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OTTAWA.

Rev. Dr. Herridge, of Ottawa, is announced to conduct anniversary services in St. Andrew's church, Perth, on the 11th February.

Rev. R. E. Knowles, preacher and author, of Galt, paid a flying visit to friends in the city on his way home from New York, where he had been the guest of honor at the annual banquet of the Booksellers' League of that city. His St. Outhbert's of the West continues to attract buyers.

Mr. Donald Guthrie, K.C., Guelph, has received information that his son, Rev. Dr. Donald Guthrie, who has preached with so much acceptance in St. Andrew's church, in this city, has been suffering for about three weeks with an attack of rheumatic fever, which necessitated an operation. He is improving but is still seriously ill.

The Men's Association of the Glebe church elected the following officers for 1906:—President, R. J. Brown; vice-president, A. F. McKenzie; secretary, H. V. Rorke; executive committee, Dr. O. Martin, H. N. Aurey, J. L. Johnston, J. Muir, and W. A. Drum; boys' committee, W. E. Allen, H. G. Wood, J. A. Dalglish, A. J. Hendry and Dr. O. Martin.

The reports presented to the annual meeting of St. Paul's church, were all of a most gratifying nature and showed the organizations of the church to be in a flourishing condition, and free from all debt. The receipts from all sources amounted to about \$5,000.00. When the reports had been read and adopted Messrs. J. Dunnet and J. Robertson were re-elected to the temporal committee and Mr. W. Shaw was elected to replace Mr. J. Hodson. Mr. George Lindsay was elected treasurer to replace Mr. Whillans, and Mr. J. McKinley was appointed his assistant. A special vote of thanks to Mr. Whillans was moved by Dr. J. Thorburn, and seconded by J. D. Anderson, for his efficient services, and was carried unanimously. After the meeting refreshments were served by the ladies.

That the accommodation of the Glebe Presbyterian church is already proving too small for the Sunday school, and will within a very short time prove too small for the congregation, was the most important matter brought forward at the annual meeting held last evening. Progress in every department was recorded. The minister's salary was increased from \$1,350 to \$1,500. Rev. J. W. H. Milne presided over a large attendance, and interesting statistics were provided in the various reports. There are now 220 members on the roll, 21 were added during the year, 7 withdrew by certificates and 2 died. \$328 was subscribed by the congregation to the schemes of the church, of which \$54 was provided by the Sunday school. Mr. A. S. Robertson, the energetic treasurer, stated that the whole income of the church had been \$2,446, and there was a balance on hand of \$187. As to the matter of church accommodation Mr. John R. Reid said he regretted the smallness of the auditorium, and felt it would not be long before more room would be required. An extra Sunday school hall would soon be a necessity. This lack of accommodation was referred to by several speakers, notably by Mr. Denny. The retiring managers, Dr. McElroy, Mr. J. A. Watson and Mr. Lyle Reid were re-elected. The sum of \$25.00 was voted Mr. A. S. Robertson, the treasurer, for faithful services in that capacity for the past five years.

At the annual meeting of Knox Church, there was a good attendance with the pastor, Rev. Dr. Ramsay, in

the chair. Fifteen certificates had been granted to retiring members, while sixteen new communicants had been received on profession of their faith, and ten by certificates. The members now on the roll numbered 405. The expenditure for the year amounted to \$5,612.61 and the receipts, including the thank offering, to \$6,213.63, leaving a surplus of \$601.02. Leaving out the thank offering of \$332.16, which was to be applied to the reduction of the church debt of \$2,000, the surplus amounted to \$268.86. Against this, however, was to be placed the deficit of \$358.27 carried over from 1904, which resulted in leaving a deficit of only \$89.41. The estimated expenditure for the current year was placed at \$5,005. A member of the congregation had suggested that the cost of the new pulpit which it was expected would amount to about \$400 might be met by subscriptions, and had generously offered to contribute \$100. The attendance at Sunday School had not varied much from previous years, average attendance 194, and of teachers 26 out of 29. A large number of books is to be added to the library, and a good committee has the matter in hand. Reports from the various schemes of the congregation indicated healthy progress in all directions. The following were elected to the temporal committee: Dr. J. Robertson, C. N. Robertson, J. C. Tully, J. Empey, J. R. Forsythe, R. K. Claire, W. J. Davidson, F. A. Coffin, H. McKay, J. Shearer, jr., H. S. Macmillan, R. H. Campbell, H. S. Campbell, Dr. F. W. McKinnon, B. M. Northrop, W. Graham, S. J. Jarvis and C. Ogilvy.

