

## LONDON AND VICINITY.

The congregations of English Settlement and Ilfordton have agreed to call the Rev. D. Johnston, of Wauwano, in the Presbytery of Sarnia.

Alma Street (St. Thomas) congregation has a membership of 234. This congregation is situated in a locality where the population is very fluctuating. Yet under Rev. H. W. Reede they hold their own and do good work. They contributed over \$2,400 for all purposes.

The congregation of Glencoe, under Rev. George Weir, has made some advance over the previous year in liberal-ity. Their annual report showed a total contribution of over \$3,400. Their membership is now 427. They gave \$869 to missionary and benevolent objects.

The pastoral charge of Aylmer and Springfield, recently vacated by the removal of Rev. J. W. Rae to the United States, shows a very creditable record for the year just closed. The communicants now number 114, and the united contributions for the year were \$1,757, or over \$26 per family on the average.

The united congregation of Argyle and West Lorne churches, Rev. A. J. Mann, pastor, have also had a good showing of work during 1906. Their membership is now 268, their giving to missionary and benevolent objects amounted to \$750, and their gross contributions for all purposes to \$3,198.

Calls from Puslinch (Guelph Presbytery) and Stanley Street Church, Ayr (Paris Presbytery), to Rev. Messrs. S. Laurence and D. I. Ellison, of Dunwich and Tait's Corners, respectively, will be considered at a special meeting of the Presbytery of London in St. Thomas on Tuesday, February 12th.

The quarterly public meeting of the Women's Home Mission Society of Knox Church, London, was held last Wednesday night. Mr. Givins sang "The Glory Song," now well known. The pastor, Rev. J. G. Stuart, gave a Bible reading on the subject of Covetousness, showing from Scripture the necessity and force of the Lord's warning, "Beware of Covetousness." Miss Davidson read an interesting paper, giving an account of the rise and progress of the Women's Home Mission Society, which has already increased to seven Presbyterial and 168 congregational organizations.

Last week a grand sacred concert was given in First Presbyterian Church, London, in aid of the building fund of Chalmers Church in that city. Chalmers Church has been greatly handicapped in progress from the style of building in which it has worshipped from its commencement. It was simply an abandoned public school house. A fine new red brick edifice is now in process of erection, which is a great undertaking for a small congregation, mostly of working people. All the choirs of the Presbyterian churches in the city took part in the concert, each one separately rendering in its best style anthems with solos and choruses. This is the second concert of the kind that has been given for the same object.

Central Baptist: Whenever anyone attempts to defend the saloon, he studiously forgets or ignores the whole tribe of evils that take refuge behind the bar. If for a moment we could forget the direct evils of drink, as it curses the home and the land, we can not forget the train of vices and crimes which it brings along with it. Really it does not seem possible for the liquor traffic to maintain itself without these allies. Out of them it draws its recruits and its finances. Gambling, licentiousness, political wire pulling and robbery make the saloon their meeting place, their recruiting station, their council chamber and their ally.

## EASTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. A. M. Currie, M.A., of Deseronto, is interim moderator of Melrose, etc., in Kingston Presbytery.

We regret to learn that Rev. John Hay, of St. Andrew's church, Renfrew, is laid up with la grippe.

At next meeting of Whitby Presbytery the opening address will be given by Rev. A. V. Brown, B.A., of Newcastle.

Rev. W. R. Wood, of Dunbarton, has been elected moderator of Whitby Presbytery.

The violent windstorm unroofed the sheds connected with the Burks' Falls Church.

Rev. Norman MacLeod was appointed moderator of Westport session during the vacancy.

By appointment of Presbytery, Rev. Mr. Beckstedt, of Athens, is to preach at Westport next Sunday, and declare the pulpit vacant.

Rev. Hugh Ferguson, of Westport, has accepted the call to Queensville, where he is offered \$500 with a manse, and three weeks' holidays.

Rev. W. W. Peck, M.A., of St. Andrew's Church, Arnprior, preached anniversary sermons to large congregations in St. Andrew's, Renfrew, last Sunday.

Rev. E. G. Robb, of Bristol, Que., formerly assistant minister of St. Andrew's church, Arnprior, was a visitor there last week.

In the absence of Rev. W. W. Peck, the former pastor, Rev. D. J. MacLean, conducted the services in St. Andrew's church, Arnprior.

Mrs. John F. Callacade, of Dalhousie Mills, hospitably entertained the members of the church choir on a recent evening.

Rev. W. A. Morrison, of Dalhousie Mills, is recovering from an illness that confined him to the house for several days.

The next regular meeting of Brockville Presbytery was appointed to take place at Cardinal, on May 27th., at 4 p.m.

Rev. G. A. Woodside, of Carleton Place delivered an address at the anniversary tea-meeting of St. Andrew's church, Perth. His subject was "The New Enthusiasm."

The skating social given last week by the ladies of the Rockland Church proved quite a success. Many were in attendance from Cumberland, Buckingham, Lochaber and Clarence.

