

Ministers and Churches.

Toronto.

Toronto Presbytery has nominated Rev. Dr. Milligan, of Old St. Andrews, for moderator of the General Assembly.

At the recent meeting of Toronto Presbytery, on the resignation of Rev. G. R. Foskin, Mr. Wm. Selby, 41 Rose Avenue, Toronto, was appointed treasurer. Church treasurers and Ministers will note the change.

Encouraging reports were presented at annual meeting of Fern Avenue church. The session report showed that during the year 26 new members were enrolled, making a total membership of 172. The total revenue from all sources was \$1,483, the expenditure being about the same.

Mimico church on the 10th ult. celebrated the liquidation of the mortgage indebtedness. A combination of music, recitations, happy and besetting addresses, capped by a distribution of refreshments, formed a program which has doubtless impressed a lasting remembrance of the happy occasion. The congregation has since called a minister.

Mr. R. G. McKay, B.A., a second year theological student from Kintore, Oxford, won the gold medal of the Knox College Theological and Literary Society at the recent oratory contest. There were three other competitors—Mr. J. B. Paulin (who was second in the estimation of the judges), Mr. W. D. Lee and Mr. Gillies Eadie, B.A., and all of their efforts were exceedingly creditable to themselves and to the institution. Rev. Dr. Milligan presided.

There was a large attendance at the annual meeting of St. Giles' church, Oak street. The pastor, Rev. Robert Atkinson, presided. The various reports showed an increase in the membership of 59, bringing the total up to 370. During the year the congregation paid its way, and wiped out a deficit of \$600, brought forward from 1902. There is now no floating debt. The mortgage debt was reduced by \$200. The receipts for all purposes totalled \$4,585, of which \$260 was for missions.

The Dunn Avenue congregation has been celebrating the 25th anniversary of the organization of the church by a social gathering and public meeting. The pastor, Rev. A. Logan Goggie, presided, and the opening exercises were conducted by Rev. Dr. Parsons. Rev. Dr. Abraham addressed the gathering on "Parkdale Presbyterian church 24 years ago," and Judge Winchester on "The church to-day." Rev. Dr. Abraham said the congregation was composed of 15 people in 1879, and met in a room 16x22, near the old toll-gate on Queen street west. There was a table in one end, half a dozen benches and a dozen chairs. The Sunday school had a membership of 17 scholars and teachers. Before six months elapsed, however, plans for a new church were prepared, and a new Sunday school was built. A tribute was paid to the late Rev. D. J. Macdonell, who helped in the organization of the congregation. Rev. Dr. Abraham had with him a record of the first families of Parkdale Presbyterian Church. His Honor Judge Winchester pointed out that he joined the church in 1887, when Rev. Dr. MacKay was pastor, and the present edifice was erected at a cost of \$35,000. Subsequently an organ was installed, and a Sunday school was erected. The cost of the Sunday school was about \$15,000. There is a debt of \$21,000 at the present time against the church. The membership is 1,026. There are 1,171 names on the roll of the Sunday school.

Ottawa.

At the annual meeting of the Young People's Society of Erskine church the following officers were elected: President, Mr. John Leyden; first vice-president, Mr. Geo. H. Rice; second vice-president, Miss M. Pattison; Miss Annie Bennett; secretary, Miss B. Lillo; treasurer, Mr. Gordon Watt; organist, Miss Bessie Bonsall.

Mr. J. G. Peltou, formerly of Kemptville, has moved to Ottawa, having been appointed manager of the New York Life Insurance Co. for the Ottawa district. In Kemptville he was most popular, and on the eve of his departure he was presented with a dressing case by the Sunday school of St. Paul's church.

