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FRANKLIN CHURCH MANITOBA.

The annual meeting of the Franklin Presbyterian Church, was held on Thursday 14th Jan. Rev. G. W. Fargon was elected chairman, and R. A. McQuarrie, Secretary. The minutes of last annual meeting were read and confirmed and following reports presented:—Mr. Peter Stewart, clerk of the Session, reported that eight members had been received on confession of faith during the year and two on certificate. Only one infant had been baptized, but several were awaiting baptism. He felt that the church should be truly thankful to God for the fact that for a second year not a single member had been taken away by death. The total number now on the roll was 74, 52 of whom were present at the Communion September last.

The treasurer, Jas. Murdock, showed an income of \$371.81 and an expenditure, of \$371.34 during the year on the General fund. He also presented the balance sheet of building fund account with an income of \$207.35, \$200 of which had been paid Church and Manse Building Fund, thereby clearing the mortgage on church building, and after payment of other sums left a balance of \$1.49 in hand.

The secretary, Mr. E. H. Sharpe, presented the manager's report, congratulating the church on the fact that by perseverance and economy they were at last entirely free of debt, and that the church spiritually and financially was in such a prosperous condition. The managers feel this is largely due to Mr. Fargon, the missionary, for the patient, persistent effort which he has made during the three years he has been amongst them, and to the Ladies' Aid Society for their assistance in clearing the debt and furnishing the church.

Mrs. Fargon, the President of the Ladies' Aid Society, read a report showing that they had been enabled to furnish the church with matting and mat, large mammoth lamp and communion chest in addition to \$100 towards church debt, and felt grateful that the church was more comfortable and worthy of use in the service of God. Mrs. Blair, the Treasurer, presented the balance sheet showing an expenditure of

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Elder Blair gave the report of the Sabbath School showing an average attendance of 40.7 for the nine months and was glad to see that in the month of December an average of 65 was reached, the highest of any month of the year. The balance sheet showed a balance of \$1.85.

Mr. Donald Ferguson, gave a brief report of the library. On ballot Jas. Murdock, Jas. Carr, Ephraim Orr, and Jas. W. Stewart were elected managers for the year. Mr. Edward H. Sharpe appointed Secretary, Mr. Wm. Jas. Frazer, Chairman of Managers and James Murdock, Treasurer.

The question of building sheds was fully discussed and a committee appointed to report to a church meeting on January 22nd.

The Missionary in a few words thanked the officers, members and adherents for their help and co-operation which had resulted in such a happy meeting, that for the first time in the existence of the church not a cent was owing to anyone. It was a great joy to him to have seen the mortgage cleared off and he expressed a wish that by the blessing of God they might steadily progress in the future as they had done in the past.

The ladies of the church then furnished refreshments and the usual votes of thanks having been passed, the meeting was closed by the singing of the Doxology.

STEWARTON CHURCH, OTTAWA.

The annual congregational business meeting of the Stewarton Presbyterian church was held Jan 12th and showed the outlook of the church to be most cheering.

Reports were received from the kirk's session read by Mr. J. B. Halkett; from the board of management by the secretary, Mr. F. S. Goldthrite; from the Ladies' Aid, by Miss McLean; from the Sunday school by the superintendent, Mr. S. J. Jarvis; from the W. F. M. S. by Miss McLean for the secretary, Miss M. Sinclair, and from the Y. P. S. O. E. by the president, Mr. Mac Charles. All showed the various branches of the church work to be in a most satisfactory condition.

The financial statement was the best submitted in the history of the church.

The membership of the church was reported as being 258, and of the Sabbath school 195, with staff of the superintendent, librarian and 16 teachers.

Messrs W. O. Ogilvie, J. J. Campbell, Wm. Lefferty and W. H. Fitzsimmons were appointed to fill the annual vacancies. Mr. F. Goldthrite was appointed secretary; Mr. J. S. Durie, treasurer; Mr. G. V. Robb, assistant secretary; and Messrs. J. B. Halkett and J. B. Robb, auditors.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH.

The annual meeting of St. Andrew's Church, Lehigh, was held on Jan 14th, Rev. D. M. Buchanan, the pastor, was in the chair. The reports presented considerable increase in the church's growth during the year. The total receipts for the year were \$1,792.18, being \$248 of an increase over last year. There is a balance, after the payment of all expenses, of \$151 in the treasury. The mission funds show a marked increase over previous years. The contributions by the congregations to the Schemes of the Church have increased three fold since Mr. Buchanan became pastor four years ago. There were 21 names added to the communion roll during the year and the membership is now 189.

ST. ANDREW'S SONYA.

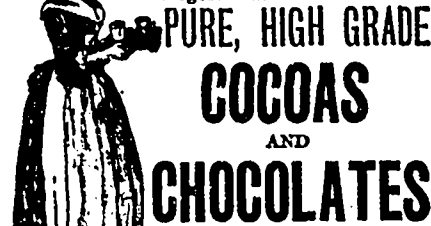
The anniversary services in connection with St. Andrew's Church Sonya, were held on Sabbath, the 10th, inst. Rev. J. W. MacMillan, B.A., of Lindsay, preached able discourses morning and evening to large and attentive audiences. In the afternoon, Rev. J. W. Stewart, Methodist minister of Sunderland, preached a vigorous sermon to an appreciative congregation. Monday evening, Mr. MacMillan delivered a very interesting and instructive lecture on "British Columbia." Proceeds of Sabbath collections and lecture \$30.

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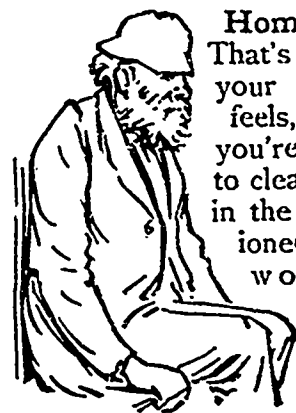
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