

ary schemes of the church \$396.00. During the year an alcove was built for organ and choir; as a result the service of praise has been greatly aided. There is yet to be paid on alcove something over \$100.00. A Ladies' Aid Society was also organized during the year.

The Napanee congregation had a prosperous year in all branches of church work. The total receipts amounted to \$2,107.53. The mortgage indebtedness has been reduced to \$750. Messrs. W. A. Bellhouse, Dr. T. W. Simpson, David Frisken and H. L. Vandervoort were elected to the Board of Management. The pastor, Rev. W. W. Peck, M. A., having tendered his resignation, Rev. Alex. MacDonald complimented Mr. Peck on the earnest work he had done in the pulpit and congregation. His removal would be a distinct loss to the town as well as to Presbyterianism in Napanee, as he had taken a deep interest in the welfare of our town and its institutions. He hoped that his work in the new and larger field would be blessed of God. Whenever he and Mrs. Peck went they might rest assured they held a warm place in the hearts of the congregation and citizens of Napanee.

#### Western Ontario.

Rev. A. Sinclair, of Toronto, was the preacher at Maudamin last Sunday week.

Chatham Presbytery meets in First church, Chatham, on 10th March, at 10 a.m.

Rev. E. W. Panton, M.A., of Stratford, has been preaching at Shakespere.

Rev. H. F. Larkin, of Goderich, has been elected Moderator of Huron Presbytery for the ensuing six months.

Guelph Presbytery nominates Rev. Dr. Fletcher, of Hamilton, for moderatorship of next General Assembly.

Rev. H. R. Horne, M. A., of Elora, has the sympathy of many friends in the death of his father at the age of 82.

Rev. Dr. Johnston, of St. Andrew's, London, is now lecturing in Knox College, Toronto, on Homiletics the first three days of each week.

The Ladies of Knox church, Embro, announce a tea meeting on 2nd Feb. to celebrate the anniversary of the opening of the church. An interesting and varied programme will be forthcoming.

Rev. Mr. Wilson, of London, gave a high-class lecture, illustrated by light lime views, in St. John's church, Thamesford, on the Life and Work of Rev. Dr. Paton, the veteran missionary to the South Sea Islands.

The ministers of Ingersoll are considering the advisability of holding their mid-week services in their different churches alternately, in order to save fuel. The scarcity of fuel perplexes church managers in many localities.

Burns' church, Hullett, (Rev. J. A. Hamilton, M.A., pastor), at the annual meeting made a good showing. The total amount raised for all purposes in 1902 was \$1,721.29. A closed-in shed, very much needed, cost \$241.75. Annual thankoffering amounted to \$192.

At Guelph Presbytery the committee on Conferences, of which Mr. J. H. MacVicar is Convener, was instructed to arrange for the usual Conference in March the prospect being that an invitation will be extended to hold it in Rockwood.

At the annual meeting of St. Andrew's church, Guelph, Mr. Campbell Strahan, choir-master for thirteen years, was presented with a handsome solid gold watch, the gift of the congregation, as a slight acknowledgement of his valued services.

Rev. J. C. Tibb presided at the annual meeting of the Eglington church. The reports showed receipts for the year of \$880, an increase of \$180. Disbursements were \$20 less than the receipts. The average attendance at the Sunday School was 68. Messrs. Bryce and Gartshore were re-elected as trustees, and Messrs. Scott and Parke were appointed auditors.

Miss Helen Fraser, Hamilton, has been presented with a gold ring, with Mizpah engraved on it, along with an address from the Young Ladies' Mission Band, expressive of their appreciation of her services, and regret that she had found it necessary to give up the Presidency of the Association.

Rev. Dr. Stewart, of Clinton, who will in July next observe the 25th anniversary of his entering upon the pastorate at Willis church, has during that long period had an average of 16 funerals each year among the members of his congrega-

tion, in one month, when la grippe was at its height, he conducted no fewer than seven funerals from among his own people.

Rev. Mr. Sawers, of Brucefield, conducted the services in the Methodist church on Sunday last in the absence of the pastor, Rev. Mr. Mallott. Mr. Sawers, the local reporter of the Expositor, says, is an excellent preacher and his able discourses were listened to with much interest and pleasure by the congregation.

The annual meeting of St. Andrew's church, Ancaster, was held on Jan. 19, and was well attended. Reports were presented from the Session, Treasurer, Ladies Aid, Mission Band, Sunday School and choir, which were very satisfactory. Rev. D. H. Hodges is doing a good work in the church, and is deservedly popular.

The reports presented at the annual meeting of Morrison church, Cedarville, were of a most satisfactory character. After the formal business had been finished, the presentation of an address, along with a handsome sum of money, to Miss Peterson, the organist, followed, after which all partook of a social tea. Altogether, the above meeting was one of the most pleasant ever held in the church.

Kew Beach church appears to be in a flourishing condition. Rev. J. W. Bell, M.A., the pastor, presided at the annual meeting. The membership of the congregation now numbers 59, but during the summer months the attendance reaches 150, which taxes the seating capacity of the church. The receipts for church purposes during the year amounted to \$1,078.06, and disbursements \$1,074.85. The Sunday School scholars number 92.

In a motion unanimously carried at the last meeting of Huron Presbytery, it was stated that the Presbytery is of the opinion that the Government is now justified in re-introducing and supporting the Act, and at any rate that such legislation be enacted as will close the bar, and do away with the treating system; and meanwhile that license commissioners be urged to materially reduce the number of licenses.

