

these people lies at the very foundation of the welfare of the nation.

Mr. Acheson reported to Owen Sound Presbytery that steps had been taken by Ready and Peabody congregation to raise the salary of their minister to the proposed minimum of \$800. The Presbytery received the report, thanked Mr. Acheson for his diligence, and resolved to convey to the congregation an expression of its hearty appreciation of the generous way in which they had undertaken to aid the General Assembly in its forward movement in the maintenance of the ministry.

Eastern Ontario.

Rev. D. J. McLean, of Arnprior, is recovering from his recent injuries.

Rev. Currie, of Almonte, took the preparatory service in St. Andrew's church, Pakenham, last Friday evening.

The St. Andrew's Sunday school, Williams-town is making elaborate arrangements for a social and Christmas tree on the 23rd Dec.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be dispensed in the Alexandria church on Sunday, 18th inst. Preparatory service will be held on the 16th.

On last Tuesday Rev. Robert Harkness, Ph. D., of Cornwall, delivered an address in the Grave Hill church under the auspices of the W.F.M.S.

The Russell Leader says: Rev. S. A. Woods, of Metcalfe, occupied the pulpit in the Presbyterian church here on Sunday and preached very eloquent sermons at morning and evening services.

On Tuesday evening of last week, the choir of St. Andrew's church, Almonte, enjoyed a drive to the home of Mr. Andrew Cochrane, Ramsay, where they were pleasantly and hospitably entertained.

On the 2nd inst. a number of the Finch congregation called at the manse and presented Mrs. McVicar with a well-filled purse. "As Mistress of the Manse" the pastor's wife is a great favorite with all connected with the congregation.

Rev. J. A. Wilson, the new minister of St. Andrew's church, Hamilton, was presented on Monday evening with a gold-mounted fountain pen by the members of St. Paul's and St. Andrew's Christian Endeavor Societies of Peterborough.

Knox church, Scarboro', was last year renovated at a cost of \$1,600, and a new school room has been added at a cost of \$2,500. The special services on Sunday and Monday last in connection with the opening of the school were an unqualified success.

The anniversary services in connection with St. Paul's Presbyterian church, Franktown will be held on the 18th inst. when Prof. McNaughton, of Queen's is to preach. A social will be held the following evening when tea will be served. Prof. McNaughton and the local clergyman will deliver addresses.

At a meeting of the ladies of St. John's church Cornwall a society was organized by Mrs. Duncan of Toronto, the object of which is the furtherance of Home Missions in Canada. The officers elected are as follows: President, Mrs. (Rev.) N. H. McGillivray; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. E. H. Liddell; 2nd Vice-President, Miss O. Warrington; Secretary, Miss H. L. Warrington; Treasurer, Mrs. J. G. Harkness.

There was a large attendance at the annual meeting of the French St. Luke's branch of the W. F. M. Society, when the following officers were elected for 1905:—President, Mrs. (Rev.) D. MacVicar; Vice-President, Miss Grace Hamilton; Secretary, Mrs. D. P. McKinnon; Treasurer, Mrs. A. F. Dey. The financial report for the past year shows that there is a balance of over \$100 in the treasurer's hands, and that the society is in a flourishing condition.

The Reporter says: Rev. Mr. Whitlaw of Omemee, preached in the Millbrook church on Sunday last, morning and evening and on both occasions gave earnest and eloquent discourses. Mr. Whitlaw is one of the ablest young men in the Presbytery and in fact has few superiors in the province as a clear, forceful and graceful speaker. His evening subject was on behalf of the W. F. Missions and he presented the necessities of the case with much earnestness and power.

Last week the recently organized Ladies' Aid in connection with the First church, Brockville, gave the second of a series of socials it is proposed to hold during the winter months. There was a very good attendance and a thoroughly enjoyable and profitable evening was spent. The pastor of the church, Rev. Norman MacLeod, made a capital chairman, and after a short opening address introduced an attractive program.

Shortly after service had commenced on Sunday yesterday morning in the Hawkesbury Church fire broke out beneath the floor. The worshippers immediately withdrew and gave the alarm. The fire brigade, upon its arrival, succeeded in keeping the fire from doing much damage to the upper part of the building. The damage by fire to the floor is considerable. A good deal of damage has been done by water also. The origin of the fire is unknown.

Western Ontario.

Guelph Presbytery will meet on 17th January instead of 10th, as previously announced in other columns.

Rev. S. O. Nixon, of Ayr, has been assisting Rev. A. J. Mann, of Eramosa, in special services for a few days.

The next regular meeting of London Presbytery will be held at St. Thomas on the first Tuesday of March.

The lecture on the Yukon, in Thamesford church on the 12th inst. by Rev. Ross, of Guelph, was a rich treat.

The Rev. R. G. MacBeth, of Paris, visited Berlin last week and addressed the annual meeting of the Lord's Day Alliance.

Mrs. J. N. Scott has been appointed organist of Westminister church, Mount Forest, to succeed Mr. H. H. McDougall, who had resigned.

