

vices to the church during their residence in Athens. Recitations were given and addresses made, after which the mortgage, which has encumbered the church for the past fifteen years, was brought forth and having been laid upon a shovel, the match was applied and bit by bit was consumed. As the last scrap of white paper crumbled into ashes a prolonged round of applause burst from the audience, and the incense was no more. The gathering broke up singing a hymn of thankfulness.

#### Western Ontario.

Rev. Mr. Haddow, of Toronto, preached in Chalmers church, Guelph, last Sunday.

Mr. Brokenshire, of Toronto, was the preacher in Corbeton church on a recent Sunday.

Rev. H. H. McPherson, late of Halifax, N. S., has been preaching at Norwood, Ont.

The engagement of Rev. F. D. Roxborough, M.A., of Smithville, to Miss Q. Forant, of the same place, is announced.

Rev. Logan Geggie, of Toronto, lectured on Tuesday evening in the Bedford church on "Wit and Humor."

Mr. J. R. Watts, B.A., of Shelburne, has been appointed one of the Editors of Queen's University Journal for Session 1903-4.

Rev. Wm. Shearer, of Sherbrooke, Que., occupied the pulpit of the Melbourne church on the 15th instant, preaching two eloquent sermons.

Rev. Neil McPherson, of St. Paul's church, Hamilton, gave an entertainment for the patients at the Hamilton Asylum last week, presenting his splendid views of Scotland and his interesting lecture thereupon. Mrs. McArthur and Mrs. John Weir sang at intervals, songs appropriate to the views, and the evening was greatly enjoyed.

One week's special evangelistic services has been held at Churchill with very encouraging results. The pastor, Rev. J. A. Ross, was ably assisted by Rev. Dr. Fraser Smith of Bradford. Dr. Smith's preaching was most earnest and forceful. The singing, lead by Miss A. J. Allan was hearty. At the Communion last Sabbath, seven new names were added to the Communion roll. The contributions to the Schemes of the Church from Churchill and Stroud have far exceeded any previous year. Though families are constantly moving to Barrie and the West, yet the contributions increase. Counting our giving to the Schemes and to Knox Students Society, the amount given this year is over \$350.

On the 15th of March a meeting of the members of St. John church, Hamilton, was held to discuss the resignation of the pastor, Rev. John Young. The Managers laid their case before the congregation, showing that they did not desire the resignation of Mr. Young; and a vote was taken asking him to withdraw his resignation. It was announced that the Session had appointed four of its members to wait on the Presbytery next week, in connection with the resignation, and the congregation appointed the following commissioners to accompany the members of the Session: J. H. Horning, Geo. Richards, Dr. Bates, Capt. Hardy and Alex. Stuart, sen.

On Wednesday evening, the 18th inst., in Westminster church, Mount Forest, the Rev. Mr. Mitchell, a missionary on furlough from Honan, China, gave a very interesting address on his work in that country. The meeting was held under the auspices of the Westminster Guild. Mr. Mitchell is a very pleasant speaker, and gave much information as to the habits and customs of the Chinese. The Boxer outbreak, though in itself a calamity, has been the means of opening up the way for the preaching of the gospel in places that before had been closed against it. In the Province of Honan alone access had been gained to the three chief cities, which is a great gain to the cause of missions. After the address, refreshments were served and a social half hour very pleasantly spent by those present.

#### Northern Ontario.

On the 11th instant Rev. R. McNab was inducted into the pastorate of the Pwoassan congregation.

On the 17th instant a member of the Presbyterians of Bethel Church, Bloomfield, drove out to the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Henderson to acknowledge in a tangible form their ap-

preciation of Mr. Henderson's valuable services as superintendent of the Sabbath School, for a period of over twenty years. After a short program of music, recitations and speeches, Miss McGahey read an address, when Duncan Johnson and Miss Phillips presented Mr. Henderson with an essay armchair, and Mrs. Henderson with a beautiful rocker. The recipients were taken completely by surprise, and heartily thanked the donors. After refreshments the happy company formed a circle around the guests of the evening singing "Auld Lang Syne," at the conclusion of which the rendering of the National Anthem, brought to a close one of the most enjoyable gatherings of the season.

Rev. Dr. Eshoo, Presbyterian Missionary to Persia, gave an illustrated lecture on that country, in connection with the regular prayer service at Chalmers church, Guelph, last week. The meeting was in charge of the pastor, Rev. Mr. Glasford. Mr. Eshoo was educated in Toronto and is supported independently by friends in Toronto, though working under the supervision of the American Board. He spoke on the religions of his native land, some of whose people are still fire worshippers, the great majority, however, being now Mohammedans. He also spoke of the customs of the people and their methods of farming, and commerce, and about his own work from a religious point of view. Mr. Eshoo is very strongly in favor of the educational work which is being done in the East and wants to see it extended, and is trying to enlist the sympathy of the congregations in this direction. Twenty dollars a year will support a teacher in Persia.

#### Manitoba.

Brandon, Shoal Lake, Russell, Elgin are some of the vacancies just now vacant in the West.

The King chair memorial fund is steadily growing apace. We will not forget the work done for many in this western land by good Dr. King.

