

THE DOMINION PRESBYTERIAN

ROUND ABOUT LONDON.

The King Street Church, London, have had a good year in 1907. A movement is just now afoot to wipe out the remaining debt on the church property of \$2,000 during the next nine months. The pastor, Rev. Mr. Rollins, is hopeful of succeeding. After that will come the question of a new church building.

First Presbyterian Church held their annual meeting last week. It might be expected after being ten months without a stated pastor there was reported a falling off in some departments of church work. Of membership the removals were more than the additions during the year. In finances the revenue for current expenses was less than normal by a few hundreds, nevertheless the year closed with a balance on the right side. The Mission contributions from the congregation came up to former mark within \$100. The Mission Societies, Mission Bands all did as well as usual, some of them reporting improvement and increase. The Sabbath School had held its own and was as well manned, (or womaned) as in the past.

The following resolution was endorsed, being moved by Mr. John Cameron and seconded by Mr. H. Bapty: "That the First Presbyterian congregation of London have observed with gratification the spread of the laymen's missionary movement and other movements looking to deeper interest in the missionary cause." They endorse the statement that "every dollar given to foreign missions releases ten dollars' worth of energy for dealing with the tasks at our doors;" and the other statement, that "we can only Christianize the home lands fully, when we make an honest effort to evangelize the whole world." They sympathize with the inspiring ideal of even globalization of the entire world in this generation and they desire, in company with Christian people everywhere awakened, to do their share. We therefore pledge ourselves to an earnest endeavor to raise the proportionate quota needed as the Presbyterian contribution of London towards the new missionary movement and impulse, and, to this end, among other methods, especially endorse and recommend the weekly envelope for mission, as one of the indispensable means looking towards permanency and continuous yearly results.

They desire to take this opportunity of recognizing the work for the missionary cause done by the women of the Presbyterian Church of Canada as an example needing to be emulated generally by Presbyterian men.

They also trust the new missionary impulse may in due time give us the honor of seeing this congregation send out from our midst those who shall be willing to become foreign or home missionaries.

As to other methods and details and the necessity for an active and general participation of men in the presentation during this generation of the Gospel to every man and woman of every kindred and nation, they commit the subject for vigorous action during the year of 1908, not only to the office bearers of the congregation but to the congregation as a whole; believing that obedience to the great commission of Christ will not alone do something to widen our minds and redeem us from self-satisfaction, triviality and mere localism, but bring us indirectly, whether as individuals or as a congregation, spiritual blessing.

The congregation is looking forward with bright anticipations to the settlement over them of a pastor, and hope for a great revival of interest in all departments of church life and work.

Chalmers church did well in 1907, the first year of work in their new edifice. There has been a net gain in membership of 23, the revised communion roll now numbering 160. In finances they paid on church building \$5,723, the remaining debt being \$6,800. Altogether for all purposes they contributed \$8,396, a very commendable showing for a small congregation of working people.

Great credit is due to the untiring efforts of the pastor, a sound preacher of the old Gospel, as well as an indefatigable worker in the interests of his charge. The new church building is a credit to him and his people, as well as an ornament to the part of the city in which it is located.

St. Peter's church, Madoc, (Rev. H. S. Graham, minister) held its annual meeting on 29th ult. All reports presented were of a most satisfactory character—being the best in the history of the congregation. On the Monday previous an organ recital was given by Mr. ——— of Toronto, who had just completed a \$2,000 organ for the church. The congregation is free from debt, and the buildings—the church and manse—are valued at \$25,000, making, altogether, including the newly installed organ, \$27,000. The membership was increased by 15 during the year.

The following additions to Life Membership of the W.F.M.S. are announced in F. M. Tidings for February: Mrs. Robert Fee, W.F.M.S. Auxiliary, Newburgh; Mrs. James Patterson, W.F.M.S. Auxiliary; Warton should have appeared in April Tidings, 1907: Mrs. Samuel Wallace, Cooke's Church Auxiliary, Toronto; Miss N. E. Lennox, presented by Pleasant Valley Auxiliary, South Mountain; Mrs. J. N. Tanner, presented by the members of St. Andrews Auxiliary, Xmas, Lancaster; Mrs. J. C. Whyte, presented by New Westminster Auxiliary; Mrs. Alex. MacDonald, St. Stephen's Church Auxiliary, Winnipeg; Mrs. Dr. McQueen, Augustine Auxiliary, Winnipeg; Mrs. Peter Bovair, Temperanceville and Eversley Auxiliary, Eversley; Mrs. D. F. Sutherland, and Mrs. J. D. Stuart, W.F.M.S. Auxiliary, Winchester; Mrs. T. P. Kennedy, W.F.M.S. Auxiliary, Douglas; Miss Janet Evelyn Grant, Humesville Auxiliary, Forest Station; Miss Maggie Chalmers, a Xmas present from Missionary Band, Smith's Falls; Mrs. James Thomson, Sr., St. Paul's Auxiliary, Hamilton; Mrs. John Chalmers, Knox Church Auxiliary, Owen Sound; Mrs. Alex. McNeillage, Knox Church Auxiliary, Owen Sound; Mrs. Dr. Williams, Miss Bilsland, and Miss Agnes Rosina Edwards, W.F.M.S. Auxiliary, Sherbrooke.

