

are all in a prosperous condition.—*Toronto Globe, April 4.*

GUELPH SECTION OF THE WESTERN ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly (which was also the annual) meeting of this section, washeld with the Garafraxa First Church, on the 24th and 25th ult. There were present, four pastors, and five delegates from churches. Some important business was done in the way of looking after weak and vacant stations. The officers elected for the new year are :—Rev. S. Snider, Chairman ; Rev. W. Manchee, Secretary-Treasurer ; Executive-Committee, Rev. E. Barker, Messrs. Robert Thompson and George S. Climie. The marked feature of all the sessions was their deep spiritual tone ; they were more like a series of revival services, than ordinary association meetings. The sermon of the Rev. W. Manchee, with the communion service that followed ; the reports from the churches represented ; the epitome of sermon given by the pastor of the Listowel Church ; in fact, all the the exercises partook of the spiritual character mentioned, and left an impression on the audiences, which, with the Divine blessing, will be productive of further good results. It was stated that a number of our churches, particularly that at Guelph, seemed to be enjoying the first dropping of special blessing.

E. B.

SURPRISE AND PRESENTATION.—On the evening of Monday, a very interesting and appropriate recognition was made to Miss Lewis, for her services as organist to the Congregational Church, at Belleville, Ont., during the three years pastorate of Rev. R. Lewis. A considerable company of the members of the church and congregation assembled at the retiring pastor's residence. After some time spent in social intercourse, Deacon A. Christie read an interesting address, which set forth their appreciation of Miss Lewis's services, and regret that they were likely to lose them in the future. He then presented her with a handsome set of jewelry, which was acknowledged by her father. Tea, which had been provided by the assembled

friends was then served, and the remainder of the evening spent in Christian communion and song.

R. L.

REV. W. M. PEACOCK.—A very pleasant surprise was given to this gentleman on the evening of the 25th March, by a number of members and adherents of his late charge in Indian lands. The unfavourable state of the roads and weather prevented many from being present, but there was a goodly number attended. Few pastors are more esteemed and loved than our excellent brother has been in this field, and we felt that there was an appropriateness in this token of appreciation. After partaking of refreshments, an address was read, expressing the undiminished attachment of the friends to him, their wishes for his future prosperity, and presenting him with a purse of \$56.50 Several short speeches were made, and this pleasant meeting closed by singing and prayer. We are pleased to note that our dear brother's health is considerably improved, and we trust he may long be spared to work in the Master's vineyard.

D. M.

BELLEVILLE—CLOSING SERVICES OF PASTORATE.—On the evening of Lord's day, March 29th, Rev. Richard Lewis, preached his farewell sermon to the Belleville Church and a large congregation. It is always sad to say farewell, but the circumstances in this case were made more than usually trying, from the fact that about 5 o'clock on Monday morning, the 30th ult., a fire broke out in the dwelling adjoining the church, causing considerable damage to the church edifice, which was on fire several times. By the good providence of God it was saved ; and by the advantage of having a paid-up insurance policy, the damages will be made good. Mr Lewis's present address is Belleville, Ont.—*Com.*

A MINISTER PLUNDERED WHILE PREACHING.—The burglars who have recently made themselves busy in the eastern part of the city, still continue their depredations. The house of Rev.