

MONTREAL.

The Carnival at Buckingham in aid of St. Andrew's Choir which was held in the rink Monday night of last week was a decided success in every way.

An interesting resume of the work at the American Presbyterian church's cottage at Kamouraska has just been issued. The cottage is built on the shores of the lake, and is intended for those in failing health. Every summer quite a number are brought to the city to breathe the fresh country air and to gain fresh vigor. Already many who had become overwrought from the oppressive atmosphere of the city have gained a new lease of life through their stay at "Sunny Brae" Cottage.

The annual meeting of the Knox Church Missionary Association was held in the lecture room of the church. Reports from all departments were very satisfactory, and showed considerable advance on previous years. The total amount of reported collections was \$2,237 for missionary and educational purposes, and the duplex envelopes were reported in circulation. Officers for the ensuing year were elected, and also two representative members to the Laymen's Missionary Committee.

Referring to the departure of Rev. W. D. Reid from the city, the Montreal Witness says: The congregation of Taylor church feel keenly the loss of their pastor, especially as a strong man is needed to control and keep together such a large body of working men. There are a great many changes during the year, sometimes as many as a hundred leave the church to take positions all over Canada, and as many, and more, take their place. The minister found it difficult to visit all the people once a year, but 35 elders covered this ground every quarter.

The annual meeting of St. Cuthbert's Church, St. Lambert, the Rev. Wm. Munroe, pastor, was held recently. The reports of the various organizations which were submitted were all of a most encouraging nature. The membership is now 101, 18 members having been received during the year. The financial statement showed that the ordinary collections were \$1,619, an increase of about 40 per cent. on the year previous. The amount raised for all purposes was \$3,993, and \$311 were given for missions. A handsome new Sunday school building with church parlors has been erected at a cost of \$1,500. The congregation which has been an augmented charge, now sees its way to become self-sustaining.

Reports adopted at the annual meeting of St. Andrew's congregation, Scotstown, Quebec (Rev. W. T. McKenzie pastor), indicated a total income on confession 18, by letter 3. Total income nearly \$1,700. Payment to schemes \$256. The average per family for all purposes is \$25.00; to the schemes of the church, \$3.80. The average per communicant for all purposes is \$19.00; to the schemes, \$2.80. The average per family for the Presbytery of Quebec in 1908 was \$25.00 for all purposes, and \$3.40 to the schemes; and the average per communicant was \$14.00 for all purposes, and \$1.95 to the schemes. So that Scotstown is up to the average per family for the Presbytery for all purposes and in every other respect a long way in advance. The prospects for the future are bright.

The congregation of Newburgh, Camden East and Camden Fifth churches have extended a unanimous call to Rev. A. Thompson, B.D., late of Rothsay, Ont.

The annual meeting of the Orillia Presbyterian S.S. Teachers' Association was held on Wednesday last. The report of the year was exceedingly satisfactory in every particular. The following officers were elected for 1910: Superintendent, Mr. H. Cooke, assistant superintendents, Messrs. C. J. Miller and W. H. Campbell; secretary, W. M. Campbell; assistant secretaries, Messrs. A. McLean and Jas B. Henderson; treasurer, Mr. A. ex. McLean; librarians, Messrs. T. G. King, Alex. Harvie and Stanley Topps.

OTTAWA H.M. PRESBYTERIAL.

The second annual meeting of the Ottawa Presbyterial of the Women's Home Missionary Society was held yesterday afternoon and evening in St. Andrew's church and by the attendance and reports every success is attending the efforts of the society since its inaugural. In the absence of the president, Mrs. W. D. Armstrong, the chair was occupied by Mrs. W. G. Charleson. The Bible reading was given by Mrs. Turnbull, who spoke on the parable of the leaven in the three measures of meal. Mrs. McIlroy gave the opening prayer and the minutes of the previous meetings were read and sustained. The report showed a membership of 439 and 342 subscriptions to the "Pioneer," a marked increase for both over last year. Miss Evans, supply secretary, gave the report for that branch with a detailed account of the work done. During the past year nine bales were sent to the station at Sifton, Man. The total weight was 960 pounds, and included, was new material to the value of \$301.27, and a quantity of second-hand garments as well as a generous supply of hospital necessities for the Sifton Hospital. Three outfits for Galician students in the Winnipeg College were included and all manner of household supplies. The report of the treasurer, Mrs. S. Stewart showed a total of \$722.50 for the year, of which \$720 had been sent to the general secretary-treasurer at Toronto. The dedicatory prayer was given by Mrs. H. S. Campbell and was followed by the reports of the thirteen auxiliaries in the Presbytery.

