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OTTAWA.

Rev. Mr. McIntosh, in his address at the anniversary service of the Gible Congregational church, spoke favorably of the proposed union of the Presbyterian, Methodist and Congregational churches.

A few evenings ago Rev. A. G. Cameron, who is under call to Martintown, delivered a lecture in Westboro church on A Trip Through Canada, with special reference to home mission work. Mr. Cameron illustrated his lecture with numerous lantern views, taking his audience from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and by his pictures showing the very varied occupations of Canadians in those vast areas where mission work is now being carried on. His scenes on the Upper Ottawa, in the ranching districts of the Northwest, and among the mountains of British Columbia are especially worthy of mention.

The Men's Association of Bank Street church debated the question of prohibition for Ontario and there was an interesting discussion. The main motion was one for total prohibition and was supported by D. B. Gardner and Samuel Stewart. An amendment was proposed by A. W. Ault and McGiffin, who favored local, option. An amendment to the amendment was offered by Dr. Bapiste and J. M. Young. This last resolution asked only that the present liquor laws be more rigidly enforced and that the number of retail drinking places be reduced. A decision was left to the audience, and on a vote being taken the amendment to the amendment was defeated and the amendment to the main motion carried. The final vote was a tie and the chairman and president of the association gave his casting vote in favor of the main motion, which desired total prohibition.

QUEBEC

The annual meeting of St. Andrew's church, Three Rivers, was held on the 8th February. The pastor, Rev. J. R. MacLeod, presided, Mr. W. F. Adair, secretary. Reports were submitted from the Session, Treasurer, Sunday school and Ladies' Aid. In some of these departments there were balances on hand. All accounts for the past year were found to have been paid. The Revenue exceeded \$1,000. Schemes \$133. The managers contemplate the expenditure of over \$300 in improvements on the church. Messrs. H. P. Blair and R. W. Williams were re-elected as managers. Mr. A. Houlston was appointed secretary of the Board for the year, Alderman J. T. Tebbut, chairman, and Mr. W. F. Adair, treasurer. The organist, choir and managers were cordially thanked for their services. The report of session dwelt upon one discouraging feature, viz., the large number who have moved away during the year.

At the last meeting there was laid before the Whitby Presbytery a call from the congregation of Columbus and Brooklyn to Rev. J. B. Borland, M.A., Collingwood. Commissioners from the congregation very heartily supported the call and it was cordially sustained by Presbytery as a regular gospel call. Mr. Hodges was appointed the Presbytery's commissioner to prosecute the call before Barrie Presbytery. In the event of Mr. Borland's acceptance provisional arrangements were made for his induction at Brooklyn on February 21st.

Reports submitted at the annual meeting of the Orillia church showed that the year had been one of great activity and that the financial results had been most satisfactory. The total receipts of the congregation for all purposes were about \$6,400, and of this upwards of \$1,700 had been given to home and foreign missions. After paying salaries and other expenses there was a balance on hand of \$149. There were no floating liabilities in form of notes, these having been entirely wiped out. The following were elected managers for a term of two years: Wm. Thomson, H. T. Blackstone, T. A. World, Adam Anderson, D. I. Grant, D. J. Gibson, D. A. Macnab, D. S. Thomson, R. A. Robinson, D. Cotton, D. D. McKinlay, J. J. Thompson.

MONTREAL NOTES.

The death is announced of Mr. J. Burt Sutherland, formerly a dry goods merchant of London, Ont., but more recently living in retirement in this city. Having travelled a great deal he frequently lectured on what he had seen in foreign lands. When at home Mr. Sutherland devoted himself very largely to religious work, and was always willing, without remuneration, to fill a country pulpit or give a lecture about his travels.

At the annual meeting of St. Mark's Church the Rev. G. T. Kinnear presiding, the report for 1904 was submitted. It showed that the membership was good and that there was a balance in favor of the church, after all expenses had been paid. The reports on Sunday school and the Chinese Sunday school were also satisfactory, there being a fair attendance of teachers and pupils; while the Ladies' Aid Society was in a prosperous condition. Three new elders were then chosen, namely, Mr. Young, Mr. Donan and Mr. Jones, jr.

The financial reports just published of the American Presbyterian Church, of which the Rev. Dr. Johnson is pastor, show that the past year's work has been remarkably successful. Contributions to the benevolent fund amounted to \$13,633.51. Of this amount \$109.26 was expended in home Sabbath-school expenses, \$407.72 in home Sabbath-school donations, \$136.50 in Inspector Street Sabbath-school donations, \$5,779.03 in the work of the Inspector Street Chapel, \$5,387.37 in the work of home missions, and \$3,423.88 in foreign missions. The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society raised and disbursed \$1,012, leaving a balance of \$215.91 in hand. The trustees' statement shows receipts amounting to \$11,297.67, of which \$22.70 remains in hand. The total amount raised for the year was \$30,894.08.

