

EASTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. E. J. Shaw, of Winnipeg, has been preaching in the Avonmore Church.

The Rev. D. G. McPhail, B.D., of Pincher Creek, Alta., occupied the pulpits of Kempville and Oxford Mills churches last Sunday.

At the annual meeting of the Napanee congregation it was decided to purchase an individual communion set; and the minister was voted \$50 addition to stipend.

The call to Rev. Millar, of Hawkesbury, from Kempville, was set aside by the Brockville Presbytery, so that the congregation is still hearing candidates.

Rev. J. G. Greig, of Wemyss, accepts the call to Cumberland and Rockland. Rev. D. Currie, M.A., of Knox Church, Perth, was appointed interim moderator during the vacancy, to whom applications for a hearing should be addressed.

Rev. G. A. Woodside, of St. Andrew's Church, Carleton Place, has been called to Division Street Church, Owen Sound. The stipend is \$1,800 a year, with a large church and congregation. Mr. Woodside's decision will not be known for a few days.

His many friends here, says the Kempville Telegram, will be pleased to learn that Rev. John Chisholm has been placed in charge of a church at Rocaeville, Sask. He has also the supervision of all the work of the church in the new towns along the Kerkilla branch of the C.P.R.

On the 17th inst., Rev. W. A. Morrison, of Dalhousie Mills, was called upon by representatives of Peveril and Cote St. George sections of the congregation, who presented the pastor with a handsome sleigh robe, and Mrs. Morrison with a china tea set. The gifts were accompanied by an address read by Mr. K. J. McCuaig, in appreciation of Mr. and Mrs. Morrison's many good qualities, which had greatly endeared them to the people. Mr. Morrison responded in happy terms.

The aggregate amount of money raised by St. Andrews Church, Arnprior, amounted to \$5,449.27. The present membership is 429; and during the year the pastor attended 24 funerals, 8 marriages and 45 baptisms. It was decided to augment the retiring allowance of Rev. Mr. MacLean by \$145, making it \$545 instead of \$400. The minister, Rev. W. W. Peck, is to be congratulated on the intelligence and liberality of his people. The new managers are Mr. R. Milne, Mr. R. Tait, Mr. N. Campbell, Dr. MacKay, Mr. G. J. S. Milne and Mr. J. W. Fraser. A feeling that good steady work had been done pervaded the annual meeting and the congregation faces the future in an optimistic spirit.

The annual meeting of Calvin Church, Pembroke, was held on the evening of January 9th. There was an unusually large attendance. The Rev. Dr. Bayne, pastor, presided, and Police Magistrate Mitchell, the veteran secretary, was at his post. Reports showed a successful year's work and an advance all along the line. The roll stands at 423, an increase of 43 for 1906. The families 109 number 222; S. S. scholars and teachers 365. The church property is valued at \$35,000, with no debt. Ordinary revenue \$3,240; for missions, \$1,200; for pipe organ, \$961; for cemetery fund, \$322. The Sunday school had the best year in its history of 56 years, and has now the care of all the Chinamen in town, besides supporting a pupil at Pointe aux Trembles, aiding the Sick Children's Hospital at Toronto, Sailors' Mission, etc. Pembroke is a growing town of nearly 7,000 population; but Calvin Church has, for 20 years, grown faster proportionately than the town. At this meeting a balance on hand was reported for every fund.

Of Salem Church, Summerstown, it is said that in many respects the past year was the best and most prosperous in the history of the congregation. At the annual meeting encouraging reports were read from the session, the auditors, the treasurer of the congregation, the Ladies' Aid Society, the Sunday School, the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and the Y.P.S.C.E. E. E. Chafee and N. Oxley were re-appointed S.S. superintendent and assistant superintendent respectively.

The anniversary services recently conducted in St. Andrew's Church, Carleton Place, by Rev. R. Laird, M.A., of Queen's, were highly successful in every respect. The Herald speaks of both sermons as able efforts. In the morning he spoke of the great need of the church to-day as "Enthusiasm for the Multitude." This, he said, was the secret of Christ's earthly service. He was "compassionate, knowing the immortal worth of man, because down in the nature of the most degraded he saw remnants of the image of God. In the evening the theme was "Reverence." The flippancy and scorn with which men treated sacred things was effective in reducing the standard of manhood. It is a notable fact, said the preacher, that people who lose reverence for sacred things are lower in their ideals and satisfied with lower standards of life.

