

## THE DOMINION PRESBYTERIAN.

### WESTERN ONTARIO.

At the annual meeting of St. Andrew's, Fergus, the dominant feeling was that their pastor, Rev. J. B. Mullan, was not to be allowed to resign. He has been and is a most popular pastor.

On a recent Sunday five new elders were ordained and inducted in Knox Church, Stratford, the pastor, Rev. R. Martin, officiating. They were Messrs. James Bennoch, P. Bradshaw, Jas. Dickson, E. J. Smith and W. K. Weir.

On Feb. 2 the sudden death was announced at Windsor, Ont., of the Rev. Archibald McDiarmid, aged 80, a retired Presbyterian minister, who had lived here for the past eleven years. He occupied pastorates at Wallace town, McKillop, Dornoch and Napier, his active connection with the ministry covering a period of 37 years. He is survived by a widow and four children.

Rev. D. Perrie, of Wingham was the preacher at St. Andrew's, Guelph, on a recent Sunday. At the evening service he took for his text the exclamation of Ezekiel that "We all do fade as a leaf," and described the analogy between the withering of the leaf and the fading of human life. The discourse was earnest and practical, and the lessons deduced will not soon be forgotten by those who heard it.

Says the Orillia Packet: The Rev. N. Campbell, of Mitchell's Square, preached an eloquent and effective sermon at the Campbell, of Mitchell's Square, preached from Deuteronomy 33:27, "The eternal God is thy refuge and underneath are the everlasting arms." He claimed that arbitration was the only right means of settling disputes among neighbors, and that card-playing and dancing are ruinous in their effects on the rising generation.

The financial report presented to the annual meeting of Knox Church, Ayr, (Rev. James Thomson, M.A., pastor) gave evidence of a healthy state of affairs in the congregation. For the past year the total receipts were \$3,285.56; expenditures, \$3,197.14. The total assets are \$25,623.42; total liabilities, \$1,500.00. The following Board of Managers was elected: Jas. S. Robson, (chairman), Douglas Brown, Wm. McRuar, Murdoch McCrae, Robt. Meaton, D. McColl.

On Thursday of last week the Hamilton Presbyterian met at Port Dalhousie, when Rev. Dr. Ross, of Brussels, was inducted as pastor of the Port Dalhousie church. Services were conducted by Rev. Thomas Paton, of Merriton; Rev. John McLeod, of Thorold, and Rev. T. McGregor, of Niagara. Before leaving Brussels the doctor was tendered a complimentary social and was made the recipient of many handsome gifts from the congregation and all the different organizations connected with the Melville church, with which he had attained a high degree of popularity. Mrs. Ross and daughters were equally well remembered.

At the beginning of 1905 the membership of Stanley Street Church, Ayr., was about 300. During the year 118 new members were received. From the number is deducted 22 names, 5 persons having been removed by death, 2 by certificate, and 5 dropped from the roll, which leaves a membership of 396. There were 38 baptisms in 1905. Of these 32 were adults and 6 were infants. The various organizations of the congregation were reported in a healthy condition. The Managers' report showed receipts, \$1,831.34; expenditures, \$1,740.22.

The lecture on "Misfits" by the minister of St. Andrew's, Fergus, given in Westminster Church, Mount Forest, was a very great treat. It was in Mr. Mullan's characteristic vein of rich humor used for a serious purpose. From misfits in dress the speaker went on to other misfits in the world. There are domestic misfits, in marriage and in house-keeping. There are social misfits such as the ignorant rich who try to move in good society. There are

political misfits but on this point he only touched, and passed on to ministerial and to religious misfits. At the close a vote of thanks, moved by Senator McMillen and seconded by A. W. Wright was heartily tendered to the lecturer.

St. Paul's, Ingersoll (Rev. Dr. Hutt, Minister) had a very successful year. The various reports were most encouraging and were highly satisfactory to all the members. They show the church to be in a healthy and growing condition, with a bright future before it. During the past year the church debt has been materially decreased. The ordinary receipts were \$3,083.10; receipts for debt fund, \$110.00; Y. P. Society, \$85.12; Ladies' Aid \$567.49; Sabbath School, \$219.00; W.F.M.S., \$83.80; Mission and Funds, \$421.05; Victoria M. Band, \$54.98; Gwallior Mission, \$105.00. The attendance at last communion was the largest in the history of the congregation.

