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EASTERN ONTARIO.

On a recent Sunday, Rev. Wm. Johnston, of Millbrook, preached a very suggestive sermon from the words in Jonah—"He paid the fare thereof and went."

Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Lee, of Apple Hill, entertained the young people of the congregation very pleasantly last week. The manse was well filled with the delighted guests.

Anniversary services will be held in Knox Church, Perth, on Sunday, Feb. 14. The Rev. Edward McGougan, M.A., B. D., of Erskine church, Montreal, will be the preacher.

St. Paul's Church, Port Hope, (Rev. H. E. Abraham, pastor), reported an active membership of 273 to the recent annual meeting with total receipts for 1908 of \$6,170.40. In view of the excellent financial position of the congregation it was decided to increase the minister's salary by \$100 from the last of next October.

A good programme was presented at the last regular meeting of the Beaverton Knox Church Y. P. Union. Readings were given by Mr. J. S. McDonald, Mr. J. C. Morrison, Mr. C. Calder and Mr. L. S. Bowerman, who well discharged the duties of the chair. A paper was also read by Mr. G. F. Bruce, on the meanings and full significance of the word Church. Several musical numbers helped to make a pleasant and profitable evening.

The annual meeting of Knox Church, Cornwall, (Rev. Dr. Harkness, pastor), was well attended. Mr. A. E. Maclean, chairman of the Managing Board, presided. Reports from the various societies showed general prosperity and activity all along the line. The membership stands at 323, 115 families. The contributions from all sources, including the organ fund, totalled over \$7,200, of which about \$3,000 was for missions. W. Pollock, J. F. Smart and James Gardner were re-elected to the Board of Managers for the three years ensuing. There were no changes in any of the officials.

Referring to the recent visit of the pastor of Taylor's Church, Montreal, to Smith's Falls, where he conducted anniversary services in St. Andrew's Church, The Record says: "Mr. Reid's splendid pulpit work on Sunday assured him of a large audience at his lecture on Monday evening. His excellent memory, his ability to imitate the Irish brogue and his power of describing the things he had seen and heard, combined with the numerous pictures thrown on the screen, made his lecture on 'A Trip through Ireland' exceedingly enjoyable as well as interesting and instructive."

In 1875 several congregations connected with the "Old Kirk" declined to come into the union. Those for the most part, were situated in Eastern Ontario although there were a few in the West and a number in the Maritime Provinces. As the years went by one by one they joined the Canadian church until now, so far as we know, there are only two congregations in Ontario and Quebec retaining the old name, viz: St. Columba at Kirkhill, and St. Andrew's, in Montreal. St. Columba, we see it announced, is about to call Rev. D. N. McPhail, B.D., Ph.D., a young Prince Edward Islander, with gaelic. We do not know the strength of this congregation, but it has one of the best church buildings in Glengarry.

Rev. Professor Dyde, of Queen's University, Kingston, has been preaching anniversary sermons at Oshawa.

Rev. Hugh Munroe, B.A., of Bowmanville, will give the opening address at next meeting of Whitby Presbytery.

The stipends of Rev. Dr. Mackie of St. Andrew's church and Rev. Dr. MacTavish of Cooke's church, Kingston, were at the annual meetings recently held advanced by \$200 each.

At the annual meeting of the Lanark and Renfrew W.F.M. Presbyterial the membership of auxiliaries was reported as 849; Mission Bands, 416. Bales of clothing to the value of \$1,034.12 had been forwarded to Albernie, B.C.; and the total contributions from auxiliaries and mission bands was \$3,982.08.

At the annual meeting of the Perth Branch Bible Society, on motion of Rev. Mr. Currie, a committee composed of Rev. A. H. Scott, the secretary, and Mr. R. A. Brown was appointed to draft a memorial minute in behalf of the late James Allan, who for many years was the faithful and efficient treasurer of the society.

The recent social of the Balderson congregation was a most enjoyable affair, given for the purpose of furnishing funds for the purchase of papers, etc., for the Sunday school, it was quite a success. The young people of Lower Drummond were the chief entertainers. Choruses, solos, recitations, duets and readings were given and much appreciated. Supper was served in the basement. All present were pleased with the entertainment. Rev. J. S. McIlraith occupied the chair and presided in his usual happy manner.

