

Both morning and evening the church was filled with congregations who listened with interest and profit to logical masterly and deeply spiritual sermons, delivered with Mr. Larkins usual fervour, Rev. Mr. Fortune occupied Mr. Larkin's pulpit in his absence.

A series of evangelistic services have been held in North Luther Church Presbytery of Saugeen with most encouraging results. The attendance was large. People of all denominations turned out from night to night to hear the Word of God. The Rev. J. W. Mitchell, M.A., conducted the services. At the communion on Sabbath Nov. 1st, thirty three new members sat down at the Lord's Table.

Communion services were held in the Egmondville Presbyterian Church on Sabbath Nov. 1st. Rev. J. A. McDonald, Varna, conducted the preparatory service on the Friday previous, and Rev. J. S. Henderson, Hensall conducted the thanksgiving service on Monday following. Seven united with the church on profession of their faith. This makes eighteen that have been added during the year.

The annual Thanksgiving service of the Murray Mitchell Auxiliaries, St. James Square Church, Toronto, was largely attended. The lecture hall was beautifully decorated with palms and flowers, Mrs. Cowan presided. An address was given by Mrs. Gray, Presbyterial President. A number of the members took part in an interesting programme. The offering amounted to one hundred and twenty dollars.

The Ladies Auxiliary to the Foreign Missions in connection with Queen St. East Presbyterian Church Toronto, held their annual thank-offering service recently, there was a good attendance. The addresses delivered were all by the members of the Auxiliary. Mission work in India was taken up by Mrs. Frizell; China by Mrs. Pasmore; Northwest Indians, Mrs. Waddell; Formosa, by Mrs. Yeomans; and the general work by Mrs. McClelland.

The Presbyterian Women's Foreign Missionary Society at Lanos held their annual thanksgiving meeting in Seaforth Oct. 30th. This auxiliary, with Mrs. Harrison, President, and Mrs. Kieckley, Secretary, is fairly prosperous and is much encouraged by evidences of increasing interest in its work. Mrs. McNabb, Lucknow, gave an interesting and helpful address, which was well received. A paper on missions by Miss McDonald, St. Helens, was much enjoyed.

The annual harvest home entertainment of St. Andrew's church Orangeville took place Nov. 2nd, and proved a most enjoyable affair. The church was well filled when Mr. McKenzie opened with prayer. Rev. John Young of Hamilton, gave a most interesting lecture on "The Mammoth Caves of Kentucky." The choir rendered "Dear Refuge of My Soul" and the programme concluded with the singing of the doxology.

The Rev. Dr. Grant, of Orillia, preached morning and evening, in the Central church, and in the afternoon in Guthrie church, on the occasion of the 7th anniversary. Large congregations assembled at all three services, and at the Central in the evening a considerable number of people were turned away for want of room. Dr. Grant preached powerful sermons, and was listened to with the closest attention. Mr. H. Cooke, of Orillia, assisted the Rev. Dr. Grant.

Rev. John MacGillivray of Melville Church Montreal is to the fore as a prize winner in the Guild of Bible Study in connection with the *Expository Times*. In the October issue of that magazine he is announced as the winner of a prize for an original paper on Malachi ii: 10-16 "The Sin of Malachi's Day. Its Exposure and Impediment." Mr. MacGillivray, has given a good deal of time to Old Testament studies and he is to be congratulated upon his success in this competition.

Knox Church Auxiliary, Elora, has held its annual thank-offering meeting. There was a large attendance of the members, and the meeting was a profitable and pleasant one. Mrs. K. McLean of Guelph gave a helpful missionary address, while Mrs. McVicar of Fergus spoke on mission

work in China. A most interesting paper on "Thanksgiving" was then read by Miss Annie Watt. This young lady has prepared a number of very fine papers, which have been read at meetings of this Society, and we think it a pity that other Societies should not have the benefit of hearing some of them. Mrs. Dr. Robertson sang a solo very sweetly, and the offering, amounting to \$40 was laid upon the plate.

Rev. R. P. McKay, Secretary of Home and Foreign Missions, lectured in the Presbyterian church Orangeville on Indian and Chinese missions as carried on in Western Canada. Last summer the Rev. gentleman, with Prof. MacLaron of Knox College, took a trip to British Columbia, and while there visited the mission fields where the Gospel is being preached to heathen. The lecture which was delivered in a most pleasing manner, was attentively listened to from beginning to end. Mr. McKay gave some graphic descriptions of Western scenery, his best being of the scenes witnessed while passing through the Rockies. He also told of the good work done among the Chinese in British Columbia, after which he turned his attention to the Indian missions, describing the red man's houses, his customs and how the missionaries are endeavoring to persuade him to adopt the ways of civilization. From what Mr. McKay says it would appear that the missionaries are a self-denying band of men who are compelled to endure many privations.

SPECIAL TO YOUNG PEOPLES SOCIETIES.—The circular containing the new plan of study for 1897 issued by the General Assemblys Committee, was sent out nearly a month ago to Presbytery Conveners for distribution to ministers and societies, and should now be on hand throughout the church. If the bundle has failed to reach any convener, or if ministers or societies have not received copies, the Assembly's Convener will gladly forward. Address, Rev. R. Douglas Fraser, Bowmanville, Ont.

McAll Auxiliary.

