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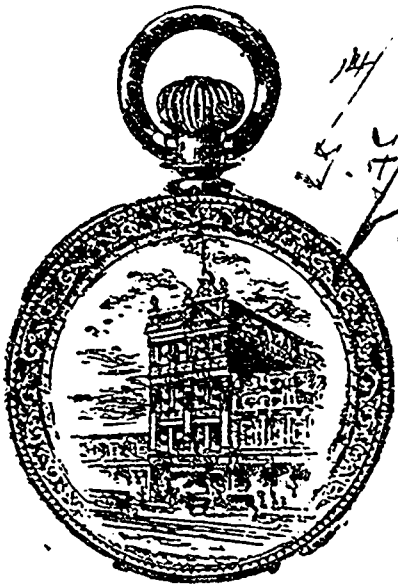
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Ministers and Churches.

SINCE Rev. Robert Henderson's ordination and induction to the charge of Bayfield and Bethany eight months ago, he has received into Church membership fifty six; forty four on profession and twelve by certificate; of these forty-six were received in Bayfield and ten in Bethany.

A SURPRISE party took possession of the Molesworth manse on the evening of Friday, the 13th ult., and presented the Rev. A. Stevenson with an address and an astrachan coat and fur mits. This is all the more pleasing, following as it did, an increase of stipend at the last congregational meeting.

THE anniversary services of the Presbyterian Church, Blyth, were held on Sabbath, February 1, when the Rev. John Gray, of Windsor, preached able and eloquent sermons to large and appreciative audiences. On the following Monday evening Mr. Gray lectured on "Lights and Shadows Beyond the Sea," being incidents of his travels in Europe. The lecture was listened to by a large audience, and was much enjoyed.

THE annual social of St. John's Church, Toronto, was held last Thursday evening. The church was completely filled by an appreciative audience. The pastor, Rev. J. McP. Scott, presided. Addresses were delivered by Rev. Mr. Parker, Baptist, Rev. J. Leishman, Chester, Rev. John Neil, Mr. Thomas Kerr, Rev. Mr. Mathewson, Methodist. The choir of Cooke's Church together with the choir of St. John's rendered some admirable music at intervals. On the following evening a most agreeable children's social was held.

A GENERAL meeting of the congregation of the First Presbyterian Church, Brantford, was held lately under the presidency of the pastor, Rev. J. C. Tolmie. After the transaction of a little formal business, the following elders were duly elected by the congregation: Messrs. Sanderson, Crandon, Crawford, Macfarlane, Stevenson and Green. Owing to the increased prosperity of the Church a recommendation was contained in the managers' report that the pastor's salary should be increased by \$200 per annum. Mr. Tolmie thanked the congregation for this mark of their kindness and appreciation, but declined to accept it.

THE annual meeting of the Kirkwall Auxiliary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was held on Tuesday afternoon, 6th of February. The president, Mrs. Carruthers, opened the meeting with devotional exercises. The several reports indicated decided progress during the year. The following amounts have been contributed for the work of Foreign Missions: Monthly envelope contributions by members of the Auxiliary, \$86.48; Mite Box money, \$45.79; Kirkwall Mission Band, \$19.50; Valens Mission Band, \$3.34; clothing sent to Indians in the North-West by Auxiliary and Mission Bands, valued at \$26.50; Ladies' Aid thank-offering of \$34.83 for Home Missions in the North-West, and \$5 to Dr. Downhill's Medical Mission College, New York City. Total contributions for all purposes, \$221.44. The following are the officers for 1891: Mrs. Carruthers, president; Mrs. Wight, first vice-president; Mrs. John Dickson, second vice-president; Mrs. John McQueen, third vice-president; Mrs. McCormick, secretary; Miss Mary Watson, treasurer.

THE second annual meeting of the Owen Sound Presbyterian Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was held in Knox Church, Owen Sound, on the 24th of February. A large number of delegates was present. A cordial address of welcome was given by Mrs. Waits, which was responded to by Mrs. McAlpine. Mrs. Rodgers, the president, addressed the meeting at length, giving several methods by which members of the Society could be interested, and advocated the Scattered Helpers Scheme as a means of extending the work of the Society. The secretary's report showed an increase of four Auxiliaries and two Mission Bands during the year, making a total of thirteen Auxiliaries and two Mission Bands at the close of its second year. The contribution for the year was \$447.47, being more than double the amount of last year. An excellent address was given by Mrs. Hamilton, of Keady; and interesting papers were read by Mrs. Somerville and Mrs. MacLennan. A vote of thanks was passed to the ladies of Knox Church for their cordial welcome and the bountiful provision made for delegates and visitors. The officers for the current year are: Mrs. Rodgers, president; Mrs. Somerville, first vice-president; Mrs. Fraser, secretary; Mrs. Waits, treasurer.