The Free Press of the 8th gives an extended notice of the visit of Rev. R. E. Knowles, of Knox church, Galt, to his former charge in this

city. "His popularity among his old parishioners was attested by the crowds that flocked to hear the message from his eloquent lips. At the evening service it was necessary to improvise seats in the aisles, and in the morning there was not an empty pew in the church. As an orator, Mr. Knowles has few equals in the pulpits of Canada. To a commanding appearance and a magnetic personality, he adds a gentleness of manner and that persuasive eloquence upon which the charm of his oratory seems to hang." The congregation to which he ministers is one of the largest in Canada, having a membership of over 11,000.

Editorial reference is elsewhere made to the British and Foreign Bible Society, and to its proposed centenary celebration. The local auxiliary at the capital aims to raise a sum of at least \$5,000 in aid of the centenary fund, and it is thought that the matter is one which might be brought prominently before the notice of church Sabbath schools, guilds and young people's societies, as has been done in Toronto and cities of the United Kingdom. It is understood the Ottawa auxiliary intends to make a strong effort to reach and even surpass the \$5,000 figure, and it is needless to say its members cherish the hope that the pastors of Ottawa and vicinity, and all church workers will co-operate with them in the furtherance of this great and noble cause. Contributions to the Ottawa auxiliary may be handed or transmitted to the following gentlemen: Mr. James Gibson, treasurer, 72 Albert street; Mr. James Hope, 49 Sparks street; or to Rev. John Wood, 155 Maria street, Ottawa.

Eastern Ontario.

Rev. Wm. Cooper, Port Perry, has been elected moderator of Whithy Presbytery.

The next regular meeting of Whithy Presbytery will be held at Whithy on 19th April next.

Rev. Mr. McClellan, of Toronto, conducted services at Athens and Toledo last Sunday.

Rev. Mr. Lochead, formerly of North Gower, occupied the pulpit at Carp on Sunday.

Rev. A. McIntyre, of Cumberland, has been preaching at Finch and Cryslar.

The Brockville Presbytery is appointed to meet at Kemptville on the 22nd Feb., at 5 p. m.

Rev. Orr Bennet, of Almonte, has been lecturing in Melville church, Eganville, on "A Walk in Rome."

Rev. Dr. Moore, of Ottawa, preached the pulpits vacant at Carp and Kimbryn by appointment of Presbytery.

Rev. M. H. Wilson of Micksburg and Scotland, has been presented with a purse of \$100 by his congregation, with which to buy a new horse.

The nineteenth annual meeting of the Brockville Presbytery will be held in St. Paul's church, Kemptville, on Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 22nd and 23rd. A large attendance is expected, and as in former years, a good programme will be submitted.

At the S. S. anniversary of the First church, Brockville, Mr. John Connolly, I. P. S., presided. About two hundred children were present. Vocal and instrumental music, recitations, etc. made up an attractive programme. Prizes were presented for attendance respecting the Shorter Catechism, etc. Handsome Bibles were presented Misses Kathleen Montgomery and Clara Hardendorff for having repeated the Shorter Catechism in its entirety.

Much to the regret of his congregation Rev. A. C. Bryan, Westport, has announced his intention of removing to the Northwest in the spring, so Knox church must look for a new pastor. The management will install a new furnace in the church next week.

Rev. H. Taylor, of Lochwinnoch, conducted the anniversary services in Cedar Hill church on Sunday week last preaching to good congregations. There were quite a number from St. Andrew's congregation, Pakenham, at the morning service. Rev. R. Young exchanged pulpits with Mr. Taylor, Mr. Young taking Mr. Taylor's anniversary services at Stewartville. He remained there for the Monday evening social, at which he gave an address.

At the annual meeting of the Ladies' association of St. John's church, Cornwall, there was a large attendance, and the association is in a flourishing condition. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—Mrs. C. H. Cline, president; Mrs. J. G. Harkness, 1st. vice-president; Mrs. P. N. Tait, Mille Roches, 2nd. vice-president; Mrs. J. A. C. Cameron, secretary; Mrs. Robt. Flanagan, treasurer.