The annual thank-offering meeting of the "Toronto Auxiliary of the Canadian McAll Association" was held in room No. 9, Y.M.C.A., on Thursday Nov. 5th. In the absence of the president, Mrs. Howitt, Mrs. Duncan-Clark occupied the chair. After the usual devotional exercises, Mrs. Sutherland Steyner, in an informal address, gave some beautiful thoughts on Thankofferings, and touched on the subject of Individual Work. A letter read by Miss McCallum told of the good work accomplished by the McAll Mission boat "Lo Bow Messenger" during its recent summer campaign. Miss Jean Inglis gave a most interesting account of a personal visit to the mission halls in Paris, France. Owing to the extremely bad weather the attendance was smaller than usual and consequently the thank-offering was not as large as in former years. The meeting was closed with prayer by Mrs. Edward Blake.

Sarnia Presbytery.

This Presbytery held a pro re nata meeting at Watford on the 23rd of October, Mr. McPherson, Moderator, in the chair. Mr. Fortune, of Alvinston, laid on the table a call from Napier and Brooke, to Mr. T. A. Bell, probationer. The call was hearty and unanimous, promising \$600 with rented house and \$100 supplement from the Augmentation Fund. Messrs. Fisher, McGagan, McBain and Calvert were heard in support of the motion. It was agreed to sustain the call as a regular Gospel call, and to instruct the clerk to forward the same to Mr. Bell, and in the event of acceptance, appoint a Presbytery to be held at Napier on the 18th of November, at noon, to take Mr. Bell on trials and if satisfactory, proceed to the ordination and induction at 2 o'clock, the edict to be served in due time. Meeting closed with the benediction.—GEORGE CUMMINGS, Clerk.

Presbytery of Brockville.

Met at Brockville Nov. 2nd inst., Mr. Cameron, pastor of St. John's Church Brockville tendered his resignation of that charge. This was because of a call he had

received from the 4th Presbyterian Church Boston. The clerk in moving that Mr. Cameron's resignation be accepted spoke in feeling terms of his departure as also did all the members of the court. The resignation was then accepted and the clerk appointed to declare the pulpit vacant on the 16th inst. Mr. W. A. Mackenzie was appointed interim Moderator of Session. Mr. Cameron will preach his farewell sermon on the 5th inst.—GEORGE MACARTHUR, Clerk.

Presbytery of Wallace.

This Presbytery met at Wallace Tuesday, 27th October. There were present Mr. C. Munroe, Mod.; Dr. Sedgwick, Mr. P. K. McRae, Mr. J. H. Kirk, Mr. A. D. McIntosh, Mr. Geo. L. Gordon, Mr. D. MacGregor, ministers; and Mr. T. A. Fraser, Mr. Pines Mitchell, and Mr. Rupert, Angus, elders. Minutes of the last meeting were read and sustained. Mr. D. MacGregor reported for the committee appointed by Picton Presbytery on matters at West Branch River John. On motion the report was received, and the finding of that joint committee was ordered to be engrossed which is as follows: "That the Presbytery of Picton proceed with the call of Mr. Grant from the congregation of St. George, it being clearly understood that no effort be put forth to solicit subscription from the members of the congregation in connection with Earlton and West Branch River John, or interfere in any way with the obligations at present existing in that section." Further it was agreed "That in accepting this report the Presbytery is not to be regarded, in all the circumstances of the case, as desiring the termination of the connection at present existing between West Branch River John and Earlton, recommend the congregations of Earlton and West Branch River John to proceed meanwhile as they have been doing and promise them all due encouragement and support in the future as in the past.

Mr. Gordon reported for the committee on the union of St. Matthew's and Knox Wallace from which it appeared that St. Matthew's, while not anxious, are willing in the interests of the church to enter into said union, but that Knox, under present circumstances, are strongly opposed to it. The Presbytery therefore with regret came to the following finding: "That the union of St. Matthew's and Knox though very desirable is not at the present time practicable." A letter was read from Dr. Morrison, the agent of the Church, calling attention to congregations within the bounds not contributing to certain important schemes of the Church and asking the Presbytery to deal with the same. The clerk was ordered to notify said congregations.

Attention was called to the fact of Mr. H. B. McKay's severance from St. Matthew's Church, Wallace, and his retirement from the active duties of the ministry. Dr. Sedgwick was appointed to draw up a minute with regard to the same and submit it at the next meeting of Presbytery. Dr. Sedgwick was appointed Moderator of the Session of St. Matthew's Church, Wallace; and to preach the church vacant—the day to be fixed by the Moderator and Session. The report of Mr. A. L. Fraser, Catechist at Wentworth, was submitted. On motion the report was received and adopted, and ordered to be sent to the Home Mission Board, with the recommendation that the balance still due Mr. Fraser be paid by the Board. The Presbytery agreed to give monthly supply to all our mission stations during the winter months, and appointments were made accordingly. A letter was received from Mr. W. A. Cunningham, asking certification to the Home Mission Board for work in the mission field during the coming summer. It was agreed to give him such certification. A letter was read from Mr. E. Smith, Convener of Augmentation Committee, stating that \$500 would be expected from this Presbytery. The Presbytery suggests that the congregations pay as follows to this fund: Amherst and Spring Hill, \$70 each; Tatamagouche and River John, \$50 each; Oxford, Pigeon, St. Matthew's, Wallace, and Knox, Wallace, \$41 each; Earlton, \$35; Port Elgin and Shamogue, \$25; Linden, \$50; New Annan, \$10; Wentworth, \$5; Westchester, \$5. Presbytery also suggests that congre-