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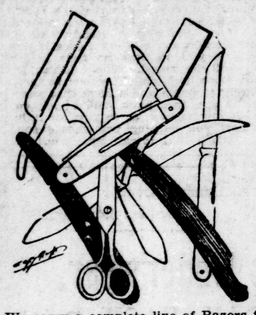

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—Miss Ethel Griffin and Miss Kate Elgie are visiting friends in Thorndale and Embro.

—Messrs. Cyril Dwight-Edwards, Thomas Martin and Charles Wheeler will give one of their well-known recitals tonight in Chatham.

—Mr. and Mrs. John J. Foote, of St. John, N. B., are on a visit to relatives in this city. They will return tomorrow. Mr. Foote is the manager of the St. John branch of the McClary Manufacturing Company.

—Among the speakers who are coming to the city for Missionary Day in the Methodist Churches of the city on the 31st inst., will be Rev. Dr. Sutherland, of Toronto; Rev. Dr. Jas. Allen, superintendent of missions for New Ontario; Rev. Dr. Wordsworth, superintendent for the Northwest; Rev. T. J. Mansell, president of Montreal Conference, and Mrs. (Dr.) Stevenson, of Toronto.

—The Art Culture Club is to meet tonight at the residence of Mrs. R. M. Graham, of 191 Queen's avenue, when an attractive programme is to be presented. The musical composer, whose works are to be considered, is Rubenstein, in charge of Miss B. Gibson. Mr. Petherston takes the life and writings of Longfellow, and Miss Fowler gives an account of the work of the great artist, Titian.

FELL ON SLIPPERY WALK.

Mrs. Charles, wife of Mr. James Charles, of Waterloo street south, fell on a slippery walk on Dundas street yesterday afternoon and fractured her leg. She will be confined to the house for some weeks.

FACE BURNED.

Clarence Andrus, son of Mr. Guy Andrus, of the Collegiate staff, severely burned his face the other day. In some way he ignited some oil which had been rubbed on his face. His arm is also burned slightly.

MR. PAYNE'S NEW POSITION.

It is said at Ottawa that Mr. J. Lambert Payne, a former newspaper man of London, will be appointed private secretary to Hon. Mr. Blair, chairman of the railway commission. Mr. Payne has for years acted in the capacity of private secretary to various ministers of both Liberal and Conservative cabinets.

THANKFUL TO ALL.

Mrs. Margaret Fisher desires to thank Colonel J. W. Little, the officers and men of "E" Company, and Capt. W. J. Reid, of the Seventh Regiment, Bandmaster W. E. Hiscott and members of the Seventh Band, and all other friends for their sympathy and kindness to her in her late bereavement.

A POPULAR FARMER.

Mr. Hugh Bonnell, a young farmer of North Dorchester, and who has removed to West Nissouri, where he has purchased a fine farm, was the other evening surprised by a number of his neighbors and friends of Dorchester, and presented with a handsome golden oak secretary, as a mark of the esteem in which he is held in the community that he was about to leave. Mr. Bonnell has for some years occupied the 200-acre farm in North Dorchester which is a part of the estate of the late James Sheils.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TREAT.

All Saints' Church Sunday school held the annual treat for the boys last night, all present passing a very pleasant evening. Refreshments were served from 8 till 10 o'clock, after which an entertaining programme was carried out, Mr. T. Hogg delighting the audience with some excellent graphophone selections. At the close the National Anthem was sung and cheers were given for the pastor, Rev. T. B. Clarke, and the officers and teachers of the Sunday school. The committee in charge was composed of Messrs. S. A. Pace, T. Hogg, S. Campbell, J. McCann, S. Hogg, J. E. Jones.

STRUCK BY LOCOMOTIVE.

While driving north on Wellington street about 7 o'clock last evening, Mr. Ed. West, the florist, who resides in Westminster, was struck by a westbound locomotive on the Grand Trunk crossing. Mr. West says the watchman waved his lantern for him to come ahead, and that he (West) did not see the engine until it was but a few feet from him. West jumped and saved himself, but the horse was thrown several feet, though not seriously injured, and the rig was demolished. Mr. West alleges that the gates at the crossing have not been in working order for some time.

DEATH OF MRS. COPWAY.

