its inception till the present when they were able to stand alone. A Committee of Presbytery was appointed to act with the Prisoners' Aid Association in promoting the work of the association. A resolution expressing the Presbytery's high regard for the late Rev. John McKay, formerly of Knox Church, Scarborough, and its appreciation of the work he was permitted to do in this Presbytery, was adopted and ordered to be inscribed and a copy forwarded to the relatives of Mr. McKay. Committees were also appointed to draft resolutions respecting the late Prof. Thompson, and Mr. G. E. Freeman. Mr. W. W. Percival's resignation of the charge of Richmond Hill and Thornhill was accepted and Mr. C. A. Campbell, of Maple, was appointed Moderator *ad interim*. The Presbytery agreed to adopt without change the selection of Psalms submitted by the Hymnal Committee. An overture by Mr. John Douglas, a member of Parkdale Presbyterian Church, dealing with the respective and relative duties of the session and the Board of Managers, was remitted to a committee who were instructed to examine it and prepare a report thereon at next meeting of Presbytery. The Presbytery agreed to approve of the remit from General Assembly suggesting the amalgamation of the following standing committees, viz.: State of Religion, Sabbath Observance, Systematic Benevolence and Temperance into one committee. The remit respecting the requirement of one year's service in the mission field before permitting graduates or ministers received from other churches to be inducted over a pastoral charge was considered, and it was agreed to express approval of the remit so far as it dealt with students who had just graduated, and in respect to ministers received from other churches, except as in certain cases that may be exempted by special action of the General Assembly. Dr. Gregg, who was not present when he was nominated for Moderator of the next General Assembly, asked that his name be withdrawn and in response to his very earnest request his name was reluctantly dropped. It was agreed to continue the printing of Presbytery Minutes and Mr. A. C. Gowanlock's tender for printing the minutes was accepted. The committee appointed to meet and confer with the petitioners from Parkdale who desire to form a new congregation presented a careful report. The opinion was expressed that there was not room in Parkdale for three good congregations and the committee recommended that an effort be made to amalgamate the present Fern Ave. congregation and the body of petitioners. It was agreed to continue the committee and instruct them to confer with Fern Ave. Session and Board of Managers and with the petitioners with this end in view, and, if successful, to recommend to the Presbytery in its report at next meeting some suitable site for the new church edifice. A recommendation to allow the petitioners to meet meanwhile in Cowan Ave. Methodist Church was laid on the table till such conference may be held. Messrs. Edward B. Horne and Robert J. Richardson were duly certified to the senate of Knox College as students preparing for the ministry in the Presbyterian Church. —R. C. TRUE, Clerk of Presbytery.

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS.

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MARRIAGES.

At "The Poplars," near New Lowell, on Wednesday, Jan. 2, 1895, by Rev. J. Leishman, Mr. Harry Lawrence of New Lowell to Miss Minnie Martin.

At Huntingdon, on the first inst., by the Rev. James B. Muir, D.D., Gabriel B. Tully, of Kensington, to Maggie, second daughter of Robert Mack, of Elgin.

In Montreal city, on Jan. 2, 1895, by the Rev. F. M. Dewey, M.A., Dougald Campbell, to Margaret Kee, 'nee' Genaghty, both formerly of Ormstown, P.Q.

At St. Andrew's Manse, Sherebrooke, on Friday, Dec. 28th, by the Rev. Wm. Shearer, Thaddeus W. Way, of Rawdon, Que., to Catherine Mary Buchanan, of Lingwick, Que.

At the residence of B. Gott, 17 Campbell St., on Wednesday, Jan. 2nd, by Rev. W. G. Jordan, B.A., Miss Flora E. Gott, of Strathroy, to James Bradford, of Leamington, Ont.

On Wednesday, 2nd inst., at the residence of the bride's mother, by the Rev. Robt. Johnston, B.A., James Wm. Laidlaw of "The Fort," Balsam Lake, to Mary A., eldest daughter of the late Robt. Campbell, Esq., of Kirkfield.

On the 27th ult., at the residence of the bride's parents, by the Rev. Dr. McDonald, Mr. Chauncey Day Crites, of Jackson, Ohio, U.S., to Miss Gertrude Amanda Parker, daughter of Ezra Parker, Esq., of the parish of St. Anicet.

