

retiring superintendent of the Sunday school, Mr. D. G. Hamilton, who can point to eleven years of arduous labor as having earned for him a needed rest.

At the annual meeting of St. Andrew's, Carleton Place, reports showed that the total receipts in the general fund were \$2,000.80. The ladies' aid contributed \$155.71; the W. F. M. S., \$414.51, while over \$1,600 was raised for the missions of the church. Forty-three new members were added to the roll, and the membership at present is 460.

The annual meeting of the congregation of St. Andrew's church, Chalk River, was held in the Mission Hall at that place on Wednesday evening Jan. 14th, with a fair attendance of members and adherents. After devotional exercises by the pastor, the Rev. G. D. Campbell, reports were called for and were presented by the Board of Managers, the Sabbath School, the Ladies' Aid Society and the Womans' Foreign Mission Society, all of which were of a very satisfactory and gratifying nature. The Treasurer of the congregation also presented her report which showed that, after all obligations had been met, there was a very substantial cash balance on her hands. Great credit is due this congregation to the Ladies' Aid Society for the valuable assistance which they have given during the year in all branches of the church work.

At the annual meeting of Knox church, Perth, the various reports showed increases in comparison with other years and the debt on the church was reduced last year by \$1,000, leaving a small balance which it is expected will be paid at an early date. The Women's Foreign Missionary society, as shown by Miss Riddell's report, has also made a large advance in its contributions over last years. It was the banner year for the Mission Band, whose report was read by Miss Lillian Allan. It made this year the largest contribution in its history. Very appreciative mention was made of the excellent work done by Mr. Forsyth and the choir; and an encouraging Sunday School report was submitted by Mr. Edmiston, which shows Sabbath School to be in a healthy state of activity. Altogether the past year's record in Knox Church is highly satisfactory and indicates good work done by its societies and officers, especially by the venerable treasurer Mr. James Allan who throughout most of his life has been a faithful and wise officer of this congregation which now regards him as their "grand old man." Although about four score years he is still the superintendent of the Sabbath School and a beloved teacher of one of its best classes.

The week of prayer has been observed in Kingston with increased attendance and interest. The different Protestant denominations, with the usual exception, united in the services cordially and happily. The annual meeting of the Bible Society held on Wednesday evening, was largely attended, though the evening was unfavorable, showing no waning interest in that noble institution, the B. & F. Bible Society. It was addressed by the resident Anglican Bishop, and Dr. Antliff, Methodist. While these facts are encouraging, the Presbyterian congregations of the city do not manifest that prayerful and aggressive spirit which was expected to be developed in the new century. Progress no doubt can be reported in the temperance movement, and in some other directions; but the highest aim of the church, and its greatest work, do not appear to absorb attention, and draw out the undivided and zealous efforts of the whole membership. The inquiry, "is Christ's kingdom truly and fully set up among us" requires more prayerful consideration.

Western Ontario.

Rev. Mr. Smith, of Kinloss, has been preaching at Brucefield.

The next regular meeting of Stratford Presbytery will be held on 3rd March.

Rev. Mr. Thom, of Flesherton, conducted anniversary services at Cedarville.

Leave has been granted to establish a separate session at Fraser church, the outside station of the Lucan congregation.

Rev. A. B. Dobson, of Fordwich, was recently presented by his congregation with a fur coat, gauntlets and robe.

At Stratford Presbytery Rev. E. W. Panton, after being 11 years treasurer, resigned, and was warmly thanked for his long and faithful work. Rev R. F. Cameron was appointed in his place.

The Guelph Mercury speaks in high terms of the lecture delivered under the auspices of Chalmers' church Literary Society by Rev. J.W. MacMillan, of Lindsay. His subject was A Trip to Scotland and Germany.

The young people of Knox church, Guelph, have organized a mock parliament. Mr. Hugh Guthrie, M.P. was present and gave an interesting address on parliamentary procedure, and then aided in starting the young men on their way to training for taking later on their place in a wider arena.

At the recent meeting of Stratford Presbytery Rev. Dr. McLeod, Attwood, was elected moderator for ensuing six months; and Revs' Stewart, Haig, Hardie and Leitch with Elders, Messrs. Leslie, Forbes, Curtis, and Riddell were nominated as commissioners to the General Assembly for 1903.

On Jan. 11th, the anniversary services were conducted in the Cenn church. Special preacher for morning, the Rev. J. Reid. An excellent sermon was delivered by the reverend gentleman, on "Peace, through Justification." In the evening the pulpit was occupied by the pastor, Rev. Geo. Kendall. In spite of the severity of the weather the church was filled with worshippers at both services.

At last meeting of Paris Presbytery Rev. Dr. Fletcher, of Hamilton, was nominated for the Moderatorship of next General Assembly; and the following were appointed commissioners to the Assembly, viz.: Revs. John Thomson, Ayr, G. C. Patterson, Embro, W. K. Shearer, Drumbo, Dr. McKay, Woodstock, with Elders from Glenmorris, Paris, Stanley St., Ayr, and St. George congregations.

The reports presented at the annual meeting of the First church, Chatham, indicates satisfactory progress in every direction. The membership at close of year was 393, an increase of 29. The treasurer's statement was as follows: Receipts—1901, \$3537.17; 1902, \$3379.59; decrease \$157.58. Expenditure, 1901, \$3,645.79; 1902, \$3,093.99; decrease, \$551.80. Overdraft, 1901, \$133.63. Balance on hand, 1902, \$151.97.