The death occurred in Port Dover yesterday afternoon of Mrs. Copway, sister of Mrs. W. D. Edy, of this city. Mrs. Copway was over eighty years of age, and was a personal friend of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, and though her memory gradually failed her towards the end, still now and again she retained recollections of the famous poet. A very pretty romance was woven into Mrs. Copway's life during her younger days. She was wooed and wedded by the chief of one of the Iroquois tribes in New York State. Mr. Copway died several years ago. He was widely known throughout the state and was very accomplished. During their lifetime Mr. and Mrs. Copway had traveled around the world, and were feted and dined wherever they went. Many friends of Mrs. Copway in this city will extend their sympathy to Minnie, the only daughter, and to Mrs. Edy, the only sister surviving.

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CONGREGATIONALISTS PROSPER

The twelfth annual business meeting of the Southern Congregational Church was held on Thursday night, and, notwithstanding the rather unfavorable weather, a large number of the members and adherents turned out. General satisfaction was expressed on the hearing of the various officers' reports, upon whose pages was stamped the word progress, both in spiritual welfare and in finances. It was a source of satisfaction that, at the beginning of the new year, the treasurer was able to report over $1,000 subscribed of the $2,000 required by the jubilee fund. The officers for the year were then elected, after which refreshments were served. The meeting was closed by a few remarks from the pastor.

LONDON GIRL WON MEDAL

Miss Eva Blackburn's Success in Diocesan Examination.

Teachers and Scholars Who Secured Honors in Sunday School Tests.

The result of the Diocese of Huron Sunday school examinations held during Advent, have just been made public. Thirteen teachers wrote and twelve passed. Twenty-four senior scholars wrote, of whom only one failed. Twenty-three junior scholars wrote, and six failed. The subjects of examinations were the Holy Scripture lessons for the past year, the Holy Communion service, and the church catechism.

An average in these subjects of 75 per cent. or over obtains first-class honors; of 66 per cent and up to 73 per cent, second class honors; 33 1-3 per cent and up to 65 per cent, third class honors. First, second and third class honors are indicated by the figures, 1, 2, and 3. Following are the results:

London — St. Paul's Cathedral — Teachers, Miss Emily A. Knott, 1; Miss Emily Irvine, 2. Senior scholars, Eva Blackburn, 1; Nora F. Stroyan, 1; Mabel F. G. Luscombe, 1; Eyre M. Dann, 1; Lottie Kincaid, 2; Annie Lawrence, 2.

London—St. John the Evangelist—Teacher, Miss E. J. Fox, 2.

London — St. Matthew's — Senior scholars, Irene Isaac, 1. Junior scholars, Harold Isaac, 1; Berl. H. Moulton, 1; Jean Isaac, 1; W. B. Moulton, 1.

Mitchell—Trinity Church—Teachers, Miss Ettie Smith, 2; Miss M. Farrant, 2; Miss Hannah Smith, 3; Miss Olive May Wood, 3. Junior scholars, Eva Farrant, 1; Frank Farrant, 1; Myrtle Etty, 2.

Glanworth—Christ Church—Teachers, Mrs. Frances H. Fisher, 2. Senior scholars, Dorothy Fisher, 2; Baebe Dawson, 2; Eva H. Scott, 3. Junior scholars, Harriet Fisher, 1; Rose Dawson, 2; Lillie Bradish, 2; Gertrude Hawkshaw, 2; Dollie Bradish, 3; Carrie Hawkshaw, 3.

Invermay—Carist Church—Teacher, John F. Brunton, 3.

Huntingford—Christ Church—Teachers, Rev. W. Johnson, 1; Mrs. Last, 2. Senior scholars, Harold Johnson, 2; Edith Boxall, 2. Senior scholar, Mona Johnson, 2.

Zorra—Trinity Church — Teacher, Alfred Harwood, 2. Senior scholar, Lucy E. Caister, 1. Junior scholars, Cora J. Bale, 1; Ulla J. Russell, 2; Verna J. Russell, 2.

Port Burwell — Trinity Church — Senior scholars, Beatrice Brown, 1; Lena Jackson, 1; Susie Walker, 1; Lawrence Walker, 1; Laura Walker, 1; Harold Walker, 1; Mrs. Belle Matthews, 1; Della Jackson, 1; John McPherson, 2.

The following obtained an average of 85 per cent and over:

St. Paul's Cathedral, London — Eva Blackburn, Nora F. Stroyan, Mabel F. G. Luscombe. Eva Blackburn obtained an average of 97 per cent, the highest of all the scholars who wrote, and secures the silver medal.

