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OTTAWA.

MacKay street congregation had a successful year. It has been decided to erect a new church on the old site, to cost \$20,000 or \$25,000. Work will be commenced early in the spring. The sessional report read at the annual meeting by the pastor stated that there were 140 families in the congregation. There were 20 baptisms and 4 marriages. The financial report indicated receipts of \$5,533.01 and expenses of \$3,937.56. The total amount given for missions was more than \$700, an increase over last year. Messrs. B. Slinn, G. McLaurin, T. B. Rankin and D. J. McKenzie, whose terms of office expired, were re-elected managers. The trustees are Messrs. B. Slinn and F. E. Perney, and the auditors Messrs. D. McKenzie and W. Lunam. Mr. James Hope reported on the Laymen's Missionary Movement and urged organization if the church was to contribute its share. There was a brief discussion on the subject after which the appointment of representatives from MacKay church to that body was referred to the Men's Association.

TORONTO.

The choir of Chalmers' Church is now appropriately gowned. The dress adopted is a very becoming one, and the church singers presented an effective and appropriate appearance when they donned their new gowns.

Rev. Mr. Graham, educational secretary of the Methodist Church, stated recently that the call to the ministry was being responded to satisfactorily by the young men in the colleges. He also stated that the contributions in the churches from Halifax to Vancouver were increasing accordingly for the maintenance of the theological schools.

The seventy-ninth meeting of Knox Church was notable for the excellent statement presented, the best in the history of the church. This was the first meeting held in the new edifice, and a representative gathering was present. The membership is 521, a gain of 55 during the past year. In salaries to the minister, assistant and pastor emeritus, the congregation pays \$6,775. The total ordinary receipts were \$16,361.74, with an expenditure of \$16,357.21. The receipts of the capital and building account were \$56,324, and expenditure \$37,455. On the motion of Sir Mortimer Clark, a cordial vote of thanks was passed to the choir.

Chalmers Church is making splendid progress under the able and faithful ministry of Rev. H. A. MacPherson, who is actively aided by an efficient session and a progressive board of managers. It is pleasant to note that the minister's salary was increased to \$2,600 per year. There was a net increase of 75 in the membership, bringing the names on the roll to 1,058. The total receipts for the year were \$14,324.39; and the mortgage indebtedness was reduced by \$1,650. A move was made in the direction of "institutional" work by the adoption of a resolution requesting the officials to consider the appointment of a local missionary, an assistant pastor, a Bible woman, or some such worker.

The Bible does not need defence, so much as proclamation. It defends itself wherever it is known. Deep in every soul there dwells forever a witness to the truth, whose clear eye and steady voice will ever respond to it wherever it is known.—W. M. Taylor.

EASTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. Mr. Mackenzie, of Centreville, has been preaching at Millbrook.

Rev. W. H. Brokenshire acknowledged the receipt from the Mill Street Church, Port Hope, of a purse containing \$25.00.

The Rev. A. M. Currie of Deseronto has demitted his charge, and Rev. J. R. Conn, of Napanee, has been appointed moderator pro tem.

Rev. Alex. McMillan, B.D., of Mimico, gave his popular lecture on Homes and Haunts of Walter Scott in St. Paul's Church, Bowmanville, last Monday evening. A large audience was delighted.

At the annual meeting of St. Andrew's Church, Martintown, reports of the different organizations showed that the church has had a very prosperous year in every way. At the close of the meeting refreshments were served by the ladies.

Mr. A. E. Maclean, Chairman of the Managers, presided at the annual meeting of Knox Church, Cornwall, which was well attended. The membership stands at 323, with contributions from all sources of \$7,200.00, of which about \$3,000.00 was for missions.

A missionary institute under the auspices of the Young People's Missionary Movement will be held in Kingston on February 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Mission study classes will be conducted by Revs. F. W. Anderson and A. E. Armstrong, Toronto, Dr. W. S. MacTavish and Miss H. L. Chown, Kingston. All denominations are entering heartily into the work.

Cooke's church, Kingston (Rev. Dr. MacTavish, pastor) has enjoyed a year of much prosperity. All departments active and making steady progress. Net gain in membership, 25. One hundred dollars of a bonus given to the pastor, and \$200 added to his salary. Missionary offerings increased by \$92. Duplex envelopes introduced at the beginning of 1909.

