

anniversary services were conducted in Knox Presbyterian church, Perth, on Sunday by Rev. Strachan, of Brockville. Rev. Mr. Currie conducted the services in St. John's church, Brock-

ville. James Wallace, M. A., of Queen's, has been invited to the pastorate of the Lindsay church, vacant by the resignation of Rev. J. W. Gillan, who goes to Winnipeg.

Rev. Dr. Armstrong, of St. Paul's church, Ottawa, has been invited to preach the sermons on Sunday in connection with the 25th anniversary of the induction of Rev. A. A. Scott, D. D., into the pastorate of Zion church, Carleton Place. A social meeting will be held on the following evening, when tea will be served by ladies, and a musical and literary programme be presented.

The following are the newly elected officers of the Appleton St. Andrew's church Missionary Society: President, Rev. G. T. Bayne; vice-president, Mr. Wm. Paul; sec., Miss Minnie McCor; treas., Mr. John Stewart; programme committee—Mrs. John Stewart, Mrs. John Turner, Misses Tena Struthers, Edith Fumerton, the Arbuckle, Mrs. Thos. Cavers and Mrs. Wilson, Messrs. John Stewart, John Turner, Peter Struthers, Peter Spiers and Robt. Baird.

Thanks to one of the elders we have before the Woodville church report for 1902. Notwithstanding the fact that more than a year has elapsed since the resignation of Rev. Mr. Dunlop the congregation has kept well together no apparent falling off in receipts. The official statement presented to the recent annual meeting showed receipts of \$2,668.36, and disbursements to the amount of \$1,830.79, leaving a balance in the treasury of \$837.57. The various organizations of the congregation, Sabbath school, Auxiliary of W. F. M. S., of Y. P. S. C. E., the West Mission, Willing Workers' Mission and others, are in first-class condition, and doing excellent work. The church has a good board of elders and an efficient board of managers. The elders are Messrs. John Gunn, J. C. Gilchrist, Bole, A. Brown, Jno. Campbell, M. Hart, A. McMillan, N. L. Campbell, D. Strachan, L. McKay, and A. Carmichael, Mr. Ego is the church treasurer. It is to be hoped the congregation may soon be able to elect a suitable minister in succession to their late departed pastor.

Rev. Prof. Ross, D. D., of Queen's, conducted services at the opening of the new church in Stratford. The Carleton Place Herald thus describes the new church: "The edifice is built on one of the best sites in the town. The cut stone building is a masterpiece of architecture. The style is Romanesque, and the appointments, both in the auditorium and in the interior, are perfect. The entrance to the church is at the S. E. corner, thus affording good seating capacity inside, although occupying much space. The choir gallery is at the pulpit and the acoustic properties of the gallery and the whole church are of a high order. The basement contains a school room, a library, and a library room. The whole building is heated by a hot air furnace and gives perfect satisfaction. Although the weather was very favorable for the opening day, yet at both ends of the church was comfortably filled. On the platform was Professor Ross, of Queen's, who took charge of the services, Rev. Dr. Dunlop, the honored and aged Clerk of Presbytery, and the faithful pastor of the church, Mr. A. H. Macfarlane. In the morning the pastor spoke from the following words: 'That house will ye build me, saith the Lord.' He carried the thought from the earthly house to the spiritual one, and outlined the kind of life each individual should rear to God and to his fellow men."

**Western Ontario.**

The Woodville church is undertaking to procure a new organ.

After a pastorate of eleven years at Jarvis, G. A. McLennan has announced his resignation of the charge.

The pro re nata meeting of the Presbytery of Ontario is called for the 23rd instant, to deal with the call to Rev. Mr. Rollins, of Elmvale.

Rev. J. A. Brown, of Agincourt, is assisting Rev. Dr. Smith, of Bradford, at special services in the Scotch Settlement.

Rev. H. Currie, B.A., of Thedford, preached the Bridgen church on the 1st inst., in connection of the anniversary services. The tea following was a decided success.

