

ROADS FROM ROME.

Dominion Presbyterian Special.

The Rev. John V. Quinn, rector of Ave Maria church, Ilion, N. Y., has been received into communion by the Bishop of Washington, D.C., at his chapel. He will be admitted to the ministry of the Protestant Episcopal Church as speedily as the canons allow, and become an assistant minister in Ascension parish. Father Quinn is a native of Utica, N.Y., a man of fine abilities and excellent education.

Among other priests besides the Rev. G. Bartoli, S. J., and Father Auracher, a Capuchin, who have recently left the Roman Church to become Protestants, are the Rev. Giovanni Sforzina, a professor of philosophy in the Roman Catholic Seminary of Macerata, and the Rev. Giuseppe Milna-Capelli, who have been received into the Methodist Episcopal Church in Rome.

The Rev. Louis Amairic, formerly a Roman Catholic priest of the church of St. Vincent de Paul, New Orleans, and who was recently received into the Protestant Episcopal Church at the cathedral, Memphis, Tenn., will take up missionary work in Mexico.

Count Karl von Opperdorf, a member of a prominent Catholic family in Silesia, Germany, has been received into the Reformed Church.

The German papers announce the conversion of the Duchess Vera, of Wurtemberg, who was received into the Lutheran Church at a service held in the palace.

The Waldensian Church in Italy is growing rapidly, there are now 46 organized churches, 129 preaching stations, 145 workers, and 9,000 church members—nearly all converts from the Church of Rome. There are also 3,500 pupils in the Sunday schools.

In Saxony, Germany, in 1907, nearly a thousand Catholics became Protestants. In the Austrian Steiermark, in 1908, 630 Catholics entered the Evangelical churches, making a total of 6,287 conversions in ten years. A very large proportion of these were young people, who have since founded families, so that the actual loss to the Roman Church is considerably in excess of these figures.

The Rev. Father don Arnerales, a Roman Catholic priest, was recently received into the Reformed Church in Madrid, Spain.

The "Los Van Rome," in Austria-Hungary, still continues. A beautiful new Protestant church has been recently dedicated at Roudwice-sur-Eibe, and has been built by the money given by converts. Three others have been dedicated at Kral-Vinohrad (Prague), Plisen and Prera (in Moravia).

The Rev. James B. Haslam, a minister of the Episcopal Church, whose perversion to the Church of Rome took place some years ago, has been received back into the Episcopal fold by the Rev. E. V. Shayler, of Grace church, Oak Park, Chicago.

The report of the Rev. Leon Revoyne (an ex-priest), the director-general of the committee for work amongst the clergy of the Roman Church, is the most successful that has ever been issued. During the last eighteen months 86 ex-priests were in communication with this Protestant mission (61 personally and 25 by correspondence). The mission's paper, "Le Chretien Libre," has been sent to over 8,000 priests in 14 dioceses; of these 80 copies were returned. Fifty priests were in communication with the Director (32 personally and 18 by correspondence); of these 60 priests 22 were received into the Reformed faith. The report is most encouraging.

The Rev. Rudolf W. Nickel, assistant priest of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic church, New York city, who was recently received into the Protestant Episcopal church, has received an excellent appointment in the Episcopal Church diocese of Michigan.

Twenty-five years ago there were no Italian Presbyterian churches in the United States, to-day there are over 100, the largest church having 600 members.

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WHITBY PRESBYTERY.

At the meeting of this court, held at Whitby on January 19th, a good number of elders were present and all the ministers except one.

Mr. J. C. Forster was elected moderator for the ensuing year.

Assembly remits were considered. The scheme for amalgamating the committees on Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies was disapproved. It was thought that it would be better to appoint a secretary for the Y. P. S's. The recommendation re appending to rolls of Presbyteries were approved. Recommendations re statistical forms were approved. The plan for supply of vacancies was not approved.

Mr. Rohold, missionary to the Jews in Toronto, addressed the Presbytery. Mr. Rohold is an interesting and effective speaker. The work he has done is a sufficient letter of commendation. He was listened to with great pleasure as he told of encouragements in the work and the need of better equipment. His mission work was commended to the sympathy and financial support of the congregations of the Presbytery.

The report on church life and work was presented by Mr. Forster and was followed by a very helpful conference.

Reports were given as to how mission work had been brought before congregations. The outstanding feature of these reports was the prominence given to the modes of giving, and it could be seen that our congregations were getting a benefit from the Laymen's Missionary Movement from the fact that so many have begun to present their offerings by the weekly envelope system.

Whitby Presbyterial met same day and in the same church. There was exchange of greetings between Presbytery and Presbyterial while at work and social intercourse at time of refreshment.