The funeral of the late Rev. Dr. Proudfoot was largely attended. Rev. A. J. McGillivray M.A., pastor of new St. James' church; Rev. J. H. Barnett of Kintyre, Moderator of the London Presbytery; Rev. Prof. James Ballantyne of Knox College, pupil and colleague of the deceased, and Rev. Alex. Henderson, of Appin, Moderator of the Synod of Hamilton and London, took part in the services. Interment took place at Oakwood Cemetery, Oxford street, the pall-bearers being Aid. Greenlees, Messrs. D. Fraser, Wm. Fraser, F. Leonard, Mr. Black and Chas. Elliott.

Northern Ontario.

Rev. A. P. Addison, of Stayner and Nottawa, has commenced a series of sermons on Old Testament characters, which promises to be instructive and interesting.

Rev. L. McLean, of Duntroon, has been lecturing in the Scotch Settlement under the auspices of the W. F. M. S., and in aid of expense fund. The subject of the lecture was: "Habits."

At the close of the Christmas entertainment of St. Andrew's church Sunday-school, Burk's Falls, Mr. R. J. Watson and Mr. Walter Sharpe, Sr., on behalf of the church, presented the Rev. R. J. Sturgeon with a costly fur-lined overcoat, as a mark of the congregation's appreciation of his able, untiring and unassuming discharge of the duties of the pastorate.

The Presbyterian tea-meeting entertainment, at Uptergrove presented an imposing array of talent. The Rev. W. J. Hewitt, of Ardrea, occupied the chair. The speakers were: Mr. Monds, late of Knox College, who had supplied the pulpit for the two Sundays previous; the Rev. A. McD. Haig, of Jarrut's Corners; the Rev. J. A. Connell, of Atherley; Mr. George D. Grant, and Mr. D. Inglis Grant, both of Orillia.

Ottawa.

Rev. Dr. Herridge is announced to preach anniversary sermons in St. Andrew's, Perth, next Sunday.

Encouraging reports were presented at the annual meeting of St. Paul's Presbyterian church. Rev. Dr. Armstrong presided and opened the meeting with devotional exercises. Mr. W. J. Irvine acted as secretary. The treasurer's statement was read by Mr. Wm. Whillans. The reports presented showed that

about \$5,000 had been collected from all sources during the year. The report of the missionary society, read by the treasurer, Mr. Dunnet, showed that the work accomplished was in volume equal to that of the previous year. Reports for the Ladies' Aid society were read by the secretary, Miss Jessie Lindsay and the treasurer, Miss Gallagher. During the past twelve months over \$700 was collected, this including the proceeds of the recent bazaar. Mrs. J. R. Hill read the report of St Paul's auxiliary W.F.M.S. The report for the Sunday School was read by Mr. R. Esdale, and reports for the Young People's society were read by the secretary, Miss Jennie Dunnet, and the treasurer, Miss Agnes Jacques. Officers elected were: Wm. Whillans, treasurer, and John McKinley, assistant treasurer; R. A. McCormick and James Lindsay, auditors. The following new members were elected to the temporal committee: John Hodgson, Jas. Dunnett and John Robertson. At the close of the business meeting, which was largely attended, the ladies provided refreshments.

The reports presented to the annual meeting of the Stewarton congregation revealed a very gratifying state of affairs—both religiously and financially. The Session Clerk, Mr. J. B. Halkett showed that according to last year's report there were 288 names on the roll. During the year 18 names were added by certificate and 12 on profession of faith. There were 12 removals by certificate and one death, so that the present membership is 307. There were seven baptisms during the year. It was recommended to increase Rev. Mr. Heribson's stipend from \$1,100 to \$1,200; and this was cordially assented to by this meeting, it being conceded that the pastor is doing excellent work for this congregation. The treasurer's report was read by Jas. Guthrie. The receipts were \$2,279.93; expenditure, \$2,248.41; net balance, \$31.52. The following officers were elected: Board of managers, new members, J. J. Campbell, 3 years; W. H. Fitzsimmons, 3 years; C. E. Mills, 3 years. Auditors, J. P. Carruthers and G. W. Robb. Trustees, J. J. Campbell, J. B. Halkett and G. W. Robb, 5 years each.

Quebec.

On January 8th the annual meeting of the Lachute congregation was held. Jas. M. McLaren, B.A., pastor. All the reports from the various branches of the work were most encouraging. The report of Session showed an increase of membership of 133, 114 on profession of faith and 19 by certificate. Of the 114, 87 were young people. No special services were held. The Board of management reported receipts from contributions and Sabbath collections \$2,482.00 with a balance on hand of \$128.00. To the Schemes of the Church \$465.00 was subscribed; \$108.00 was reported raised by a total of the Woman's Mission Society, making a total of \$573.00 to the Schemes of the Church, an increase of \$323.00 over last year. The other branches of the work were most happy and cheerful in the reports submitted and all look forward to a year of even larger success than during 1902.

Montreal.

Rev. Andrew Reid, who has just returned from a visit to China and Australia, reached Montreal last night and left immediately for his father's home at Kinneair's Mills. He is a brother of the Rev. W. D. Reid, of this city.

The salary of Rev. Dr. Barclay, pastor of St. Paul's church, has been increased from \$7,200 to \$8,500. This, it is understood, is because St. Paul's congregation appreciated their pastor's decision to remain with them when called to Kingston.

The annual meeting of the Chalmers church Sunday School Association was held at the residence of the superintendent, Mr. Malcolm Thompson, St. Famille street. The reports showed a very successful year. After the meeting the members were entertained in generous style by Mr. and Mrs. Thompson.

Wayside Chimes.

Life is a work; begin it.
Life is a battle; win it.

Life is a pure heart; shield it.
Life is a sceptre; wield it.

Both are God's lesson; learn it.
Death is His good rest; earn it.

—Baltimore American.