

Western Ontario.

Rev. Mr. Shaw has been elected Moderator of Huron Presbytery.

The Guelph Presbytery Annual Conference will be held in Knox church, Acton, on 17th March.

Rev. W. R. Johnston, of Penetanguishene, conducted the anniversary services of Burns' church, Milverton.

The regular monthly meeting of the W. F. M. S. of the St. George church was held at the residence of Mrs. Kitchen.

Rev. Wm Robertson, Puslinch, was unable to attend Guelph Presbytery owing to the prevalence of smallpox in his congregation.

Rev. Dr. Torrance has asked to be placed on the Aged & Infirm Minister's Fund, and Guelph Presbytery recommends that the request be granted.

The resignation of Rev. Dr. Sutherland, for 36 years years pastor of the Fingal church, has been accepted. A liberal retiring allowance is promised.

The Presbyterians of Aylmer, Ont., have renewed their call to Rev. J. W. Rae, of Toronto Junction. It is said Mr. Rae will accept this time.

Rev. J. Hamilton, Loadesboro, has been presented with a fine cutter, a handsome robe, bells and whip. They were left at the manse stable during his absence.

The Rev. R. E. Knowles, Galt, lectured in the Doon church last Thursday evening on "Scottish Success." The Preston and Doon pastor, Rev. Mr. Johnston, was presented with a fur cap and gauntlets, and an enjoyable time was spent by all.

Last week a reception was given to the new members of Erskine church, Hamilton, at the home of Rev. R. Martin. Some sixty persons were present, about half of this number being the new members, who were being entertained by the Erskine church Session.

In view of the recent death of Dr. Robertson, and his well-known desire for the extension of home missions in the Northwest, Guelph Presbytery agrees to attempt to raise during 1902 as a Memorial Fund, the sum of \$250 for the support of a home missionary in Western Canada.

Duff's church, Puslinch, (Rev. Wm Robertson, pastor,) makes a good showing for the past year. The treasurer's statement of strictly congregational receipts and expenditure showed a balance on hand of \$21.77, and the receipts for all purposes were larger than for many years, notwithstanding the special contribution of \$400 paid to the century fund.

In the twelve months just ended the receipts at St. Andrew's church, London, amounted to within a very small sum of \$18,000. The statement does not show this, but it does not include some \$3,000 that went to church benevolences and \$5,000 set apart for the century fund. As was pointed out by Dr. Johnston, in the course of a short speech in which he declared how much the work of the congregation and the managers had delighted him, St. Andrew's church has the largest paying list in Canada—larger than any church in Montreal or Toronto—and he hoped that the year to be entered upon would show increased liberality, with real aggression and advancement in well doing.

The sixty-ninth annual meeting of the First church, London, which is the twelfth during the pastorate of the Rev. W. J. Clark, took place in the lecture room of the church last week. The reports, which were printed by the various organizations in connection with the congregation showed the church to be in a prosperous condition. The response on the part of the congregation to the century fund has been a very generous one, over \$760 having been paid into the century fund since the last report received at the annual meeting. The sum of \$5,629.85 has been remitted to Dr. Warden, the church treasurer, for the common fund; \$100 of this has been contributed by the Sabbath school; \$2,491.54 has been paid on the church debt, making a total raised of \$8,101.39, a sum over \$100 in excess of what was undertaken. The statement of the board of managers, presented by Mr. Arch Macpherson, said that the receipts, with the aid of the anniversary service contributions, were sufficient to meet the expenditure, as well as expunging from the books an adverse balance of \$244.73 from the previous year, also \$775.15 accumulated interest on mortgage, \$360 for organ repairs, and other extra unavoidable outlays, and yet leave a balance of \$41.44.

Montreal.

At the annual meeting of Knox church the reports read were considered very satisfactory. The revenue of the church for the year, exclusive of missionary contributions, was \$12,000, \$3,000 of which had been applied to the church debt after all expenses had been met. The membership also showed a gratifying increase, the total number of names now being 758.

At the annual meeting of Erskine church it was stated that the year's revenue amounted to \$10,879.02. They had subscribed a total of \$11,500 to the Twentieth Century Fund, of which all but \$250 was paid up. The sum of \$5,000 had been paid off the church debt, and there was still a balance in the treasury.

The financial report of the board of management and the reports of the various organizations in connection with St. Gabriel's church showed the year to be a most successful one. The board of management for the ensuing year is as follows:—Messrs. Chas. Byrd, chairman; D. McLaren Brophy, secretary; A. E. Taylor, treasurer; Thos. Sonne, J. M. Farquhar, James Harper, R. S. Weir, W. Clelland, jr., Arch. McAllister, J. M. H. Robinson and John MacTavish.

Quebec.

The Presbytery of Quebec meets in Chalmers' church, Quebec, on the 11th March, at 4 p. m.

At the annual meeting of the church at St. Andrew's, Rev. Mr. Ballantyne, the pastor, was presented with an appreciative address signed by Mr. Wm. S. Todd, in behalf of the congregation, and a purse of money from the male members of the congregation, "with which to buy a horse, and as a slight recognition of faithful labor," and Mrs. Ballantyne was presented with a fur coat. Mr. Ballantyne has only been a year in the charge, and has already endeared himself to the whole congregation.

