

A resolution of condolence with the sister congregation on the loss sustained in the death of Mr. C. J. Mattice, Elder and Sabbath School superintendent, was passed unanimously.

At the Banks annual meeting, Mr. Thomas Graham, for many years the efficient treasurer of the congregation, was presented with a writing desk and a kindly worded address, which was signed by Andrew Shaw and T. H. Wright on behalf of the congregation. There is talk of a new church edifice here.

At the recent opening of the new church at Franktown, the following presentations were made: Mrs. James King, of Smith's Falls, a communion set, in memory of her father, the late Dugald Ferguson, who labored so earnestly for Christ's kingdom in connection with the church; Mrs. Jas. L. McArthur a Bible, and Mrs. Allan Cameron three plush chairs for the pulpit platform.

In the Orillia church lecture room on Feb. 10th, the united classes of young women and young men, conducted by Mrs. Needham and Miss M. E. Miller, respectively, gave a large and successful "At Home." The proceeds were applied to the maintenance of a Famine Orphan child in India and towards the purchase of an organ for a mission station in Northern Ontario.

St. Andrew's church, Carleton Place, (Rev. B. A. Woodside, M.A., pastor) is in a flourishing condition. Forty-three new members were added to the roll, and the membership at present is 450. The total receipts in the general fund were \$2,000.80. The Ladies' Aid contributed \$1,557.71; the W.F.M.S. \$415.51, while over \$1,500 was raised for the missions of the church. Mr. J. B. Waddell and Mr. Madge were elected to the Board of Management.

At the 81st annual meeting of the Prescott congregation the attendance was unusually good and all the reports presented were of an encouraging character. The greatly esteemed pastor—Rev. Dr. Stewart—presided, and by his happy remarks made the evening pass very pleasantly. The report of session showed practically little or no net change in church membership, and only one of the elders, Mr. Ferguson, who was a member of session when Dr. Stewart came, 24 years ago. The ladies as usual provided refreshments in the dining-room. The financial condition was somewhat ahead of last year.

The congregation of St. Elmo have shown their appreciation of their pastor, the Rev. H.D. Leitch, by granting him three months' leave of absence. Mr. Leitch has started for Vancouver, B.C., and during his tour will visit several places in British Columbia, the North-West Territories and Manitoba. Previous to his departure, the congregation assembled at the manse and literally filled the house and barn with many good things. They also presented Mr. and Mrs. Leitch with a purse as a token of their appreciation of their services among them for the last five years.

All departments of church work in St. John's, Brockville, (Rev. D. Strachan, pastor) are in good shape. The membership is now 322, a net gain of 34 during the past year. The Schemes of the Church have been more liberally supported than ever before; and it is expected that \$1,500 will be paid on debt in March, reducing it to \$3,000, where it was before the fire. During the evening Mrs. J. F. Roberts sang very acceptably a Scotch song; and Mr. Strachan read most interesting letters from Mrs. Blair, of Prescott; Mr. Gordon Hutchison, of Denver; Mrs. Cranston, of New York; Rev. W. A. McLean, of Oak Lake, and Mr. R. McLennahan, of Carleton Place, all sending greetings and giving their recollections of early days in St. John's. Mrs. Blair recalled the ministers whom she heard in St. John's pulpit: Dr. Cook, of Quebec; Dr. George, of Queen's; Dr. Williamson, Dr. Bayne, Perth; Dr. Mann, Pakenham; Dr. Spence, Ottawa, and many others. Mr. Hutchison's letter told of the old church with its bird nest pulpit when Mr. John Wright, father of Mr. Robert Wright, was precursor, which was most interesting and much enjoyed by all present.

Winnipeg.

St. John's congregation has decided to build. A frame structure, to be used for worship and Sunday School work is to be at once erected on rear of the lot corner of Broughton and Comox streets.

Western Ontario.

Anniversary services were conducted in St. Paul's, Hamilton, by Rev. Principal Caven, D.D.

The next regular meeting of Guelph Presbytery will be held at Rockwood on 17th March, at 11 a. m.

Rev. W. Moffat has been lecturing at Thedford on "A Tour Through the Highlands of Scotland."

The Rev. R. T. Cockburn, of Grand Valley, Ont., was the preacher in the Cayuga Church on a recent Sunday.

The Presbyterians of Hillsburg and Price's Corners have extended a call to Rev. S. B. Russell, of Bradford, Pa.

The call from King Street Church, London, to Rev. Mr. Rollans, of Elmvale, has been sustained by Presbytery of London.

Rev. J. J. Hastie, of Belgrave, has been lecturing on "My Neighbor's Chair and Mine;" and a very good lecture it was.

The proceeds of the recent anniversary services and tea-meeting at Avonbank amounted to \$290. Rev. M. L. Lietch, of Knox church, Stratford, was the preacher.

Rev. Thomas Wilson, recently called to Walkerton, has been invited to Thorold. Since resigning Mr. Wilson has only preached in two vacancies, and has been called to both.

During a recent Sunday evening service Rev. Dr. McMullen, of Knox Church, Woodstock, administered a telling rebuke to two young men who for some time had persisted in laughing and talking. There was no further interruption.

St. Andrew's, Stratford, has been treating itself to a thanksgiving social in celebration of its freedom from debt. The pastor, Rev. E. W. Panton, presided over a very happy meeting, and speeches were delivered by Revs. McKay, Hahn, Leitch and Dr. Hamilton.

Knox church, Goderich, held a successful annual meeting recently. During the year fifty-six names have been added to the church roll. The ordinary contributions exceeded those of last year by \$222. Total receipts were \$5,309.93 of which \$929 goes to missions. The congregation has undertaken the support of a missionary in the Northwest.