On Jan. 5, at St. James' Square Presbyterian Church, Toronto, by the Rev. Louis H. Jordan, B.D., A Douglas MacArthur, of Messrs. Craig, MacArthur & Co., Toronto, to Lillian S. G., daughter of T. Woodbridge, Esq., of Toronto.

At the South Presbyterian Church, Inverness, on New Year's Day, 1895, by the Rev. James Sutherland, Christopher Thomas Argall, Esq., of Souris, Manitoba, to Mary, eldest daughter of William Dempsey, Esq., St. Pierre Baptiste, County Megantic, Que.

At St. Andrew's Church, Montreal, on the 7th inst., by the Rev. J. Edgar Hill, William Robinson MacInnes, son of the Hon. Donald MacInnes, to Margaret Fisher, only daughter of the Hon. Alexander Cross, late one of the judges of Her Majesty's Court of Queen's Bench for the Province of Quebec.

DEATHS.

At the manse Claude, on Wednesday, January the 9th, 1895, of Membranous Croup, Edgar Alexander, the youngest child of William and Annie Farquherson, aged one year, four months, three weeks and three days.

On Saturday, 12th January, 1895, aged 80 years, at the residence of her son, Wm. Mortimer Clark, Q.C., 303 Wellington Street West, Toronto, Jane Mortimer, widow of John Clark, general manager of the Aberdeen (now Scottish Provincial) Assurance Co., and relict of Rev. Alexander Topp, D.D., minister of Knox Church, Toronto.

NORTH AMERICAN LIFE.

THE ANNUAL STATEMENT OF ITS AFFAIRS PROMPTLY FORWARDED TO OTTAWA AT THE CLOSE OF THE YEAR.

On the 1st inst., there appeared a short notice in several of the daily papers advising the policy-holders of the partial result of the successful operations of this home company for the year 1894.

Notwithstanding the business depression which has prevailed throughout the Dominion during the past year, it appears the North American Life Assurance Company has had a wonderfully successful year, and the figures show that the remarkable progress which it made in every department in 1893 has been repeated during the past year. When the report is presented at the annual meeting, which we learn will be held about the close of this month, it will be found that the figures will show that the insurance issued will exceed that of any previous year in the history of the company.

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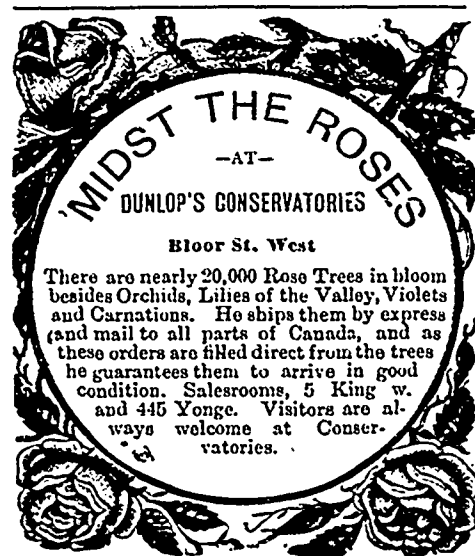


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sive company, is that notwithstanding all the increases which have been made, this was accomplished at a lower ratio of expense than that of the previous year. The business has evidently been conducted in a conservative and careful manner, for the amount put by during the year foots up about \$300,000, making the amount of assets held by the company at the close of 1894 about \$2,000,000. The large sum of \$245,000 was added to the reserve fund, which now stands at over \$1,500,000, while the surplus has very largely increased during the year, and is now about \$240,000. If the paid-up guarantee fund of \$60,000 be added to this, it shows that, over and above every liability, the company holds for the security of its policy-holders a surplus of about \$400,000, proving, if anything, that the holders of policies in this company have undoubted security, besides a large surplus being accumulated for their benefit.

While the figures quoted all tend to show that this progressive company has met with marked success during the past year, it is also gratifying to note that while receiving large sums they are also paying considerable amounts for the benefit of their policy-holders, and during 1894 they disbursed in this way, for matured endowments, profits, death claims, annuities, etc., over \$133,000.

It is to be hoped that when the reports of other Canadian companies are ready for publication they will show a like satisfactory state of affairs to that of the North American.