

Ottawa.

The Ladies' Aid Society of Knox church elected its officers for the new year on the 8th instant.

Rev. Thurlow Fraser conducted anniversary services in the Richmond Presbyterian church last Sunday.

Last Sabbath Communion was dispensed at Stewarton church, when nine new members were received into the church.

The annual meeting of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of St. Andrew's church was held on Tuesday afternoon.

Rev. Jno. McNichol preached in the Glebe church last Sunday morning, and Rev. A. S. Ross, of Merivale, in the evening.

The Ladies' Aid Society of St. Paul's church held its annual meeting on the 8th instant, when the officers for the current year were chosen.

The Ladies' Aid of the Glebe Presbyterian church held their annual meeting last Wednesday evening, when officers for the current year were elected.

The annual meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary and Foreign Missionary society was held Monday afternoon in the parlor of St. Andrew's church. The receipts for the past year had shown an increase of over \$20.

The Annual Presbyterian meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, of Ottawa, will be held in March instead of in February, as has been the custom heretofore. Knox church has been selected as the place of meeting.

The annual congregational meeting of Knox church was held on the 9th instant, when the work for the year was reviewed. The reports submitted by the different organizations showed a very healthy condition. There are now 460 members of the Church, the roll having been revised.

Over four hundred members of the Evangelical churches attended the union sacramental services in Dominion Methodist church last Friday evening. This is the first service of the kind ever held in the city. The members of all Evangelical churches excepting the Baptist churches were present, and their pastors assisted in the service.

Rev. Thurlow Fraser, at present assistant to Rev. Dr. Moore, of Bank street church, is to retire from that position in October to resume his studies at college. It is understood that on that occasion Rev. Dr. Moore will make a proposition to the congregation to the effect that a permanent co-pastor be appointed who should succeed Rev. Dr. Moore as pastor at the end of five years at which time Dr. Moore proposes to retire.

At the eleventh annual meeting of the Stewarton church, the reports of the year showed gratifying progress in the various departments of the church's work and bright prospects for the future. The membership had increased during the year, and the finances were in a satisfactory condition. Mr. James Guthrie, treasurer, in his report, gave the following figures: Balance from last year, \$20.77; receipts \$2,108.61; total, \$2,219.38; expenses, \$2,207.56; balance on hand, \$11.82.

Rev. Dr. Armstrong presided at the annual meeting of St. Paul's church Tuesday evening. He expressed deep regret to report that the hand of death had been more busy at work among the congregation during the year than in any other in its history. Eleven communicants had passed away during the year. Notwithstanding the fact that the receipts were a little short of meeting the expenditure during the past twelve months, the church has enjoyed a very prosperous year. When it became known that there was a slight deficit, several who were present handed in subscriptions which almost made up the shortage and a sufficient sum will be forthcoming within a few days.

At the meeting of the Presbytery of Ottawa, on Tuesday 7th inst., the following resolution, moved by Rev. Dr. Armstrong and seconded by Mr. George Hay was passed by a standing vote: That this Presbytery places on record its high appreciation of the services rendered to the Church by the late Rev. James Robertson, D. D., so many years Superintendent of our Home Mission work in Manitoba and the North-west. His untiring energy, great organizing capacity, practical wisdom, unflinching faith and unwavering loyalty to Christ and His Kingdom made him one of the most potent influences in moulding the destiny of our greater Canada west of

Lake Superior. Dr. Robertson's life work, his faith, zeal and consecration have been an inspiration to the whole Church in prosecuting her Home Missions. The Presbytery desires to convey to Mrs. Robertson and members of the family its sympathy in the great bereavement that has befallen them.

The past year has been one of growth for the congregation of Bank street church, as shown by the report submitted at the annual meeting held on Monday evening. The financial statement showed that the receipts of the church were equal to the ordinary expenditure. But increases in salaries had been granted during the year for which little or no provision had been made, with the result that there is a slight deficit of \$148. The membership of the church has increased from 519 in 1900 to 597 last year, making a total gain of 78 members. All the reports submitted referred to the loss the church had sustained in the death of the late John Hardie, who during his life had been an active member and untiring worker in all matters connected with the church. The manager's report gave the receipts for the year as \$4,979.97, and the expenditures as \$5,388.59. The estimate for next year was placed at \$5,319.