St. Matthew's, London — Harold Isaac, Benj. D. Maulton.

Trinity Church, Zorra — Lucy E. Caister.

Trinity Church, Port Burwell — Beatrice Brown, Lena Jackson, Susie Walker and Lawrence Walker.

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ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH MADE GOOD ADVANCE DURING THE PAST YEAR

Reduction Made in the Mortgage Debt, and Deficit From Preceding Year Wiped Out.

Brief, harmonious and gratifying was the annual meeting of St. Andrew's Church congregation last night—the meeting to receive the report of the board of managers. It was brief because so harmonious, and gratifying because in addition to those factors a most prosperous year was reported. As Rev. Mr. MacGillivray remarked, it seemed impossible to get up a discussion at an annual meeting this year. This had been the case the previous night at his church, new St. James. But, as he pointed out, it indicated such a satisfaction with the management that many of the members even did not come to the meeting. As the board reported, the past year has been most successful for St. Andrew's Church. Financially the church has never been in better condition, and the prospects of the ensuing year are as bright as could be wished by the most optimistic.

The grants to the London Junction and West London Churches showed again that St. Andrew's is a congregation not only well able to support itself, but to aid others.

When the meeting was called at 8 o'clock, the moderator, Rev. A. J. MacGillivray, opened with devotional proceedings. Mr. F. G. Rumball, chairman of the board of managers, then took the chair, and the annual report of that body was presented. After referring to the past year of prosperity and blessing, the report went on to speak of the removal of Rev. Dr. Johnston, who, it said, "was loved and honored by the congregation, by all of whom he will be greatly missed."

"The total revenue," the report continued, "received from all sources was $8,446 29."

The contributions for mission scheme appeared in the report of the Missionary Association, and were not included in this total. The ordinary revenue was $7,621, being an increase of $134 65 as compared with 1902.

In part the report also says: "While we are without a permanent pastor, some of our members may become restless, and want to go elsewhere. To such we would say, 'stay with us and we will try and do you good,' and we would urge upon the congregation the necessity of unity. Let us be all bound together in brotherly love. During the year, the mortgage has been reduced from $7,000 to $6,500. The current expenses, and a deficit from last year, have been paid, and a small credit balance carried forward to next year."

The managers again recommended that a special collection be taken in October, for the purpose of reducing the mortgage debt on the church. The managers estimated $7,475 as expenses, but the meeting made a few additions, making Sabbath school expenses $278 instead of $250, and the grant to London Junction Church $150, instead of $100; also granting the London West Mission $100 in addition.

The following are the twelve members of the board. The last six retired, but were unanimously re-elected. Mr. Rumball stated that in view of the church being without a pastor he would consent to act on the board. The board will therefore again be: John Marr, James Houston, J. W. McIntosh, A. G. Calder, U. A. Buchner, J. A. Cairncross, M. H. Rowland, Alex. Gillean, R. Ironside, J. A. Carrick, F. G. Rumball, R. J. Donaghy.

The managers joined with the congregation in thanking the flower committee of the Christian Endeavor Society, the choir, the ushers and the auditors for services rendered during the year.

The treasurer's statement showed receipts and expenditures as follows: Receipts—Contributions by envelope, $6,357 96; plate collections, $1,263 04; special collections debt fund, $594 20; other items, $231 09—total $8,446 29. The payments amounted to $8,280 92.

In addition to the board, Mr. John Marr was appointed a trustee of the church in the place of Mr. John Elliott, deceased; Mr. J. Gordon McIntosh was re-appointed secretary-treasurer, and Messrs. C. R. Somerville and T. H. Purdom, auditors, with a vote of thanks for past services.

Mr. J. A. Carrick presented a very favorable report of the London West Mission, showing receipts amounting to $1,619 34, which had been expended on building and furnishing the excellent little church on the Wharncliffe road. The congregation gave an unanimous vote of thanks to the committee who had so earnestly worked to make this a success.

Chairman Rumball expressed satisfaction and with a few words of congratulation and benediction by Moderator MacGillivray the meeting closed.

NEW HOUSE OF WORSHIP MAY BE BUILT BY YOUNG CONGREGATION

Chalmers Church Too Small to Meet Demands Made On It —Now Free of Debt.