Last Monday evening Rev. Tolmie, of Windsor, lectured in the First church, Chatham, on "Travels in the Holy Land," to a large and delighted audience.

The induction of Rev. John Bradford, formerly of Blytheswood, into the pastoral charge of Belmore and McIntosh, took place on 8th inst.

At the anniversary services in West Fiamboro church, Rev. D. Anderson of Burlington preached most appropriately, morning and evening, to large congregations.

The cantata which is being rehearsed by the children of Embro Knox church Sunday school for their Christmas festival is entitled "Santa Claus and the Star Queen." The cantata will be given on the Thursday evening before Christmas.

Rev. John Little, of Holstein, conducted anniversary services at Woodland last Sabbath. The annual tea meeting was held on Monday evening, when interesting addresses were given by visiting ministers and others.

Rev. Thos. Nixon, formerly of Smith's Falls, has been called to Hyde Park, Komoka and West London, and his induction will take place at Hyde Park on 20th inst. when Mr. Drummond will preside; Rev. Dr. Ross to preach the sermon; and Mr. McGillivray to address the people.

At London Presbytery Dr. McCrae reported for the committee on the following names as professors of Montreal Presbyterian College. For the chair of apologetics, Rev. John Sharp, M.A.; for practical theology, Rev. Robt. Johnston, D.D., of Montreal; for Old Testament literature and exegesis, Rev. Donald McKenzie, B.A., B.D., formerly of Orangeville.

The third anniversary of Alexandra church, Brantford, last Sunday week was observed when Rev. S. O. Nixon of Ayr occupied the pulpit at both services preaching in the morning on "Move Forward" and in the evening on "Wisdom." The discourses were earnest and inspiring. About \$200 was raised to pay off the expense connected with recent improvements in the heating of the church.

Rev. Principal Gordon appeared before the London Presbytery at its recent meeting in the interest of Queen's University, when it was agreed to indorse the endeavor made to place the institution on a safer financial basis and cordially commends the appeal made to the liberality of the congregations and individuals within the bounds. The principal was also thanked for his able and lucid address. In this connection a strong committee was afterwards named by the moderator.

The Presbyterian church, Doon, was opened for Divine service on Christmas Day 50 years ago. The fiftieth anniversary will therefore be celebrated by special services, on Sabbath the 18th inst., when Rev. Dr. Dickson, of Galt, will preach at 2.30 p.m. and on Monday evening by a tea meeting, when speeches will be delivered by Revs. Dr. Dickson, of Galt, C. E. Stafford, of Preston, and the pastor of the church.

Rev. W. I. Clark read a very interesting letter to the congregation of the First church, London, at the prayer meeting last week. It was dated April 20, 1835, and was written by the Rev. William Proudfoot, the founder of the church and a Presbyterian pioneer to his brother in Scotland. Dr. Proudfoot had then been in Canada for only eight months, and his description of the people, the state of the country, etc., was very interesting. Mr. Clark borrowed the letter from Mrs. Vincent, who is a granddaughter of the honored divine.

A bazar is being held in connection with Chalmers' church, London, the proceeds from which will go to a fund now being raised for the purpose of erecting a new church building, the congregation having outgrown its present quarters. Eight years ago the congregation of Chalmers church was started with a membership of 20. This has now grown to about 125. The present building is an old school house. The lot on which it is situated belongs to the congregation, and is a very large one. There will be plenty of room to erect a modern church and leave the present building to be used as a school room and lecture hall.

Notes on Young People's Societies.

It may not be generally known that Presbyterian Christian Endeavor Societies have made good progress in Trinidad. Recently 450 booklets containing Prayer Meeting Topics and Daily Readings were forwarded by me for the use of Young People's Societies in that interesting island.

Societies have lately been formed at Mayfield in the Presbytery of Orangeville, and at Wrexeter in the Presbytery of Maitland. Christian Endeavor Society in McCrimmon, Ont., which was dormant for two years, has been reorganized under the presidency of N. K. McCormick, and the outlook is now most hopeful.

In connection with Chalmers Church, Woodstock there are two flourishing Bible Study Guilds. One of these is located in the city and the other in the country. The average attendance at each is about sixty. The course studied is "The Life of Christ," as outlined by our committee. It means much to a congregation when more than a hundred of its young people are systematically studying the word of God.

Rev. Messrs. H. W. Reade, and D. R. Drummond of St. Thomas who have had charge of the work of organization during the past three years have issued two circulars bearing upon their department, one of these is addressed to Presbytery convenor; the other to Sessions. It is to be hoped that the latter will receive, as it deserves, the most careful and prayerful attention of Sessions. Pastors who gave their impressions, in the reports of last year, regarding the work of societies, spoke in terms of the highest praise of the work the young people are doing, and of the influence they are exerting. But there must be still nearly 1,200 congregations in which there are no societies. Surely there is room for improvement; and if a change for the better is to be effected, it must be brought about largely by ministers and elders. Messrs. Reade and Drummond very properly say, "The spirit of our day is calling for systematized effort in every field. Sister churches are responding on every hand. If we are to hold our young people and do by them the fair thing, we must not fail in this matter of organization."

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