A memorial service was held in St. Andrew's church, Three Rivers, on a recent Sunday, called forth by the lamented death of Dr. Robertson. Rev. J. R. MacLeod, (the pastor,) preached from the words, "My father! my father! The chariot of Israel and the horsemen thereof!" The preacher clearly showed that Dr. Robertson had been as a true father to the people, and a real and valuable defence to the nation; and after paying high tribute to the Superintendent's worth, called upon the congregation to do their part in carrying on the work for which he labored and died. The solemn service closed with the Hymn beginning, "Now the laborer's task is o'er, Now the battle day is past." A large number of Chinese attend classes in this church on Sunday, immediately after the evening service—the number being so large that a sufficient number of teachers cannot be found while the Sunday School is in progress.

The annual meeting of St. Andrew's church, Three Rivers, was held on 28th January. The pastor, Rev. J. R. MacLeod, opened the meeting with devotional exercises, and was afterwards elected Chairman. Mr. A. Houlston, Advocate, was appointed Secretary. The reports presented were for the most part satisfactory. The most (if not the only) discouraging feature of any report was contained in the report of the Session, viz., that eight members had severed their connection with the congregation, having removed elsewhere, and that one large family had also left the bounds. The managers reported that they had been able to place the congregation on the self-sustaining basis during the year. The Treasurer's report was very encouraging. The ordinary fund showed a balance on the right side—all accounts having been paid. The Sabbath School, after contributing \$22, to the schemes of the church, and a fair contribution to the Century Fund, had a balance left. Although the congregation had taken two forward steps during the year, involving an additional expenditure of \$400, it was found that the contribution to the schemes had not fallen any.

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Home Mission and Augmentation Fund

Rev. Dr. Warden has just sent out a statement to the Convener of each Presbytery's Home Mission Committee and of each Presbytery's Augmentation Committee showing the congregations that have thus far contributed and those from whom no contribution has been received to this date for the current ecclesiastical year which ends on the 28th February. The following is a table showing (1) the number of congregations and mission fields in each Presbytery (2) the number of these that have this year contributed to the Home Mission Fund (3) the amount contributed by these (4) the number that have contributed to Augmentation this year (5) the amount contributed by them.

From the table it will be seen that out of 1,186 congregations and mission fields 623 have to this date sent no contribution to the Home Mission Fund for the present church year and 867 have sent no contribution to the Augmentation Fund. The amount received from many of the Presbyteries this year is exceedingly small and when it is remembered that we still require \$55,000, for the Home Mission Fund and \$16,500, for Augmentation within the next month to enable the committees to meet their obligations and pay grants in full, the necessity for prompt action in gathering in and forwarding contributions is apparent.

Statements in detail will be printed giving the names of congregations and the amount each has contributed to the respective schemes during the year, that is, the amount actually received at the church offices from March 1901 to 28th February 1902.

	CONGREGATIONS & MISSION FIELDS.	NO. CONTRIBUTED TO HOME MIS.	AMOUNT TO HOME MISSIONS.	NO. CONTRIBUTED TO AUGMENTATION.	AMOUNT TO AUGMENTATION.
Quebec	34	12	258	2	45
Montreal	94	24	1110	13	752
Glenagarry	26	16	788	11	214
Ottawa	48	18	531	7	93
Lan. & Renfrew	39	23	1453	20	595
Brookville	22	8	420	8	198
Kingston	40	21	220	7	93
Peterborough	27	14	392	12	286
Whitby	14	7	222	5	60
Lindsay	21	16	725	10	108
Toronto	50	22	3903	15	2218
Orangeville	24	15	434	11	78
Barrie	40	16	319	9	58
North Bay	33	22	173	3	11
Owen Sound	22	13	241	5	57
Sauguen	16	11	406	6	77
Algona	39	12	103	2	8
Hamilton	25	16	1253	13	302
London	40	24	843	16	500
Paris	23	5	799	9	116
London	37	22	1226	15	263
Chatham	27	12	372	8	45
Sarnia	25	20	683	14	186
Stratford	21	14	477	11	121
Huron	17	13	700	12	186
Maitland	21	13	684	11	138
Bruce	16	11	510	9	95
Superior	17	1	7		
Winnipeg	40	14	171	4	41
Rock Lake	24	14	415	8	123
Glenboro	14	9	169	5	53
Portage la Prairie	20	12	135	3	9
Dauphin	12				
Brandon	17	8	280	5	124
Minnedosa	26	6	44	3	17
Melita	15	5	80	2	10
Regina	17	3	79		
Qu'Appelle	24	11	176	5	38
Prince Albert	9	2	27	1	3
Calgary	20	12	437	6	40
Edmonton	19	12	147	3	32
Kamloops	18	6	61		
Kootenay	25	6	92	4	20
Westminster	24	6	479	4	34
Victoria	19	6	82	2	22

Home Mission Committee.

The Home Mission Committee, Western Section, will (D.V.) meet in the Lecture Room of Knox church, Toronto, on Tuesday, 11th March at 9.30 a. m. Ministers, students and others desiring Mission work are requested to forward their applications to the Secretary, Rev. Dr. Somerville, Owen Sound, prior to March 5th. Schedules of claims from Presbyteries for the current half year should reach the Secretary by March 7th.

ROBT. H. WARDEN,  
Convener.