

in a number of the prayers as printed, the correction of typographical errors and uniformity in the spelling of certain words, of syllabication and punctuation, and, finally, that the Lord's Prayer be omitted in every instance as the close of the forms proposed. All the recommendations were adopted.

At Guelph Presbytery considerable time was spent over the proposed regulations sent down by the General Assembly for the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund. A long and elaborately prepared report was read from a committee to whom the matter has been entrusted, and which contained a minute examination of the regulations just referred to. Among other things, the Presbytery agreed to recommend that all donations and requests, unless otherwise directed, and all Ministers' rates, go to the Annuity Fund, and not to capital account, thus giving annuitants the present benefit of them, and attention was called to the fact that under the proposed new rates there is a disproportion of from 50 to 30 per cent in one series of groups of ages as compared with another series.

British Columbia.

The First Presbyterian church, Vancouver, (Rev. R. G. MacBeth, pastor,) has just held its annual meeting with marked evidences of the vitality and growth of the congregation. The missionary givings have increased over \$200 each year for the past three years. The aggregate of money for all purposes was larger than in any previous year, and the membership shows a large gain. A handsome pipe-organ is to be installed in the church in April and will complete the equipment of the handsome building.

Preparations are being actively made for the General Assembly at which a large attendance is expected.

Quebec.

The marriage of Mr. Thomas Christie, M. P., for Argenteuil, to Miss MacLeod, daughter of the Rev. J. R. MacLeod, Three Rivers, is announced for early in February.

At the annual meeting of the Annex church the reports presented by the different officers indicated that steady progress was being made along all lines. Mr. D. Scott tendered his resignation as treasurer, and the same was with reluctance accepted, and a hearty vote of thanks tendered to him for his many services to the church in the past. Mr. A. G. Watson was elected as trustee and Mr. W. Kennedy as congregational secretary. The following comprise the board of managers:—Messrs. McKenzie, McLean, Hildreth, J. Scott, Gladston, A. A. Scott, Gray, Gilmour and Kennedy. Now that the congregation has been raised to the status of a church, with a regular pastor, its progress and development is assured. Rev. D. J. Graham, B. D., is pastor.

Eastern Ontario.

Rev. H. D. Cameron, of Allandale, preached anniversary sermons in Penetanguishene Presbyterian church, last Sunday week.

Rev. J. S. Ilwath, of Balderson, has been elected moderator of Lanark and Renfrew Presbytery.

Rev. A. M. Currie, of St. John's church, Almonte, and Rev. G. T. Bayne, of Ashton, exchanged pulpits last Sunday week. Mr. Currie conducted anniversary services in the latter church.

The congregation of St. Andrew's, Arnprior, having asked of Lanark and Renfrew Presbytery that Mr. J. F. Miller, licentiate, assistant to Rev. D. J. McLean, be ordained into the ministry, and as the request was an unusual one a special committee was appointed to discuss it and report at the next regular meeting.

The 20th annual meeting of the Lanark and Renfrew Presbyterial Women's Foreign Missionary Society was held in the lecture hall of St. Paul's Church, Smith Falls, last Wednesday and Thursday. There was a large attendance of delegates from all parts of the Presbytery. The following officers were elected: President.—Mrs. Wilson, Appleton; vice-pres.—Mrs. W. C. Irving, Pembroke; Mrs. F. T. Frost, Smith's Falls; Mrs. Jno Hay, Renfrew; Mrs. G. T. Bayne, Ashton; Corres. Secy.—Mrs. A. C. Brown, Carleton Place; Rec. Secy.—Miss K. Milne, Arnprior; Treasurer.—Mrs. A. M. Greig, Almonte. Among those in attendance from Perth and district were: Miss Wilson and Mrs.

McIlraith, Balderson; Mrs. A. H. Scott and Miss Waddell, Town; Mrs. W. C. Caldwell, Mrs. Robertson, and Mrs. W. McIlquaham, Lanark.

At the annual meeting of St. Andrew's church, Lanark, it was shown that the total receipts from all sources during 1902 amounted to \$1,259. Mr. John James read the treasurer's report, which showed a balance on hand of \$91.67. Mr. John Stewart read the report from the missionary association and it showed that \$116 had been contributed to the schemes of the church.

The afternoon tea given by the ladies' aid of St. Andrew's church, Picton, in the apartments of Rev. W. W. MacLaren at Mrs. Thomas Love's residence on Tuesday afternoon and evening was a pleasant and profitable affair. Mr. MacLaren and Mr. W. T. Ross received and entertained the guests, and a number of ladies belonging to the congregation took part in the entertainment.

A few of the members representing the Presbyterian congregation of Burnstown, drove over to the manse at White Lake, one evening recently, when they presented the pastor, Rev. E. J. Shaw, with an elegant cutter and a beautifully worded address, expressing their appreciation of his ardent labors among them and extending hearty greetings to Mrs. Shaw. After spending an enjoyable evening and partaking of a sumptuous repast, provided by Mrs. Shaw, they took their departure for home.

The annual meeting of St. Andrew's church, Pakenham, was of a most gratifying character. Reports from the various organizations in connection with the congregation showed that good work is being done under the pastorate of Rev. Mr. Young. The treasurer's statement showed that \$1,129.39 had been raised and that there was a balance of \$115.20 on hand after all expenses of the congregation were paid. In connection with the building fund \$104.97 was raised, and one of the most gratifying items on the other side of the account is that which shows the payment of the balance of the mortgage on the church, \$307.60. For the schemes of the church \$134.25 were remitted, and the ladies' aid raised \$114.50, out of which they paid \$121.50 for the lighting of the church.

