

on profession of faith, and 7 by certificate. The roll at the close of 1903 contains 607 members. During the present pastorate of two years 169 members have been received, 143 of these on profession. The Board of Management presented an encouraging report showing about two hundred and twenty-five dollars of surplus. At the close a unanimous vote was carried increasing the salary of the pastor two hundred dollars.

The Christmas tree entertainment at Riverfield was held on Monday evening Dec. 22. It was favored with fine roads and good weather. The church was beautifully decorated with two large and well-laden trees, and festoons of evergreen and chains of red, white and blue. The pastor, the Rev. J. M. Kellock, presided. The Rev. Mr. Houghton gave a very impressive address, well worth remembering. The Rev. Mr. Kinnear, and the Rev. M. Whillians were also present and gave very suitable addresses. The programme consisted of anthems by the choir, solos, duets, dialogues and recitations. The Rev. J. M. Kellock charmed by his singing. At the close of the programme, Mr. Wm. Allen, of Norton Creek, was presented by the Sunday School with a beautiful oak secretary.

The annual meeting of the Georgetown and English River W. M. S. was held on the 19th of Jan. The Treasurer reported: Amount raised by subscriptions \$206.00; Life Membership certificate \$25.00; Monthly collections, \$17.75; Special meeting in June, \$25.39; Balance from 1902, \$4.35; Total \$278.49. Of this amount two hundred and sixty-four dollars had been sent to the Treasurer in Montreal to be allocated at the annual meeting next month. The society sent a bale of clothing weighing 160 pounds, to the Rev. P. Naismith, Olds, Alberta, and a smaller one to the Convener of French work in Montreal—value of both bales ninety dollars. The following were elected office bearers for the year: President, Mrs. Whillians; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. C. M. MacKeracher, Mrs. Wm. Ogilvie, Mrs. Kellock; Rec. Secretary, Miss C. A. MacKeracher; Cor. Secretary, Mrs. Jas. McKell; Treasurer, Mrs. Shanks. Delegates to Annual Meeting, Mrs. R. Ness, sr., Mrs. Jas. Templeton, Mrs. W. Ogilvie and Miss C. A. MacKeracher.

Eastern Ontario.

The Ladies' Aid and the W. F. M. society of Carp church have presented Mrs. McGillivray, wife of Rev. N. H. McGillivray with a handsome church hymnal. Mr. and Mrs. McGillivray leave shortly for Cornwall.

The officers for St. John's Sunday school, Almonte have been appointed for 1904 as follows: Supt. Dr. P. C. McGregor; asst. supt., W. H. Robertson; sec.-treas. P. A. Greig; S. S. choir leader, Duncan Campbell, with a staff of 15 teachers.

The New Year's concert at Kinburn was quite a success. Rev. N. H. MacGillivray made an ideal chairman; and the singing of the St. John's choir, Almonte, was greatly appreciated. Proceeds about \$44.

Hon. Peter White, ex-speaker of the House of Commons, has fully recovered from a somewhat serious illness. Mr. White is a stalwart Presbyterian, a pillar in Dr. Bayne's church, and many friends will be pleased to learn of his complete convalescence.

The induction of Rev. R. Barbour, as minister of the Stouffville church, took place on 21st inst. In the absence of the Moderator, Rev. J. H. Brown of Agincourt presided. Rev. D. B. Macdonald of Bendale addressed the minister, Rev. E. L. Pidgeon of Markham addressed the people, and Rev. H. A. Macpherson of Chalmers church, Toronto, preached a suitable sermon.

At the annual meeting of St. Andrew's church, Carleton Place, the chair was taken by Mr. Woodside, the pastor, and the various reports presented were of a most encouraging nature. The Treasurer's statement showed a surplus of one hundred and thirteen dollars and twenty two cents, with all liabilities covered, whilst the contributions to missions exceeded those of last year and were over two thousand dollars. There was an increase of 30 in the membership. On motion the minister's salary was increased.

The anniversary services in connection with St. Andrew's church, Carleton Place, were largely attended. Rev. Mr. Logie, of Winchester, occupying the pulpit morning and evening. On Monday evening the spacious basement was well filled by members of St. Andrew's and others. The program was unusually attractive. It consisted of solos by Mr. Cecil Bethune and Miss

Morgan, of Ottawa, anthems by the choir, a solo by Mr. Miller, a lullaby by six little girls, addresses by Revs. Logie, Scott, Bayne and Ellis, and recitations by Mrs. Weekes, Miss Neilson and Miss Brown, and each number was well rendered. After the program refreshments were served by the ladies, and a social half hour was thoroughly enjoyed. The chair was occupied during the evening by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Woodside, who had taken Rev. Mr. Logie's place at Winchester on Sunday. Both congregations were pleased with the exchange.

On Wednesday evening Jan. 20 a large number of the congregation of St. Luke's church, Finch, met at the manse to honor their pastor and his wife Rev. D. and Mrs. MacVicar. Both were made the recipients of a number of valuable gifts, one of these was a purse containing the sum of sixty dollars presented to Mrs. MacVicar by Mrs. J. J. McMillan on behalf of the donors at the conclusion of a brief and well-worded address by Dr. Stark. Mr. MacVicar thanked the people for the warmth of their friendship and for their great kindness which was expressed in such a tangible manner. The Rev. Mr. McCaul of Toronto was also present and made a felicitous speech. After a very enjoyable evening spent together the party before separating joined in singing "God be with you till we meet again."