Mr. Collin Cameron, of Iroquois, whose death occurred on the 6th Jan., made the following bequests: To the Presbyterian Home Missions in Manitoba, \$500; to the Presbyterian Home Missions in British Columbia \$500; to the Mackay Formosa Missions, Japan, \$500, and to Rev. Fraser Campbell, Indian Mission, \$500.

At a recent annual meeting of Knox church, Canington, a very appreciative address was presented to Rev. D. M. Martin, with the intimation that a very substantial increase to his stipend is made this year; all of which goes to show the gratifying relations which exist between pastor and people.

In the interests of the proper observance of Sabbath, Rev. J. G. Sharrer, Dominion Secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance delivered a most instructive and telling lecture in MacLaren Hall, Alexandria, Rev. D. MacLaren presiding. The following officers were appointed for the local branch: President, H. Munro; Vice-President, P. A. Ferguson; Secretary-Treasurer, Rev. D. MacLaren; Committee, Messrs. J. A. McKie, John Mcintosh, Miss B. Simpson, Mrs. I. B. O'rom and Mrs. P. Leslie.

The remit on the enlargement of the Powers of Synod was considered by Whithy Presbytery and it was agreed that the first recommendation, be not approved and that the second, third and fourth be approved. In the remit re minimum salary it was agreed that it is inadvisable to raise the minimum. The following recommendations in connection with Queen's University were approved: 1st that the connection between Queen's University and the Presbyterian church in Canada be maintained; 2nd that the General Assembly appoint one third of trustees; 3rd that the University be commended to the liberality of the Presbyterians of Canada.

St. John's church, Brockville, has had another prosperous year. The additions to the membership was 37. Seven deaths had taken place in the congregation and the pastor had administered the sacrament of baptism to 22 children. The ordinary revenue from pew rents was over \$2,200, while \$1,000 had been paid on the debt fund during the year. The total revenue from all sources was over \$4,100. Of this \$455 was given for missionary and benevolent schemes. The Sabbath school had on the roll 201 average attendance, 151. Collections for the year was \$216.

The reports of the different societies presented to the annual meeting of Knox church, Cornwall, all showed prosperity and success during 1903. The three retiring members of the board of management were re-elected, viz. Messrs. A. McNaughton, I. P. S., M. Hermiston and J. B. Atchison. It was decided to overhaul the furnace and increase the heating capacity, and to place more modern burners on the gas jets. Votes of thanks were passed to the choir and leader, Mr. J. P. Watson; to the organist of the church and Sunday School, the ushers, and the various societies for their assistance in the work of the church during the year.

On the 3rd instant Rev. Donald Stewart, son of the Rev. D. Stewart, of Laguerre, was inducted into the pastoral charge of Morwood. The Moderator, Rev. John Chisholm, of Kemptville, presided and inducted; Rev. Mr. Macdonald, of Mountain, conducted divine service; the charge to the minister was delivered by Rev. Mr. Russell, of Chesterville; and the people were addressed by Rev. H. Carmichael, of Dunbar. A bright future lies before this congregation. The people are to be congratulated upon their happy choice of a pastor and speedy settlement.

The Almonte Gazette of a recent date contained the following:—"Did—At the Grampian Sanitarium Kingussie, Inverness-shire, Scotland, on January 3, at 10 35 a.m., Rev. George Cowan MacLean, late pastor of St. John's church, Almonte, Ont., Canada." Such was the brief announcement received from Rev. Mr. MacLean's father in Scotland, of an occurrence which will cause sadness in the hearts of those who had come to know Rev. Mr. MacLean during his brief pastorate in St. John's church here. He was a preacher of considerable power and great attractiveness, and was possessed of a sympathetic nature and a disposition which won for him many friends in Almonte, who will sincerely regret that his life which seemed so full of promise should be so soon ended.

A pleasant and harmonious meeting was that of Melville church, Eganville, with Rev. Mr. Rattary in the choir. All the reports presented were of an encouraging nature. The pastor gave a detailed statement of how the money collected