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OTTAWA.

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed in St. Paul's church on the first Sunday in March.

Bank street congregation is considering the purchase of a new pipe organ.

Last Sunday anniversary sermons were preached in Knox church, Perth, by Rev. Dr. Herridge. Rev. Mr. Currie occupied the pulpit of St. Andrew's in this city.

An exchange of pulpits—with two or three exceptions—took place last Sunday. It was a pleasant experience for pastors and people.

QUEBEC.

The Annual meeting of the Congregation of English River and Howick was held recently. The reports submitted showed the Congregation to be in a flourishing condition. That presented by the treasurer showed that the sum of \$2,347.00 had been raised for all purposes, of this \$1,043.00 was for the schemes of the church and benevolent purposes. There are 104 families, 15 members were added during the year, there were 8 baptisms, 7 burials and 1 marriage. After the pastor, the Rev. J. M. Kellock, had retired it was agreed to increase the minister's salary.

The annual meeting of St. Andrew's Church, Three Rivers, was held in the Lecture Hall, 8 February. Rev. J. R. MacLeod, the pastor, presided, and Principal Rothney was appointed Secretary. Reports from the Session, Managers, Ladies' Aid and Sunday School were presented. According to the treasurer's report the finances were well maintained. The ordinary fund had fully met the expenses of the year. About \$700 were spent on the work of Renovation, the greater part of which had been already paid, the Ladies' Aid contributing over \$400 to this work. The only note of discouragement was due to the large numbers who had left the congregation for other parts during the year. The session reported the removal of 9 members and 3 families. Messrs. A. Baptist and A. Houliston whose terms of office had expired, were re-elected as managers. This diminishing but energetic congregation raised for all purposes \$1,600 during the year.

EASTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. Mr. Morrison and Miss Morrison, of Kirk Hill, were recent guests at the Avonmore manse.

Rev. Mr. Strachan, of Brockville, preached anniversary sermons in St. Paul's church, Smith's Falls, recently.

Thirty-four additional members were added to the roll of St. Andrew's, Carleton Place, last year. The membership is now 421, families, 205.

Rev. W. W. Peck, pastor of St. Andrew's church, Amherst, was recently made the recipient of a coon coat, Persian lamb cap and gauntlets by his congregation.

Rev. Mr. Shaw, of White Lake, by appointment of Presbytery, has officially declared the pulpit of St. John's church vacant. A supply committee composed of the session and Messrs. A. Scott, J. Cumming and Dr. W. C. Young has been appointed.

Rev. H. D. Leitch, pastor of Gordon church, St. Elmo, has received a unanimous call to St. Andrew's church, Sonya, in Western Ontario at a salary of \$1,000 a year, with manse and holidays. Mr. Leitch has not yet decided whether to accept the same or not.

The Williamstown St. Andrew's Sunday school officers and teachers held a meeting last week to discuss matters in connection with that organization. The superintendent, J. A. B. McLennan, pre-

sided. Five dollars were given to the foreign missions of the church, \$10 to the County Union for foreign missions, \$5 for church hymn books, and \$25 to the Point Aux Trembles School.

Special services were held in Knox church, Cornwall, every evening two weeks ago. This was the fourth week of these services, and was marked by the largest attendance of any. The services were conducted by Rev. Dr. Harkness, Rev. N. H. McGillivray, Rev. George Venn Daniels, Rev. Geo. Edwards and Rev. J. B. Sincennes.

Last Sunday, Zion Church, Kingston, held their fourteenth anniversary. There was a good attendance at both services, which were both helpful and encouraging. Prof. McFadyen, of Knox College, Toronto, conducted the morning service, while Dr. MacTavish, convener of the assembly's committee of Young Peoples' Societies, preached in the evening.

At the last meeting of the Men's Association of the First Church, Brockville, the following officers were elected:—Hon. president, Rev. N. MacLeod; president, John Connolly; vice-president, Geo. Tennant; 2nd vice-president, J. A. Laidlaw; secretary treasurer, W. A. Gilmour; executive committee, T. J. Storey, H. A. Stewart, W. C. MacLaren, J. G. Gardiner, O. B. Koenig, W. Shearer, J. H. Gilmour.

The Perth Courier says: Rev. Mr. Cormack occupied St. Andrew's on Sunday last and his introduction to the congregation was most favorable. What was said of him by the moderator, Rev. Dr. Armstrong, was fulfilled. He is a pleasing and forceful speaker. Mr. Cormack will be here continuously during Mr. Scott's absence.

The lecture on "People I Have Met and Do Not Wish to Meet Again," in the St. Elmo church, on Monday evening, by Rev. H. D. Leitch, was greatly enjoyed by a large audience. In addition to the lecture a choice programme of special singing by the choir, selections by the quartettes, solos by Mr. F. G. MacRae, Mr. C. R. Sinclair, and Mrs. D. D. McIntyre was rendered.