The election of officers resulted as follows:—President, Mrs. Bastedo; vice-presidents, Mrs. W. D. Armstrong, Mrs. W. G. Charleson, Mrs. Halpeny, Mrs. Walter Bronson, Mrs. W. Urquhart and the presidents of the various auxiliaries; recording secretary, Mrs. W. M. Dunlop; corresponding secretary, Mrs. H. A. Garbuck; treasurer, Mrs. S. Stewart; Pioneer secretary, Miss Caruthers; supply secretary, Miss Evans; press secretary, Mrs. William Anderson; Home Mission Helper's secretary, Miss Younger; literary secretary, Miss Garland.

After the conclusion of business Miss Taplin sang very sweetly and was followed by Mrs. Walker, of Toronto, an officer of the General Board, who gave a most instructive address on the general work of the society, which had been personally inspected by the speaker. Mrs. Walker gave interesting details of the hospital work in the Canadian Northwest, particularly that of Sifton hospital. The closing address was given by Mrs. Ramsay and the prayer by Mrs. Lowry, of Bell's Corners. After the meeting tea was served by the ladies of St. Andrew's Auxiliary and a social hour spent.

The evening session was a public one which opened at eight o'clock Rev. P. W. Anderson, the moderator presiding. The Scripture lesson was read by Rev. Dr. Herridge and was followed by a duet by Mrs. Robertson and Miss Handyside.

Rev. J. Little, of St. Paul's, brought greetings from the Presbytery and spoke on the mission work. Mrs. Walker continued her address of the afternoon and was heard with much interest. Dr. Bryce, of Winnipeg, gave a graphic description of the progress of the work during the last twenty-five years in Western provinces and also spoke of the possibilities and necessities of the present and future years. The meeting was brought to a close by Rev. Dr. Armstrong, pronouncing the benediction.

At the annual meeting of the King street church, London, all the reports presented indicated a prosperous year. The present membership is 451, an increase of 62 over last year, notwithstanding the transference of 43 members to the Hamilton Road congregation.

Rev. W. McDonald, B.D., of Lanark, was the preacher in St. Andrew's, Appleton, last Sunday.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

There were 124 irregular marriages in the city of Glasgow last year.

It was 60 years on the 10th of December last since penny postage was commenced in Great Britain.

The maintenance of lighthouses in the United Kingdom during the past year cost £464,540.

Tobacco blindness afflicted 14 of the 667 persons who sought advice at the Dumbarton Eye Dispensary last year.

The population of Greater London has now reached the stupendous total of 7,537,196, an increase of nearly 1,000,000 in less than ten years.

Dr. George Adam Smith, the new principal of Aberdeen University, was the guest of his former students at their Christmas dinner in Glasgow.

The temperance movement which was originated in the City of Armagh some months ago by the Rev. Father Sherrin and the Rev. R. J. Patterson, LL.B., is making great headway.

London's marriage-rate, birth-rate, and death rate for 1908 are the lowest ever recorded. The death-rate, which has declined for the past forty years, fell from 14.6 in 1907 to 13.8.

A notice has been posted in Dollar prohibiting tobogganing, the making of slides or the playing of any game in the streets under pain of a penalty not exceeding 40s.

Clyde shipbuilders launched during last year 344 vessels, of 402,960 tons. This is an increase of 48,357 tons compared with 1908, but is 219,668 below the record total of 1907.

There was unearthed at Berwick the other day a portion of the ancient castle erected in the time of King David after his accession to the throne of Scotland in 1124, and in which that monarch had his chief residence.

While General Booth was conducting meetings at the opera house, Crouch end, burglars entered his office and stole his private bag, containing several valuable articles, the loss being estimated at £30.

The death took place at 64 Canon-gate, lately, of Catherine Bruce, who was for many years a pew-opener at the Tron Church, Edinburgh, and a familiar figure to the older members. "Katie," as she was termed, was a fine type of the old Scotswoman.

The London South Presbyterian's resolution, condemnatory of the insertion of intoxicating liquors advertisements in periodicals issued by congregations, has been printed and sent down in official form to all ministers and sessions within the bounds.

The special appeal in aid of the Central Fund of the United Free Church has had so satisfactory a result that the committee will be able to begin the year free from debt. On January 1, 1909, they were burdened with a real indebtedness exceeding £14,000.

New Year's Day was the first birthday anniversary of Mr. Asquith's scheme of old-age pensions in Britain. Throughout the first year of its operation 632,768 persons have benefited, and there has been distributed among them the very large sum of £6,063,656.

The great temperature wave which four months ago set in at Armagh has flowed across Ulster, and touching the Waterside (Derry), has left behind it, in five weeks, not desolation, but clean streets, happy homes, and a band of stalwart abstainers, 500 strong.

The Reformed Church in the United States has doubled its membership since 1878, now enrolling nearly 300,000. Better progress has been made in gifts to benevolences, these having been doubled in the last ten years. They now amount to \$450,000.

The Melbourne Argus states that a private letter recently received indicates that the two sons of the Prince of Wales, Prince Edward and Prince Albert, will make a tour of the empire, including Australia, in 1911, and will probably be accompanied by a small fleet of warships.