

Ministers and Churches.

Ottawa.

Bank Street Auxiliary to the Women's Foreign Missionary Society at its regular monthly heard items of missionary interest from China, India, Korea and the Chinese in Canada. Miss Young read a geographical paper on Japan.

Knox Auxiliary to the Women's Foreign Missionary Society has decided to organize a mission band for young people, in connection with the Auxiliary, Mrs. D. McIntosh was appointed to have charge of this work, in consultation with Mrs. Gardiner, Presbyterian president. Mrs. George Hay read an article on Women Workers in the Church.

At the regular meeting of the Presbyterian Ministerial association on Monday of last week, Rev. Dr. Ramsay, pastor of Knox Church, read a most interesting paper on "The History of the Pentateuch." Among those present were: Rev. Dr. Herridge, Dr. Armstrong and Revs. Milne, MacLaren, Macleod, White, and Cormack of Aylmer.

Prof. Macoun, of the Geological Survey, has been speaking to the Young Men's Club of Hintonburg church on "Plants and their Habits and Peculiarities." He encouraged the scientific, practical study of botany, and added considerable interest to his remarks by the use of various specimens of Canadian plants and flowers. Dr. Fletcher, of the Experimental Farm staff, will be the speaker at the next open meeting of the club.

Mrs. D. Gardiner, presbyterian president of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society, addressed the members of the Young People's Missionary Society of St. Andrew's church on some missionary heroines. After mentioning several Biblical heroines, and following them by others, including Noomi of the third century and St. Bridget of the fourth, she told of several heroic women, who are today shining for Christ in foreign lands.

At the 28th annual meeting of the Ladies' Aid of Erskine Church Mrs. Whitton was in the chair. Money raised during the year was by freewill offering. The treasurer's report shows a balance on hand of \$250. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Mrs. Whitton; first vice-president, Mrs. Brethour; second vice-president, Mrs. Scott; secretary, Mrs. Anderson; treasurer, Miss McCuaig; sick committee, Mrs. McColl and Mrs. Dooley; social committee, Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Towers, Mrs. Dalglish, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Parks, Mrs. Earl, Mrs. Gallagher, Mrs. Nesbitt, Mrs. Moore; reception committee, Mrs. Burns and Mrs. McGillivray. It is the intention of the Ladies' Aid to use the funds collected during the coming year to assist the management in building the new church.

At the annual meeting of the Ladies' Aid Society of St. Paul's Church, the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. W. D. Armstrong; vice-presidents, Mrs. McKinley, Mrs. Waters and Mrs. Nicholson; secretary, Miss Lindsay; treasurer, Mrs. Andrew Shaw; finance convener, Mrs. C. H. Thorburn; entertainment convener, Mrs. P. W. Anderson; relief convener, Mrs. H. Waters; visiting convener, Mrs. Armstrong; Executive, the officers and conveners of committees, and Mrs. Lindsay, Mrs. William Smith, Mrs. Macphail and Miss Ross. It was decided to have fortnightly sewing meetings to work for the Protestant hospital, the first to be held on Friday, January 20th at the home of Mrs. W. D. Armstrong, Daly Avenue.

Progress all along the line was evidenced by the annual reports presented at the annual meeting of Erskine Presbyterian Church. In fact so marked is the increase in the way of membership that another meeting of the congregation is called to discuss the advisability of erecting a new church. The new building, if decided on, will be erected on the northern side of the present building which would be used as a Sunday school. The past year has been the best in the history of the congregation. During 1904, \$5,285 was raised for all purposes of which \$643 was for missions. The ordinary revenue was \$3,023.41, an average of \$58.14 per Sunday, an increase of \$240.67 over the previous year. The church debt is now about \$2,700, a reduction of \$1,650 being made in the past year. The present membership is 428, a net increase during the year of 56. The pastor during the year visited 270 families and 100 young people. He conducted 37 baptisms, officiated at 17 marriages and conducted 15 funeral services.

Dr. Herridge presided at the annual meeting of St. Andrew's Auxiliary to the Women's Foreign Missionary Society, and gave a short encouraging address. The treasurer reported that \$219.92 had been sent to the Presbyterian Society last year, the largest amount yet. The officers elected were: President, Mrs. Larmonth; vice-presidents, Mrs. T. W. Herridge, Mrs. E. H. Bronson, Mrs. William Hutcheson, and Mrs. T. Ahearn; rec. sec., Miss Crannell; cor. sec., Miss Isobel Gibson; treasurer, Mrs. Levi Crannell; secretary for "Missionary Tidings", Miss Brough; Council, Mrs. Gilbert Allan, Miss Rose, Miss Mary Durie, Mrs. Grant Needham, Mrs. Farquarson and Mrs. Lyons Biggar.

Toronto.

The annual meeting of Cooke's Presbyterian Church was held with a good attendance. Reports showed most satisfactory progress. The membership at the beginning of the year was 1104, and 223 were received by profession, certificate and restoration to the roll. The membership now is 1243, a net gain of 129. The revenue amounted \$8965.69 and the expenditure \$8464.72, leaving a balance of \$500.87. The sum of \$2000 was raised towards wiping off the debt of the church and the same amount was contributed to the mission funds. The Missionary Association will undertake the support of Miss Goodfellow, a former member of the church, in the foreign field. The salary of the pastor, Rev. Alex. Esler, was raised from \$2000 to \$2300.

Rev. Alex. McGillivray, Interim-Moderator, presided at the annual meeting of the Dovercourt Road Church. It was decided to put forth a determined effort to increase the building fund, which now stand at \$839.14, in view of the entry made in the yearly Presbyterian union estimates for an appropriation of \$5,000 for the Dovercourt Road Church, to be raised by application to the larger churches. The present seating capacity of the church is 250. Owing to the church having no pastor in charge since the death of Rev. Samuel Carruthers last spring, the membership did not increase greatly during the past year, the total at the end of 1904 standing at 248. The total receipts of the church were \$2,288.84, of which \$131.44 was carried forward from last year, \$1,117.82 came by way of envelope collections, and, \$706.91 from open collections. The sale of a small lot on Dufferin street netted \$287.95. Expenditure was \$2,179.11.