Western Ontario.

Rev. Dr. McTavish, of Deseronto, an old Nassagaweya boy, preached in the Rockwood church on the 5th instant.

Rev. Mr. Marsh, of Hamilton, occupied the pulpit at Knox church, Aylmer, at both services on Sunday of last week.

Last Sunday week Rev. H. R. Horne, of Chalmers' church, Elora, exchanged pulpits with Rev. A. Mahaffy, of Kincardine.

The impression in Orangeville is that Rev. R. W. Dickie, of that town, will accept the call extended to him by Knox Presbyterian church, Owen Sound.

Rev. Dr. McTavish, of Deseronto, preached in Guelph one week ago Sunday. Dr. McTavish was formerly a teacher there. He is visiting his old home near Knatchbull.

The Gauld Mission Band held their annual thank-offering meeting in St. Andrew's church, Kippen, last week. Mrs. W. C. Sproat, the president, filled the chair.

Rev. G. C. Patterson, of Embro, will conduct anniversary services in Burns church, Guthrie, on January 19th and on the following Monday evening a tea and concert will be held.

Rev. Thomas Wilson, of London, gave an interesting and instructive lecture on South Africa, accompanied with time-light views, in St. Andrew's church, Stratford, on Thursday night.

Anniversary services were held in connection with the Bond Head church on Sunday last. Rev. Alex. Gilray, of Toronto, was the preacher for the day. On Monday evening an entertainment was given at which Rev. Mr. Gilray lectured.

Rev. Mr. Wilson, returned missionary from India, gave a very interesting lecture in the Embro church recently to a very good audience, on India, its people and their habits, and on the progress of the Christian workers and missionaries.

The anniversary services held in the Cookstown church, Sunday, 5th instant, were a success and a large congregation was present both morning and evening. Rev. Dr. McLaren, of Knox College, Toronto, delivered sermons that were fraught with theological reasoning of the highest order.

On Sunday Jan. 12th, the Bond Head Presbyterian church held anniversary services, on which occasion Rev. Alex. Gilray, of Toronto, preached. On the Monday evening Mr. Gilray delivered his lecture entitled, "The City of the Seven Hills and the Homes and Heroisms of the Waldenses."

The anniversary services and tea-meeting in connection with Knox church, Jarvis, were held on Sabbath and Monday, Jan. 12th and 13th. Rev. Dr. Abraham, of Toronto, conducted the services. On Monday evening a tea was given in the basement, and at 8 o'clock an entertainment in the auditorium.

The annual entertainment in connection with the tenth anniversary of the Sabbath school of Chalmers' church, London, corner of Waterloo and Grey streets, took place on Monday evening, when a very good programme was submitted, great labor having been bestowed upon the training of the children.

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Northern Ontario.

The Rev. J. Lawrence occupied the pulpit of the Uptergrove church, last Sunday morning.

Professor Bristowe, lately from Montreal, is the new organist of the Orillia Presbyterian church. His musical attainments are very highly spoken of.

The annual congregational meeting in connection with the Scotch Settlement Bradford church, was held on the 3rd inst. The various reports were of a satisfactory character, and the treasurer's statement showed a small balance on hand after all liabilities had been met. The total receipts amounted to \$496.14.

The December number of "The Studio" is an excellent one. "A Note Upon the Paintings of Francisco Jose Goya" is a very suggestive article on that famous Spanish artist, with several illustrations of his work. The writer says "Whether the enthusiastic partisans of many cults are justified of their enthusiasms I do not pretend to know, but the truth remains that Goya's work has certain qualities that appeal to men of all shades of thought and temperament who have nothing in common except an intelligent interest in this phenomena of life." A most interesting article is that on "Bournville, A Study in Housing Reform." Here is described the ideal village at the home of the great cocoa works of Cadbury Brothers. The exhibition of decorative art held in October under the auspices of "The Studio" is described at some length, and many illustrations are given of the work done. Gabriel Mourey writes of the work of the Armenian artist, Edgar Chakine. The description of "The Horniman Free Museum" is most interesting. The usual "Studio Talk" and "Reviews" completes the number. Henrietta street, Covent Garden, London, W. C., England.