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## OTTAWA.

The session and managers of Erskine church are now on the lookout for an assistant to Rev. C. W. Nicol. Mr. W. A. Hunter, B.A., from the Montreal College, was the preacher in Erskine church last Sunday and gave an interesting gospel talk to the Men's Sunday afternoon class, at which there was a large attendance of men.

Rev. James Little, B.A., commenced a series of "Studies in the Life of Abraham" in St. Paul's church last Sunday evening. There was a large congregation present, and as the introductory study proved most instructive it is expected that succeeding addresses will be listened to with growing interest by even larger congregations, although that will tax the seating accommodation of the church.

## MONTREAL AND QUEBEC.

At the fortieth annual meeting of St. Mark's Church, the Rev. G. F. Kinnear acted as chairman, and encouraging reports were received from the session board of management, Sunday school, Chinese school, Ladies' Aid, Girls' Sewing Circle and Men's Own. Messrs. T. S. Walker, G. Muir, Jr., and F. Slater were re-elected to the board of management, and Messrs. T. Davidson and W. Murdoch were appointed auditors. At the close of business a social time was spent, refreshments being served by the ladies.

Joliette Presbyterians, under the pastorate of Rev. Dr. Amaron, are flourishing. During the past six months the attendance has doubled, and contributions have greatly increased. It is expected that this congregation will soon pass from the mission stage into that of an augmented charge. A strong board of managers has been elected, and Mrs. Carswell, Mrs. McDonald and Miss Crabtree were appointed a committee to see that the church is kept in good order. Another year was spent in social intercourse, enlivened by songs and recitations by Mrs. McDonald, Mrs. Stoeness, Mr. and Miss Crabtree and Mrs. Amaron.

A largely attended meeting of the congregation of the Valleyfield Presbyterian Church, was held on Thursday evening, under the presidency of the pastor, the Rev. Chas. Shelley. Most encouraging reports were presented from the various branches of the church. In spite of the disorganization caused by the vacancy of the pastorate during the early months of the year, this work has been well sustained. The financial report showed a record year, and although over one thousand dollars of exceptional expenditures had been incurred in the renovation of the manse, and other repairs, the close of the year found the congregation free of debt. With considerable enthusiasm the congregation on the motion of Mr. Jos. A. Robb, M. P., seconded by Mr. John Lowe, decided to build a church hall and school at a cost of \$5,000. The increasing congregations are beginning to tax the accommodation of the church and the enlargement is anticipated in the not far distant future.

At New St. Andrew's (79th annual meeting) the total receipts for all purposes were \$30,515.21, of which \$13,615.21 was given for congregational purposes, over \$4,000 for missions, about \$10,000 for Knox College, and about \$5,000 for Queen's University, and over \$3,000 for various other purposes. There is a balance on hand of \$744.35 after all disbursements. A \$50,000 institute building on manse lot is contemplated at an early day.

## EASTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. Wm. A. Stewart, M.A., is filling the pulpit at Newburgh for two or three weeks.

Rev. W. C. MacIntyre, of Ogdensburg, N.Y., formerly of Woodlands, has been visiting friends in Wales and vicinity.

Rev. R. Ponge, of St. Paul's Church, Peterborough, preached anniversary sermons in the Millbrook church last Sunday.

Rev. J. B. and Mrs. McLeod entertained the young people of St. Andrew's Church at the manse, Martin's town, on Thursday evening of last week.

The Rev. W. W. McRae, M.A., of Knox church, Beaverton, has received and accepted a call to Caron, Sask., and will preach his farewell sermon Sunday, February 13th.

The last annual meeting of the Salem church, Summerstown, was considered one of the best in the history of the congregation. The reports presented were all most encouraging.

Rev. J. S. Caldwell, of Woodlands, spent several days recently in Montreal and Lancaster. Mr. Fletcher, of McGill College, was the preacher in St. Matthew's church on the 16th inst.

Rev. Dr. Howard, pastor of St. Paul's church, Kemptville, has announced to the session of that church that he intended resigning his pastorate here, having received a call to Peoria, Illinois.

Rev. Allan Morrison, of Kirk Hill, has been at Scottstown, Que., aridising the minister there in a series of evangelistic services. His pulpit at Kirk Hill was supplied last Sunday by Rev. Donald Stewart, sr., of Finch.

The annual meeting of Hartfell church was held on Friday, January 14. The reports showed that the congregation had steadily increased. In 1907 the balance to the credit of the congregation was \$31; in 1908, \$37; in 1909, \$50.

