

Bond Head church has just closed a very successful year. The receipts for the year amounted to \$1,059.39. There is a nice balance to commence the new year.

Statistics presented at last meeting of Peterboro Presbytery showed an increase of families throughout the bounds of 775.

The First church, Brockville, has increased the salary of Rev. Norman MacLeod, B.D., from \$1,700 to \$2,900. This increase is to date from 1st January, 1905. A practical expression of appreciation of this kind must be as gratifying to the minister as it is creditable to the people. The First church has prospered greatly under Mr. MacLeod's pastorate, the membership having increased 165; and the total membership is now 515.

By the death of Mrs. Jennie Marian Baillie, wife of the late Rev. T. A. Nelson, of Lion's Head, Ont., which occurred at Aylmer, three members of the family have passed away in less than a year. In the summer a son Lorne Nelson was drowned in Toronto Bay, and in the fall Rev. Mr. Nelson met death by drowning at Aylmer. One shock succeeding another caused a delicate state of health in which pneumonia carried her off two days after she had contracted the disease. Mrs. Nelson was 48 years of age and resided formerly at Lion's Head. She leaves three sons: Wellington B., of the Rat Portage Lumber Company, Winnipeg; Percy, of Ottawa, and Harry, of Aylmer, who will have the sympathy of many friends in their bereavement.

In Mill Street church, Port Hope, Rev. Mr. Nelles, speaking on "Heaven—its character and how to get there," said: "God has revealed very much about Heaven, and what Christ has revealed is very cheering and eminently calculated to awaken in every wise and true heart a desire to go there. True thoughts of the life to come clothe the life that now is with new beauty and strength. The following were the points made: Heaven is a definite place. We will be redeemed spirits, in redeemed bodies, in a redeemed society, in a redeemed universe. Heaven is a place of external beauty, of ennobling fellowship, of glad re-unions—free from earthly curses, sickness and pain. Heaven will give us perfect knowledge, perfect love and sincere praise. No slanderer, gossip, backbiter, meddler, hypocrite, blasphemer, infidel, scoffer or briber will be there. Faith in God alone gains an entrance to the Heavenly home."

The Jarvis people evidently like their minister and his wife, and are not afraid of showing it. At a supper provided by the ladies of the congregation Mr. and Mrs. Buchanan were presented with a cabinet of sterling silver from the Jarvis congregation, and a silver tea service from the Walpole congregation, each gift being accompanied with an address expressing the high esteem in which Mr. and Mrs. Buchanan are held by their parishioners. Mr. Buchanan's friends in the Lanark and Renfrew presbyteries will be pleased to learn of his success in the new field to which he was only recently called.

On a recent Sunday afternoon Rev. Mr. Glassford, of Chalmers' Church, Guelph, gave a strong address in the City Hall under the auspices of the W. C. T. Union. In the course of his remarks the speaker said: "The Book of Proverbs was one of the strongest lessons one could have on strong drink. It was the wisdom literature of the Bible; it was the wisdom of pellets that touched every part of their daily life. Why he fought strong drink was that it was the enemy of efficient work. Did any young man think he was the better for the drink? They had the best of evidence to-day that total abstainers made the best workmen. This book told them that strong drink was injurious. Why did he oppose the bar? Because it was a bar to promotion, a bar to respectability, a bar to temporal success, a bar to their bank account, a bar to health, a bar to trust. The bar was a curse to their land today. "Young men, think; oh, let us be in earnest."

WINNIPEG AND WEST.

Rev. A. McLean has resigned the pastorate of Stonewall congregation.

Rev. Dr. Wilson, of Winnipeg, has been elected moderator of Winnipeg Presbytery.

Rev. James Pullar presented his certificate of presbyterial standing from the Melita presbytery, and was received under the care of the presbytery of Winnipeg as a minister without charge.

The resignation of the charge at Emerson by Rev. D. H. Jacobs has been regretfully accepted.

Rev. D. H. Jacobs has been called to Blythfield. On the call being placed in Mr. Jacobs' hands he asked for a few weeks in which to consider the matter. Granted.

Rev. E. B. Chestnut was appointed moderator, and authorized to declare the pulpit vacant on April 1. Both Dr. Bryce and Dr. Duval bore strong testimony to the faithful services, high character and notable abilities of Mr. Jacobs.

The congregation of MacGregor, Man., which has been without a pastor since the resignation of the Rev. Andrew Chisholm, several months ago, has issued a call to the Rev. G. E. Loughhead, minister of the church in Douglas.

Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Bryce intend at the close of the university year to visit Great Britain and the continent. Dr. Bryce will represent the Canadian Church of Scotland and United Free churches in Edinburgh, and at the Irish Presbyterian assembly in Belfast.

The election of commissioners by Winnipeg Presbytery to the general assembly, which meets in London in June, resulted as follows: Revs. R. M. Dickey, A. McLellan and John Mowat by rotation; Revs. Dr. Patrick, Dr. Duval, Dr. Baird and D. Munro, elders; Messrs. A. Stronach, J. A. Lockhart, Geo. H. Greig, William Shaw, Hon. Colin H. Campbell, R. M. Thomson and E. S. Stephenson.

