

Rev. Mr. Sincennes, Cornwall, will occupy the pulpits of St. Matthew's, St. Mark's, and Faran's Point churches on Sunday.

Rev. P. F. Sinclair, Sonya, conducted services in St. Andrew's, Beaverton, last Sunday. He also gave an interesting address to the Sunday School scholars.

The annual meeting of St. Mark's, Wales, showed that excellent work has been done during the past year. The debt on the church, also on the new hall and sheds, which were built a few years ago, has been paid. The balance on the new organ, which was placed in the church last fall, has also been paid. There is on hand in the treasury the sum of \$225.45 for the purpose of remodelling the church in the spring.

The annual meeting of the Whitby Presbyterian W.F.M.S., was held in St. John's Church, Port Perry. The presbytery raised \$1,168, an increase of \$70 over last year. Two new mission bands were formed and one re-organized. A bale of clothing weighing 900 pounds was consigned to Rev. F. J. Dodds, Carlyle, Assiniboia. Miss McClellan, Whitby, and Rev. P. F. Sinclair, Sonya, addressed the afternoon meeting. In the evening Dr. Margaret McKellar gave a very able and earnest address on her medical work in India. Addresses were also given by Rev. Murray Tait, representing the presbytery, and Rev. Alexander Esler, Cooke's Church, Toronto. The officers for the year are as follows: President, Mr. Scott, Port Perry; Vice-presidents, Mrs. Croser, Ashburn; Mrs. C. F. McGillivray, Whitby; Mrs. McGregor, Pickering; Mrs. McIntyre, Whitby; Miss Moorcraft, Bowmanville; Recording Secretary, Miss E. Small, Oshawa; Corresponding Secretary, Miss C. Thomas, Whitby; Secretary of supplies, Mrs. Kean, Whitby; Treasurer, Mrs. Currie, Port Perry.

On Sunday, Jan. 8, 1905, services were conducted morning and evening in Barnstow church, by Rev. A. M. Currie, of Almonte, the occasion being the sixth anniversary of the new church. Owing to the deplorable condition of the roads the attendance was not large. On Monday evening the annual social was held in the commodious basement. After enjoying the good things there prepared for them the people moved up to the church auditorium where they were furnished with an excellent programme. Rev. E. J. Shaw, the pastor, occupied the chair. Rev. John Hay, of Renfrew and Rev. A. M. Currie, of Almonte, gave excellent addresses, proving themselves both instructive and interesting on the platform. Miss Irvine, of Pembroke, the soloist of the evening simply charmed the audience. All her pieces were well received. Miss Brown, of Almonte, in a number of well chosen recitations given with excellent effect never failed to please the audience, and she had to respond to an encore more than once. There were several local entertainers on the programme, all of whom displayed good talent. At the close Rev. Mr. Hay moved a vote of thanks to Rev. Mr. Shaw, for so ably acting as chairman, and congratulated him on the success of the entertainment, and the good will so apparent on all sides. (This item only came into our hands in time for this issue. Editor.)

At the recent meeting of Whitby Presbytery, on recommendation of Mr. Wright, convener of the Sunday school committee, arrangements were made for an annual Presbyterial visitation of all the Sunday schools of the Presbytery. A profitable conference was enjoyed as ministers reported how the mission work of the church had been brought before the congregations during the year. The congregation of Ashburn and Utica reported that they had increased their pastor's salary. Mr. Hodges was appointed to visit Claremont congregation and ascertain what steps may be taken to increase the salary of their minister to the minimum \$800 a year. A report was received from a committee formerly appointed to consider resolutions of Toronto Presbytery re licensing of students. In connection therewith the following resolution was cordially adopted: That we concur in the suggestions made and will gladly co-operate in efforts to prepare a uniform plan for the licensing of students. A well prepared circular sent out by the Assembly's committee on Systematic Benevolence was read. The vital importance of the subject was emphasized and a committee of Presbytery appointed to co-operate with the Assembly's committee.

WESTERN ONTARIO.

At the recent communion services in Blenheim Church, seven were added to the roll.

Rev. Dr. Hamilton, interim moderator of Knox Church, Stratford, has been voted \$200 for his services during the vacancy.

Rev. R. A. Cranston, Cromarty, after a severe illness, has been able to resume his pulpit and pastoral work, much to the satisfaction of his people.

At the Annual Meeting of Knox Church Owen Sound, the salary of the pastor, Rev. R. J. Alpine, was increased from \$1,500 per annum to \$1,800. The congregation furnish a free manse.

At the annual meeting of Knox church, Clifford, Rev. S. Young, the pastor, read an interesting paper on the history of the congregation, prepared by himself. The congregation will publish the paper in pamphlet form.

At the annual meeting of Knox church, Stratford, it was announced that the present membership was 888. The total receipts, including a balance of \$199.82 from last year, amounted to \$7,700.42; expenditure practically the same amount.

The congregation of St. Andrew's, London, will erect a \$20,000 Sunday school building, adjoining the church. At the meeting held to elicit opinion on the subject between \$7,000 and \$8,000 was subscribed on the spot. Five members have agreed to contribute \$5,000 providing the rest of the congregation give \$10,000. The new building will be in keeping with the material and architecture of the church.

The induction of Rev. Robert Martin into the pastorate of Knox Church, Stratford, took place on the 7th inst. Rev. J. S. Hardie, moderator of Presbytery; Rev. A. Edington preached; Rev. Dr. Hamilton stated the steps leading up to the call. Rev. E. W. Pantor addressed the minister, and Rev. H. Cowan the people. Mr. Martin received a warm welcome from his new charge and enters on his work under the most encouraging auspices.

