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OTTAWA.

Ottawa Presbytery nominates Rev. Dr. Campbell, minister of St. Gabriel church, Montreal, for the moderatorship of the General Assembly, and Dr. Kellock of Kinnear's Mills, for the moderatorship of the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa.

Ottawa Presbytery, after some discussion, granted the request of the Aylmer congregation to be placed on the list of augmented congregations.

Rev. Mr. Scott, of Hull, convener of committee, on French evangelization, reported to Ottawa Presbytery that all the French mission churches, including St. Marks of Ottawa, Masham, Angers, Perkins' Mills and Namur were in a prosperous condition. The announcement was made that Rev. Mr. St. Aubin was leaving Perkins' Mills for St. John's church, Montreal. During the last year, Rev. Mr. St. Aubin has been instrumental in building a new church and is leaving it free from debt.

Ottawa Presbytery nominated Rev. A. S. Morton, B.D., for the chair of Church History and Practical Theology in Pine Hill college, Halifax, and sanctioned the call of Rev. E. G. Robb, of Bristol, to Beechburg, Rev. A. Orniston to be moderator of the Bristol session during the vacancy.

Rev. Dr. Armstrong presented the report of the Ottawa Ladies' College to this Presbytery and recommended it to the liberality and generosity of the churches. The report of the Home Mission Society was also presented by Dr. Armstrong, claims for the past quarter and the grant for the coming year being arranged.

The Aylmer, (Que.) congregation have purchased a property which will be converted into a manse.

The commissioners to the general assembly from Ottawa Presbytery are: Rev. Messrs. R. Gamble, Wakefield; A. E. Mitchell, D. D. Miller, Hawkesbury; J. Reddon, Fort Colonge; J. H. Turnbull, Dr. Ramsay and J. W. H. Milne. The elders are: Messrs. George Hay, J. R. Reid, Thomas Wilson, of Carp, Thomas Stark, William McKeown, George Cuthbertson of Bristol, and J. McNichol.

Rev. James Cornack was the preacher in St. Paul's church last Sunday in the absence of Dr. Armstrong.

The next meeting of Ottawa Presbytery will be held in St. Paul's church, Ottawa, on 7th May.

At the annual meeting of St. Andrew's church the membership was reported as 616, the receipts for the year \$12,468.55, and the expenditure \$12,433.50. On the Sunday school roll were 207 names, with an average attendance of 135. The cradle roll is 58. A branch of the Scripture Union under Miss F. Allen was flourishing, having 30 members. The collections, \$205.64, were the largest in the history of the school. The expenses are met by a grant from the session. After 29 years of faithful service as superintendent of the Sunday school, Mr. Jas. Gibson has tendered his resignation, and has been appointed honorary superintendent for life. In the W. H. M. Society there are 53 members. The society had made itself responsible for the salary of the nurse now with Dr. Grenfell, and of missionaries at Swan River and Durban. The total receipts were \$2,285.50, the balance on hand being \$221. Home missions had received in all some \$1,250. The Ladies' Aid, W.F.M.S., Y.P.S., King's Daughters and Men's Association all reported a year of progress and prosperity. With

respect to the Glebe property it was decided to devote the interest to their own debts instead of the Glebe Presbyterian churches, and then to establish a fund to help any benevolent interest. Hon. E. H. Bronson was elected to fill the vacancy on the Glebe trustee board.

The People's Association of Bank Street Church purpose visiting the Young People's Society at Merivale in the near future.

On the evening of the 1st inst., the Young People's Society of Merivale, held their meeting which was well attended at the manse. After the business was completed Rev. Mr. Cameron and Mrs. Cameron, his estimable wife, entertained the young people in great style by furnishing vocal and instrumental music of a high order, refreshments were served and a very pleasant time was spent socially. The young people appreciated very highly the hospitality shown to them at the manse.

Rev. A. G. Cameron who was inducted as minister of Merivale and Westboro' early in December last is meeting with much success in his new field of labor. Mr. Cameron is a young man of much promise and gives evidence of doing good work. The first sermon he preached after his induction was very appropriate, being from the words "Go Forward." Last fall the Merivale congregation purchased a new manse near City View. Mr. Cameron and his family are now comfortably settled in the commodious manse. Merivale is not a backward place on account of its close proximity to the Capital. The agriculturists have good farms, are thrifty and in comfortable circumstances. Altogether this is one of the best and most progressive country congregations in the Ottawa Valley.