Rev. E. A. Henry, of Knox church, Hamilton, has commenced a series of sermons on the tragedies of the Bible; his first being the "Tragedy of Eden."

Rev. J. W. Rae, of Aylmer, Ont., under whose auspices the new Knox church, Acton, was erected, preached the sermon at the reopening of the newly decorated church.

Rev. Mr. Rollins of Elmvale has received a unanimous call to the pastorate of the King street church, London, at a salary of \$1,100 and a month's holidays every year.

First Presbyterian church, St. Catharines, celebrated its 72nd anniversary on a recent Sabbath when Rev. Dr. Warden, of Toronto, preached sermons suitable to the interesting occasion.

The 20th anniversary services of Motherwell church were conducted by Rev. Mr. Wilson, of London, when forceful and eminently practical sermons were given. The proceeds of a successful tea meeting amounted to \$145.

Chalmers' church, London, Rev. Walter Moffatt, pastor, according to the reports, had a successful year. Eleven names have been added to the membership during the year. The mortgage indebtedness has been reduced by \$1,450; and the congregation and office bearers enter upon another year most hopefully.

At a special meeting of Maitland Presbytery the resignation of Rev. R. S. G. Anderson, of Wroxeter, was accepted, much to the regret of the congregation and Presbytery, the state of Mr. Anderson's health preventing his continuance in the ministry at the present time.

Rev. Alfred Gandier, B.D. of St. James Square church, Toronto, preached special sermons last Sunday in the Central church, Hamilton, in celebration of the 25th anniversary of Rev. Dr. Lyle's pastorate, when he preached in the morning an edifying sermon on Christian Optimism.

The Appin Young Peoples' Society recently debated the question: "Is it the duty of the church to provide amusements?" The affirmative was led by Mr. Affles, supported by Mr. D. Johnson and Mr. Mitchell. The negative was led by Mr. R. Cornell, supported by Mr. W. Johnson and Miss Webster. Decision was given in favour of the negative.

Wentworth church, Hamilton, reports a good year. The membership is now 505, an increase of 56. The total receipts amounted to \$2,720.08, with disbursements within a couple of dollars of the same amount. A motion to increase the stipend of the Rev. Mr. MacWilliams \$100 was carried, but as several voted against it, Mr. MacWilliams, while cordially thanking those who voted for it, announced that he could not accept the increase.

The recent tea-meeting in St. Andrew's, Thamesford, was an agreeable event. Rev. Dr. Smith, the former pastor from St. Catharines, delighted the audience with an address on "The Need of the Century," which of course is Jesus Christ. Rev. Mr. Hutt from Ingersoll also gave an interesting address. The proceeds, amounting to upwards of seventy dollars, will be used in helping to support the congregation missionary in the west.

Rev. R. Moffatt, D. D., secretary of the Upper Canada Tract Society, preached in Knox church, Stratford, on Sunday morning, explaining the work and aims of the society. He addressed the Baptist Sunday School in the afternoon and preached in St. Andrew's church in the evening, a pretty good days work for the venerable doctor; but he never spares himself, and the record of his labours for a year would put many younger men to the blush. Dr. Moffatt is an excellent preacher, and makes a most efficient travelling Secretary for the Tract Society.

The various christian activities of the First Church, London, are in excellent condition, and the pastor's salary was unanimously increased \$200, making it \$2,600; and arrangements are being made to provide for the erection of a building for Sabbath School hall, lecture room, vestry, etc. In acknowledging the addition to his salary, Rev. Mr. Clark took occasion to say that in addition to the call to Vancouver, he had received an offer to be a candidate for a pulpit paying \$3,000, and a free manse; he was also invited to preach for a call in a congregation paying double this amount, both of which invitations he had declined. So it does not always happen that the big stipend carries the day.

