

intended to repeat the institutes next year. Of the Tuesday meeting "The Alliance Gazette" has the following item: "The Sabbath School and Y. P. S. C. E. institutes held in Carleton Place on Tuesday of this week under the auspices of the presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew were singularly successful. The attendances were good, the addresses given were excellent, and the conferences were most profitable. The speakers were Rev. D. Currie, B.D., of Perth, who told of the good results obtained from the organization of home study classes in the country districts connected with his congregation, over fifty children who were unable to attend Sunday school being thus brought into connection with the school, and the study of the International lessons. Rev. J. C. Robertson, B.D., Toronto, secretary of the General Assembly's committee, spoke on missions in the Sunday school, and showed how children may be interested in this great work. In the evening Mr. Robertson spoke on the "Organized Bible Class," and instanced schools where new life and vigor and increased usefulness had been secured in Bible classes which were in dormant condition by forming a regular organization with officers and committees, the class in one instance at least having been given the power even to choose their own teacher. The idea was new to many and will, doubtless, be adopted by some Lanark county schools. Rev. W. S. McTavish, Ph.D., Kingston, convener of the General Assembly's Y.P.S.C.E. committee, spoke interestingly and profitably both afternoon and evening on the Christian Endeavor movement."

TORONTO.

Rev. Alex. Gilray, D.D., of College Street Church, has returned from Clifton Springs, N.Y., where he had been recuperating for several weeks after his serious illness. He is in excellent spirits and feels quite restored to health.

The first annual meeting of the Pape Avenue Church has just been held and the minister in charge, Rev. J. A. Miller, B.A., and the elders are delighted with the splendid progress and the good showing made. It was unanimously decided to adopt the weekly envelope system for missionary contributions.

The annual meeting of Emmanuel Church, East Toronto, was very satisfactory in every respect. The net debt at the beginning of the year was \$1,300, which has been practically wiped off, though a floating indebtedness of some \$300 still remains. The Sunday collections during the year totalled fully \$100 more than last year.

Last Sunday was celebrated the fourth anniversary of the settlement of Rev. P. M. Macdonald, M.A., as pastor of Cowan Avenue Church. Rev. Dr. E. D. MacLaren preached in the morning and Rev. Dr. R. P. Mackay in the evening. The attendance on both occasions was large and much interest was taken in the proceedings of the day. It is expected that the indebtedness of \$6,600 has been fully met.

The managers of Knox church, Agincourt, have been instructed to offer for sale the manse and glebe, comprising six acres of land, with the view of building a more modern manse on a lot adjoining the church. The old manse held a succession of ministers who had more than a local reputation as preachers, and several of whom, in after years, occupied prominent positions in the church. Rev. John Laing, D.D., afterwards minister at Cobourg, who died at Dundas; Rev. D. H. Fletcher, D.D., for so many years the beloved pastor of McNab street church, Hamilton; and Rev. George Burnfield, who left Agincourt for the First Presbyterian church, Brookville, and who is now laboring in Philadelphia, Pa.

ST. ANDREW'S, SAULT STE. MARIE.

On Sunday, 2nd February, the fine new building just completed for St. Andrew's congregation, Sault Ste. Marie, was opened with special services, conducted by Rev. R. E. Knowles, of Galt. The people anticipated great things and their anticipations were fully realized. Taking as his text for the dedicatory sermon Luke 7: 29, he delivered a powerful discourse, replete with polished diction, ennobling thought and rich spiritual food. At the Sunday school service at 3 p.m. the regular class teaching was dispensed with and appropriate addresses were delivered by Rev. Mr. Knowles, L. A. Green, B.A., assistant superintendent, R. G. Campbell, superintendent of the Chinese Sunday school, Dr. Fleming, president of the Y. M. C. A., Rev. A. D. Reid, pastor, and John McKay, superintendent. Mr. Knowles preached again in the evening, and his sermon, based on II Cor. 4: 1, was by many of his hearers considered more effective even than that of the morning. At the morning service it was estimated that the attendance was about 1200. In the evening there were 200 or 300 more, and though the aisles and stairs were crowded and many stood throughout the service scores were unable to enter.