The past year in Chalmers church, Woodstock, has been financially successful, but the season was a sorrowful one owing to the ill health and finally the death of the late pastor, Rev. Dr. MacKay, who for so many years had ably filled the pulpit and ministered to the needs of the congregation. At the annual meeting, Elder Jas. Weir conducting the opening devotional exercises, reports from the various committees, were read, and all showed that satisfactory work has been accomplished during the year. Messrs. John Beattie and J. S. MacKay were re-appointed trustees, and Mr. Wm. Rankin appointed a trustee to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Harry Doyle. An expression of regret at the death of the late Rev. Dr. MacKay was recorded on the minute books of the church and kindly references to the work of the deceased pastor were made.

### HAMILTON.

January has been a month of annual meetings. Good progress is reported all along the line. With nine Presbyterian churches in the city Hamilton Presbyterianism is able to present a bold front.

Knox church membership has so increased that steps are being taken towards having an assistant appointed to Rev. E. A. Henry the over-worked pastor. The assistant's duties would be for the most part centred around Knox mission in the north part of the city. This is a field where the services of a strong man would tell mightily for good.

St. Andrew's church, of which Rev. J. A. Wilson is pastor, has had the best year in its history. The congregation showed its appreciation of its pastor by raising his salary from \$1,500 to \$1,700. Steps are being taken towards enlarging the present church building.

Erskine church, under the leadership of its new pastor, Rev. S. B. Russell, also reports a good year. Church attendance, finances, etc., all good. The congregation are about to purchase a new pipe organ.

St. Paul's church is about to instal a chime system in its massive steeple.

St. John church has lost somewhat in membership owing to the opening of the new Chalmers church on the Mountain, but reports otherwise are of a healthy nature.

McNab street church, under its new pastor, Rev. H. B. Ketchen, is progressing favorably, and great things are looked for in the days to come.

Rev. J. McP. Scott of Toronto, and Miss Jamieson, returned missionary from India, were the principal speakers at the Presbyterian gathering of the W.F.M.S. recently held in Knox church school room.

God has proclaimed eternal amnesty to man, and it is his own fault if he remains under the power of sin. The will of man must acquiesce in the purpose of God before there can be the blessings of freedom.

### WINNIPEG AND WEST.

Rev. C. S. Murray of Port Arthur, has been lecturing in St. Giles Church on "Underground Jerusalem." Fine stereopticon views added much to the interest of the lecture.

At the last communion in the Brandon Church over 70 were added to the membership—largely owing it is said, to the evangelistic services of Messrs. Crossly and Hunter during the month of December. A large number have also joined the other churches in the city.

Rev. W. M. Rochester, of Kenora, has been visiting this city with the view of arranging to have a minister of the church visit some of the large camps in the vicinity of Kenora during the next two months. It was his intention to see the Rev. Thomas Dodds, of Elgin, and endeavor to make arrangements with him to do this work. Mr. Dodds has had some experience in this line, and has been very successful in it.

Miss Janet Noble, for several years the organist of Blyth Church and Sunday school, was presented with a gold watch along with a kindly worded address. In making the presentation the pastor, Rev. J. C. Cameron said:

We would ask you to accept this watch, not as compensation for your valuable services, but as a token of the regard in which you are held by us all. We feel that in whatever sphere you may be placed, the best interests of our church will always be nearest your heart, and our wish for you is that the Master you serve, will guide you in pleasant paths until you receive the eternal reward.

The annual prayer service, preparatory to the Women's Foreign Missionary Presbyterian society, was held in Westminster church. There were over one hundred present. Mrs. A. D. McKay presided. With her on the platform was the first vice-president, Mrs. Geo. Bryce. Special prayers were offered by representatives from each auxiliary, comprising the presbyterial: Knox church, Mrs. Geo. Bryce; Westminster, Mrs. Geo. R. Crowe; St. Andrew's, Mrs. Fraser; St. Paul's, Mrs. Colclough; Point Douglas, Mrs. Munro; St. Stephen's, Mrs. McClelland; St. Giles', Mrs. Kennedy, and St. Augustine, Mrs. Nicholson. The president spoke a hearty welcome to two new workers that have recently come to live in Winnipeg from the east: Miss Rodgers, of Knox Auxiliary, formerly of Owen Sound, who is a sister of the well known Miss Rodgers, of the Collegiate Institute; and Mrs. McClelland, of St. Stephen's Auxiliary, wife of a Presbyterian minister of Ontario. Upon request, Miss Rodgers addressed the meeting on certain phases of the Woman's Foreign Missionary society in Canada—its almost unobstructed progress and the consequent reason for thankfulness and humility, and its absolute need of increasing prayer and supplication and greater effort. Upon request of the president, special prayer was offered for home missions in the western part of Canada. Among those present was Mrs. Perry, mother of Dr. Perry, of Manitoba college. Mrs. Perry will be remembered as a prominent and earnest worker of years ago in Winnipeg, both in connection with home and foreign missions, and with congregational work in St. Andrew's church.

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