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OTTAWA.

The reports presented to the Stewarson annual meeting revealed a satisfactory state of affairs. The membership is now 700, and the total revenue amounted to \$9,000.

The election of members to the board of management resulted in the following being chosen: Messrs. H. M. Williams, D. D. Y. Hosmer, W. A. Rankin and J. E. Wilmot, for three years; Mr. E. Lowe for two years and Mr. Charles Low for one year. The matter of getting a \$4,000 organ was discussed, and finally left to the managing committee.

Bethany congregation will build a new church on a new site which has already been selected and secured. The price of the lot is \$1,500; and as the present site is valuable for business purposes it is expected that the proceeds from the sale will go far towards paying for the new edifice. Rev. Robert Eadie presided at the annual meeting. The total receipts amounted to \$2,129; the expenditure was \$1,885. The membership is now 181. The new managers elected were Messrs. H. Reid, H. Forgie and Wm. Falls.

Zion Church, Hull, Rev. J. F. McFarland, pastor, enters upon a new year with bright prospects for the future. The pastor's salary was increased by \$100. The system of weekly offerings by envelope had fulfilled the most sanguine expectations entertained in regard to them, the collections for foreign missions having increased fourfold. A vote of hearty thanks and appreciation to the members of the Ladies' Aid society, who turned in the magnificent sum of \$311.00, was carried unanimously. The following were elected on the board of management:—Messrs. David Robertson, A. Shaw, J. R. MacKay, R. G. Nesbitt, J. B. Lewis, J. P. Taylor; church treasurer, J. R. MacKay; missionary treasurer, Fred Feeley; auditor, S. S. Cushman.

The reports submitted at the Glebe annual meeting showed increases in every direction. The Ladies' Aid during the year raised \$1,500 which paid the congregation's half of the cost of the new pipe organ which has just been installed. The remaining \$1,500 was given by Mr. Andrew Carnegie. A tangible evidence of the way the congregation appreciates the work of its pastor, Rev. J. W. H. Milne, M.A., was the fact that it unanimously voted to increase his stipend by \$200, making it \$2,000 a year. The receipts of the past year for current expenses amounted to \$3,194.11. This was considerably more than the year before. Then the congregation gave to the schemes of the church \$827.11. The membership is now 275.

In the course of his sermon the other evening Rev. J. G. Inkster, of London, said, "I was amazed to read how many speakers in the House of Commons had urged that race tracks and gambling were necessary in order to maintain thoroughbred horses. If we must ruin men to have thoroughbred horses I am of the opinion it would be better to let the horses go and have thoroughbred men."

Sheriff Cameron took the chair at the annual meeting of New St. James Church, London. Very encouraging reports were presented. The total receipts (exclusive of missions), were \$7,071.80, and the expenditures \$7,066.32. The indebtedness has been reduced by \$1,866.92, and in addition the sum of \$544.25 has been expended on gallery seats and repainting the church. The total amount contributed for missions was over \$2,200, being an average of \$4.23 per member. The membership is now 508, and shows a gratifying increase from year to year. The pastor, Rev. T. H. Mitchell, has reason to be encouraged by the prosperous condition of the congregation.

EASTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. A. S. Kerr, B.A., of West Hill, Ont., has been called to St. Andrew's Church, Belleville.

Rev. W. W. Peck, of St. Andrew's Church, Arnprior, has been elected President of the Ministerial Association of that town.

Rev. Jas. Hodges, B.A., preached an excellent sermon on "The Foundation Stone of a Noble Life" in the Oshawa Church Sunday evening. This was the first sermon of the series on "Young People's Problems."

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew's Church, Beaverton, has arranged for their annual banquet, which is to be held in the basement of the church on Tuesday, Feb. 8th at 7.30 p.m. It promises to be very enjoyable as well as a useful gathering.

A treat is in store for our Arnprior friends in the production of a Kinder-spiel in the Town Hall on Feb. 3rd, and 4th., under the auspices of the Mission Bands of St. Andrew's Church. Beside the numerous characters taking direct part in the play, over 75 voices will be heard in chorus singing. Certain it is that the entertainment will be a good one, and no doubt it will be well patronized.

Rev. George Yulle, of Winchester, preached anniversary sermons in St. Andrew's Church, Russell, on a recent Sunday. The annual social on the following evening was a success, realizing about \$70.00. The speakers were: Rev. R. McNabb, Kenmore; Rev. H. Peckover, Morewood, Rev. Dr. Larmour, (Methodist) Metcalfe; and Rev. Mr. Yulle, Winchester. The addresses were excellent; and the pastor, Mr. Gordon, presided in a very happy manner.

