

Temporal Committee—(To replace those retiring by rotation)—Messrs. W. E. Biggs, S. S. M. Hunter, T. Clarke, Sheriff Moffat, Mr. Mitchell, police magistrate, and N. J. MacLean; Secretary—Mr. T. M. Skinner; Treasurers—Messrs. S. S. M. Hunter and A. Millar. A number of standing Committees were named; and it was decided, in order to the proper oversight of a rapidly growing membership, that the congregation should be asked to elect seven additional elders. The anniversary services of the church will be held this month, and a Committee was struck to make the necessary arrangements.

As usual the reports presented at the annual meeting of the Orillia church left no doubt as to the vigor and success with which the work of this large congregation had been prosecuted during the past year. The total contributions amounted to \$7,038.50, \$1,438 of this was given for Missions. This amount will be slightly increased when the Mission Schemes account closes this month. The Sabbath School report showed an average attendance of 340 per Sabbath. 42,856 verses were recited. Average attendance of scholars of Sunday school at church services, 224. Parents were urged to see that their children memorized the Shorter Catechism. The additions to the membership had been most encouraging, 42 having been added on profession of faith, the largest during any one year in the history of the congregation. The reports from the various societies showed advancement in all departments.

Western Ontario.

Rev. Mr. McKay, of Norval, has been conducting services at Eden Mills.

The presbytery of London nominates Rev. Dr. Fletcher for the moderatorship of Assembly.

Rev. E. W. Panton, of St. Andrew's church, Stratford, has been laid up with a severe cold.

The May conference for Young People's Societies of London presbytery will be held at Rodney.

Princeton church held a very satisfactory annual meeting. After paying all claims there is a balance in the treasury; and the Ladies' Aid have a substantial amount in their hands drawing interest.

At the residence of Mr. E. Waugh, Lobo township, Miss Lizzie Waugh, organist of the Komoko church, was presented with a well-filled purse in slight appreciation of her useful services to the congregation. An affectionately worded address accompanied the purse.

The anniversary services connected with the re-opening of Knox church, Embro, were conducted by the pastor, Rev. G. C. Patterson, and were well attended. The tea-meeting on Monday evening, in spite of the unfavorable weather, was quite successful. The programme presented was of a very high order.

The Rev. G. C. Little, B.A., formerly of Corbetton, &c., in Orangeville Presbytery, was inducted to the charge of Bothwell, Florence and Sutherland's Corners on Friday, 30th Jan. at 3 p.m., the interim Moderator of the Session, the Rev. J. McInnes, of Thamesville, presiding.

Knox church, Walkerton, held a meeting on the 28th ult., to moderate in a call, and the result was unanimously in favour of Rev. Thos. Wilson, late of King street church, London. The call will be before the Bruce Presbytery on 3rd March, and it is hoped Mr. Wilson may see his way clear to accept. The congregation heard six candidates before proceeding to call.

Mr. George Hart, who has been superintendent of the Brucefield Sabbath school for a number of years, was recently made the recipient of a handsome writing desk. And Mrs. Hart of a finely decorated berry set. The address was read by the present superintendent, B. R. Higgins, and the presentation was made by Messrs. John McQueen and John McKenzie.

Rev. Mr. Martin, of Cannington, conducted the anniversary services at Pefferlaw. At the Monday evening entertainment the Gamebridge choir contributed a number of anthems and solos which deserve special mention, every part of the programme rendered was well sustained, and a substantial sum of money was realized. The reports presented to the annual meeting at Sutton of the various congregations indicated steady progress. Pefferlaw had raised \$1323.65; Sutton over \$1100.00; and Egypt was not behind. Great credit is due to the Ladies' Aid of Sutton, their report showed the sum of \$272.00. The pastor, Rev. D. McKerrill, was unanimously voted \$100.00 addition to his salary.

At Knox church, Hamilton, on Wednesday, Feb. 4th, Rev. R. J. McAlpine, M.A., pastor of Knox church, Owen Sound, was married to Miss Mamie, only daughter of Ald. Stewart, of Hamilton. The ceremony was witnessed by many friends, and was conducted by Rev. Principal Caven, assisted by Revs. E. A. Henry, pastor of the church, and J. L. Campbell, of St. Davids. The bride received handsome presents, from the groom a pearl crescent, from the Sunday School a silver chafing dish, from her father a cheque and from her mother a piano.

Knox church, Stratford—Rev. M. L. Leitch, pastor—is now one of the largest congregations in the denomination in Canada. At the recent annual meeting the membership was reported as 1,151. The session and managers are arranging to open a mission in the Eastern part of the city where there appears to be room for work. From reports presented at the annual meeting it looks as if all the important interests represented by this large congregation are in excellent shape, and prosecuted with energy by the various organizations in charge. The pastor, Session and Managers are to be congratulated.

Northern Ontario.

A purse containing over \$140 was presented to Rev. R. J. McAlpin, of Knox church, Owen Sound, as a wedding present from the congregation; a kindly worded address accompanied the gift.

The Ladies' Aid Society of Knox church, Owen Sound, recently presented their president, Mrs. John Chalmers, with a fancy clock and berry spoon as a token of their appreciation of her services faithfully rendered for many years. A cordially worded address accompanied the presentation, which was a complete surprise to Mrs. Chalmers.