St. Andrew's church, Fenelon Falls, under the pastorate of Rev. C. S. Lord, B.D., is making very substantial progress. The treasurer, Mr. F. McDougall, in submitting his financial statement to the annual meeting, said it was the best he had presented to the congregation during his eighteen years' tenure of office. The reports from the various organizations indicated progress all along the line.

The anniversary of Kenmore Church was held on a recent Sabbath when Rev. T. G. Thomson, of Ottawa, preached special sermons, morning and evening, to the edification and delight of large congregations. He also spoke at the annual concert on Monday evening, on which occasion an attractive programme of speeches and songs was submitted. The pastor, Rev. Robert McNab, M.A., presided.

Rev. C. A. Ferguson, late of South Mountain, has been inducted as pastor of Knox church, Vankeek Hill. The induction took place on Thursday, Jan. 21.

Rev. Mr. Stewart of Alexandria, preached a very appropriate sermon. Rev. W. A. Morrison, of Dalhousie, addressed the congregation. Rev. Mr. McKay of Maxville delivered an address to the minister upon his relations to the people. Rev. Mr. Morrison, who had acted as moderator of session during the vacancy was presented with a purse of gold and an address by the congregation. Mr. Ferguson has been cordially received, and enters on his work with most encouraging prospects for a successful ministry.

Rev. Dr. J. L. Murray, of Toronto, has been preaching with much acceptance in St. Andrew's Church, Thamesford.

During the year the membership of St. John's Church, Cornwall, has increased, and the financial position shows a marked improvement. All the societies in connection with the church are in a flourishing condition. The total receipts for the year amounted to over \$5,500, including \$1,200 for missionary purposes. The following were elected to the Board of Managers for three years: John Dewar, J. G. Harkness, A. Gillespie Watson, Dr. W. C. McGuire, Ernest Groves and F. J. Macleannan. John Dewar was re-elected Secretary-Treasurer.

At the annual meeting of Calvin Church, Pembroke, the report submitted showed a very successful year's work. There was an increase of 12 members, while the treasurer's report showed that the amounts contributed to the different schemes of the church totalled \$5,680, being exactly \$500 more than was contributed last year. Three new members were added to the Board of Management—Messrs. H. P. White, R. A. Campbell and Geo. A. Cardiff. Mr. S. E. Mitchell was re-elected secretary and Messrs. S. S. M. Hunter and Alex. Millar re-elected joint treasurers. A motion was unanimously carried increasing the salary of the minister, Rev. W. J. Knox, \$200, thus making it \$1,800 with manse.

St. Andrew's Church, Patry Sound, reports a year of great progress in every department of the work. The managers collected \$2,710. The Ladies' Aid raised \$420.70. Two new names were added to the Board of Management, Messrs. H. F. McQuire and A. V. Donaldson, and Mr. P. H. Beattie a trustee and Dr. Appelle and Mr. Pirie were again appointed auditors. Mr. A. McLean desired to resign as secretary of the Board of Managers, but at the earnest request of the meeting he agreed to continue as secretary, the duties of which position he has discharged for several years greatly to the advantage of the congregation. Several new names were proposed for the office of elder, among them being Mr. Jas. Logan, sr., Mr. E. R. Horz, Mr. Pentland, Dr. Appelle and Mr. John Paul.

Melville Church Eganville, (Rev. Rattray, pastor), reports substantial progress. In addition to defraying all the necessary congregational expenses, the sum of \$223 was contributed during the past year towards missionary and benevolent objects. Of this amount the Women's Foreign Mission Auxiliary gave \$54, and a bale of clothing valued at \$19; the Mission Band \$23, and a bale valued at \$5, and the Sabbath School \$10 at the annual Children's Day Service. The office-bearers for the current year are the following: Sec.-Treas., Mr. James Guthrie, Board of Managers: Messrs. C. White, D. McGregor, G. Gourley, W. McKenzie, Women's F. M. Auxiliary: President, Mrs. Rattray; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. J. C. Gourley and Miss M. E. Moore; Secretary, Mrs. H. Beatty; Treasurer, Mr. G. Gourley. Mission Band: President, Mrs. Rattray; Vice-President, Mrs. G. Gourley; Secretary, Miss Ethel Guthrie; Treasurer, Miss Mary McNab. Ladies' Aid: President, Mrs. G. Gourley; Secretary, Mrs. T. J. Byers; Treasurer, Mrs. Rattray. The Sabbath School, under the superintendence of Mr. J. Guthrie, who is assisted by an efficient band of teachers, has a roll of nearly a hundred scholars.