

EASTERN ONTARIO.

Mr. F. J. McRae, leader of the service of praise in Gordon Church, Indian Lands, and Miss Cassie McNaughton, organist, were each presented with an address expressive of the gratitude of the congregation for their services. To each also was given an envelope containing a sum of money as a token of good-will.

A Sabbath School Institute will be held in Calvin Church, Pembroke, on the afternoon and evening of next Friday, under the auspices of the Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew. The speakers will be Rev. J. C. Robertson, General Secretary of the Assembly's S.S. Committee, Rev. Donald Currie, M.A., of Perth, Dr. W. S. MacTavish, of Kingston, and Miss Buchanan of Montreal.

Gratifying progress for 1907 was shown by the reports read at the annual meeting of Knox church, Lancaster. Over \$3,000 was raised during the year, and the treasurer's statement showed a balance of \$375.70 on hand. As a result of this surplus the meeting voted a few special donations. The following officers were elected for 1908:—Secretary, Alexander Dickson; treasurer, J. McL. Sutherland; auditors, D. McNaughton and R. J. McDougal; managers—R. R. McLennan, A. M. Watt, R. R. Saneater, G. Wightman, A. A. McLennan, I. Johnson, A. Dickson, A. H. Scott, J. McL. Sutherland; organist, Miss Christena M. Fraser; choir manager, R. T. Nicholson.

There was a large attendance at the annual meeting of the Springville congregation. Rev. Dr. Marsh, the pastor, reported from the Session a more than doubling of the membership; while excellent work had been done in the Sabbath school and choir. The financial statement also revealed a flourishing condition of affairs, and the annual meeting was pronounced the best ever held. In appreciation of Rev. Dr. Marsh's energetic and faithful services the congregation unanimously voted him an advance of \$100 in salary. Miss Jennie Cathcart, the popular organist, was made the recipient from the congregation of a nicely worded address along with a purse of gold and silver mounted toilet articles. This makes the second purse of gold presented during the past few weeks, Mrs. (Dr.) Marsh being similarly honored a short time ago.

The reports presented to the annual meeting of St. Andrew's church, Arran, told of faithful work done and of distinct progress made during the year. All were satisfied that 1907 had been one of the best years in the history of the church. The pastor, Rev. W. W. Peck, reported 8 marriages, 16 deaths, 32 baptisms and 42 additions to the roll. The membership is now 431, the number of families under seasonal care 315. The revenue of the board of managers for running expenses and repairs amounted to \$3,195, a considerable advance. During the past three years in adding to equipment and repairs the congregation has spent \$1,933.33 and of this amount less than \$150 remains to be paid. To the schemes of the church, missions and other benevolent funds \$1,805.28 was given during the year. The Ladies' Aid Society, the W. F. M. S., the Mission Band, the Woman's Guild, the C. E. society, the choir, the Band of Hope and the Sabbath school all had most encouraging reports. A feeling of thankfulness and hopefulness pervaded the meeting and it was felt that St. Andrew's was never in better condition.

The congregation of Delaware and Caradoc is now declared vacant. Rev. Jas. Argo, Ivan, is moderator. A call has been extended by the Stanner congregation to Rev. R. C. McDermid, Fingal.

MONTREAL

At the Congregational meeting of St. Andrew's church, Westmount, (Rev. W. J. Clark, pastor,) the presentation of the annual report disclosed the fact that the church was free of debt and that there was a balance on the right side. During the evening the question of building a larger church was discussed and eventually the meeting adjourned until January 29, when the matter will be further considered and the election of officers will take place.

The members and friends of MacVicar Memorial church availed themselves of the gift giving season to present their pastor, the Rev. D. J. Graham, B.D., with a handsome fur-lined coat, with other trimmings. For seven years Mr. Graham has been laboring in the Annex, and his congregation has grown from a small mission church to a fully fledged congregation, with a commodious new church, equipped with all modern appliances for carrying on Sabbath School work, and a good staff of workers.