THE Norwood Register says: The anniversary services of the Presbyterian Church here were held on Sunday and Monday last and, as usual, were most successful. On Sunday the Rev. John Hay, B.D., of Cobourg, preached morning and evening appropriate and eloquent discourses to large audiences. His sermons were marked for their evangelical spirit and graceful and fervent delivery. On Monday evening tea was served in the basement. The spread did the ladies of the congregation credit and convinced the very large audience present that the Presbyterian ladies of Norwood require no instructions in the culinary art. After tea an interesting programme was presented in the auditorium. The chairman, Rev. J. Carmichael, M.A., in opening the meeting, said the congregation had just passed through the most successful financial year of its existence, that they were in a healthful and flourishing condition, and that the utmost harmony and brotherly love continued to prevail among them. Short addresses were delivered by the Revs. Messrs. Thomson, of Hastings; Clark, of Norwood; Hay, of Cobourg; McMillan, of Havelock; Hyde, of Warsaw; and Messrs. James Coyle Brown, Public School Inspector, and John Davidson, principal of the high school. The musical part of the programme was specially attractive. The selections by the choir and the solos of Miss Brundrette, and Miss Sophie Cameron, of Peterborough, and Miss L. Fowlds, of Hastings, were from the best authors and were artistically rendered. Tuesday evening a social was

given to the children in the basement and was also largely attended. The proceeds reached the handsome sum of \$143.

THE St. John Telegraph says: A lecture on St. Patrick, the Patron Saint of Ireland, was given in the school-room of the Carleton Presbyterian Church, St. John, N.B., last week by Mr. Thomas Kerr, of Toronto. There was a good audience, who seemed much interested in the theme. The chair was occupied by the Rev. Godfrey Shore. The lecturer set out by referring to the various opinions which were entertained regarding the saint in Ireland, and traced the history of the early settlement of the nation. He then referred to St. Patrick's early birth and training, and told of the many places which claimed the honour of his birth, but Mr. Kerr gave it as his opinion that he was born in Dumbarton, Scotland, and at the age of sixteen was carried in captivity to Ireland. In eloquent language Mr. Kerr traced the interesting career of this remarkable man, and the results of his labours, which was the subjugation of the island to the principles of Christianity. The lecturer read the hymn which Patrick composed, and also a description of the vision which he had seen. The work which the saint had accomplished was a great one, and he possessed a faith which never faltered. Mr. Kerr referred to the present state of Ireland, and in a sympathetic manner spoke of the crime which disgraced the country, and the misery and want of the peasantry, and hoped that a brighter and better day would soon dawn on his native land, which contained a noble but a misguided people. The lecturer held the attention of his audience, and the lecture abounded with funny anecdotes which were frequently applauded. A cordial vote of thanks was passed to the lecturer, with a request that it be repeated on some other occasion.

PRESBYTERY OF HURON.—This Presbytery held a special meeting in Goderich to dispose of Dr. Ure's resignation on the 3rd of February. After hearing parties the Presbytery agreed as follows: The Presbytery having heard commissioners from Knox Church, Goderich, and associated congregations testifying to the great esteem in which Dr. Ure is held among them, their high appreciation of him as a preacher and pastor, and their deep attachment to him, but that in view of the state of his health they could not offer any opposition to his resignation being accepted, resolved with deep regret to accept his resignation, express sympathy with him in the impaired state of his health, and with the congregations in the loss they sustain by the retirement of a pastor who with so much acceptance for so many years ministered to them, pray that his health may soon be restored, and appoint Messrs. McDonald, Barr and McLean to prepare a deliverance on his retirement and report at next meeting.—A. McLEAN, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF SARNIA.—This Presbytery held a *pro re nata* meeting in St. Andrew's Church, Sarnia, on the 11th ult., Rev. Mr. Pritchard, interim Moderator, in the chair. Rev. Mr. McClintock laid on the table the resignation of his charge of Guthrie Church, Black Creek and Wilkesport, giving reasons for said action. The Presbytery ordered the resignation to lie on the table till next ordinary meeting and agreed to cite parties for their interests in the matter. There was laid on the table and read a call from St. Stephen's Church, New Brunswick, to Rev. John Anderson, B.D., of East Williams, in this Presbytery. There was also read reasons for translation, and a guarantee for stipend to the amount of \$900 annually, with manse. The minute of St. John Presbytery was also read, and a document commissioning Rev. Mr. Cuthbertson to represent them at the bar of the Presbytery. There was also read resolutions from Nairn congregation and Beechwood, expressive of their high admiration of Rev. Mr. Anderson and their earnest desire that he should not be translated. Parties were heard as follows: Rev. Mr. Cuthbertson for the congregation of St. Stephen's, Mr. Ross for the Nairn congregation; Mr. Campbell for Beechwood congregation, and Rev. Mr. Anderson for himself. Mr. Anderson indicated his willingness to accept the call should the Presbytery be pleased to allow him to do so. Parties were removed, when, on motion of Rev. Dr. Thompson, seconded by Rev. Mr. McLennan, it was agreed to grant the translation in terms of Rev. Mr. Anderson's decision, express regret at parting with him, acknowledging his worth and the ready service he had always rendered when called upon by the Presbytery; the resignation to take effect on March 30. Rev. Mr. Lochhead was appointed to preach and declare the church vacant on the first Sabbath of April, and act as interim Moderator of Sessions thereafter. Parties were recalled and the decision announced, in which all acquiesced. Leave was granted to the congregation of Alvinston, Napier and Log Church, to have calls moderated in there if necessary, before next ordinary meeting, and Rev. Mr. Graham, Watford, was authorized to discharge the duty if called upon. Next meeting in St. Andrew's Church, Sarnia, third Tuesday in March at ten a.m., when Session records will be called for.—GEORGE CUTHBERTSON, Pres. Clerk.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS.

