

Rev. Dr. Smith, of Knox church, St. Catharines, preached able and interesting sermons to large congregations at Welland on the 12th inst. Rev. F. McCuaig occupied Dr. Smith's pulpit in St. Catharines on that day.

Knox church, Galt, met in annual session recently, reviewing a progressive and prosperous year. After a few remarks from the Rev. R. E. Knowles, as to the pleasant relations between pastor and people Mr. William Cowan took the chair. The reports were gratifying, both spiritually and materially, and the new year opens auspiciously. A two hundred dollar annuity was voted Dr. J. K. Smith, and a resolution was passed, limiting the managers to an outlay of \$250 for whatever purpose, unless referred to the congregation. The proceedings were interesting and harmonious.

The late Rev. Dr. Robertson was well known in London, and it was in St. Andrew's church in that city that he was elected to the Moderatorship of the General Assembly in 1895. Rev. Dr. Johnston, who was one of his intimate friends, preached last Sunday in St. Andrew's from the text "Know ye not that a great man and a prince is fallen to-day in Israel?" After referring to the great occasions that call for great character, he paid an eloquent tribute to Dr. Robertson, speaking specially of his unselfishness in persistently refusing to avail himself of opportunities for acquiring wealth; his liberal spirit that enabled him to find the best in every man and in every church, and his gift of leadership that had been so conspicuously manifested in the aggressive work in which he had led the church. The sermon was a worthy tribute to a great and good man.

Ottawa.

The W. F. M. S. of McKay church held its annual meeting at the home of Mrs. Ralph, Stanley Avenue, on the 14th inst.

Rev. Prof. McComb of Queen's University delivered two able sermons in St. Andrew's church last Sunday. In the morning his theme was the moods of life and the variations of spiritual temper, based on the text from the first epistle general of John 3, 20: "For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart and knoweth all things."

The annual Sunday School entertainment of the Stewart church was held last week and was most enjoyable. After an interesting programme by the children, prizes were given for regular attendance and bible study. A bible was given to Miss Annie Hunt for being present every Sunday for four years, and to Miss Jessie Bogus for six years' constant attendance.

The fourth annual meeting of the Glebe church was held Friday evening. The various reports showed that the past year had been one of continual progress. During the year the managers were successful in meeting all liabilities and were able to make considerable improvement to the church. There was a small increase in the membership, and every department shows steady growth.

In Bank street church in the morning Rev. T. Fraser occupied the pulpit and delivered a helpful discourse on child training, dealing more especially with the Sabbath school. In the evening Rev. Dr. Moore took as his theme the teaching of scripture concerning total abstinence. One of the outstanding passages of scripture is "No drunkard shall enter the Kingdom of Heaven."

At the annual meeting of Bethany church, Hintonburg, the report from the session showed an increased membership during the year, of twenty-nine. The treasurer's report showed an income of \$308.88, and expenditure of \$884.79 leaving a balance of \$24.09. During the year \$100 was paid on the church debt, reducing it to \$300. It was resolved to reduce the annual grant from the presbytery by \$50.

The progress of St. Paul's church was the Rev. Dr. Armstrong's subject in the morning and in the course of the sermon the doctor said the preaching of the church was of the right kind in that it was Scriptural; the congregation gave prayerful and thoughtful attention and the church is growing steadily. The doctor said the right kind of feeling in regard to religion prevails in the city and the church enjoys the right kind of prosperity. The Rev. John McNicol preached at night.

Last Sabbath was the third anniversary of Rev. Norman MacLeod's pastorate in the New Edinburgh church. At the morning service he

made reference to the three years which had been years of happiness to him and to the reasons they had, as pastor and people, to be thankful. The theme of his morning discourse was the great command and the great promise: "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you."

Rev. J. W. H. Milne preached in the evening at the Glebe church on the life and work of the late Dr. Robertson, superintendent of missions in the Northwest. Mr. Milne said that Dr. Robertson was a man of heroic mould and had the spirit of a statesman. He was a great leader, doing his work not from a cosy office in the city, but on the field. He was a true patriot, and endured as much hardship for the land he loved, as those who had borne arms in her defence.

The annual meeting of Zion church, Hull, was held last week. Rev. M. H. Scott, the pastor, presided. The various reports presented, showed considerable progress to have been made in all departments of the church's work, and a degree of prosperity to have been attained, which not even the most hopeful anticipated. Though Zion church escaped the ravages of the big fire, the depression consequent upon the conflagration had its corresponding effect upon parish affairs. All this, however, is past and last year was the most successful in the church's history.

The annual meeting of Erskine church was held on the 15th inst. Rev. A. E. Mitchell, the pastor, read the session report, which showed very great progress of the congregation and Sunday school. During the year three members had been removed by death and 12 transferred by certificate; 33 members were dropped from the roll and 81 new names were added. The total membership at present is 244. The managers reported that the total receipts for the year were \$1,597.52 and the expenditure \$93.68 less. During the year \$340 had been collected for missions.

Rev. Thos. Nixon, of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Smith's Falls, occupied the pulpit in Knox church, last Sunday. In the morning Rev. Mr. Nixon spoke of the duty of the Christian. His principal point was that the life of the Christian should be reflective of all that the life should be. The Christian should, by his every day life, set an example which would tend to elevate all who came in contact with him. To do this, it was necessary that he should live a careful and exemplary life. In the evening, Mr. Nixon preached a sermon on Character which was along the same lines as the morning discourse. Rev. D. M. Ramsay, of Knox church, was in Smith's Falls preaching anniversary services.