At the fifteenth annual meeting of Bonar Church, the pastor, Rev. A. MacGillivray presided. The report of the session showed a membership of 470 at the beginning of the year, 118 were received during the year, the largest addition in the history of the church. The Royce avenue mission organized early in the year with the full sympathy of the congregation took quite a number of the members and workers of the congregation, but notwithstanding this loss the congregation has more than maintained its average growth. The Treasurer's statement showed a total revenue of \$4,130, the increase for the year averaging \$6 per Sabbath over last year. The church debt was reduced during the year, by \$564. The Sabbath school reported over 600 scholars and 53 teachers. The Young People's Association, with a membership of 65, during the year contributed \$50 towards the equipment of the Royce avenue mission and \$50 towards the payment of a piano. For the coming year, they hope to support a home missionary.

Eastern Ontario.

It is reported that the pastorate of Cooke's church, Kingston, may be offered to Rev. Eber Crummy, who is wanted by Bathurst street Methodist church, Toronto.

Rev. J. M. Millar, Watson's Corners, as a slight token of the love and respect of his people has been presented with a handsome new cutter of the "Lady of the Snows" style.

Anniversary services were held in Metcalfe church last Sunday. Rev. W. G. Wilson, M.A., of Smith's Falls preached to large congregations morning and evening.

A joint meeting of the congregations of Apple Hill and Burns church, Martintown, was held last week in Burns church for the purpose of moderating in a call to a pastor. A unanimous vote was taken in favor of Rev. A. G. Cameron of Ottawa.

At the anniversary services in St. Andrew's church, Pakenham, on Sunday and entertain-

ment on Monday there was about \$180 taken in though the congregations were small owing to the almost impassable state of the roads.

On the 11th inst. Rev. Alex. Laird, preached his farewell sermon in Cooke's church, Kingston consequent to his appointment as Professor of History in the R. M. College in that city.

Rev. Messrs. Shaw, of White Lake, and Currie, of Almonte, exchanged pulpits on Sunday last. Three spans of horses were required by Mr. Shaw in making the trip from White Lake to Arnprior.

The Russell anniversary services were held last Sunday morning and evening. Rev. D. Stewart, B.A., preached at both services. A good program was provided for the social on Monday evening.

Union Sacrament services were held by the Maxville and St. Elmo congregations, in the Brick church, on Sunday 8th inst. Rev. H. D. Leitch was assisted by Rev. Mr. Morrison of Dalhousie, and Rev. Mr. McDonald, of Williams-town.

Rev. E. S. and Mrs. Logie, of Winchester were visiting old friends in Pakenham last week after having assisted at the anniversary entertainment in St. Andrew's church, his former pastorate, before leaving for Winchester. Mrs. Logie's valued assistance in the musical part of programme was greatly appreciated.

At a meeting of the Barrie Presbytery last week Rev. D. McKay, of Bala, accepted a call to Orangeville Presbytery. Rev. W. A. Bremner was appointed moderator of the vacancy. Rev. J. E. Smith resigned the appointment of Presbytery to Cookstown, First Essa and Carleton; Rev. W. Morris to be moderator. Rev. N. Campbell was appointed to visit Midhurst, Minesing and Edenvale in the interests of the Augmentation Fund.

The injuries which he sustained a few weeks ago as a result of a fall have caused Rev. P. J. McLean to resign the pastorate of St. Andrew's church, Arnprior, one of the largest congregations in the presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew. The resignation will be dealt with at the next meeting of the presbytery. For upwards of a generation Rev. Mr. McLean has ministered to the spiritual needs of the Presbyterians of Arnprior and vicinity, and he is now feeling the weight of years.

Says the Collingwood Bulletin: Rev. J. H. Borland, B.A., B.D., pastor of the Gibraltar, Banks and St. Andrew's congregations, has been tendered a unanimous call by the congregations of Brooklin and Columbus, Ont. The reverend gentleman has not yet decided whether he will accept or not. Should he do so, his removal will be a distinct loss, not only to his congregations, but to Collingwood. Since coming here his ministry has been marked with success. The different churches in his pastorate have made splendid progress, the membership has been increased and the finances placed on sound basis. Mr. Borland is a gentleman of rare educational ability. He is a deep thinker and one whose high ideals go far towards aiding and improving any community in which he may be found. Mrs. Borland is also greatly valued by the people of her husband's churches, as well as by a wide circle of friends in Collingwood.

A most cordial and hearty reception, was extended by the congregation of Knox, Beaverton to their pastor, the Rev. A. C. Wishart and Mrs. Wishart, on their return home last Wednesday. The basement of the church was beautifully decorated, and notwithstanding the stormy evening a large representation of the congregation was present to personally wish their pastor and his wife every happiness. Mr. G. F. Bruce, Clerk of Session presided and read an address of congratulation and welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Wishart, and on behalf of the congregation presented Mr. Wishart with a purse of \$80 in gold. Little Kathleen Logan, for the ladies presented Mrs. Wishart with a beautiful bouquet of roses. After a very bountiful supper, which everyone seemed to enjoy, a short programme of music and recitations was rendered, and speeches were given by Mr. Logan, elder, for the session, and Mr. R. Ross, chairman, for the Board of Managers. A very pleasant social evening was brought to a close with "God save the King."

Western Ontario.

Rev. J. H. MacVicar, B.A., Huntsville, is called to Atwood.