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LETTERS

EASTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. Donald Stewart, B.A., of Alexandria, has been visiting friends in Montreal.

Rev. G. W. Mingue, of Newington and North Lunenburg, is enjoying a needed holiday in a trip to Cuba.

The managers of St. Andrew's Church, Williamstown, are about installing a new lighting apparatus.

Rev. Hugh Munro, B.A., of St. Paul's, Bowmanville, has been appointed by the Counties Council a member of the High School Board.

The Rev. Mr. Forbes, of the Lumberman's Mission, occupied the pulpit in St. Andrew's Church, South Lancaster, on a recent Sunday.

At the annual meeting of St. Mark's Church, Wales, it was decided by a unanimous vote to adopt the envelope system in connection with church finances in the future.

At the last communion service in the Lanark church individual communion cups were used for the first time. The set was presented to the congregation by a member who does not wish his name to transpire.

Rev. Mr. Henderson preached his first sermon as pastor of St. Andrew's church, Appleton, last Sabbath morning. He was listened to with rapt attention by the large congregation present, and his able discourse was much enjoyed by all.

Miss Fraser, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Fraser, of Lancaster, now at Norwood, Man., was recently presented with a beautiful music cabinet in appreciation of her untiring and efficient services as leader of the choir during the past year.

Mr. John H. Wert, of Avonmore, on resigning the superintendency of the Sunday School, after several years of faithful and efficient service, was presented with a handsome oak writing cabinet, and Mrs. Wert with a fine oak rocker.

The fourteenth annual report of Calvin church, Bathurst and South Sherbrooke, (Rev. H. J. MacDermid, pastor), has been issued, and indicates steady material and spiritual progress. The reports of the different organizations in the church was very satisfactory, and the year's books were closed with small cash balances on hand.

The reports presented to the annual meeting of St. Luke's church, Finch, (Rev. W. D. Bell, pastor), indicated that the finances of the congregation are in a flourishing condition. It was decided that the customary annual reports shall be published and distributed. All the old officials of 1908 including the building committee, board of managers and the efficient secretary-treasurer, Hosea McMillan, were re-appointed for the year 1909.

At the annual meeting of the Maxwell congregation, Rev. R. McKay in the chair, and A. J. Kennedy acting as secretary, the reports showed, on the whole, that progress had been made in several departments, especially in the Sunday School. There was a slight falling off in the gifts for missions at which the pastor expressed regret. The common expense fund and the stipend fund showed increases as compared with last year's reports, the latter enabling the congregation to donate \$75 to the minister in addition to the regularly promised stipend. After the conclusion of the business the ladies served lunch in the school room.

TORONTO.

Mr. Horace F. McDougall, formerly organist and choirmaster of St. Paul's Church, has been appointed to the same position in Cooke's Church.

The Davenport Road Presbyterians occupied their new school building for the first time last Sunday. It will seat about 800, and affords much needed accommodation for this growing charge. Rev. Dr. Abraham is the minister.

Rev. Clarence MacKinnon, B.D., of Winnipeg, has declined the call to St. James Square, Toronto, not seeing it to be his duty to leave his present charge at this time. His message declining said: "Deeply sensible of the honor and opportunity of the call; but after the most mature consideration I find it impossible to accept."

Referring to the call from Deer Park to Rev. G. B. MacLeod, B.D., of Truro, N.S., the New Glasgow Chronicle says: "We believe if Mr. MacLeod accepts, he will be the fourth Truro minister to accept a charge in Toronto. We think St. Paul's Church here has given the 'Queen City' three pastors: Rev. Mr. Phillips, Rev. A. L. Geggie and Rev. P. M. MacDonald. Mr. MacLeod is second to none. His people as a whole, are much attached to him. His eloquence and culture are well known. He is fearless and brave and has proven that he 'dares to stand alone.' Truro's loss will assuredly be a great gain for Toronto. We can ill afford to part with such men, but we wish them all success and happiness."

WINNIPEG AND WEST.

Rev. Peter Strang of Virden conducted anniversary services in Knox church, Souris. In the evening the Methodist congregation joined with their Presbyterian brethren.