It is reported that Knox College will say something good about our Professor Baird this spring. It will be an honor richly deserved. No more painstaking professor can be found than Professor Baird.

Clegg congregation will be vacant on the 30th of March inst., Rev. D. A. Volume having resigned his charge. Rev. F. J. Hartley, Roland, is interim Moderator.

The old settlers and many of the new, sympathize with Mr. and Mrs. Nelson, of Nelson, on the loss of their daughter who died after a lingering illness, last week.

The successful harvest of last year has had a splendid effect upon the spirits of those who have had the heavy burden of church debt resting upon them, and many congregations are lifting up their heads with joy.

Though southern Manitoba, we have had a Persian lecturer the last few weeks. From what your correspondent has heard, we would think it well from every country where we have our missionaries, to have a native sent to Canada; so we can find out exactly the situation. The evenings spent with Mr. Daniel, were very profitable and the home chats were delightful.

The air is full of Prohibition. The men who take interest in these matters are already bestirring themselves. The Government has retired to their homes and the buckling on of harness and the sound of grinding now betokens political war. As we said, the Prohibitionists are on the war path. Three strong men are already nominated and today others will be putting themselves into the hand of the party who ask a candidate to pledge himself to support a law for the prohibition of the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors for use as a beverage.

#### Presbytery of Kingston.

Presbytery minute to Rev. W. W. Peck, L.L.B., who recently resigned the charge at Napanee.

"In accepting the resignation of Mr. Peck, the Presbytery would express its high sense of his personal worth, of his general brotherly qualities, and of his industry and success as minister of the Gospel and member of Presbytery. When he settled in Napanee eight years ago, the congregation was weak and struggling, with the property very much in need of repair, but in a very short time, under his efficient oversight, the cause began to grow and prosper. The differ-

ent departments of the Church's work were well organized and throughout his entire pastorate, maintained a high level of energy and usefulness. The pulpit ministrations were thoughtful and earnest, and the people were built up in their faith, and the Sunday School, Bible class and Young People's Society ranked high in excellence and method. The Church property—ground, Church, and manse, was much improved. The Church was internally, practically renewed, a handsome pipe organ installed, and the whole equipment made handsome and modern. Now the cause is practically without debt as Mr. Peck leaves. In the general work of the Presbytery, he was devoted, showing excellent organizing gifts, and a painstaking industry that secured a thorough grasp of business accuracy and detail. And he showed equal alertness and industry in the larger committee work of the Assembly. Then his work in the S. S. Committee has been acknowledged on all hands, as of the first importance.

In parting with Mr. Peck, the Presbytery prays that the blessing of God may be with himself and his family, and that in the wide west whither he has gone, his high capabilities and trained experience may soon be employed in the service of our Church. He is, as yet, but a young man, and in the providence of God his career is before him."

#### Foreign Mission Collection.

The Rev. Dr. MacKay, Foreign Mission Secretary, has recently called attention to the fact that nearly all the Foreign Mission Boards in the United States and Canada have set apart the week from 5th to 12th April as a week of prayer for Foreign Missions, and he asks, on behalf of the Committee, that a special collection be taken on Sabbath the 12th April, for the Honan Mission of our church.

The General Assembly has appointed a day in the end of March for the annual collection on behalf of Foreign Missions. The roads in many of the country districts, during March, are such as to reduce considerably the size of congregations. For this reason, it is desirable that the date of the collection should be changed, and it seems most appropriate, in view of the week of prayer, that the collection should be taken upon the Sabbath closing that week.

The foreign Mission work of the Church has greatly expanded of late, and in almost every one of the fields there has been an increase in the staff, so that the estimates adopted by the Committee for the current year, require an expenditure of \$99,800, which is \$38,600 in excess of the receipts of last year. To reach the amount of the estimate, it is apparent that some special effort will require to be made, and it is earnestly hoped that the appeal will be liberally responded to, and that by every congregation and station in the Church. While the collection asked by the General Assembly on special Sabbaths, has reference more particularly to congregations that have no Missionary Society, yet it is hoped that in addition to these, a special effort may be made on this occasion by every congregation, with a view to securing the \$23,000 necessary to carry on the work in Honan during the current year.

While the Foreign Mission Committee ended the year, 28th February 1903 free from debt, the expenditure for the month of March has been \$10,000, and before the end of the first quarter of the year, about \$25,000 will be needed, to meet the salaries of missionaries and other expenditure connected with the work.

In the Eastern Section of the Church, a suggestion has been made that, with a view to wipe out the present shortage there, a special effort be made to raise an average of twenty-five cents from each communicant of the church. Is it too much to expect at this season of the year, when no special effort is being put forth on behalf of any of the other schemes, that the collection on the 12th of April will realize the full amount necessary for the maintenance of the work in Honan during the year?

Toronto, 30th March, 1903.

ROBT. H. WARDEN.

#### PARTICULAR PEOPLE.

All discriminating people when going to Chicago travel by the Grand Trunk Railway. The "International Limited," leaving Montreal at nine a.m., and Toronto at four-fifty p.m., lands the traveller in the Windy City at seven-twenty next morning, invariably on time to the minute. The accommodation on that train leaves nothing to be desired.—Toronto Truth.