Knox Chinese Sunday school celebrated its tenth anniversary by an open session. Mr. William Robertson, superintendent of the school, presided, and there were present on the platform the Rev. Messrs. James Fleck, E. Scott and J. Paterson, and Messrs. Wright of Hongkong, Paul and Hains. After song, Psalm xlc, a psalm of the season, was well read in English by Lung Gong, and Lee Quong offered prayer in Chinese. Lee Quong is president of the C. E. Society to which, earlier in the evening, two new members were added, and by which a contribution was made to the Forward Movement of the city C. E. Union, the recent rally of which a number of Chinese members attended. Mr. George E. Robertson, in some retrospective remarks, told of ten things for thanksgiving, namely, the interest taken in the school by Knox Church, the good attendance, that some sixty had joined by confession of faith and baptism; good influence and active Christian effort at home and abroad; faithful teachers, and the co-operation of the several denominations with promise for the future. "Our boys," Frankie and Peter sang a song and chanted a psalm. Addresses were next given by Mr. J. McD. Hains, who spoke of the present aspect of the work here, and Mr. Wright (recently returned from Macao), who told of the hopeful work of the four missionaries sent from Montreal. A letter from Mr. McKay was read, telling of the open-door of opportunity and of recent visits to a number of Montreal Christians who have lately returned, and who are doing effective work in China. Dr. Thomson urged the value of the opportunity before them and the promising character of the work. A soul-saving service, he said, called for much patience and prayer. The Rev. E. Scott concluded with an earnest prayer on behalf of scholars and workers.

One of the most welcome periodicals reaching our table is Foreign Missionary Tidings, published by the W.F.M.S. The February number is unusually full of valuable information and news from widely separated fields. Mrs. MacGillivray, editor, is doing her work uncommonly well.

EASTERN ONTARIO.

The new Presbyterian church at North Bay will be formally opened about the 1st of March.

Rev. G. McGregor, B.D., of Pickering, was elected Moderator of Whitby Presbytery for the current year.

Rev. A. E. Mitchell, Ottawa, is announced to conduct anniversary services in Zion Church, Carleton Place, next Sunday.

Rev. W. G. Wilson, Smith's Falls, is announced to conduct the anniversary services in St. John's church, Cornwall, next Sunday.

Rev. Robt. Young, of Pakenham, and the Rev. Orr Bennett, of Almonte, exchanged pulpits on a recent Sunday, when Mr. Bennett preached anniversary sermons at Cedar Hill.

The ladies of Knox church, Cornwall, held a social in aid of the manse fund, at Mrs. Binnie's. There was a very large attendance and a very interesting programme was rendered. The financial results were quite encouraging to the ladies.

The annual meeting of St. Andrew's church, Appleton, was held last week, and the several reports in connection with the church work showed the congregation to be in a flourishing condition. Messrs. Jas. Syme and John Scott were elected to the board of managers.

On his way home from Ottawa, Rev. Dr. Wardrope, of Guelph, one of the fathers of the church, spent Sunday 5th inst., in Carleton Place, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. McArthur, and took the service in Zion church in the evening, preaching very acceptably from the words in Heb. 11, 40: "Some Better Thing."

Rev. J. E. Smith, B.A., of Essa, has received a hearty and unanimous call from the congregations of Burnbrie and Ralston, one of the best charges in Central Ontario. The salary to begin with is \$850 with a free manse and glebe and a month's vacation.

The special services in St. Andrew's church, Almonte, closed last week. Mr. R. J. Farrell, secretary of the Y. M. C. A., Ottawa, assisted Rev. Mr. Bennett on Thursday and Friday evenings. His addresses were very earnest and much appreciated by those who heard him.

Dr. John Abraham, Whitby, is nominated by Whitby Presbytery for the moderatorship of next General Assembly; and Rev. A. Gandier, P.E.D., Toronto, was nominated as a suitable person to fill the vacancy in the chair of New Testament Literature and Exegesis in Knox College.

The annual meeting of St. John's, Cornwall, last week was largely attended. The reports showed the finances to be much improved. The old officers were all re-elected except Mr. G. R. Phillips, who retired from the manager's board, Mr. R. Smith being elected in his place. The pastor, Rev. N. H. McGillivray, was given a bonus of \$100 for the year.

At the annual meeting of St. Andrew's, Pakenham, the reports were encouraging. The officers of last year were re-elected. A special committee was appointed to canvass the congregation in regard to the building of horse sheds on the church ground. The cemetery committee was re-appointed and highly commended for the work of the past year and were given full power to use their own judgment so far as the funds are subscribed by the united congregations, Methodist and Presbyterian.

Woodville church, (Rev. W. M. Kannawin, pastor) received a number of encouraging reports at the annual meeting. The membership is 283; 10 having been added on profession of faith; 11 by certificate, and one name was re-entered on roll. The monthly services at River-view, Argyle and Grant's have been much appreciated by the people of these sections. The total receipts including balance from last year, amounted to \$2,363.29; the expenditure footed up \$2,422.12, leaving a balance due treasurer of \$38.83. This congregation contributes \$236.25 to Foreign Missions, and \$240.00 to Home. We are indebted to Mr. J. C. Gilchrist, session clerk, for the printed report.