On Thursday evening a large and enthusiastic crowd gathered in Taylor Church for the purpose of "taking stock." The gathering is known as the "Annual Meeting." Reports were read from all the departments of Church work. Mr. John Gilliland, clerk, read the Session report. The following statistics were given by him for the year 1907, baptisms 63, burials 40, marriages 48. Numbers received in to the Church during the year 213. Removed from roll 99, leaving a total membership upon the roll of 1115. Mr. I. Trudeau read the Secretary's report for the board of management and Mr. W. Chambers, the financial statistics. The total amount raised for salaries \$4266.00. Mrs. W. M. Taylor read the secretary's statement for the Ladies' Aid Society and Mrs. J. Smith, the financial, gave the amounts raised by the ladies, which totalled \$1047.00. During the year \$1250 had been turned over to the Board of management for the new organ fund. The Ladies' Missionary Society also gave an encouraging report as did also the Junior and Senior Christian Endeavor Societies. The Chinese Sunday Schools, and the school for children gave specially encouraging reports. The best year in their history. The Sunday School reporting 650 teachers and scholars, and finances amounting to \$900. The choir and the Young Men's Athletic Association, gave intensely interesting statements of their respective works. The total amount of money raised for Missionary and benevolent purposes is \$2653.00, or all purposes \$9860.00. A good snug balance of \$353.00 is left in the running expense fund with which to go forward into the new year. All were rejoiced to hear that a fine new pipe organ is to be installed in February. Refreshments were served and the people went home praising God for his goodness to them as a church.

The young people of English River Church recently gave their pastor, the Rev. J. M. Kellock, and his household, a pleasant surprise. Assembling to the number of about seventy, they took possession of the manse, and, after a joyous evening of games, spread supper from the stores they brought with them, and, finally, read a kindly worded address to the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Kellock, and presented a full set of kitchen and pantry utensils. Nothing was wanting, even to the washing and wringing machines, all was complete. Mr. Kellock made a feeling reply.

The annual meeting of the Dalhousie Presbyterian congregation was held in Zion church last week. The meeting was well attended, and the reports from the different branches were satisfactory. Lunch was served by the ladies of Zion at the close of the proceedings.

TORONTO AND VICINITY.

Rev. Wm. McKinley, of South Side Church, has tendered his resignation of the charge.

Deer Park Church contributed \$1,000 more this year, or a total of \$5,000. About double the revenue from all sources will be realized this year. There is a membership of 350.

At the last meeting of Toronto Presbytery a proposition to divide the presbytery into two parts, was discussed, but was laid over until the February meeting.

Dovercourt Church. Salary of Rev. R. W. Wilson, the pastor, increased from \$1,850 to \$2,100 per year. Membership increased by 202. All the funds in good condition.

Knox Church, Spadina avenue. An increase during the year in communicants of 91. Building fund and other financial features of the church work all in good condition.

St. Mark's Church. Steady progress in all branches of church work was reported. The new pastor, Rev. J. D. Morrow, was heartily congratulated on the prosperous state of affairs.

During the past six years the congregation of Cooke's Church have reduced their liabilities by \$32,000, which leaves their present liabilities about \$20,000. The total givings during the past year will probably exceed \$14,000.

Erskine Church. In addition to increasing Rev. James Murray's salary from \$2,600 to \$2,800, the meeting decided to grant him a bonus of \$200, and passed a resolution in appreciation of his services.

Under the efficient leadership of Rev. H. A. MacPherson, Chalmers' Church has been making most substantial progress. At the annual meeting a motion was carried that the church should support a foreign, a home, and also a local missionary.

Avenue Road Church. Since the members last met the new church edifice opened on November 24, and is now regularly occupied. The meeting increased the salary of their minister, Rev. J. H. Stephen, from \$1,800 to \$2,000.

Rosedale Church, a new congregation—Met in Rosedale school. It was decided to ask the interim Moderator, Rev. Dr. Wallace, that a session of three elders be chosen. It was decided to adopt the envelope system of giving. The Sunday school report showed an attendance of 62.

The ordinary revenue of Westminster Church amounted to \$10,554.61, and building fund subscription to \$780.50, and \$4,700 has been paid on the mortgage, leaving \$15,000. All congregational activities are in splendid condition.

Rev. S. C. Graeb, pastor of Fern avenue church, has been seriously ill with blood poisoning. His friends will be glad to learn that, according to the belief of his physicians, Mr. Graeb is now safely past the critical stage of his illness, and his speedy recovery is expected.

The resignation of Rev. Alex. Esler, Cooke's Church, has been regretfully accepted by Toronto Presbytery. It will take effect on 31st inst., when Mr. Esler leaves for Philadelphia. It is said this large congregation in future require two ministers to successfully carry on the work. The membership is now 1,440, the largest in Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Dunn avenue church (Rev. A. Logan Geggie, minister). It was reported that the mortgages on the church had been reduced by \$1,000, and \$1,147.46 had been expended on organ and pulpit improvements. The total membership of the church was stated to be 1,208, an increase of 36. All departments of church work in excellent condition.