

## WESTERN ONTARIO.

At a Laymen's Missionary Movement banquet, held in St. Andrew's lecture room, Thamesford, last week, it was decided to aim at giving \$4.00 per member per year in support of missions.

Mr. and Mrs. John Harrison have been presented by the Rutherford Presbyterians with a complete set of the works of Charles Dickens in fifteen volumes, in slight recognition of their services in the choir.

At the annual meeting of King Street church, London, Rev. James Rollins, pastor, optimistic reports were presented, showing steady progress in all departments. The membership is now 509, after removing 62 names from the roll. The Sunday school is attended by 340 scholars.

The Hyde Park people did not forget their pastor and his wife during the holiday season. At Christmas, Mrs. Nixon was presented with a well-filled purse as an appreciation of her services as organist; and last week Rev. Dr. Nixon was given a fine fur and beaver cloth overcoat. Both gifts were accompanied by the good wishes of the donors.

The "Soo" St. Andrew's church is in a flourishing condition. The salary of the pastor, Rev. Mr. Reid, has been increased to two thousand dollars, and the receipts during the year were upwards of five thousand dollars. This year the building committee expect to largely reduce the debt of \$18,000, which stands against the new edifice. The Ladies' Aid Society are doing their share nobly. During 1908 they got about \$1,500 together, and they have sufficient on hand to defray the remaining debt on the big pipe organ which was installed at the opening of the new church.

On the evening of January 14th, Rev. R. G. MacBeth, of Paris, gave a lecture in Chalmers' Church, Woodstock, on the "Life and Work of Dr. Robertson, the Superintendent." The subject had a very special interest there as it was in Chalmers' Church that Dr. Robertson first came to the communion table when a young school teacher near the city. Dr. McMullen was amongst those present and in moving a vote of thanks referred in a most interesting way to the meeting of the Presbytery of Paris when he had felt impelled to move in the direction of translating Dr. Robertson from the pastorate at Norwich to the work in the West for which he was so wonderfully fitted. The evening on which Mr. MacBeth gave the lecture was the annual meeting of the Missionary Association of Chalmers' Church which under the ministry of Rev. Henry Dickie, D.D., is developing a strong missionary spirit. The weekly envelope for missions is in use and the receipts for 1908 show a very considerable increase over any previous year. The meeting on the occasion was a marked success.

## MONTREAL.

Rev. Dr. John Pringle, recently of the Yukon, accepts the call from Sidney, N.S., and his induction will take place early in February.

It is expected that Rev. J. B. MacLean, at present minister in charge of Chalmers' church, will accept the call to St. Andrew's, Huntingdon.

Rev. J. E. Ducloux, M.A., of Valleyfield has been called to Edmonton, Alta., and his resignation of his present charge is in the hands of the Presbytery. Rev. J. L. George of Calvin church has also resigned.

St. Giles' church has now a membership of 500, and the contributions last year for all purposes amounted to \$8,300. In a few months the congregation will have its own missionary in Honan, and has promised \$2,000 a year as a result of the Laymen's Missionary Movement. The minister's salary has been increased to \$2,000.

## EASTERN ONTARIO.

Steps are being taken to erect a new church for the Monkland congregation.

The induction of Rev. John Pate, as minister of Knox Church, Lancaster, will take place on February 2nd.

The Rev. J. H. Turnbull, M.A., of Ottawa, conducted anniversary services in the Russell Church last Sunday.

At the annual meeting of St. Andrew's Church, Lancaster, Rev. J. U. Tanner, the pastor, had his salary increased by \$200; and this increase was made retroactive to cover the past year.

Rev. John Pate, who is called Knox Church, Lancaster, has been preaching with great acceptance in the Appleton Church. Rev. H. H. Turner of Lakefield, will occupy the pulpit on 17th and 24th inst.

The reports at the annual meeting of Knox Church, Roxborough, indicated that more money had been received than in any previous year; the pastor had been paid monthly and in full, and there was a substantial balance on hand.

A mistake was made last week in saying that Rev. S. A. Wood, of Metcalfe, conducted anniversary services in St. John's, Cornwall. The minister of St. John's, Rev. N. H. McGillivray, preached anniversary services at Metcalfe, Mr. Wood taking the pulpit in Cornwall.

Rev. N. and Mrs. Waddell, of Williamstown, have been celebrating the 25th anniversary of their marriage, when a number of friends from Winchester, North Gower and Aultsville assembled at the manse to offer their congratulations. They brought with them a number of suitable gifts.