There was an exceptionally large attendance of members at the Communion service in Knox church, Paisley, on Sabbath, January the 16th, there being 320 members, out of the 360 on the roll, who sat down at the Lord's Table. This number included 44 new members received at the preparatory services on Friday, January the 14th, 41 of whom united on profession of faith. At this service three newly-elected elders, Messrs. Wm. Miller, Alex. Ewing and John Throburn, who were ordained on the 9th of January, officiated along with the former members of session. The additions to the membership were very largely the fruit of the services held under the auspices of the Presbytery's simultaneous evangelistic campaign, held during the month of November last at which the Rev. A. C. Wishart, of Brussels, assisted the pastor, and so ably and winningly preached the gospel that 60 persons were led to Christ, of which number 42 expressed their desire to unite with the Presbyterian church. Not only was the campaign a great blessing in reaching those outside the church, but its benefit was even greater in the spiritual uplift it gave to the membership, thereby greatly intensifying the interest of all the people in the work of the Master, and giving a new impetus to all departments of the congregation's activities. The total gains to the membership of Knox church since the induction of the present pastor (Rev. G. C. Little), in August of 1909, are 66, of which number 22 were received at the Communion in October, 1909.

WESTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. P. W. Currie, of Warsaw, has accepted a call to Ballinacree, etc.

St. Andrew's church, Hamilton, reports a membership of \$79. The receipts amounted to \$4,942.43.

The anniversary services in Churchhill church on Sunday were well attended. Rev. J. J. Elliott, M.A., of Midland, was the preacher.

The Rev. Messrs. Fowle and Watt exchanged pulpits last Sunday evening, the former preaching at Conningsby, the latter in Burns' Church, Erie.

The Rev. J. W. West, M.A., of Elmvale, is called to St. Paul's Church, Carleton Place, salary \$900.00, manse, and two weeks' vacation.

The annual meeting of the Elmvale congregation (Rev. G. J. Mackay, pastor), was held on 5th January, and from the reports the year was one of great blessing and prosperity.

Rev. W. L. H. Rowand, B.A., has intimated to the congregation his intention to hand in his resignation of St. Andrew's, Fort William, at next meeting of Presbytery. He has been in the charge for nearly 17 years.

At St. Paul's Church, Hamilton, the session reported a membership of 721. Receipts were \$8,267.51, and expenditures \$7,479.60. The amount raised from all sources was \$28,348.66, including \$10,900 for improvements to the Sunday school.

The congregation of Knox church, Flos, in connection with Elmvale, replaced the old church by a beautiful new one which was dedicated to the service of God on the 19th ult., by the Rev. D. C. MacGregor, M.A., of Orillia, and Rev. G. J. Mackay, M.A., of Glenvale.

At Knox church (Hamilton) annual meeting the salary of the pastor, Rev. A. E. Mitchell, was increased from \$2,500 to \$2,750 a year. While grateful for the increase Mr. Mitchell said he would accept it only on condition that there would not be a deficit at the end of the year. Receipts amounted to \$7,004, there being a balance of \$142. The membership is 1,079, and the total amount contributed for missions was \$3,000.

Knox church, Belmont (Rev. John Currie, minister), has had a very prosperous year, as was shown by all the reports presented at the annual meeting. Mr. James Campbell, choir leader, after 40 years of constant and valued labor in the service of praise, was voted hearty words of commendation. No better congregational singing can be heard anywhere in the Presbytery, largely due to Mr. Campbell's intelligent and untiring efforts.

Sunday and Tuesday at St. Andrew's Church, Ancaster, anniversary services of their pastor's induction were observed with good success. Rev. W. H. Sadgewick, B.A., of Central Church, Hamilton, preached to a large congregation at the morning service, Rev. J. Little, of Holstein, conducted the evening service, completing successfully their anniversary service. On Tuesday evening the ladies of the congregation, according to their usual custom, provided libations and served a splendid tea in a large gathering, notwithstanding the inclement weather. The Rev. A. F. Webster acted as chairman. Addresses were delivered by the Rev. J. A. Wilson, the Rev. A. E. Mitchell and the Rev. J. Young of Hamilton. A well sustained musical programme delighted the audience, and the proceeds left a very good balance over all expenses.

PURCHASE OF SUMMER RESORTS.

As the Grand Trunk Railway system is in touch with several good openings for those who desire to purchase summer resorts, opportunities for business locations, manufacturing plants, etc., anyone interested who will apply to Mr. W. F. Fitzsimmons, Commissioner of Industries, Grand Trunk Railway System, Montreal, can secure full particulars.