Eastern Ontario.

Rev. J. A. Claxton of Queensborough has been upon the sick list for some time but is now gradually recovering.

There was a good attendance at the New Year social held at the Enniskillen Church, the receipts being over \$100.

The Rev. D. O. McArthur of Melrose has received the degree of B. D. from the Central University of Indiana. After a prolonged period of study Mr. McArthur is enjoying a short holiday at the parental home in Kincardine.

I cheerfully testify to the excellence of Crookery's Eastern Balm as a medicine for coughs and colds. It has been used by different members of my family with the best results. Rev. A. H. McFarlane, Franktown, O. For sale by all dealers and by the proprietor, John Crookery, Perth, Ont.

On Christmas eve the members of St. Andrew's choir, Burnbrae, repaired to the manse and surprised the Rev. John Moore and his wife by presenting them with an address, accompanied by a writing case and an easy chair as a slight token of appreciation of services rendered during the year.

The Church of the Redeemer, Deseronto, Rev. Dr. W. S. MacTavish, pastor, has enjoyed a year of prosperity as was indicated at the annual meeting recently held. The net gain in the roll of membership was 19, and the total payments for all purposes amounted to \$3043. The attendance at the Sabbath School under the superintendency of Mayor Rathun is steadily on the increase. The Y. P. S. C. E. contributed \$50 to missions. All the other departments of the work are well organized and officers and members are working with much earnestness.

The anniversary services in connection with the church at Ashton were held on the 12th inst, when Rev. J. W. H. Milne, of the Glebe church Ottawa, preached.

Mr. A. W. Cook, merchant tailor, of Perth, and a member of St. Andrew's church in that town, is the proud possessor of a reference Bible presented to him by Frances Ridley Havergal, many of whose hymns appear in our Book of Praise. Mr. Cook was a member of Miss Havergal's Sunday school class, and the fly leaf of the bible bears an inscription in her handwriting which greatly enhances the value of the gift.

A special meeting of the Presbytery of Kingston, called for the purpose of dealing with the resignation of the Rev. T. J. Thompson, M. A., was held in the John St. Church, Belleville, on the 16th inst. The Rev. Dr. MacTavish, Moderator pro tem, presided. Representatives from the Session and congregation were heard, and all spoke in the most complimentary terms of the work done by Mr. Thompson during the six years in which he had been pastor of John St. Church. It was stated that never was the church in a more prosperous condition, that perfect harmony prevailed, that the pastor was beloved and respected by all, but that as he had determined to travel and study for a time, the congregation, while parting from him with deep regret, would offer no opposition to his resignation. Mr. Thompson, while thanking the congregation for their kindly words and good wishes, adhered to his resignation. After each member of the Presbytery had paid a well deserved tribute to Mr. Thompson's worth, the resignation, on motion of Rev. Messrs. W. W. Peck, and E. W. MacKay, was regretfully accepted. Dr. MacTavish was appointed to declare the pulpit vacant on Feb. 2nd., and to act as Moderator during the vacancy. The congregation will not hear candidates, but temporary pulpit supply will be procured, and a committee will select a pastor.

Schemes of the Church.

To the Editor:

Permit me to call special attention to the following table, the first column of which gives the estimated requirement for the year; the second, the amount received to this date, and the third, the amount still required prior to 26th February:—

	ESTIMATED	ALREADY GOT.	STILL REQ'D
Home Mission Fund	\$97,500	\$35,000	\$62,500
Augmentation Fund	10,000	4,700	5,300
*Foreign Miss. Fund	70,000	31,000	39,000
French Evangelization	25,000	7,000	18,000
Pointe-Aux-Trembles	10,000	3,000	7,000
Wid. & Orphans' Fund	13,000	2,200	10,800
Aged & Infirm Min.	13,000	1,700	11,300
Assembly Fund	7,000	3,000	4,000
Knox College	12,000	2,100	9,900
Queen's College	5,500	580	4,920
Pres. College, Montreal	5,000	420	4,580
Manitoba College	3,000	1,350	1,650

\$291,000 \$92,650 \$198,950

*Not including W. F. M. S.

It will thus be seen that, although within six weeks of the close of the church year, we have only received about one-third of the full amount required for the several schemes of the church. In order to end the year without debt, it will be necessary to receive in the next six weeks \$198,950, an average of upwards of \$33,000 a week or nearly \$6,000 every day from now until the books close.

It is very much to be regretted that so many congregations delay so long in forwarding their contributions. Apart from the amount of interest which has to be paid on borrowed money, grave anxiety is felt by the several Committees who administer the Church's work, and they are unable to tell whether they can implement their engagements or be compelled to contract the work committed to them. Almost every week we are receiving contributions from church treasurers, with an apology for having overlooked the forwarding of the money, which had been in their hands for a long time.

I take the liberty of suggesting to ministers that they ask their congregational or missionary treasurers whether all contributions have been forwarded, and if not, to see that they are sent without delay.

R. H. W.

Toronto, Jan. 17th 1902.