The Ladies' Aid of Knox Church, Vars, (Rev. Wm. Black, pastor) reports a successful year, with receipts of \$322.78. At the annual meeting held at the home of Mrs. J. S. Nelson, the following officers were elected:—Honorary President, Mrs. J. J. Empey; President, Mrs. Black; 1st Vice-president, Mrs. W. G. Gauley; 2nd Vice-president, Mrs. J. S. Nelson; Treasurer, Mrs. Jos. Fraser; Secretary, Miss M. Empey; Organist, Mrs. Dunning.

At the annual meeting of St. Andrew's congregation, Carleton Place, Rev. Mr. Monds, pastor, in the chair, the session reported 28 additions to the membership, and 11 baptisms during the year. The receipts amounted to \$2,667; expenditure, \$2,643, leaving a surplus of \$23. For the church schemes \$735 were raised, with additions from W.F.M.S. of \$385. Three new members were added to the Board of Management, viz: Messrs. G. A. Burgess, N. Carmichael and W. H. Matthews.

Damaged by fire in October last, the Newburgh Church, Rev. Gandier, pastor, has been thoroughly repaired. A complete new roof has been laid, the interior papered, painted and grained, the platform enlarged, new carpeting and matting laid throughout, and a new pulpit placed in position. The reopening took place last Sunday, when Rev. Dr. MacTavish, of Cooke's Church, Kingston, preached inspiring sermons morning and evening. On Monday evening, Rev. J. R. Conn, of Napanee, gave an interesting lecture on "Edison and his Inventions" to a large audience.

The annual congregational meeting at Bobcaygeon took the form, this year, of a congregational reunion. Invitations were mailed to every family and adherent to be guests at tea of the session and Board of Managers, and the response was such that the school room was inadequate to accommodate those who came. The managers had the business well arranged, and it took only a few minutes to dispose of it. There was found to be a balance to

the good of \$104, and at Dunsford of \$148. Rev. W. G. Smith, the pastor, during the evening was presented with a eulogistic address and a goodly sized cheque.

Holiday doings this year in the Woodlands congregation were characterized with more than usual interest. Rev. Norman MacLeod of Brockville lectured again at Aultsville to the renewed delight of his former parishioners. At Pleasant Valley Mr. Chas. Cooke of the Stewarton church choir, Ottawa, sang himself into the affectionate memories of a large and crowded audience. Santa Claus was much in evidence at the various Sunday school trees. At St. Matthew's the organist received a very suitable purse. At Aultsville the superintendent was presented with a collection of beautiful paintings, while a handsome centre table was placed in the manse.

A well-deserved tribute of respect was paid to Rev. D. Strachan, who is removing to Toronto after eleven years' ministry in St. John's Church, Brockville. On the evening of the 14th instant, Mr. Strachan was the guest of the Board of Trade, and citizens to the number of 200, when the Hon. G. P. Graham, Minister of Railways, Hon. W. J. Hanna, Provincial Secretary, Hon. Senator Derbyshire, among other prominent men, were present to do him honor. Mr. Strachan has accepted the pastorate of an important charge in Rosedale, the beautiful residential suburb of Toronto.

At the supper in Knox Church, Cornwall, in connection with the Laymen's Missionary Movement about ninety were present with Mr. Wm. Dingwall presiding. The supper was provided by the ladies, and right well did they carry out their self-imposed task. An inspiring address by Mr. Robert Munro, a prominent and earnest church worker in Montreal, was the event of the evening.

Rev. N. H. McGillivray, of St. John's Church, was present and spoke briefly urging the men to bestir themselves to this great work. Dr. Algure, in moving a vote of thanks to the speaker, vigorously pointed out that all other enterprises become insignificant in the light of the evangelization of the world, and hoped Knox Church would soon have a foreign missionary of their own.

## TORONTO.

St. James' Square church is being most acceptably supplied by Rev. Louis H. Jordan, B.D., a former pastor, who recently returned from Europe, and is spending a few months in Canada. Mr. Jordan's pen is not idle, and before long the reading public will again hear from him.

The Deer Park congregation is considering the removal of their church to a new location, and the selection of a site is causing no little controversy. The receipts for the past year amounted to \$4,303.68, with disbursements of \$64.25 in excess. At the annual meeting a motion was adopted expressing regret at the resignation of Rev. D. L. Hossack, which had been a severe loss to the congregation.

## HAMILTON NOTES.

The following have been ordained elders in St. Andrew's church, the pastor, Rev. J. A. Wilson, officiating at the impressive service: Messrs. James Crombie, A. F. Wright, and George Penny.

Erskine congregation, Rev. S. C. Russell, pastor, made a good showing at the annual meeting. There was an increase of 50 in the membership; the receipts amounted to \$4,648.72, while the disbursements were \$15.53 less. The congregation has liabilities of \$9,730, while the assets are valued at \$35,000.