Most encouraging were the reports presented at the annual meeting of Knox church, Paisley. The membership is now 333. The total receipts for the year amounted to \$2,332.40, and the disbursements to \$1,880.25. For Home Missions \$133.25 was raised, for Foreign Missions \$134, and for other schemes \$96.25. The Sabbath collections were \$21.72. In the Sunday School there are 152 pupils enrolled, and the average attendance has been 114. Monies collected by the school amounted to \$196.04, and \$34.08 was sent for missions. The W. F. M. S. has a membership of 62, and they raised \$147.29 during the year, of which \$134.09 was paid to the Presbyterial treasury. The Y.P. Society is increasing in membership, there now being 90 enrolled. The Advocate adds: "The congregation has now for fifteen years been under the benign influence of Rev. Mr. Johnston as pastor. It is largely due to his ability as a preacher, his strength as an intellectual leader, his faithfulness as a minister, his tact and good judgment as a man, that Knox church owes its present flourishing and harmonious condition."

**Quebec.**

Rev. Dr. Kellock, of Richmond, presided at a recent meeting of the Trustees of St. Francis College, of which board he is president. Much important business was transacted.

At St. Andrew's Manse, Three Rivers, Que., on the 4th, Feb. 1903, by the faith of the bride, assisted by Rev. D. Tait, B.A., of Chalmers' church, Quebec city, Thomas Christie, M.P., for Argenteuil, son of the late Dr. Thos. Christie, M.P., Lachute, Que., to May, eldest daughter of Rev. J. R. MacLeod, of St. Andrew's church, Three Rivers, Mr. and Mrs. Christie left on extended tour which will take in New York, Washington, Boston, and other points both in U.S. and Canada.

**Ministers Widows & Orphans Fund.**

Rev. Dr. Warden, Toronto, acknowledges receipt, with cordial thanks, of the following additional subscriptions on behalf of the short-age in this Fund:—

A friend	.....	\$ 50
Mr. David Morrice, Montreal	.....	100
Mrs. David Morrice	.....	100
Mr. Jonathan Hodgson	.....	50

The response to this appeal shows the readiness of our people to help this fund when the opportunity is given. Over and above the contributions expected from congregations, there is still required about \$2,500 to enable the committee to pay in full the annuities due next month. On the list of annuitants there are 125 widows and between 60 and 70 children. Any desirous of helping to make up the amount required are requested to forward their contributions before the 28th February.

**Christian Work.**

About 150 delegates attended the 37rd annual convention of the Young Men's Christian Association of Ontario and Quebec at Peterboro last week. The convention opened in Murray street Baptist church, with the president, Henry Leigh of Woodstock, in the chair. After devotional exercises, Rev. John McNicol of the Toronto Bible Training School, delivered an instructive address on "Preparation." J. W. Hopkins of Woodstock read a paper on "Our Opportunity Among Young Men of our Local Fields."

Percy B. Williams of the West End branch of the Y.M.C.A., Toronto, spoke on the subject, "An Opportunity to Increase Intelligent Interest in the Local Associations."

A Committee on Permanent Organization was appointed, consisting of Robert Kilgour, Toronto; R. G. Struthers, Galt, and T. W. Graham, Toronto University.

At the evening session at St. Paul's Presbyterian church the committee recommended the following gentlemen as officers: President, Mr. A. L. Brethaupt, Berlin; 1st vice-president, Mayor G. M. Roger, Peterboro; 2nd vice-president, Mr. J. J. Thompson, Quebec; 3rd vice-president, Mr. J. J. Copeland, Toronto; secretary, Mr. R. J. Risk, Owen Sound; assistants, M. W. H. Spence, Victoria College; H. A. Pearson, Y.M.C.A., Training School, Toronto. The report was adopted. Addresses were given by Trooper A. J. Bruce of the 2nd Canadian Mounted Rifles, upon "Our Opportunity Among the Soldiers of South Africa," and by Rev. James Morrison Barclay, D. D., Detroit, Mich., upon "Our Opportunity in View of God's Promises and Power."