Huron Presbytery has agreed to ask the Assembly's augmentation committee for supplements, as follows: For Grand Bend and Corbett, \$100; for Leeburn and Union church, \$100. It was also decided to apply for \$50 for each of the charges of Varna and Blake, and Bayfield and Bethany, and Mr. Sawers was appointed to visit the former charge, and Mr. McLennan the latter, for the purpose of inducing them to make such an increase in the minister's stipends as will raise them to the minimum, including the sum to be asked from the Assembly committee.

At the congregational meeting of the new St. James' church, London, Rev. A. J. MacGillivray, the pastor, occupied the chair. The managers' report showed receipts of \$4,800, in which is included the proceeds from the sale of the mission building. The Sunday School reported receipts of \$525, and the missionary societies over \$400. A committee consisting of the session, managers and representatives of the congregation was appointed to take steps to pay off the floating indebtedness of the church.

The recent anniversary services in St. Andrew's church, Blyth, (Rev. Archibald McLean, pastor,) were very successful. Rev. J. S. Hardie, of Listowel, was the preacher for the occasion. The attendance on Sabbath was good; and on Monday evening the large church was crowded. Rev. Mr. McLean, the beloved pastor, discharged the duties of chairman in a most happy manner, and the addresses delivered by Messrs. Holmes, Edmunds and Hardie were above the average. The choir rendered suitable music.

At the annual meeting of Acton church, after devotional exercises conducted by the pastor, Rev. H. A. McPherson, Mr. D. Henderson, M.P., was called to the chair. The reports were all encouraging and indicated the best year since the present ministry began in 1896. The ordinary revenue showed an average of \$31 per Sabbath. This in addition to amounts given through Sunday School, missionary (including W. F. W. and bequest from the late Alexander Mann) society, Ladies' Aid, Y.P.S.C.E., Victoria Mission Band, and other sources, made a grand total for the year of \$3200.00.

At the annual meeting of McNab street church, Hamilton, Rev. Dr. Fletcher, who has been pastor of the congregation for 30 years, and in the ministry 42 years, asked for an assistant, saying that at the end of two years if

spared so long, it was his intention to resign the charge. The meeting agreed to the selection of an assistant, and a small Committee was named to carry the arrangement into effect. The reports presented indicated general prosperity in this old and vigorous congregation. The total receipts aggregated \$4,778.31 with disbursements of nearly an equal amount. During the year there has been 18 baptisms and 37 names added to the Communion roll.

The fifty-sixth annual meeting of Knox church, of Hamilton, was held recently, and was well attended. The managers' report showed that although the church has been practically a whole year without a pastor, the revenue had dropped off very slightly, and there was a balance of \$453.84 on hand. The Session report expressed regret at the serious illness of Rev. Dr. Fraser and his resignation; also satisfaction at the selection of Rev. E. A. Henry as Dr. Fraser's successor in the pastorate. It was decided to give Dr. Fraser a retiring allowance of \$25 a month till the end of the year.

The Weston correspondent of the Mail and Empire writes: The spectacle of a minister attired in a blue smock and overalls, and having on a pair of long rubber boots and battered hat, working along with laborers digging a drain, startled the residents of the village of Weston the other day. The pastor in question is Rev. R. M. Hamilton of the Weston church. There have been under way many extensive alterations and repairs, and they have been progressing too slowly to suit the energetic preacher. The digging of a drain from the church to the street was going on exasperatingly slow. One day last week Rev. Mr. Hamilton appeared on the scene at seven o'clock in the morning in the attire described, and carrying a long-handled shovel. He set to work promptly, and there was very little loafing that day, or, in fact, the whole time the reverend gentleman was bossing the job.

When about five years ago, Rev. R. E. Knowles resigned the pastorate of Stewerton church, Ottawa, to accept the call of Knox church, Galt, some of his warmest friends were somewhat doubtful as to one so young being able to cope with the responsibilities of such an important charge. These fears have long since vanished. We heartily congratulate Mr. Knowles and his devoted people on the present status of Knox church, as shown in the following, taken from a recent issue of the Galt "Reporter": Knox church, Galt, is again in its old and undoubted position as the largest church in Canada. Its close competitor for years, sometimes leading in membership, though never equal in the number of households, was Cooke's Church, Toronto, so long ministered to by the famous William Patterson. At its annual meeting lately, Cooke's Church reported a membership of between a thousand and eleven hundred. Old Knox is about 200 or over in advance of this. Galtians have always cherished a natural pride in historic and cathedral-like Knox, so widely and honorably known throughout Canadian Presbyterianism.

Wednesday, the 14th Jan., was a red letter day in the history of Queen's University. It was the occasion of the arrival and reception of the new Principal, Rev. Dr. Gordon, Halifax. He was accompanied by the Chancellor, Sir Sanford Fleming. A large crowd of students and others met them at the station of the G.T.R. The reception was enthusiastic, and the cheering hearty and prolonged. A strong body of students took charge of the sleigh in which were seated the Principal, Chancellor, Mayor &c., and hastened them along the streets to the University. The convocation hall was filled when they took the platform. Short addresses were presented to Principal Gordon by five distinct parties, viz., the Chancellor, the Mayor of the city, Dr. Bell; Prof. Dupuis, the principal in charge; the Alma Mater Society, and Prof. Goodwin, of the School of Mining. These were all characterized by a hearty welcome and expressed confidence in the ability and wisdom of the new Principal. His address in reply, was well conceived and happily expressed. By speech and manner he made a most favorable impression on the students, and the large assemblage. With such an encouraging introduction to his high and responsible position, and with his well-known qualifications for the office, the hope can be cherished, as he himself expressed it, that Queen's has not yet seen its best days.