The annual meeting of St. Andrew's Renfrew, was held on the 14th ult. Rev. J. Hay acted as chairman and Jas. Guthrie, secretary. Very encouraging reports for 1902, were read from Session, Managers, 3 Sunday Schools, Pastor's Bible Class, the Guild, and the W. F. M. S. and 2 Mission Bands. Additions on profession of faith 26, by certificate 15, removals by death 7, certificate and otherwise 18, present membership 420; receipts for congregational expenditure \$2,863, for mission schemes and benevolence \$2,035, total receipts \$4,898. The W. F. M. S. and Mission Bands raised \$460, and sent a valuable bale of clothing to the North West. Treasurer's reports shows receipts exceeded expenditure by \$265. The meeting was most harmonious throughout, ending with a hearty vote of thanks to the choir for their valuable assistance in the services of the church, and also a cordial vote to the pastor for the manner in which the interests of the congregation had been conducted during the past year. Messrs. A. Francis, Jas. Carswell and Duncan Stewart were elected managers, Wm. Dickson, R. D. Scott, O. Wright, R. C. Timmins, Jas. Walton and Wm. Stewart, ushers; Auditors, George Eady Jr., and D. W. Stewart. The question of increased seating accommodation will soon be solved, as a Building Committee have on hand the getting out of plans, etc.

Montreal.

Mr. J. Burt Sutherland, of Montreal, gave an interesting lecture entitled, 'A tour through Ireland, Scotland and England,' to a large and appreciative audience, in Victoria church, Point St. Charles, on Friday evening last. The Rev. J. Myles Crombie, pastor of the church, occupied the chair.

At the annual meeting of Erskine church it was announced that during the year the church mortgage debt was reduced to \$5,000, an amount which it is expected will be wiped out by the end of the current year. The ordinary revenue of the church during the year amounted to \$10,827, and the expenditure \$10,702. These officers were elected:—President, Mr. W. B. T. Macaulay; vice-president, Mr. W. F. Smith; treasurer, Mr. C. J. Hodgson; recording secretary, Mr. N. G. Neill; financial sec., Mr. Ralph A. Becket; committee of management, Messrs. A. A. Hodgson, D. H. McLennan, E.

H. Copeland, C. H. McFarlane, D. G. Ward-rop, R. F. Ogilvy; auditors, Messrs. James Gardner, R. Cunningham; representative to the board of the Protestant Hospital for the Insane, Mr. E. H. Copeland.

The death is announced of Elizabeth Gilmour McQueen, wife of Mr. James Tasker, a member of the session of St. Paul's church, and well known in commercial life and Presbyterian circles in this city. Mrs. Tasker, during a residence in Montreal of over thirty years, always took an intelligent interest in church, philanthropic and public questions, and she will be sorely missed in church circles and in charitable work. Mr. Tasker has the warm sympathy of many friends in his bereavement.

The reports of St. Andrew's church, Westmount, for the past year are certainly very encouraging. The membership has increased ten per cent, and the contributions thirteen per cent for general funds, while the missionary subscriptions increased a hundred per cent. The election of officers resulted as follows:—President, Mr. McMaster; vice-president, Mr. M. Hutchinson; secretary, Mr. McNaughton; treasurer, Mr. R. Harvie.

A press despatch says that negotiations are being conducted which if carried out successfully will result in Rev. James Barclay, D.D., pastor of St. Paul's Church, being offered the principality of the Montreal College rendered vacant by the death of the late Rev. Dr. MacVicar. The arrangement that is under consideration is that the congregation of St. Paul's should allow Dr. Barclay to accept the principality and at the same time retain the pastorate of the church. Should the congregation be agreeable, it is expected that Dr. Barclay will accept the principality.

Lindsay Presbyterial W.F.M. Society.

The twenty-first annual meeting of this association was held in Chalmers church, Uxbridge, on Tuesday, Jan. 20th. The day was beautiful and there was a large attendance. The reports from the different Auxiliaries and Mission Bands were most encouraging, nearly all reporting an increase in membership and contributions. A large supply of clothing, quilts and new material was sent to the Northwest in October. A most interesting talk was given by Miss Martin, Toronto, Cor.-Sec. of the Board on "Via Christi," and a capital address on Mission Band work by Mrs. Jaffray, Toronto. A solo by Mrs. Best, Beaverton, and a chorus by the Victoria Mission Band, of Uxbridge, was given during the afternoon.

The total amount contributed is \$1,877.08. The officers elected are: President, Miss Robinson, Beaverton; 1st Vice-Pres., Mrs. Stewart, Lindsay; 2nd Vice-Pres., Mrs. Webster, Oakwood; 3rd Vice-Pres., Mrs. McKay, Woodville; 4th Vice-Pres., Mrs. Armstrong, Zephyr; Rec.-Sec., Mrs. Bascom, Uxbridge; Cor.-Sec., Miss Campbell, Gamebridge; Sec. N. W. Supplies, Mrs. Gilbert, Beaverton; Sec. Literature, Miss Slight, Lindsay; Sec. Mission Bands, Mrs. Baldwin, Sunderland; Treasurer, Mrs. Jardine, Uxbridge. In the evening a public meeting was held which was also very well attended. Rev. Mr. Fraser, Uxbridge, presided. The report of the W.F.M. S. was read by Mr. Campbell, Quaker Hill, and was, on behalf of the Presbytery, received, and replied to by Mr. Fraser. Rev. R. P. McKay, D.D., Foreign Mission Secretary, followed in a most earnest and impressive address on the open doors in China and India, and the duty of the Church to enter and possess those countries for Christ.