At the annual meeting of the Roxborough congregation, after paying all the indebtedness, including the roofing of the new church, there was a balance on hand of \$100.00. Mr. Hugh McIntosh, treasurer, suggested a change as he was feeling the infirmities of age, but the meeting unanimously re-elected him and all of the collectors, to whom a vote of thanks was tendered for their efficient work.

The annual meeting of Knox congregation took place at 2 o'clock on Thursday afternoon, Jan. 20. Rev. J. Pate, the pastor, in the chair. Reports from the session, board of managers, church treasurer, and the various auxiliaries connected with the congregation, were bright and encouraging, and met with unanimous approval of the meeting. A feature which aroused enthusiasm and brought forth expressions of gratitude, was the gift of a beautiful individual communion service to the congregation from the Sabbath school.

At the Annual meeting of St. Andrew's church, Carleton Place, the pastor, Rev. J. J. Monds, presided. The reports presented were encouraging. The mission contributions showed an increase of 30 per cent., which was accounted for by the combined influence of the envelope system and the Laymen's Missionary Movement. The missions reached the \$1,000 mark, in addition to which the W.P.M.S. raised \$519.95. The general fund showed a balance of over \$200 after all liabilities were met. The total revenue from all sources exceeded \$4,000. Individual communion cups will shortly be introduced.

Rev. J. W. Lowry, of Fitzroy Harbour, attended a meeting of the Ministerial Union at Arnprior last week.

Rev. W. T. Prettie, before leaving for Copper Cliff was presented with an address and a purse of gold by the Vernon congregation. Mr. Prettie gave ten years of faithful service in Vernon, and leaves the congregation in excellent shape. Rev. R. Macnabb, of Kenmore, is moderator during the vacancy.

Knox church, Cornwall, had a successful year. There were 29 additions to membership during the year, making the present membership 338, from 115 families. The treasurer's report shows \$2,768.82 contributed for current expenses, from which a balance of \$184.12 is left over; also from the congregation \$1,629.32 was given for missionary work; from the various organizations \$1,128.92 was raised, of which amount \$586.40 was applied to missions.

Rev. A. Henderson presided at the annual meeting of St. Andrew's church, Appleton. All the reports presented indicated a healthy state of affairs. Mr. Jas. Syme was re-appointed treasurer, and Andrew Wilson and Alexander Cavers were re-appointed auditors. Mr. James Service was appointed librarian for the coming year. Mr. Robert Baird and Mr. Frank Paul were elected to the board of management, and Mr. Jno Struthers was re-appointed usher.

The annual meeting of the East Gloucester congregation at Ramsayville was well attended, and the reports, on the whole, were encouraging. The former managers were elected with the addition of Mr. Wm. Alexander who takes the place of Mr. Peter McGregor owing to his having become a member of session. Mr. Charles Ketts was re-elected church treasurer with Mr. T. A. S. Anderson for Farmers' corners. Messrs. Wm. Ramsay and Charles Manson were appointed to succeed the auditors, Mr. George Wallace and Wm. Alexander who have served faithfully for some years. Mr. Peter Stewart discharged the duties of the choir, and Mr. Thomas Borthwick made an efficient secretary.

The amount raised in Zion church, Carleton Place, during the year for all purposes was \$7,700. The increase to missions was 50 per cent., the contributions to the schemes exceeding \$1,500. The ladies raised close to \$1,000 for all purposes. Votes of thanks were passed to the building committee for bringing to a successful issue the new church, to the contractors for their splendid work, to the young people for placing in the rooms a handsome Heintzman piano, and to the choir for their invaluable services. The pastor, Rev. A. A. Scott, M.A., presided over the meeting as chairman, and before closing gave a short address to the congregation.

The annual meeting of Calvin church, Pembroke, was pervaded by a spirit of optimism which promises well for the current year. The special committee appointed at a previous congregational meeting to canvass for subscriptions for the proposed extension and the installation of a new organ, reported that between \$14,000 and \$15,000 was in sight, and the extension will be proceeded with in the spring. A floating debt of \$400 had been wiped out; the W. F. M. Society reported contributions amounting to \$2,130, an increase of \$300 over the year; indeed all the reports indicated progress, due to a considerable extent to the introduction and use of the duplex envelope. Minister, session, managers and members are to be congratulated on the statistical standing of this old and influential congregation.