There was a large attendance at the annual stock-taking of Chalmers' Church, Woodstock. Rev. Dr. MacKay, pastor. Thirty-seven members had been added to the communion roll during the year, giving a total of 422. Bible Class Guild had been organized with a membership of 150, and much interest was being manifested in the study of the selections of Scripture for the young people of the church. The financial report showed that the total contributions for the year amounted to \$2,942.48, being \$250 in advance of the previous year.

St. Andrews, Sarnia, is in a flourishing state. During the year the contributions amounted to over \$4,700, and the actual debt of the church is practically nil. The Sunday school is in a flourishing condition with 303 scholars enrolled. The three retiring managers, R. I. Towers, M. B. Proctor and D. N. Sinclair, were re-elected. The Session's report showed a large increase in the number of communicants during the year. The Ladies' Aid Society also showed a gratifying record of good work, with a balance on hand of \$815.

At a meeting of officers and Sunday school teachers of Knox Church, St. Mary's, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. Shepherd, Rev. Mr. Grant, in a few well chosen words, presented Mr. Shepherd and family with one of the most modern sets of Bible commentaries in six volumes. The gift was a token of appreciation from their fellow-workers on account of the valuable aid rendered by the family in Sunday school work; but particularly on account of the labor extended by Mr. Shepherd as superintendent which office he has filled untiringly for the past ten years or more.

Knox Church, Guelph, is doing well under the pastorate of Rev. Ross, who at the annual meeting was handed a cheque for a substantial amount. During the year 97 new members were admitted, 49 names were removed by death, or removed from the congregation, leaving the present membership 689, which is the largest in the history of the church. The total collections for missionary purposes amounted to \$1,226. In the Sunday school there are 326 names on the roll, with a staff of 48 teachers. In the branch school there are 83 scholars and 10 teachers and officers. In addition there is a foreign class, composed of 13 Chinamen, each of whom is supplied with a teacher.

ORANGEVILLE NOTES.

The new church at Maple Valley erected under the pastorate of Rev. G. S. Scott, cost \$3,842.

At the annual meetings of Pricerville and Swinton Park, the salary of the pastor, Rev. J. A. Matheson, was increased \$125.

Chalmers Church, Fiesherston, is to enjoy the luxury of burning its mortgage Feb. 13th. On the Sabbath Rev. A. Wilson, under whose pastorate the church was erected, is to preach the anniversary services.

Dundalk and Ventry raised last year \$2,900, gave \$235 to missions and \$60 to other benevolent objects. There were 28 additions to the church, of which 19 were by profession. The salary of the pastor, Rev. J. Buchanan, was increased \$100.

The annual meetings of Hillsburg and Bethel churches showed considerable progress for the year. The income was \$2,984, of which \$443 went to missions. Additions to membership were 41 by profession and 9 by certificate. At the annual tea meeting on January 20th the debt on the Hillsburg manse was wiped out and the field is in a highly satisfactory shape, reflecting credit on the pastor, Rev. S. B. Russell, who has the work well in hand. At the tea meeting Rev. J. Buchanan, of Dundalk, delivered his delightful lecture, entitled "My Trip to Britain." He described some of the Natural beauties of Auld Scotia and the Emerald Isle in a way that greatly delighted the audience. Rev. R. Farlie, a former pastor, congratulated Mr. Russell on the success of his work; and an interesting musical program filled in a very helpful and instructive social gathering.

The annual Sunday school entertainment of Claude church was held on Tuesday evening, 31st January. A large company sat down to a delightful tea in the hall adjoining the church. The table preparations reflected high credit on the ladies of the congregation. After tea the church was crowded with an appreciative audience, who had gathered to hear an illustrated address on Palestine by Rev. R. J. M. Glassford, of Guelph. The lecturer was in rare form and for two hours held the large congregation as he explained the views which were thrown upon the canvas. Many Bible references were explained fully and the young people of the Sunday school will not soon forget the helpful and instructive lessons brought out by the lecturer. Rev. Mr. Cheyne, the minister, presided, and under his wise and energetic leadership Claude and Mayfield will continue to add to their already splendid record. Mr. R. J. McGregor, S. S. superintendent, had the details of the evening well thoughtout, and was much pleased with the complete success of the evening's entertainment.

Rev. S. B. Russell of Hillsburg preached effective anniversary sermons at Tarbert on Sabbath, February 5th, and exchanged with Rev. W. N. Cair.

On Monday Jan. 30th the annual congregational meeting of Stanley street Church, Avon, Rev. S. O. Nixon, Ph.B., pastor, was held. There was a good representative congregation present. The reports presented were all of the most encouraging nature showing a general advance. This is by far the best year of the present pastorate. The Ladies' Aid deserve special mention, having raised upwards of \$2,000 during the present pastorate of five years. The total receipts are about \$3,100.00. The present membership is 335. Our assets are \$1,300; our liabilities \$300.

On the 3rd inst., the Rev. Dr. J. K. Smith, late pastor of Knox Church, Galt, died in that town of pneumonia, at his apartments at the Imperial Hotel, where he and his wife have been living in retirement for about two years. Dr. Smith was born in Aberdeen, Scotland, in 1827, and was one of four brothers, all of whom became ministers. Deceased came to Canada in 1852, and has been pastor at the following places during his ministerial career, covering a period of about 45 years: Ramsay, Lanark county, Ontario; First Presbyterian Church, Brockville; Knox Church, Galt; Fort Massey Church, Halifax; First Presbyterian Church, San Francisco and First Presbyterian Church, Port Hope. He is survived by a widow and two sons. His son, Rev. J. Cumming Smith, of Indianapolis, U.S., died in that city early last year.