The congregation of Chalmers Church are to have a new and handsome house of worship. At the annual meeting of the members of the church, held in the schoolroom last night, it was unanimously decided to appoint a committee at once, who will secure all information necessary as to the cost of a new edifice, etc., and will draft plans for the appointment of committees to the raising of funds.

Although nothing definite has been decided upon as yet, it is understood that if possible a building to cost between $8,000 and $10,000, will be erected, just south of the old structure, and that the present place of worship will be used for a schoolroom.

Photo by Frank Cooper.

REV. WALTER MOFFAT,

Whose Congregation May Erect a New House of Worship.

Though but seven years in existence Chalmers Church has made such rapid growth that the house of worship, which has been occupied these years, has been found inadequate, and although the congregation might be able to struggle along for some years yet in the old building, it has been deemed advisable to start the ball rolling for a new church.

MOST UNANIMOUS.

The meeting last night was a large and representative one, and it was also the most unanimous meeting ever held by the members of the congregation. Just before the deciding vote was taken, Rev. Walter Moffat, the pastor, announced that a friend had offered him $100 if the project for a new church was set on foot at once, and he had no doubt the congregation would be given substantial assistance by well-wishers outside the church.

The annual report showed the church to be in a flourishing condition. During the year 20 new members were received, 1 were written off the roll and 7 received certificates, the membership now numbering 109, with an average congregational attendance of about 300.

The congregational fund amounted to $1,123 98, and the receipts from other sources $721, a total or $1,844 98. The total expenditures during the year amounted to $1,596.

OUT OF DEBT

The pleasing announcement was also made in the report that during the year the congregation had paid the last installment on the mortgage which encumbered the church, and the place of worship was now free of debt.

Progress was also reported in every branch of the church's work. The Young People's Society, the Young Ladies' Aid, the Columbia Mission Band, the Women's Foreign Missionary Society and the choir were all described as being in a healthy and flourishing condition. Under the leadership of Mr. A. Stein, the choir has made great progress, and its work of advancement is proceeding day by day.

SABBATH SCHOOL WORK.

The Sabbath school report showed receipts during the year of $163, and expenditures of $162. Mr. S. W. Milligan is the superintendent of the school and under his guidance it has become strong in membership and prolific of good work.

The First Presbyterian and Knox Churches were tendered a hearty and sincere vote of thanks for the aid which has been generously given to Chalmers Church during the past and previous years.

Messrs. Ben Spindler, J. Mapletoft and James Dickson were elected to the board of management, the two former being members of last year's board. There are six members on the board, the others—Messrs. H. Clare, A. Wicks and A. W. Milligan—having been elected last year for a two-year term.

HAVE ALREADY REDUCED DEBT THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS

And a Still Greater Amount Is Yet To Be Paid Off—Congregationalists' Good Year.

The people of the First Congregational Church held their annual meeting last evening, and it was evident from the remarks of the pastor and the tone of the reports presented that the spirit of helpfulness, harmony and hope has characterized the life of the First Church during the past year, and unity and progress are fitting watchwords for the future. Rev. D. S. Hamilton presided, and after devotional exercises the business of the evening was taken up. Most encouraging reports were presented from the deacons' board, Sunday school, Ladies' Aid, Ladies' Missionary Society, Whatsoever Circle, Christian Endeavor Society, fellowship fund, the choir, interest and sinking fund and the church treasurer.

The report of the deacons' board fully reviewed the work of the year, making special reference to the meeting of the Congregational Union and the jubilee movement. It also expressed entire confidence in and satisfaction with the work of the pastor, commending his faithfulness and zeal. Reference was made to the spirit of harmony and co-operation existing, and the various officers and societies were thanked for their help in the general work of the church. The Sunday school was shown to be active and progressive, and worthy of every encouragement. There were features of special interest in connection with all the reports, but possibly the Whatsoever Circle deserves particular mention, as it has only been in existence about a year, and the aim of the organization is to unite the young women of the church in an effort to co-operate with all branches of church work, giving their aid when and where most needed.