At the annual meeting of the old historic Kildonan church, the pastor, Rev. Hugh Hamilton, B.D., in the chair, the reports presented showed satisfactory progress. The membership is 107 with 54 families. During the past year there was a complete renovation of the manse, and a cottage was built for the caretaker. The total income was \$4,125.65; the expenditure, \$3,616.09, leaving a balance of \$509.56 in the treasurer's hands. The installation of an electric light system is to be at once considered. The managers elected were Messrs. Wm. McKay, John H. Gunn and Roderick Ross.

HAMILTON NOTES.

Rev. Kenneth W. Barton of Thornbury was a visitor in our city over Sunday.

Rev. H. D. Cameron's services in connection with Knox Mission are already having telling effect.

Rev. T. McLaughlin of St. James' church is again able to take his pulpit work after two weeks' illness. His new church will be ready for opening next month.

Rev. H. B. Ketchen of MacNab street church, and Rev. J. A. Wilson of St. Andrew's church, are both engaged in preaching a series of sermons on the Lord's Prayer.

The annual meeting of the Hamilton Presbyterian of W.H.M.S. is being held this week in St. John's church, Rev. Dr. Neil of Toronto being the special speaker.

Rev. W. H. Alp. of Kearney, has been preaching at Sundridge; he also dispensed the communion at Lynch Lake and Hartfell.

MONTREAL.

St. Cuthbert's, under the charge of Rev. Wm. Munro, is rapidly developing. The attendance is increasing, and the young especially is being greatly interested in the services.

The membership of St. Mark's Church, (Rev. G. F. Kinnear, pastor), is now 215. Messrs. G. More, W. C. Fishbourne, E. Jones, G. Muir, jr., and A. M. Reaper, jr., were elected to the board of management, and Messrs. A. L. Walker and Thomas Davidson were appointed as auditors.

The retirement of Mr. James Rodgers, for many years managing director of Gault Bros. Co., Limited, is just announced. The Witness tells us that Mr. Rodgers has decided to free himself from business cares and responsibilities so that he may have more time to devote to religious and benevolent work, and especially the interests of the Layman's Missionary Movement. He is now on a visit to leading centres in the Maritime Provinces, speaking in behalf of the missionary movement.

The pastor (Rev. K. J. Macdonald, B. B.) and people of St. Matthew's Church have reason to be satisfied with the showing made by the congregation at the annual meeting. The total receipts were \$9,584.38—the largest in the history of the Church. During the past year a mortgage debt of \$4,000 was discharged. The question of purchasing a house for the minister was thoroughly gone into, and it was finally decided to secure the property adjoining the church; and now, at an early date, a new pipe organ will be installed in the church.

Rev. James Patterson, the capable clerk of Montreal Presbytery, also acts as city missionary for the Presbyterians of Montreal, and has just reported a successful year's work. The tabulated figures indicate a large number of visits to the various hospitals, homes, jails, House of Industry, Immigration Office, Ladies' Benevolent Institution. Prayer meetings held, 54; baptisms, marriages and burials, 81. The Old Brewery Mission and the Sailors' Institute also were visited from time to time. Mr. Patterson has kept a diary for some twenty-five years, from which can be learned what he did on any day in any year. The report contains the receipt of the diary for the first week in January, 1908. The visits to the various institutions provide great variety of experience and afford large opportunity for scattering sunshine and bestowing relief, where spiritual comfort and physical alleviation are greatly needed, and appreciated. The report says: "We return thanks to the many who from year to year aid the mission by contributing in money and many other ways: to Mr. David Morrice, for a valuable supply of men's underclothing; to Miss K. Campbell for twenty dollars' worth of articles from the Industrial Rooms, and to the Dorens and Ladies' Societies of Hemmingford, Chateauguay Basin and Beauharnois, for liberal supplies of blankets and useful articles of clothing for young and old. These have comforted many, and are most gratefully received by those for whom they are intended." Rev. Dr. Campbell is convener of the committee of Presbyter having this important work in hand; and Mr. Wm. Drysdale is the treasurer, to whom donations of money may be sent.

Through Christ we can behold the joy set before us—the crown of rejoicing.