The reports presented at Calvin church, Pembroke, annual meeting indicated a prosperous year. The families now number 205 and the members 390, nineteen of whom were added during the year. The Session's report made feeling reference to the large number of deaths during 1903; the pastor officiated at 30 funerals and 10 members were removed by death. As to finances—the Sunday School reported \$219.78 as having been raised during the year; W. F. M. S. \$154.50; the Mission Band, \$85.13; the Ladies' Aid, \$259.15; the Organ Fund Committee, \$473.90; for Charity, \$73; for Missions (general) \$267.20; for salaries, etc., \$2,242.69 a total of \$3,553.87, exclusive of some \$400 which the Cemetery Committee has on hand. Special mention was made of the flourishing condition of the Sunday School and missionary organizations of the church. Strong committees were elected; and mention was made of the faithful and voluntary services of the choir, who so efficiently lead the service of praise. Rev. Dr. Bayne was chairman and Mr. S. E. Mitchell was secretary.

St. John's congregation, Almonte, Rev. A. M. Currie, M. A., pastor, held its annual meeting on Wednesday evening Jan. 20th. The usual reports were presented and the following summary indicates the prosperous condition of the work:—At the beginning of the year the number on the roll was 295. Removed by death and certificate 13. Additions to membership 81, of whom 58 were by profession of faith. There are now 363 on the roll, a net gain of 68. The income for ordinary purposes was the largest in the history of the congregation. The total income was \$3,051 of which \$500 was for missionary and benevolent purposes. The Sabbath School has upon its roll 220 scholars and 18 teachers and officers, and in addition to paying its own expenses gave \$50 to the support of a student in the Pointe Aux Trembles school. The W. F. M. S. & H. M. S. closed the most successful year since their organization. The former having a membership of 105 and receipts of \$227 and the latter having a membership of 142 with receipts of \$187. The Pastor's Bible Class, with a membership of 107, marked the close of the year by presenting their teacher with a handsome easy chair.

Western Ontario.

Mr. T. A. McCleneghan, for nearly seven years choir master of Knox church, Woodstock, has resigned.

All reports submitted to the annual meeting of the Mandaamin church were most encouraging, indicating progress and prosperity.

Rev. H. McPherson, lately of Halifax, has been preaching most acceptably in the First church, Brockville.

Rev. D. C. Hossack and Rev. Thos. Eakin have been elected by Knox Alumni to represent their association on the College Senate.

Rev. Mr. Hanna of Mount Forest exchanged pulpits with Mr. Campbell, Dromore, and delivered an excellent address on Foreign Missions.

Hamilton Presbytery decided to recommend that the minimum stipend of ministers in augmented charges be eight hundred dollars annually.

The Rev. D. L. Campbell of Dromore, preached in Westminster church, Mount Forest, on Sabbath sermons that were much appreciated.

The services in Burn's church last Sunday were conducted by Rev. Mr. Rennie, of Nairn; and on Monday evening Rev. R. E. Knowles, of Galt, delighted a large audience with his racy lecture on "The Secret of Scottish Success."

The session of Erskine church, Hamilton, reported the congregation as the largest in the history of the church. The finances of the church are in good shape and a semi-jubilee fund is calculated to reduce the church debt from eight thousand to four thousand by July. It was decided to increase the ministers salary from one thousand five hundred to one thousand seven hundred dollars.

The following is from the Woodstock Sentinel Review: One hundred and seven new members were received into St. Paul's church, Ingersoll, at the communion service yesterday. If there is no mistake in the figures St. Paul's church is ahead of Cooke's, Toronto, which reports 88 additions for the year; and of the Central church, in the same city, which gives 95 additions for the year. We shall be glad to learn that the statement by the Sentinel Review is correct.

The North Luther church, Conn., held its annual services on Sunday week when Rev. Wm. Farquharson, of Durham, ably filled the pulpit. On Monday evening the annual tea-meeting was held. In spite of the intense cold, in spite of the bad roads, standing room was at a premium and the occasion was the most successful in the history of the congregation.

At Macnab street church, Hamilton, the receipts for the year were four thousand six hundred and thirty-three dollars and twenty-three cents. Rev. Dr. Fletcher, the pastor, who is Moderator of the General Assembly, announced that at the next annual meeting he would retire from the pastorate of the church, owing to his advanced years and his long service. In the meantime he will be assisted by Rev. J. D. Cunningham, M. A., who is at present in Edinburgh.

St. James church, London, has just closed a successful year's operations. The membership had increased from 332 to 371 and there were eight baptisms, the total number of scholars and teachers at Sunday school was 235 with an average attendance of 178. The managers reported disbursements of four thousand and twenty-seven dollars and sixteen cents, with receipts one hundred and fifteen dollars and thirty-three cents less than outlay. It was unanimously voted to increase the minister's salary by two hundred dollars. The various schools in the congregation were all found in a satisfactory condition.

At the last meeting of Sarnia Presbytery Rev. Robert Aylward, B. A., of Parkhill, pressed his resignation which was accepted, and the charge becomes vacant after January 17th. Deep regret was expressed by several members of the Presbytery at parting with their brother, and a committee was appointed to draw up a minute expressive of their high appreciation of Mr. Aylward and his services. The Sarnia Presbytery sustained the call from St. Andrew's, Sarnia, to Rev. J. S. Scott, of Brantford, and it was ordered to be transmitted.

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