A very able report on church life and work presented to Brockville Presbytery by Rev. George Yule, of Manchester, formed the basis for a most interesting conference on church work.

The 62nd anniversary of Knox church, Perth, will be held on Sunday, Feb. 10th, and the following Monday. Rev. A. E. Mitchell, of Erskine church, Ottawa, will be the preacher, morning and evening.

At the recent meeting of Brockville Presbytery, Rev. D. Strachan moved that the grants obtained last year for augmented charges be sought this year and further that an additional grant of \$325 be asked for Westport and Athens.

At Whitby Presbytery a conference on the union movement was held, and after an able opening paper by the Rev. J. H. Borland, M.A., there was a discussion in which nearly all the members of the court took part. The consensus of opinion seemed to be unfavorable to union.

First Church, Brockville, has now a membership of 562. Receipts from all sources aggregated \$7,314.76, being about \$700 more than the previous year. During the year the following were elected elders: W. T. Carruthers, D. McCrimmon, T. J. Storey and J. T. Tennant. By the reports presented it was evident that all the organizations of the congregation were in a healthy condition, and that the ministrations of the pastor—Rev. Norman MacLeod—were much appreciated by his people.

The following were chosen by Brockville Presbytery as commissioners to the next general assembly, which is to meet in Montreal next June, viz.: George MacArthur, Hugh Cameron, Daniel Strachan, John Macdonald, ministers; Frederick B. Tabor, Nathaniel Greer, Reuben Crowder, John K. Dowsley, K. C., elders.

At a special meeting of the Owen Sound Presbytery the call from Division Street Church, Owen Sound, was advanced a stage. It was signed by almost every available member of the church and many adherents besides; was approved by Presbytery and transmitted to the Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew, requesting the release and translation of Mr. Woodside with all convenient speed.

At the annual meeting of Roxborough Church, held at Moose Creek, the reports presented indicated a prosperous state of affairs. After all accounts had been met, and the minister's stipend paid in full, there remained in the treasurer's hands the sum of \$105.00. The following officers were re-elected: Treasurer of the congregation, Hugh McIntosh; treasurer of collection in West Church, A. V. Begg; treasurer of collection in Village Church, D. McCulloch; trustees, A. V. Begg, H. McIntosh, Dan. McIntyre. All the directors and managers were re-elected.

At the annual meeting of Whitby Presbyterial Society the newly elected officers were: President, Mrs. Scott, Port Perry. Vice Presidents, Mrs. Crozier, Ashburn; Mrs. A. V. Brown, Newcastle; Miss Somerville, Orono; Mrs. Strickland, Dunbarton; Miss Moorcraft, Bowmanville. Rec. Sec., Miss I. McClellan, Whitby; Cor. Sec., Miss J. Paton, South Oshawana; Supplies Sec., Mrs. J. Keen, Whitby; Treas., Mrs. W. Currie, Port Perry. The Society contributed \$1,128.15 during the year. The evening meeting was addressed by Rev. Hugh Munroe, B.A., Bowmanville, and Miss Goodfellow, Ujui, India.

At the 24th annual meeting of the Lanark and Renfrew Presbyterial of the W.F.M.S. there were sixty delegates in attendance. Mrs. Wilson, of Appleton, presided over all the meetings and at the opening session gave a most interesting address. Among the ladies who took part in devotional exercises were: Mrs. A. H. Scott and Miss Waddell, of Perth, and Mrs. H. Stewart, of Balderson. Officers for 1907 were elected as follows:—Pres. Mrs. (Rev.) Scott, Carleton Place; elected by a standing vote; 1st V. P., Mrs. Wright, St. Andrew's, Almonte; 2nd V. P., Miss McFadyen, Burnstown; 3rd V. P., Mrs. Thomas Logan, Renfrew; 4th V. P., Mrs. D. L. Gordon, Forrester's Falls; Cor. Sec., Miss Waddell, Perth; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Bayne, Ashton; Secretary Clothing Dept., Mrs. Ralph Ross, Penbrooke. The next meeting is to be held in Carleton Place.

A pleasant event was the annual meeting of St. John's Church, Brockville, Rev. D. Strachan, pastor. The session report made mention of the 70th anniversary of the congregation, which had been quietly celebrated by the observance of the Lord's Supper. During the year the interest in Sunday school work had been well maintained, the net growth being 41, and a number of the scholars had come into full membership. The congregation raised more money for the church at large than any year during the present pastorate. The statement of the treasurer showed the receipts during the year to have been \$5,063.18 and the expenditure \$2,988.67, leaving a balance of \$15.11. In connection with the building and debt fund for 1906, the receipts were \$17,481.04. Of this amount \$5,600 was insurance; \$4,550 from a mortgage loan; \$1,874 subscriptions, and donations in 1899, and the greater part of the balance subscriptions and donations to the fund since that year. Altogether the future is full of promise for this old congregation; and the pastor, loyally aided by an attached people, looks forward to the future expectant of even larger results.