THE congregation of Erskine Church held their annual business meeting in the church, Rochester, lately. There was a fair attendance, and Rev. Joseph White, pastor, occupied the chair. Mr. Gilbert Allen, secretary, read a most embracing report, detailing the work of the Church during the past year. In all there are 278 members in the Church, and thirty-eight new members had been added during the year. The financial statement read by Mr. Hill, treasurer, showed that the receipts during the year had been \$2,300, and that there was now a balance on hand of \$133.75. The mortgage on the church was \$5,200, which was placed at satisfactory rate of interest. The elders for the ensuing year were elected as follows: George Venn, Fred McKnight, James Smellie, J.

T. Rochester, A. Cameron, A. Smith, A. Monek, James Hill, James Campbell, C. A. McLean, E. Roche and D. B. Rochester. The secretary and treasurer's reports of the Young People's Guild were also read and considered to be very satisfactory. At the close Mr. White briefly addressed the meeting, saying that the state of affairs in the Church was very favourable notwithstanding that in some of the departments there had been a falling off, especially in the Sunday school. The meeting closed with doxology and benediction, and the ladies then supplied tea, coffee and other refreshments.

THE sixth annual meeting of Knox Presbyterian Church, South London, was held recently. A large number was present, and Mr. Thomas Alexander took the chair, Mr. James Stewart acting as secretary. The number of names added to the roll of membership during the year was thirty. The net increase of membership was twenty-five. The total number of communicants now on the roll was 180. The Session of the Church had been strengthened by the addition of five elders. The total amount contributed from all sources for the mission schemes of the Church was \$559.92, an increase of \$22 over the amount given last year. The Ladies' Aid Society, with Mrs. Macpherson as president, does not report any change in the methods adopted to develop the social life of the congregation and to augment the funds of the Church. But there was an increase of \$20.30 over their income of last year. The number of pupils now on the roll of the Sabbath school and Bible class is 226; a year ago there were 201, thus showing a net gain of twenty-five pupils. The average attendance of scholars during the year was 140. The collections amounted to \$128.98, a decrease of \$12 from the total sum given last year. From the income of the Sabbath school \$32 were given for Home Missions, and \$2 to the Assembly's Sabbath School Fund. The Bible class gave \$14.25 to Foreign Missions. The balance of the receipts was devoted to the purchase of school requirements and books for the library. The school was the only one in the Presbytery from which candidates went forward for examination according to the General Assembly's scheme for higher religious instruction. Seven candidates obtained diplomas and one gained a prize. The superintendent, Mr. A. McQueen, is assisted in the Sabbath school work by three officers and twenty teachers. The pastor has again prepared a class for the Assembly's examination. The auxiliary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, of which Mrs. Ballantyne is president, has been prospering, the membership having slightly increased. The contributions were \$73.68, a gain of \$7.68 upon those of last year. In addition, a box of clothing, valued at \$40, was sent to the Indians of the North-West. The Young People's Society of Christian Endeavour reports a net increase of eighteen members for the year, there being now on the roll of membership twenty-seven active and fifteen associate members. The presidents during the year were Mr. D. McCrimmon and Mr. W. H. Weston. The receipts were \$47.52, one-fourth of which was expended for the Church's benefit. The Session recommended the apportioning of \$259.93 to the Schemes of the Church, \$106.93 of which to go to Foreign Missions, the remainder to Home; also that contributions for such be made monthly by envelope. The financial statement showed receipts of \$3,017.48, and disbursements that left a balance to the good of \$137.68. The church debt had been lessened by the bequest of \$1,000 from the late Mr. D. Macfie, making the total debt \$9,997.73. The managers' report contained congratulatory remarks on the healthy condition of the several departments, and commented favourably on the liberality of the congregation. The average individual contribution was \$23.74, per family, \$28.25, and per communicant, \$15.69. Col. Moffatt and W. M. Gartshore were elected

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