QUEBEC.

The annual meeting of the Georgetown and English River W. M. S. was held in Knox church, Holwick, on the 16th inst. The reports were very gratifying, showing that the amount of \$340.96 had been contributed during the year, twelve regular meetings had been held with an average attendance of 31, three bales of clothing made up and sent away to needy mission fields. A pleasing feature of the meeting was the presentation of life membership certificates to Mrs. Whillans and Miss C. A. MacKeracher. Office bearers for the year were elected as follows: Hon. president, Mrs. C. M. MacKeracher; president, Mrs. Kellock; vice-presidents, Mrs. Ogilvie, Mrs. C. M. McClenaghan and Mrs. Jas. Thompson; recording secretary, Miss C. A. MacKeracher; corresponding secretary, Miss Whillans; treasurer, Mrs. Shanks; representatives on the executive, Mrs. J. McKell and Mrs. Cooper.

A correspondent in Bruce Presbytery writes: Union meetings were held in several sections of the Presbytery during the week of prayer and they were marked with a spirit of peculiar earnestness. In some places all the several denominations took part together in the services. In Paisley the Episcopal church was thrown open for the Presbyterian minister to conduct the services, and in turn the Episcopal minister conducted the service in the Presbyterian church. The attendance at these services was the largest of the kind ever held in the village, and surely the advocates of "a larger union" have reason to "thank God and take courage."

Rev. Walter Moffatt, of Chalmers Church, London, gave his lecture, "The Land of Scott and Burns," last week in the Presbyterian church, Bothwell. The edifice was crowded and the lecture was greatly appreciated.

TORONTO.

Rev. Dr. Buchanan, who has been home on furlough, left last Friday to resume his work among the Bhils, a tribe of natives who live in Central India.

Mr. Wm. Houston, M.A., has been appointed by the Ontario Government as lecturer on Canadian Constitutional History during the present term at Toronto University. The appointment is a good one; but why not make it permanent?

It has been decided by a committee which met in the office of Rev. Dr. R. P. Mackay, Presbyterian Foreign Missionary Secretary, to hold a summer school at Whitby in July for the cultivation of mission study among the young people, somewhat along the lines of the Silver Bay conferences. The dates will be from the 6th to the 11th inclusive.

Old St. Andrew's church has decided to adopt the individual communion cup, out of deference to those who for reasons of health and cleanliness, refused to drink out of the cup used by others. Rev. Dr. Milligan, the pastor, said that he would not like to take the cup from a communicant whose system was filled with tuberculosis.

The Northern Congregational Church held its annual meeting last night. The mortgage indebtedness of \$10,000 was paid off, \$8,000 in cash in two years by the jubilee fund movement, and the remaining \$2,000 by a loan on current account, forming a floating debt to be paid this year. Besides thus lifting the debt the church raised \$1,191.15 for missionary and other benevolent objects. \$4,500 was collected on account of the jubilee fund. The total receipts were \$9,000.63.

Rev. Dr. Milligan, of Old St. Andrew's Church, celebrated the thirtieth anniversary of his induction by receiving forty-three new members into communion. The annual meeting of the Victoria Presbyterian Church was held tonight. Several hundred members were present. Receipts for the year were \$4,894.75; membership is 590; new members added, 96. The average weekly offering was increased by \$13 per Sabbath, and amounted to \$76.88. The revenue has doubled since 1901, and \$600 has been raised in 11 months for the support of Dr. Buchanan in India; \$640 was raised for the general schemes in aid of the church. The Women's Aid Society raised over \$1200 for a new organ.

At the annual meeting of Cooke's Church, the largest Presbyterian congregation in Canada, most satisfactory reports were presented. The financial statement showed receipts of \$9,339.33, of which \$6,911.11 was in weekly offerings and collections, and expenditures totaling \$9,525.67. Of the latter \$1,500 was paid on the mortgage, \$1,303.02 was interest on the mortgage, \$500.97 was a balance of debt carried over from last year, and \$150.62 a balance overlooked in 1893; there is thus left a small balance to pay of \$186.34. James Alison, treasurer for twenty-five years, continues in office, and John Renne and Charles Miller are elected auditors. The pastor's salary is \$2,300. The church numbers between 1,300 and 1,400 members, and of these some 300 have within the past two or three months subscribed about \$10,000, which will be paid during the next two years, on the church debt of \$28,000. The Missionary Association, including the Women's Home Missionary Society, reported \$1,897.70 paid for missions in the year.

The church that is holding itself aloof from public affairs is possibly holding itself aloof from public duty.