The annual meeting of the Presbyterian Church, Lakefield, Peterboro' Presbytery, was held on the evening of January 26th, the pastor, Rev. S. S. Burns, presiding. The Session's report showed an increase of 28 in membership during the year, and 8 of these from the Sabbath School. All the reports indicated progress. The total receipts were \$2,265.00, and \$560.00 were contributed for the schemes of the church. During the year, sheds were erected at a cost of \$500.00.

The annual meeting of the Woodville congregation was held last week. A large attendance was present and much interest was manifested in the work of the year, which was the Congregation's Jubilee. The finances of the church were found to be in excellent shape. The following officers were elected for the Presbyterian Y.P. S.C.E. for the ensuing 6 months:—Hon. President, Rev. A. J. Mann, President, Bert. MacKay; vice-president, Katherine Campbell; Rec.-Sec., Florence Campbell; Asst.-Secy., Cecil Bole; Cor.-Sec., Lillie Gilchrist; Treas., Russell MacTaggart, and a strong committee.

The present membership of Knox Church, Stratford, is 1,062, a net increase of 45 during the past year. There was an average attendance at communion of 696. The receipts were \$7,620.16; expenditures \$7,539.31, leaving a credit balance of \$60.85. The report of the mission committee showed receipts of \$3,274.85, and it was intimated that the interest in missions had received a great impetus, and larger results are looked for during the coming year. The pastor, Rev. R. Martin, was granted three months leave of absence to visit Britain, etc.

Recently the Rev. W. C. Dodds, of Rockwood, was presented with an appreciative address, along with a valuable fur-lined coat. The address was signed by Mr. George Gordon, session clerk, and Mr. James A. Watson, sec. man. com. The presentation was made by Mr. John McNabb.

HAMILTON.

The salary of Rev. J. B. Paulin, of St. Giles, Hamilton, has been increased from \$1,200 to \$1,500.

Rev. J. A. McCuaig, of New York, has been holding meetings in our city recently in the interests of purity. Mr. McCuaig is a strong speaker.

Rev. A. E. Mitchell, of Knox Church and Rev. E. H. Tippett, of First Congregational Church, exchanged pulpits on Sabbath morning, Jan. 30th.

Alex. A. Scott, of Knox College, presented the claims of Knox College Students' Missionary Society last Sabbath in St. Andrew's and St. Giles' churches.

Annual meetings have all been held. Seldom have the meetings been more harmonious than they were this year. Reports all indicate that the financial depression is past, and that Presbyterianism still has a strong footing in our city.

At a special meeting of Presbytery on Tuesday of last week Rev. J. R. VanWyck accepted the call to St. Andrew's Church, Chatham and Rev. W. H. Sedgewick, of Central Church, was appointed moderator of Westminster during the vacancy. Mr. VanWyck leaves this week for his new charge.

St. Andrew's Church, Hamilton, has had a year of more than ordinary prosperity. The membership is now \$78, one of the largest in the city. Receipts were \$4,942.43. The debt on the church was materially reduced, and after all current expenses were paid there was a small balance to the good. The pastor, Rev. J. A. Wilson, who has not spared himself in the effort to promote the best interests of the congregation, was granted an extra month's leave of absence this summer to enjoy a visit to Britain and the continent.

At the annual meeting of Chalmers Church, Guelph, Rev. R. J. M. Glassford, whose resignation of the charge was recently accepted, was presented with an address in which his services of seventeen years were gratefully acknowledged, along with a purse of gold. To Mrs. Glassford, who has endeared herself to everyone in the congregation, was given a handsome pearl sunburst with a solid gold chain; and a life membership presented on behalf of the ladies by Mrs. Watt.

The Knivwood Park (London) Mission, at a service held last week was organized into a church, with a membership of 28. Rev. P. E. Nichol, the pastor of the church, assisted by Messrs. James Gray, P. J. Thompson and James Weir, elders from the session of the new St. James' Presbyterian Church, conducted the communion service.

Funeral services of Rev. Stephen Childerhose were impressively held at North Bay and the body taken to his boyhood's home in Cobden for interment. Rev. Dr. Somerville, treasurer of the Presbyterian church, and Rev. Dr. McLaren of Vancouver, superintendent of home missions, made eloquent tributes of respect to the dead and sympathy with the living. The church was packed and the station platform a dense mass of humanity as the train moved out.

The statement that Rev. Professor Law had been appointed assistant minister of Old St. Andrew's, Toronto, was incorrect. He will give Dr. Milligan assistance in pulpit work pending the selection of a permanent assistant minister.

Oliver Wendell Holmes has told us that birds show all the graces, airs, and mannerisms of human singers. But the feathered songsters can hardly be accused of indulging in the throaty quavers affected by some of the unfeathered.