

At Queen street East church Rev. William Friszel, Ph. B., presided. The report of the session showed 50 new members; and after revising the roll the membership stands at 351. The treasurer's report showed the receipts from all sources to the general fund, \$2,240.66 and disbursements, \$2,216.64, leaving a balance on hand of \$24.32. All outstanding accounts have been paid. The assets are fifteen hundred and mortgage three thousand three hundred. The report of the Missionary Society showed the givings to have been over five hundred; the auxiliary offerings fifty-five dollars, the Mission Band \$36.59, the Ladies' Aid \$62.12. The total givings from all sources amounted to \$3,422.39.

Eminently satisfactory reports were presented at Cooke's church. Last year was commenced with a membership of 1,016, and 185 were added. During the year 68 were removed by certificate, 11 by death and 18 were dropped from the roll, leaving the membership at the present time at 1,104, a net increase of 88. Mr. James Alison presented the financial statement. Two years ago there was a floating debt of \$6,000 on the church, and this amount has been reduced to \$575. The sum of \$3,400 was paid off last year. The receipts were \$9,150.86, which include a balance at the beginning of the year of \$215.62. The weekly offerings were \$4,108.06, and the weekly collections \$2,836.97. The expenditures were \$8,913.84, leaving on hand a balance of \$150.86. The foregoing receipts do not include about three thousand dollars raised by the various organizations connected with the church. The Sunday school collections alone was over one thousand dollars. One thousand two hundred dollars went to missions.

The forty-fifth annual meeting of the Western church was held last week. Rev. R. M. Hamilton pastor of the church, presided, and H. E. Irwin, K. C., acted as clerk. The attendance was large and the reports most encouraging. The year 1903 has been the most successful of the church's history. The membership is at present 195, a net gain of 25 during the year. Sabbath collections were one thousand two hundred and nine dollars; subscriptions to church improvement fund, one thousand seven hundred and sixty-seven dollars; debt fund, thirty dollars; Women's Foreign Missionary Society, one hundred and forty-six dollars; Ladies' Aid, three hundred and sixty-six dollars; Sunday School, one hundred and forty-nine; missions, one hundred and eighty-nine—making a total of three thousand eight hundred and fifty-six cents.

Deer Park congregation has just completed the most successful year in its history, according to the reports presented at the twenty-third annual meeting held last week. The finances of the church were never in better condition. The receipts last year reached the total of \$4,221.90, made up as follows:—Bequest, Miss Swan, five hundred dollars; collections \$3,354.02; missions, \$120.90; Sunday school, one hundred and fifty-seven dollars and ninety-nine cents; W. F. M. S., sixty-eight dollars; Mission Board, eight dollars and twenty-four cents; Young People's Society, twelve dollars and seventy-five cents. The most noticeable increase was in the ordinary revenue of the church, which was six hundred and sixty dollars and thirty-two cents in excess of the previous year. Since Rev. D. C. Hassack became pastor two years ago the mortgage debt has been reduced by one thousand nine hundred and thirty-four. The increase in membership during the past year was 16, making the total membership 192.

The Central church enjoyed an unusual period of prosperity during the past year. The reports presented at the annual meeting showed that a total revenue of twelve thousand six hundred and fifty-six dollars and sixty-seven cents was received during 1903. Of this sum four thousand six hundred and twenty-one dollars and ninety-three cents was received for missions, two thousand four hundred and seventy-four dollars on account of debt, and five thousand five hundred and sixty-one dollars and four cents in ordinary revenue. During the year the church debt was reduced by two thousand five hundred dollars. A total of 95 new members joined the congregation, 90 removed, making the present membership 167.

#### Eastern Ontario.

The Young People's Association of St. Andrew's, Gananoque, have secured the services of Rev. R. E. Knowles, for 4th Feb., when he will lecture on "Abraham Lincoln."

Rev. Principal Gordon, D.D., the new head of Queen's University, Kingston, is announced to preach in St. Andrew's church, Perth, on the 31st of January, the occasion being the fifth anniversary of the dedication of the new church.

The annual meeting was held in Casselman Presbyterian church on Tuesday evening last, the pastor Rev. H. S. Lee, B. A., presiding. The reports submitted by the Session, Managers etc., were encouraging and indicate a satisfactory condition of affairs. The ladies provided refreshments.

The Martintown Auxiliary to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society held their annual meeting at the home of Mrs. Wm. Centre on Jan., 12th. The reports for the year were received and were generally satisfactory, showing that the interest and attendance had been well sustained during the year. This auxiliary has a membership of twenty-five; contributed during the year over \$80, also a valuable bale of clothing to the North West. Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: President, Mrs. Wm. Smith; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Kennedy and Mrs. May; Secretary, Miss A. M. McCallum; Treasurer, Mrs. C. Wilmot.

The 21st annual meeting of the Lanark and Renfrew Presbyterian Women's Foreign Missionary Society was held in Calvin church, Pembroke, on Wednesday and Thursday of last week and was attended by nearly a hundred delegates, besides hundreds of others of all the denominations. The public meetings were great gatherings, and their inspiration and effect were very marked. Strong features of the Convention were the addresses on Thursday evening by Miss J. V. Sinclair of India and the Rev. W. H. Cram, M. A., of Cobden. An inspiring address on Wednesday evening by the president, Mrs. Andrew Wilson of Appleton, together with greetings from the other churches, were items of a rich programme. The special music by Calvin church choir was very fine and added greatly to the enjoyment and profit of the Convention. Notable in this Convention were the solos by Misses Maud Kennedy, Brash Springer, May Johnston, A. Johnston, and Messrs. Ellsworth Smyth, Walter Smyth and Dr. Sparling. An earnest and aggressive spirit marked the proceedings throughout. The Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew certainly has within its bounds a goodly number of talented women.