The growth of the population in our Western Provinces is amazing. This season the influx of settlers promises to be greater than ever before. "The British Columbia and Alberta synod will soon have to be divided and made two separate synods," said Rev. Dr. Herdman a few days ago in Toronto. Alberta has now 100 congregations and missions and British Columbia has 98. During this year thirty congregations and missions have been added to the synod. We are making every preparation to meet the influx of immigrants. The present fields are being extended and new missions being laid out." Dr. Herdman did not, in the least, think that the Americans would predominate, but they would assimilate with the Canadians. They were very helpful, especially in evangelistic and Sunday school work.

At the recent meeting of Winnipeg Presbytery, Mr. McLean of Reburn, made a statement as to the work of the mission at Meadow Lea and Poplar Point, and expressed the great attachment of the people to their present missionary, Rev. J. Mackie Niven. It was agreed on motion of Dr. Bryce, to appoint Mr. Niven to the charge of the mission for two years. World we find a cut of the proposed new St. John's Church to be soon erected in that city. It is to be entirely of stone, and will cost about \$45,000. Steps are being taken to secure the funds, and as soon as a sufficient sum is subscribed the work will go on. The congregation is in an excellent position, financially and otherwise. It has increased greatly in numbers and interest in recent years owing to the faithful work of its pastors and the harmonious co-operation of its membership. The initial idea of the new church was sown during the ministry of Rev. Robert Laird, when the church made great advance. His place has just been taken by the Rev. A. J. McGillivray (recently of St. James' Church, London, Ont.), but the same confidence is felt in the new leader which promises well for the success of the undertaking.

Dr. Baird presented the annual report on statistics to Winnipeg Presbytery from which it appears that the number of pastoral charges and mission charges

in the Presbytery has increased during the year from 44 to 47; that there are 2,806 families, an increase of 121; the number of communicants is 5,492, an increase of 380; the amount contributed for the missionary and benevolent work of the church is \$16,479, of which \$1,596 was contributed by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and \$447 by the Woman's Home Missionary Society; the total payments of congregations for all purposes amount to \$120,102. The report commended the lessons to be learned from these statistics, and spoke especially of the rapid growth of the recently established suburban congregations in the outskirts of Winnipeg.

The report presented to Winnipeg Presbytery by Rev. Dr. Bryce, on the church extension work, was a gratifying exhibit of growth and progress. During the year 1905-6 the church extension committee undertook but one church, that of Riverview. A free site valued at \$600 was given for this church. A church valued at \$3,000 was erected. A loan of \$1,000 was obtained from the church and manse board; some \$700 was contributed by Augustine church and the people resident about the church and the church extension committee became responsible for \$700, of which \$530 has been paid. This leaves \$600 and a floating debt provided for meanwhile. The people desire a school to be opened in the building. The amount subscribed for the year was from different churches. Knox church, \$410.95; St. Stephens, \$175; Westminster, \$12.50; St. Paul's, \$50.00; Riverview Co., \$50.00; Elmwood, \$6.50; St. John's \$4.15; total \$709.10. Also Augustine church, in addition to the \$300 promised by the country. Mr. J. D. McArthur discount of \$250 and note given by Augustine and Riverview people contributed about \$700. The committee recommend that the erection of two new churches be considered for this year.

WESTERN ONTARIO.

The progressive church—St. Andrew's, Hamilton—of which Rev. J. A. Wilson is pastor, in order to meet the growing requirements of the congregation, will at once reconstruct the present edifice; indeed it may be said that a new building will be the practical result if plans adopted are carried out. The outlay will approximate \$17,000. The outlook for this congregation is exceedingly bright.

In Hamilton the pastors of St. John Presbytery, First and Emerald Street Methodist and Victoria Avenue and Wentworth Street Baptist Churches have agreed to hold union evangelistic meetings, and for the services thus to be held it is understood that the Rev. Alfred Gaudier, of Toronto, will be invited to take charge. The choice is a good one, as the minister of St. James Square Church unites, in fair proportions, piety, fervor, eloquence and common sense. This is practical union in a most worthy cause.

Rev. J. C. Wilson, B.A., of Acton, who is the Convener of the Sunday School Committee of Guelph Presbytery, has completed the compilation of statistics from the schools of the Presbytery and sent out his annual report. From this encouraging report the following interesting particulars are gleaned: Within the bounds of the Presbytery there are 35 Presbyterian and 10 Union Sunday Schools; the attendance at the Presbyterian schools show 546 teachers and officers and 4,329 scholars—a gain of 62; average attendance 3,090—a gain of 96. There are 144 new communicants, total number 673. The total amount contributed by Sunday Schools for expenses, \$1,639; for schemes of church, \$1,320; other purposes \$407; for all purposes \$3,607; total amount contributed by congregation for Sunday Schools \$362. In the Union schools, there are 47 teachers, of whom 25 are Presbyterian; 626 scholars, of whom 156 are Presbyterian.