At the recent successful meeting of the Lanark and Renfrew W.F.M. Presbyterial the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. E. W. McKay, Smith's Falls; 1st vice-president, Mrs. A. A. Scott, Carleton Place; 2nd vice-president, Mrs. Goodwill, Cobden; 3rd vice-president, Mrs. McKenzie, Douglas; 4th vice-president, Mrs. W. A. Patterson, Carleton Place; corresponding secretary, Mrs. R. C. Wilson, Renfrew; recording secretary, Mrs. W. C. Irving, Pembroke; treasurer, Mrs. A. M. Greig, Almonte; Mrs. Ralph Ross, Pembroke, Mrs. McKay, of Smith's Falls, and Mrs. R. C. Wilson, Renfrew, were chosen delegates to the general meeting in Ottawa. Smith's Falls is to be the next place of meeting.

TORONTO.

Rev. P. M. Macdonald, B.D., is the interim moderator of the Chester congregation.

The call from Deer Park to Rev. G. B. McLeod, of Truro, has been sustained, and will be transmitted.

Royce Avenue congregation has been granted leave to move to a site to be selected west of Dundas street.

This Presbytery re-elects Rev. James Murray moderator for the ensuing six months, and nominates Rev. Dr. MacKay, F.M. Secretary, for the moderatorship of next General Assembly.

The call from St. James Square to Rev. Clarence Mackinnon, B.D., of Winnipeg, was approved by Presbytery. The stipend is \$3,500 with six weeks holidays, and, if necessary, an assistant will be provided.

The matter of the removal of West Church to a new site was referred to a special committee, of which Rev. Dr. MacLaren is convenor, which will confer with the congregations interested and report.

WESTERN ONTARIO.

The anniversary services of Knox Church, Cayuga, were conducted by Rev. Dr. G. H. Smith, of St. Catharines, when large congregations were in attendance. The offering and receipts from concert amounted to \$240.

St. Andrew's church, Wingham, continues to flourish under the ministry of Rev. D. Perrie. Last year the receipts amounted to over \$4,000. Successful anniversary services were recently conducted by Rev. James Murray, moderator of Toronto Presbytery.

The total receipts reported at the annual meeting of Stanley street church, Ayr, amounted to \$2,968.53. The various activities of the congregation were shown to be in good condition. A motion was carried recommending the session to purchase individual communion cups.

The Rev. E. C. Currie, late of Sarnia, was formally inducted into the Richmond Hill charge, to take the place of the late Rev. J. A. Grant. Rev. Mr. McGillivray addressed the minister. Moderator W. G. Back addressed the congregation. Rev. Mr. Booth preached the sermon. A large number of ministers, elders and members of the congregation were present.

The pastor, Rev. Mr. Nichol, took the chair at the annual meeting of Knox church, St. Mary's. The treasurer read the financial report, which was very satisfactory, showing a balance on the right side of \$187.00, after paying all current expenses, the interest on the mortgage and part of the debt. This was followed by reports of the work and financial condition of all the organizations of the church. The new managers elected were Messrs. Duncan MacVannell, Neil Currie, Wilkie, and J. P. Rogers. All the other officers were re-elected. During the year the individual communion cup was introduced.

Most encouraging reports were submitted at the annual meeting of Knox Church, Clifford, Rev. S. Young, the pastor for more than 30 years, in the chair. The retiring managers, Messrs. Andrew McIntosh, Herb Whyte and J. R. Aitchison, were re-elected for three years, and Mr. John Drummond was re-elected chairman of the Board, and Mr. J. R. Scott was re-elected secretary. Trustees, Messrs. Donald Campbell, Wm. Elmalie and Alex. McIntosh were again re-elected, as was also Miss Ethelwyn Hillhouse to the position of organist. It was decided to postpone the installation of acetylene gas lighting for the present, and instead to make necessary repairs on the manse and church.

The annual meeting of Chalmers Church, Flesherston (Rev. G. C. Little, pastor), was held on January 28th and the reports all showed a year of prosperity. The session reported 15 new members, 13 of whom were on profession of faith, 8 were removed, leaving a net gain of 7 and total membership 128. The financial statement showed the total receipts to be over \$1,100.00, an increase of \$42.00 over the previous year. After meeting all liabilities there remained on hand in general account \$254.00; on building account \$92.00; in Ladies' Aid \$72.00 and Sabbath school, \$79.00. J. L. McMullen, J. P., chairman of the Managing Board, and Arch. Boyd and Andrew Gilchrist, retiring members, were re-elected. J. Blackburn was re-elected secretary-treasurer and Mrs. Blackburn, organist. Chas. Stewart and Geo. Cairns were elected auditors.