The Anniversary services held in St. Andrew's church, Pakenham, on the 10th and 11th were, as usual, very successful. This is one of the great events of the year in the life of this congregation, and is always looked forward to with interest. The Rev. A. E. Mitchell, of Erskine church, Ottawa, an old friend of the congregation, was the preacher this year, and gave the very highest satisfaction, as he always does. The choir were ably assisted on Sunday by Miss Greig and Mrs. McFarlane of Almonte, and Mr. L. A. Whyte of Arrnprior. The collection amounted to about \$250. On Monday evening a tea and concert was given and the audience was as large as could be easily accommodated. The following took part in the programme: Miss Stephens and Mr. Gordon Shepherd of Ottawa, and Miss Greig of Almonte, soloists; Miss F. Gillies of Carleton Place, elocutionist; Rev. D. T. Cummings, Methodist minister of Pakenham, Rev. J. T. Millar of Blakeney, speakers. This congregation has always done well financially. Last year, just five years from the date of opening, the debt was completely wiped off of their twelve thousand dollar church, and this year \$1,350 was raised for certain repairs and improvements.

The annual meeting of St. Andrews church, Renfrew, was held on the 13th inst. Encouraging reports were read from the session, managers, missionary societies, Sunday Schools of St. Andrews and the North Ward, Pastor's Bible Class and Young People's Guild. The report of session showed 41 additions to the membership, 30 on profession of faith and 11 by certificate. There were 25 removals by death and otherwise—present membership 436. Receipts for current expenses \$2,608, with a balance to the good. Missions Bands raised \$385. W. F. M. S. and Mission Bands raised \$385. Benevolence \$102. Total receipts from all services \$4,708. Mr. W. B. Craig, secretary of the Building Committee, presented a report calling for tenders for church alterations, and extension, and stating that \$8,224 had been subscribed, with over 100 names yet to be solicited. The report was received and adopted. Mr. D. W. Stewart was elected secretary-treasurer of the congregation in the place of Mr. James Guthrie who for 17 years filled the position most

capable until he removed to Eganville. Messrs. John Mackay, Gregor McIntyre and Mr. McKinnon were elected managers. Mr. W. E. Smallfield along with Mr. W. A. Mackay was chosen to represent the congregation on Renfrew Hospital Board. Messrs. O. Wright, W. M. Dickson, R. D. Scott, Wm. Stewart, McPhail and D. W. Stewart were appointed ushers, and Messrs. Geo. Eady Jr., and O. Wright auditors. An excellent spirit pervaded the whole meeting. The cordial relations of pastor and congregation were expressed in a hearty vote of thanks to which the former made an appropriate reply.

Under the pastoral charge of Rev. A. H. Scott, B. A., St. Andrew's church, Perth, continues to prosper. Additions to the church were more than the previous year, and 1903 was marked by a larger income into the treasury for missionary and sessional purposes than formerly. The year just ended marked the transition from the 15th to the 16th year of the present pastorate and grateful acknowledgment was made of a quiet and tangible way in which he was asked to note the transition by well wishers. The financial statement by Miss Bryson, the Sunday school treasurer, shows the year's revenue to be nearly \$160 with all expenses met and a small balance on the right side. From the Ladies' Association Mrs. (Dr.) Grant, the secretary, read an extended report. The last published report of the church shows that the association contributed between \$1,800 and \$1,900 towards the new church since the work was entered upon. Of this \$300 was given a year ago when the last claim against the new building was met, and the association's books closed at the 31st of December, 1903, with a balance in the treasurer's hands of \$112. From the Woman's Society that looks to the furtherance of religion in foreign lands was given a report by Miss Waddell, the secretary. Considerable sums were sent from members of the church to individual missionaries in the foreign lands of which no account is taken in reports or statistics. The amount that has passed through the hands of the society for 1903 amounted to \$156.80.

#### Western Ontario.

Rev. J. F. Smith, of Bradford, has been preaching at Victoria Harbour.

Rev. J. S. Scath, of Bradford, has been preaching inversive sermons at Eden Mills last Sunday, morning and evening. In the afternoon he conducted afternoon service at Rockwood.

Rev. Mr. Cranston, of Collingwood, preached to large congregations at Churchill, where he will always be very welcome. On Monday evening the church was again filled to listen to Mr. Yiegh's famous picture Travel talks. Every one seemed delighted with this whole program. Altogether it was a night long to be remembered. Proceeds of entertainment about forty-five dollars.

The reports presented at the annual meeting of the King street church, harbour showed growth. The membership is now 327, an increase of 44 during the year. The total receipts from all sources were between two thousand six hundred and two thousand seven hundred, and the statement was made that the collection had exceeded those of any previous year. Some reduction had been made in the mortgage indebtedness. Altogether there was every evidence that the labors of the new pastor were meeting with success. The congregation marked its appreciation of the services of Mr. Rollins by increasing his salary from one thousand one hundred to one thousand two hundred.

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