At a meeting of the Ottawa Presbytery this week it was decided to give more attention to Sunday school work in the future. Rev. Dr. Fraser of Toronto, editor of the Sunday school literature of the Presbyterian church in Canada, gave a very practical address on Sunday school work, and how best to make it successful. It is a step in the right direction to give special attention to this department of the church's work, but it appears that originating and maintaining Mission Sunday schools in the Capital at present is a thing of the past. The congregations of Stewarton, Billings' Bridge, Hintonburg and the Glebe grew from Mission Sunday schools to congregations. Where the conditions are favorable, such schools should be started so as to advance the cause of Presbyterianism. If any apathy is shown other denominations may take advantage, and do this work which rightly belongs to us. At present there are several localities in the city where Mission Sunday schools should be started, and one of the best is in the West end of the city. The population is increasing rapidly year by year. Mission Sunday schools and Missions will be necessary in the near future. We suggest that our wealthy congregations in the Capital take the initiative in this very important work of our church, as we are convinced there are many scholars, between the ages of 5 and 16 who are not enrolled in any Sunday school and who call themselves Presbyterians. The Presbyterians in Montreal and Toronto have met with a large measure of success in this forward movement which we have suggested.

Rev. Peter Strang, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Virden, who has been spending the week in the city has returned home.

WINNIPEG AND WEST.

Rev. S. C. Murray, of Port Arthur, was a visitor to the city last week.

Rev. J. P. Jones, pastor of St. John's Presbyterian church, who has been ill for the past month, is still confined to his bed, and will not likely be able to resume his work for some weeks yet.

As a result of two weeks' special services at Hamiota, conducted by Revs. Clarence MacLennan and W. A. Maclean, of Winnipeg, there will be a number of additions to the membership of the church.

Rev. Dr. Fraser, of the First church, Vancouver, has been invited to address the big international convention of Young People's Societies which will be held in Seattle next July. The doctor will preach the convention sermon on July 14.

The new Presbyterian church at Indian Head is an assured fact. A splendid site has been procured, in the best section of the town. It is proposed to erect a building to cost about \$20,000 and the committee has in sight about \$16,000 already.

Rev. Dr. Bryce visited Dominion City and Blythfield district recently. In the former the Presbyterian people have undertaken to build a manse for the minister, and in the latter the congregation has become self-sustaining, and offers a minister a salary of \$900 per annum and a free manse.

In St. John's church, Vancouver, (Rev. A. J. McGillivray, pastor), the membership at end of year was 413, there being 152 additions during 1906. The ordinary receipts were \$5,843.74, and this with \$3,402.80 received for building fund make a grand total of \$17,235.05 for the year. The new managers are Messrs. W. A. McLennan, D. J. McLachlan, R. J. Taggart, C. N. Haney, John Gray, jr., and E. A. Caspell.

The public meeting of the Manitoba Missionary College Society was well attended. Rev. Dr. Hart occupied the chair and briefly outlined the work done by the students' missionary society, since its first organization. Mr. J. W. Stevenson, president, gave the report for the past year, which showed the work to be in a very prosperous condition. Last year nine men were sent out to fields by this society. These nine fields cost \$2,166.40. Contributions from the fields \$1,135.35, leaving a cost to the society of \$1,031.05. Besides this the care and other expenses of the men going to the fields had to be paid, making the total expenditure \$1,169.20. Revenue of the society was \$1,253.45, leaving a balance of \$84.25. This coming year it is proposed to send at least nine men and if possible ten to the fields that would not otherwise be supplied. Dr. Gordon spoke in very feeling terms of the appropriateness of having a missionary society in Manitoba College, because all the founders and teachers in the college have come west, not to teach, but to be missionaries. He said that there are two good reasons why it is worth while to have missionary societies in churches and colleges. The first is because it lifts up into clearer view the purpose of the coming of Christ, and, secondly, because it is continually bringing the world into view and holding up the picture of the need of mankind. This is necessary, if missionary enthusiasm is to be kept up. Dr. Gordon finished with a very strong appeal to the young men to ever keep before them the highest ideals of noble manhood.