The annual meeting of the First Presbyterian church, Port Hope (Rev. E. H. Abraham, pastor) was characterized by hopefulness and enthusiasm. Twenty-five were added to the membership roll; fifteen by profession and ten by certificate. The managers reported a surplus in current account. Missionary gifts were over \$456. For current expenses amount raised was \$2,113. Paid on subscription to new church, \$5,372. Total amount raised for all purposes during the year, \$7,920.

At the next meeting of Lanark and Renfrew Presbytery (on 19th inst.) at Carleton Place, the Assembly's Sunday School secretary, Rev. J. C. Robertson, B.D., is announced to deliver an address on Sunday school work and methods at which Sunday school workers, within reasonable distances, would do well to be present. Other items of interest will be Y.P.S.C.E. report, church life and work report and election of commissioners to General Assembly.

Rev. A. M. Currie, in leaving Almonte for his new charge at Deseronto, was presented with a handsome gold-headed cane by the members of his Bible class, along with an affectionately worded address. Mr. Currie was also the recipient of another address from the members and adherents of St. John's church, which was accompanied with a well-filled purse. Short addresses were delivered by Rev. Orr Bennett, of St. Andrew's church, and Rev. Mr. Quinn, of the Baptist church. Both gentlemen spoke of their pleasant fellowship with Mr. Currie during the past three years, of their respect for him as an

earnest and faithful pastor, and as an excellent citizen. Mr. and Mrs. Currie are followed to their new home with the hearty good wishes of many friends in Almonte.

The annual meeting of the Maxville church was opened with devotional exercises, after which the Rev. R. McKay, the minister, took the chair, and Mr. John P. McNaughton acted as secretary. The total receipts during the year were \$1,955.28—divided under the following heads: For stipend, \$1,004.50; church schemes, \$185; W. F. M. S., \$156.00; Sabbath collections, \$336.17; Sunday school, \$69.58; C. E., \$28; Pointe-aux-Trembles schools, \$73.17; for other purposes, \$101.96. Steps have been taken to remove the church debt, which promises in a short time to disappear. Mr. McEwen, reeve, stated that he would give free of charge, a roadway alongside the manse lot. A social meeting of those present was held after the business meeting. A vote of thanks was given to Miss McEwen, the organist, and Mr. Cameron, the secretary-treasurer. All the officers were re-appointed.

WESTERN ONTARIO.

At the last meeting of Toronto Presbytery Rev. D. B. Macdonald, of St. Andrew's Church, Scarborough, and Rev. George P. Duncan, of Unionville, resigned.

Rev. Dr. James Ross of St. Andrew's church, London, has been appointed to represent the London Ministerial Alliance in the deputation which will visit on the Ontario Government in relation to operating electric railways on Sundays.

On Sunday 4th inst., Knox Church, Tavistock, held its anniversary, Rev. A. H. Kippen of Harrington, conducting the services.

Rev. J. C. Stewart, of Montreal has been preaching in St. Andrew's, Guelph. The congregation soon meet to consider the matter of extending a call.

At the annual meeting of Bethel Congregation, Farewell, (Rev. J. Gray Reid, pastor), the reports presented were very satisfactory. The total receipts were \$860.37 and the expenditures \$805.02 leaving a balance in hand \$57.35. The Ladies' Aid received \$151.56 and expended \$87.70, balance \$63.86. Sabbath School Receipts were \$16.73 and expenses \$14.43. The following officers were elected for 1906: Board of Managers, N. F. Brown, Arthur McAdams; Tres. John Johnston; Fin Sec., R. M. Harper.

The Presbytery church in Paris, with its flourishing senior and junior Endeavorers, celebrated the 25th anniversary of the Christian Endeavor movement by a special Sunday service on February 11th, and social gatherings on the Monday following. There was a large attendance at the services when the Endeavorers with their badges occupied the centre of the church. The pastor, Mr. MacBeth, gave an address, reviewing the history of the movement and discussing the aims of the society.

The induction of Rev. J. P. McInnis, as pastor of the Cedarville congregation, took place on the 6th inst. Revs. Little of Holstein, Reid and Hanna of Mount Forest, and Keaddl, of Conn, took part in the service. Mr. McInnis enters in the work under favorable auspices and has been heartily received. The charge was vacant owing to the recent death of the Rev. John Morrison, who was the pioneer preacher in that section of country, and the first minister of Cedarville and related charges.

At the annual meeting of St. Andrew's church, Amherstburg, the pastor, Rev. Thos. Nattress, B.A., presiding, the session of the church reported: an increased membership; a larger Sunday school than