The following description of the new St. Andrew's church is taken from The "Soo" Express: The new church adds decidedly to the ornamental appearance of the head of East street, and was erected at a cost of over \$33,000. It is built of native stone with the exception of the buttress caps, which are red sandstone from Marquette, Mich. The roof is of British Columbia cedar shingles. The beautiful stained glass windows give a fine effect, especially when the electric light is turned on at night. The basement contains seating capacity for 600, besides the furnace room, kitchen, etc. The main floor and gallery which extends across the end and along both sides of the church, have a seating capacity of 923. The gallery and basement are reached by two pairs of stairs each from the front and rear. Besides the front door which faces East street, there are rear and side doors. The seats, beams and gallery railing are of quarter oak, the latter being mounted with polished brass. The organ shows up beautifully behind the pulpit and is ornamental in a high degree. The pulpit is at the rear of the church. The choir is placed in front and to both sides of the pulpit and the organist is seated directly in front of the pulpit. The organ is operated by hydraulic power under the direct control of the organist. The pastor, Rev. A. D. Reid, and congregation are to be congratulated on the successful opening of this large and commodious place of worship.

Says the Acton Free Press:—The last number of the Reporter of Oconto, Wis., contains a sermon preached in Knox Church, fifty years ago, and bearing the following preface: "The following sermon was preached in the Presbyterian Church, at Acton, Ont., on Sunday, January 3rd, 1858, by Rev. John McLachlan, by whom it was presented to the mother of John McLean, who handed it to us for publication." It was a New Year's sermon and was based upon Rom. 13: 12. "The night is far spent, the day is at hand, let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light." Rev. John McLachlan was the first settled pastor of the Presbyterian Church here. He was inducted on the 20th August, 1857, and resigned on the 4th February, 1861. Rev. Mr. McLachlan was afterwards minister of Knox Church, Beaverton, where his memory is still cherished because of his high Christian character and sterling worth as a preacher. His death took place while minister at Beaverton.

QUEBEC.

The Rev. Roderick MacLean, minister of the congregation of Hampden, Presbytery of Quebec, died on the 27th January, after undergoing an operation. Mr. MacLean was inducted to his late charge in 1906, and had won the love of his people to a large degree. He served a long pastorate in P. E. I. before coming to Quebec.

The annual meeting of the congregation of English River and Howick was held in the church, English River, on the 30th inst., the Rev. J. M. Kellock, M.A., in the chair. The various reports were presented and showed a successful year. The sum of \$304.20 was raised for the schemes of the church and benevolent purposes, and about \$2,000 for all purposes. The membership is 260. During the year there were 7 baptisms, 7 marriages and 8 burials.

The annual meeting of St. Andrew's church, Three Rivers, was held on 5th February, Rev. J. R. MacLeod presiding, and Mr. Allan McDougall, secretary. The session reported an increase in the membership and in the number of families, the latter being a new feature. The treasurer's report showed a satisfactory year financially, the total revenue reaching very close on \$1,700, \$234 of which was for benevolent and missionary purposes. The "adies' Aid" had done good work. Messrs. H. B. Blair and Alex. Houston were re-elected to the Board of Management. Mr. R. W. Williams was elected chairman of the board, and Mr. Allan McDougall secretary-treasurer.

MONTREAL.

Encouraging reports were presented at the annual meeting of St. John's church. Eighteen members had been added to the roll during the year, and the total receipts amounted to \$940. The pastor's salary was increased by \$100; and Mrs. Morin's services as organist were acknowledged in an appreciative address, which was accompanied by the presentation of a beautiful piece of cut glassware.

Last week the choir of St. John Presbyterian church surprised their pastor, Rev. Dr. Fotheringham, by a visit and the presentation of a magnificent bouquet of twenty-five carnations with their congratulations on the completion of his twenty-five years pastorate.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

St. David's U. F. Church, Dundee, has been sold for use as a motor garage.

In Oban district a two years' course of forestry instruction has been inaugurated.

Miss Jennie Fernie, Leslie, Kinross-shire, has not missed a Sabbath school attendance for ten years.

Three workmen of Loch Leven Power Works at Ballachulish died near there the other day from exposure.

Kintyre Presbytery has rejected the overture to amend the formula of subscription to the confession of faith.

It is proposed to provide a permanent memorial to Lord Kelvin in Belfast. It is suggested that the statue should be erected in the City Hall grounds.

A man considered to be a harmless lunatic called at Windsor Castle, announced himself as a nephew of William IV., and said he wished to see Mrs. Guelph. After examination by a surgeon he was sent back to his friends at Oxford.

The annual report of the registrar-general for Ireland shows that the population of Ireland is steadily declining. There were 103,536 births in Ireland in 1906, and 74,427 deaths, but the loss by emigration was 35,344, making a net loss in population of 6,235 during the year. The total population of Ireland in the middle of 1906 was 4,388,006.