The C. E. Society of Erskine church, Meaford, gave a tree entertainment on the evening of the 9th ult., which proved a gratifying success. The pastor, Rev. S. H. Eastman, occupied the chair and conducted the programme, a leading feature of which was a debate between representatives of the C. E. S. and the Methodist Epworth League on the subject, Resolved, "That man has exercised a greater influence on the history of the world than woman has." The decision was again in favor of the affirmative championed by the C. E. S. representatives. The annual entertainment of Erskine church Sabbath school was held on Friday evening last when an attractive programme was rendered, and an enjoyable evening was spent.

Montreal.

The Rev. Andrew Reid, just returned from a trip around the world, gave a lecture in Taylor church, on a recent evening, on what he saw in Europe. There was a large audience, who gave close attention for an hour and a half, as the lecturer in a graphic and interesting manner, described very minutely the many points of interest that came under his notice in his journeyings. At the close the audience, on motion of Rev. Mr. Stewart, passed a cordial vote of thanks to the gifted lecturer.

Algoma.

The Presbytery of Algoma meets at Copper Cliff on March 3rd at 11 a.m.

Rev. Archibald Stewart, of London, is now supplying the pulpit of Tarbut church, where the late Rev. A. Y. Hartley used to preach.

The work at the "Soo" in both St. Paul's and St. Andrew's is in a flourishing condition, and both churches have a loyal band of workers.

The reports from Thessalon are the most encouraging that have ever been presented, and a hopeful spirit prevails among all the members of this well organized congregation.

Webbwood has had the brightest year in its history during the pastorate of the present pastor. The debt is being reduced and the membership is increasing.

At Copper Cliff the church was packed to the doors, on a recent Sabbath, which is not an unusual occurrence. Activity in mining operations brings increased attendance at church services.

In Sudbury the Presbyterian cause has flourished greatly during the past year; increase in membership in finances, and Mr. J. F. Black, one of the members, gave a beautiful organ to the congregation as a gift, during the holidays. The congregation are very grateful to Mr. Black.

It is difficult to do much in the way of church services at such points as Spragge, Cuttler and Algoma, as they are in the winter like Goldsmith's "Deserted village," though in the summer the centre of much activity where hundreds of men are employed.

Massay field was visited on the 1st Feb., by Dr. Findlay, the superintendent of missions. The outlook is bright. Rev. Mr. Drinnen is winning the hearts of his people for Christ. The congregation visited the home of Rev. Mr. Drinnen and Mrs. Drinnen recently and presented them with an address and a purse of money. A very pleasant evening was spent in social chat and games, all leaving at a late hour wishing Mrs. and Mr. Drinnen a happy voyage in life.

British Columbia.

The presbytery of Victoria held a special meeting in St. Andrew's church, Nanaimo, for the induction to the pastorate of that charge of Rev. John Millar, late of Phoenix. Rev. Dr. J. Campbell, presided; Rev. J. L. Clay addressed the minister; and Rev. Alex. Fraser, the people. Mr. Millar enters upon the charge of this important congregation with very bright prospects of great usefulness.

The annual congregational meeting of First Presbyterian church, Victoria, B. C., was held last week with the pastor, Rev. Dr. Campbell in the chair. It was one of the largest and best meetings held for many years. The reports of the Session, Managers, Sabbath School, Ladies' Aid Society, Junior and Senior Endeavor Societies, and choir were very satisfactory, and showed the congregation to be well organized, and in fine working condition. The ordinary revenue was equal to the expenditure which has not been the case for some years previous. At the end of the year the congregation was absolutely free from debt, the last \$700 of the mortgage on the church, having been paid in December, and the current year begun with a handsome balance on hand. A new organ is to be installed in February, and extensive repairs on the church to be made at once. The revenue during the year was nearly \$5,000. The pastor and people are greatly encouraged to go on now to do more for the great schemes of the church than they have been able to do in the past, burdened with considerable debt.

Maritime Provinces.

Rev. Andrew Gray, of Economy, has tendered his resignation.

Truro presbytery has approved of the site for a new church at Port Dufferin.

Rev. F. S. Coffin, of Lower Stewiacke, has resigned, intending to take in post-graduate course of some Theological college.

Rev. F. H. Macintosh, has been appointed convener of the committee on Church Life and Work in Truro Presbytery.

The Rev. Alfred Gaudier, minister of St. James church, Toronto, has been unanimously nominated for the Professorship in Systematic Theology in Pine Hill College, vacated by Rev. Dr. Gordon, who was called to Queens.

Rev. J. D. McKay, who is spending a short time in Earlton before going to Demerara, brought the church there a very fine pulpit Bible and Book of Praise the gift of Dr. Murray, of the Witness.

The presbytery of St. John, N. B., nominated the Rev. Clarence McKinnon, of Sydney, for the vacant professorship in the Halifax Presbyterian College; the Rev. D. J. Fraser, of St. John, for the vacancy in the Montreal College faculty, and the Rev. Dr. Fletcher, Hamilton, Ont., for the moderatorship of the next General Assembly.

At the annual meeting of St. Andrew's church, Hemmingford, the pastor the Rev. A. Lee, presided, and Mr. R. Elerton acted as secretary. Reports were submitted of the work of the year by the session, and the treasurer of the congregation. These reports were encouraging, and showed that the congregation took a warm interest in missions, as well as in their own church. The contributions for missions showed a slight advance on last year. The addition to the membership at Hemmingford and Robson had been twenty, and the attendance of the Sabbath School also showed an increase in the average. Messrs. G. J. McKay, S. J. Dunlop, F. D. McNaughton, W. C. Barr and J. McKerry were elected as members of the temporal committee, with Mr. R. Elerton as secretary-treasurer.