The financial statements show, in general, considerable improvement, for although the current account was a little behind at the close of the year, the receipts from all sources during 1903, exceeded the amount raised in 1902 by about $1,000, the total for 1903 being about $2,900. The contributions to the debt fund accounts for $530 of the increase, and over $180, was raised for the renovating of the church last spring. Since Jan. 1, the date to which the statements were made up, further contributions have been made to the debt fund, to redeem pledges or otherwise, to the extent of $900, so that the finance board was able to report that payments had been made to date, reducing the debt by $1,500. This will entitle the church to a like amount from the central fund of the jubilee movement, equaling in all, a reduction of $3,000. As there are still pledges amounting to $1,800, in hand, which when paid will yield an equal amount from the central fund, the people have every reason to feel enthusiastic. Canvassing in connection with the jubilee movement continues, and many of the citizens have been generously supporting the First Church people in their efforts to meet the challenge of the central committee, which offers dollar for dollar for all raised by the church toward its debt.

The officers for the ensuing year are:

Deacon Board—Messrs. R. Moule, Alf. Anundson, W. J. Walker, J. Armour, Richard Johnston and George Anundson.

Finance Board—Messrs. W. T. E. Wrighton, R. Johnston, G. S. Anundson, W. H. Davis, C. B. Chapman, R. Moule, James Spry, T. Jackson, Wm. Goodwin, Joseph Dudley, H. Woodman, F. Bright, W. J. Anthistle, Edward Donovan, F. W. Robins, George Apted and J. Armour.

Church Secretary—Miss Coral McNaughton.

Church Treasurer—Mr. Richard Johnston.

Assistant Treasurer — Mr. G. S. Anundson.

Treasurer Interest and Sinking Fund —Mr. C. B. Chapman.

Pew Allocation—Mr. R. Moule.

Ushers—Messrs. F. Bright, James Spry, C. B. Chapman, W. Richman, George Donovan, Vincent Donovan and James Russell.

Organist—Mr. W. A. Bluethner.

Janitor—Mr. William Richman.

Music Committee, to co-operate with the deacons—Messrs. A. Anundson, W. T. E. Wrighton, William Goodwin and F. W. Robins.

The pastor briefly reviewed the work of the year and commented on the reports, thanking the deacons' board for their kind expression of confidence and esteem. He believed the church could look forward to a still better year in 1904 than that just reviewed, and by united and consecrated effort could make the year 1904 the best in the history of the church.

During the evening Mr. E. J. Joselin, of the Northern Congregational Church, Toronto, and Rev. Mr. Searle, of China, addressed the meeting, and Rev. W. T. Gunn, field secretary of the jubilee movement, sent a telegram, heartily congratulating the church on the splendid beginning it had made in reducing the debt, and assuring the people that their example was an inspiration to other Congregational churches. The close of the evening was pleasantly spent in a social way, during which the ladies, who are ever active in good work, served refreshments.

LT.-COL. McEWEN RETIRES

Has Been at the Head of Middlesex Regiment Six Years.

Brought Corps to a High State of Efficiency During That Time.

The officers of the Twenty-Sixth Regiment held their annual meting yesterday afternoon at the Tecumseh House, and a large number were present, among them being Lieut.-Col. McEwen, Major Welch, Captains J. E. Kerrigan, city; C. G. Garnett, Delaware; W. R. Meredith, city, and J. H. McKay, Ailsa Craig; Lieuts. Colerick, city; J. C. Elliott, Glencoe; A. Elliott, Stevenson, E. D. Mills, and Greenlees, city; Morgan, Ailsa Craig; Armstrong, Parkhill, and Orr, of Strathroy.

Photo by Frank Cooper.

LIEUT.-COL. McEWEN,

Retiring from the Twenty-Sixth Regiment, which he has commanded for six years.

Business of a routine nature was transacted and committes were appointed as follows: Mess—Major Robson, Capt. Pavey, Lieuts. Colerick and Routledge; band, Major Welch, Capt. Kerrigan, Capt. Becher and Lieut. Stevenson.

A feature of the meeting was the expression of thanks by Liet.-Col. McEwen to his officers for their loyalty and support. The colonel will have been at the head of the regiment six years in May, and will then retire, to be succeeded by Major T. B. Welch, of Strathroy, who is next in order of seniority. He should have retired a year ago, the term of commanding officers being fixed at five years, but representations made to the militia department resulted in his remaining with the corps another year. Through Col. McEwen's efforts the regiment has attained a degree of efficiency of which the officers and men might well be proud. Yesterday, in thanking the officers he stated that his connection with the regiment had been one of the most pleasant associations of his life.

It is said that Col. McEwen will be placed on the brigade staff.

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