At the annual meeting of Knox Church, Cornwall, it was reported that during the five years of the present pastorate there have been 39 deaths and 60 removals by certificate, and the total additions 140. The congregation have paid the remaining \$1,000 debt on the church building, bought and paid for a manse property costing \$4,000, raised \$10,000 for ordinary current expenses, and given \$3,500 for missionary and charitable purposes. Every society reported increased work and offerings over preceding years. The session consists of Rev. R. Harkness, moderator; Dr. Alguire, clerk; Messrs. Hill Campbell, John Hall, John Bowle, Robert McKay, Wm. Dingwell and J. P. Watson. The managers are Messrs. A. E. MacLean, chairman; F. Bisset, secretary; M. Hermon, financial secretary; J. F. Smart, treasurer; P. E. Campbell, Wm. Pollock, James Gardner, Alex. McCracken and Card. Anderson. The purchase of a new date.

TORONTO.

Rev. W. Meikle has been conducting a series of evangelistic meetings in Cooke's Church. Dr. Palmer and the Alexander choir led the congregational singing.

The reports presented at the annual meeting of St. Giles' Church (Rev. Mr. Herbison, pastor) were quite encouraging. The total membership is 601, an increase of 355. The receipts amounted to \$5,340.00.

Victoria church, Toronto Junction, by its reports at annual meeting, exhibits growth and prosperity. The number of new members received during the year was 150. The net gain in membership was 62 and the present number on the roll is 657. Receipts for missions amounted to \$798.67. The ordinary revenue amounted to \$4,411.35.

Cooke's Church continues to grow and prosper. Rev. Alex. Esler, the present pastor, seems to have inherited the popularity of his predecessor — Rev. Dr. Patterson. The net gain in membership was 1741—leaving the roll at 1,447 — a large number of people for one minister to look after. The treasurer, Mr. James Allison, reported the total amount raised during the past year as \$15,913.91, including \$5,000 paid off on the mortgage. The amount given for mission schemes of the church was \$1,668.59, but a number of the organizations of the congregation gave to other mission funds.

Rev. W. A. Wilson, M.A., of Indore, Central India, will be home on furlough in the spring. He and Mrs. Wilson are coming a year before his time is up, but his return is due to the ill health of the latter. Mrs. Wilson is a daughter of the late Principal Caven.

All departments of the church at Weston, as reported at the annual meeting, showed considerable progress. The total revenue for all purposes amounted to \$2,640.95. That for missions was \$496.64. The congregation voted to add \$100 to the salary of their pastor. Rev. R. M. Hamilton, making it \$1,100.

At the annual meeting of Fern avenue church, the financial statement showed receipts for the year of \$2,500, and after all disbursements a small balance was found on the right side. It was decided to proceed with the purchase of the lot on Roncesvalles avenue, and to proceed with the necessary work preliminary to the erection of a new church on that site.

At the annual meeting of St. Mark's church receipts for general purposes of \$1,486.52 and expenditures of \$1,486.23 were reported. The session's report showed the congregation membership as 114, while four members by certificate and nine by profession of faith have since been added. The pastorate has now been vacant for two months and no call has yet been extended.

The Deer Park congregation reports total receipts for the year of \$6,286.92. The church addition cost \$2,249. After paying all accounts, a balance of \$117 is on hand. The pastor's salary was increased from \$2,500 to \$2,750 by a unanimous vote. The membership is now 392, and the sitting capacity has been increased by 300.

The Session of Central church reports a slight advance in membership, the present number on the roll being 715. The total amount raised for the year for ordinary revenue and for the church debt was nearly \$10,000. The following gentlemen were elected to the board of management: Messrs. Thomas McMillen, Duncan Donald, Charles B. Petry, A. H. Jeffrey, Robert Mills, T. R. Glover, R. Bannerman and Donald Bain. The total amount raised for all missionary and benevolent purposes was \$4,785.

The recent successful opening of the new church at Kew Beach must have been very gratifying to the congregation. The new structure cost \$16,000, and has sittings for 500. The estimated value of the property is \$20,000, upon which there remains a mortgage of less than \$3,000. Rev. J. W. Bell, the pastor, has been in charge for the past six years. The elders are John Lowden, Alexander, White, Ward, Bain and Wingate. The managers are John McGregor (chairman), and Messrs. Gardiner, Lowden, Jr., Sinclair, Smith, Carlyle, Jacquith and Kennedy. The trustees are C. T. Lyon, J. Price, H. Alexander.

On Saturday was laid the corner stone of what is expected to be the finest church edifice in Canada. His Honor Lieutenant-Governor Clark handled the trowel. Rev. A. B. Winchester, pastor of the church, Rev. Principal MacLaren, Rev. Dr. Somerville and other prominent clergymen, representing the Anglican, Methodist and Congregational denominations, took part in the proceedings. The inscription cut in the stone was "Knox church, first Presbyterian church in Toronto, erected in 1821, re-erected 1847, re-erected 1907." The sealed lead casket contained the history of the church from its organization, current literature and coins. The cost of the church, including school room and land, will be \$210,000. At the opening services on Sunday, Rev. W. A. McIlroy, M.A., of Ottawa, preached morning and evening, and Rev. W. F. Wilson, of Trinity Methodist church, in the afternoon.