St. Andrew's church, New Westminster, began the new year with newly installed electric lighting. At church, as well as elsewhere, more light is sometimes needed.

At the Vernon church a few days ago Rev. Logie Macdonnell was presented with an address and a silk pulpit gown. Mrs. Macdonnell had at Christmas been presented by the ladies of the congregation with a piece of furniture. The Vernon people have a good way of showing their appreciation.

Last Sunday the third church in Edmonton was opened, at Norwood, on the outskirts of the city. A neat frame building has been erected, and a vigorous Sunday school is already in working order. Rev. Dr. McQueen and Rev. C. A. Myers preached at the opening services; and the new congregation is to be for a time in charge of Rev. C. D. Campbell, of the Ruthenian training school, Edmonton.

Six of the largest colleges in Switzerland have 2,193 female students. The laws of Norway compel a man who chops down one tree to plant three. The largest percentage of organized workers is found in Denmark: half of the population is unionized. Sweden is a close second, with Germany next.

The congregation of St. George's United Free church, Paisley, obtained £3,074 by their bazaar.

EASTERN ONTARIO.

We are in receipt of the neatly printed report of the Presbyterian church, Napanee, Rev. J. R. Conn, M.A., pastor. Besides being well printed, the contents of the report are presented in an orderly manner, both conditions being doubtless largely due to the skill and experience of Mr. Wm. Templeton, clerk of session, who is an old editor, and knows how "copy" should be prepared. The session report indicates a membership of 152, there being 13 additions during the year. The total receipts for general fund, including balance from previous year, amounted to \$1,853.52, with a balance on hand, after defraying all expenses, of \$71.10. By the Ladies' Aid, Sabbath school, W.F.M.S. and Willing Workers' Mission Band, were collected the sum of \$937.52. This added to the general fund will make a grand total of \$2,790.54. The outlook for the coming year is bright and promising.

The Manse, Avonmore, was the scene of a very pleasant gathering on the evening of Thursday, 16th ult., when the many friends of the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Maclean assembled to give expression to the affection and esteem which they cherished toward their faithful pastor and his amiable wife. After refreshments had been served the chair was taken by Mr. D. D. MacIntyre, who announced that a short programme was before them, and a pleasant duty to be performed. Dr. and Mrs. Maclean were then asked to come forward, and Mr. W. J. McCart, ex-M.P.P., read an address on behalf of the Avonmore congregation, expressing their gratitude to the pastor and his wife for their unselfish and untiring endeavors in behalf of the congregation. The address concluded by asking Mrs. Maclean to accept a purse, with the kindest regards and best wishes of her many friends in the church. The purse was presented by Mr. Uriah Shaver, on behalf of the contributors, the aggregate amount being \$100.

The thirtieth convention of the Presbytery of Glengarry Sunday School Association was held in the Presbyterian Church, Avonmore, on Tuesday and Wednesday, 21st and 22nd ult. Although the weather was rather disagreeable a very large number attended the different sessions. Rev. H. N. McLean, Rev. N. H. McGillivray, and Rev. Hugh Pedley, of Montreal, were on the programme for addresses on Tuesday. Rev. H. N. McLean gave an address of welcome at the opening of the session. On account of the absence of Rev. N. H. McGillivray, Rev. J. B. McLeod, of Martintown, spoke in his place and gave very instructive addresses on "Enthusiasm in Christ," and "Cleansing the Temple." Rev. Hugh Pedley, of Montreal, followed with an eloquent address. His subject was "A Time to Plant." He pointed out that youth was the time to plant; also that there are major and minor elements that go to the making up of a great nation, the major elements being classed as reverence, righteousness, usefulness and intelligence; the minor, thoughtfulness, courtesy and love for the beautiful. The following officers were appointed: President, D. D. McCuaig, Bainsville; first vice-president, Rev. H. N. Maclean, Avonmore; second vice-president, Mr. Peter Campbell, Cornwall; secretary, Mr. Geo. F. Jardine, Newington; treasurer, Mr. J. J. Wrightman, Maxville; committee, Rev. W. A. Morrison, Dalhousie Mills; Mr. J. McL. Sutherland, Lancaster; Mr. D. F. McLennan, Williamstown; Mr. A. C. McArthur, Martintown; Mr. A. M. Cheney, Vankleek Hill; Miss Florence Lee, St. Elmo; Mrs. (Dr.) McEwen, Maxville.

Whoever would enter into the full strength and joy of a disciple must throw his whole heart upon the altar.