The fifth anniversary of Rev. D. H. Hodges pastorate at Ancaster, was celebrated last week by a pleasant social, the most interesting feature of which was a patriotic address by Rev. J. B. Mullen, of Fergus. Rev. Ratcliff, of St. Catharines, a former pastor and others tendered hearty congratulations to pastor and people.

Duff Church, Walton, is in a flourishing condition. Energetic work had been carried on during the past year, freedom from debt is one of the results. A surplus of \$91 was reported after all liabilities were met. Rev. A. McNab has labored most assiduously for the advancement of the congregation, and has been very cordially seconded by many of his flock.

Addressing the members of the Chatham C. I. Literary Society recently, Rev. Dr. Battersby, of St. Andrew's church, on the art of public speaking, gave as some of the essentials of success: 1. Clearness and distinctness of articulation; 2. Sincerity on the part of the speaker; 3. self-control; 4. determination to succeed; 5. passion or emotion; 6. simplicity.

Rev. W. G. Hanna, M. A., presided at the annual meeting of Westminster Church, Mount Forest, and after devotional exercises referred briefly to the work and growth of the congregation during the five years in which he has been pastor. In spite of removals there has been an increase of over forty members, and he was grateful for the spirit of work and harmony that had prevailed. The total receipts amounted to \$3,252.42.

Newmarket Congregation is in a healthy condition. Last year the plate offerings amounted to \$1296.07, and besides this \$150 was raised toward the church debt. The Sunday School raised \$161.68, the Willing Workers \$136.76, the W. F. M. S. and Mission Band, \$127.60, and for all purposes nearly \$1800. Number added to the communion roll during the year 23. Total membership 150.

Rev. Dr. McMullen, of Knox church, Woodstock, has been granted an assistant, and Mr. R. S. Laidlaw, a bright graduate of Toronto University, and a student of Knox College has been offered the position. Knox is a large and wealthy charge, with fine new church buildings, well able to give their long-time pastor every needed assistance and to pay for it; although

in the present case Dr. McMullen has offered to contribute \$400 a year towards an assistant's salary.

The reports presented at the annual meeting of St. Andrew's church, Brantford,—Rev. J. S. Scott, pastor,—were all of a gratifying nature. Two promising features were the large number who had joined the membership in profession and the increased sum contributed to missions during the year. The managers had been enabled to reduce the mortgage debt by \$200.00, and to carry forward a balance of \$125 with which to begin the new year. At the close of a very pleasant meeting the ladies of the congregation served light refreshments, and an opportunity was given for an hour's social intercourse.

Victoria, B.C.

It was arranged to change the time and place of the next meeting of Synod.

Rev. D. MacRae, St. Paul's church, Victoria, was nominated for Moderator of next General Assembly.

The Rev. Alfred Gandier was nominated for successor to the Rev. Principal Gordon in the Presbyterian College, Halifax.

Steps were taken to cooperate with other active religions in securing the introduction of religious instruction in Public schools.

The resignation of Rev. T. S. Glassford, St. George's church, Cumberland, was accepted. Cumberland is an important coal-mining town on the East Coast, mid-way between the North and South end of the Island and is the only vacancy now in the Presbytery. It offers an inviting field, especially to a minister familiar with work among miners.

The Presbytery of Victoria held its usual spring meeting in St. Andrew's church, Nanaimo, on the 17th Feb. The work for the past six months in the nine Home Mission fields under the Presbytery's care was carefully reviewed, all having had constant and efficient supply, and the necessary provision made for the ensuing six months. The work among the Chinese and Indians on the West Coast, carried on under the direction of the Foreign Mission Committee, was also found to be in a satisfactory condition. The Chinese work, both on the Island and Mainland is now thoroughly organized, as a result of Mr. Eroing's efforts since his appointment.

Lindsay Notes.

The next regular meeting of Lindsay Presbytery will be held in Uxbridge, on Tuesday, 17th March, at 11 a. m.

The call from Sunderland and Cresswell in favor of Mr. F. C. Harper, was sustained at a recent meeting of Presbytery. An early settlement in the case of this congregation is very desirable.

At a meeting of the congregation of St. Andrew's church, Lindsay, last Monday evening, it was unanimously decided to extend a call to Mr. James Wallace, M.A., B.D., to fill the vacancy caused by the translation of Rev. J. W. MacMillan to St. Andrew's, Winnipeg. It is expected that Mr. Wallace will accept the call. He is at present assistant to Prof. Jordan in Hebrew and Old Testament Exegesis at Queen's University, Kingston, and those who know him well, say that he will be found worthy the good traditions of St. Andrew's, Lindsay.

Quebec.

Previous to his departure from English River and Howick, the Rev. J. W. MacLeod was presented with a purse of \$140 by the congregations.

At the annual meeting of the congregations of English River and Howick, encouraging reports were presented. The amount raised during the year for Missions was \$540; for all religious and benevolent purposes, \$640; improvements and current expenses, \$460. Number of families, 97; number of communicants added during the year, 13; removed, 7.

The annual meeting of the Georgetown and English River W. M. Society was held recently, when the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Whillans; vice-Presidents, Mrs. C. M. MacKeracher and Mrs. W. Ogilvie; Rec.-Sec., Miss C. A. MacKeracher; Cor.-Sec., Mrs. Jas. McKell; Treasurer, Mrs. J. C. Shanks. The treasurer's report showed the contributions to be \$223; besides this two bales of new clothing and one barrel of comfort bags and literature was sent to needy districts.