

Reports of the various standing committees for the past year were heard by Glengarry Presbytery. The report on 'Church Life and Work,' dealt exclusively with the home. It showed from session reports that notwithstanding the fact that much good is being done, parents and guardians need to exercise the greatest diligence in both precept and example for the proper religious training of the young. The Sunday School report showed a fairly good average of work accomplished, but urged sessions and male members of congregations to concern themselves more in this great work. The statistical report showed the largest number of additions to the Communion roll during the past twenty years or more.

WINNIPEG AND WEST.

Kildonan congregation has been celebrating the fifty-fifth anniversary, when the church was crowded with old timers and their friends. Rev. J. H. Cameron, pastor of the church, occupied the chair. Short addresses were given by several of the older members. The first called upon was R. McBeth, who recalled the work of the church in the early days. James Harper, who remembered quite well the erection of the church, also spoke of the work the early Kildonan church had done for the west. S. R. Henderson, Sunday school superintendent, addressed the younger members of the church and was followed by G. F. Munroe with some witty sayings and good words as to the progress of the church. J. Henderson said that he thought there were only about three of the oldtimers in the church at the present time. Many of those he had seen at the last re-union were now laid to rest. He quoted the first text which Rev. Dr. Black used at the opening of the church. Rev. J. H. Cameron, in his address, referred to the way Kildonan was being reduced in size by annexation of Elmwood to Winnipeg, and probably Lincoln and Dominion parks might follow, "but still," he added, "we shall always have a church of historic interest to many people who visit this country many years after us." (George Gunn touched on the life and work of the famous pastor, who laid the foundation of Presbyterianism in the great western part of the Dominion. An excellent musical programme was rendered, and at its close the ladies of the church supplied refreshments. The frequent recurrence of Scotch names on the programme is noteworthy. Even at this late date they are in the great majority—McBeths, Mathesons, MacKays, Hendersons, Munroes, Campbells, Camerons, Stewarts, etc. They are the descendants of a noble band of pioneers, whose influence for good will be felt for generations to come.

When the report of Church Life and Work was under discussion in Montreal Presbytery, Rev. Mr. Dobson made a strong plea for a cleaner and purer home life, and deprecated the inroads made by society, business, and public amusements. From what could be gathered from different congregations, dress, social position and material success were unduly elevated, and were invading the religious atmosphere of the home. Family prayers and Bible-reading were neglected in many cases. Mr. Dobson dealt with the pernicious effects of liquor, cigarettes, and the theatre, and a strong plea was made for more young men in the churches. Total abstinence was strongly advocated. In this connection the widespread apathy among young men in regard to taking a leading part in church work was the subject of a brief address by the Rev. W. D. Reid. He stated that about ninety per cent. of the clergymen entering the ministry were recruited from the country. This was a great reflection on the city youths. In his opinion parents should be strongly censured for discouraging their children from desiring to enter the ministry, as in many cases, which had come to his knowledge. Money was considered as the great desideratum of success.

WESTERN ONTARIO.

Brantford Presbyterians are likely to establish a church in Eagle Place.

Rev. J. H. Mackenzie, of Shelburne, has been preaching at Collingwood.

Rev. J. A. McConnell, of Creemore, is called to Noewich; salary \$1,000 and holidays.

Rev. P. Nicol, of Newberry, has been appointed moderator of Chatham Presbytery.

Rev. John Lindsay, of Kintore, has been elected moderator of London Presbytery.

The next meeting of the London Presbytery will be held on the first Tuesday in May, at 1 o'clock, at Glencoe.

Rev. Mr. Buchanan, of Jarvis, preached anniversary sermons at Lynden last Sunday week, Mr. Fisher preaching at Jarvis.

In London Presbytery a motion by Rev. Mr. Rollins that all commissioners to the General Assembly be elected by ballot, was defeated by a considerable majority.

The ladies of Knox Church, South London, presented their pastor, Rev. I. G. Stuart, who is rapidly convalescing from his recent illness, with a comfortable lounging robe.

By London Presbytery, Rev. W. J. Clark was appointed to act on the assembly's business committee, and Rev. Dr. McCrae to represent the presbytery on the synod's committee on bills and overtures.

Rev. W. H. Anderson, formerly of Aylmer, but lately of Scotland, is asking through the London Presbytery to be taken back into the church. Application will be made to the General Assembly in his behalf.

At the entertainment given by the Young People's Guild of the Eric's church, Rev. Alfred Fowle gave an account of his missionary work during the past summer in British Columbia, which proved most interesting. The receipts amounted to over \$20.00.

The report on the state of religion presented to London Presbytery by Rev. W. H. Geddes, of Ailsa Craig, was on the whole of an optimistic character, although carelessness in regard to attendance on the ordinances of religion on the Lord's Day prevails in some places.

The Presbytery of Saugeen has approved of the call from Moorefield to Rev. D. L. Campbell, of Dromore, and his induction was fixed for Tuesday, April 10th next. Rev. John Little, Holstein, moderator, will preside; Rev. Mr. Thomson, of Rothsay, will preach, Rev. J. M. Auld, Palmerston, will address the people, and the Rev. Mr. Cameron, Harriston, will address the minister.

At a meeting of the Alliston congregation last week it was decided to erect a new church on the site of the present edifice. About \$4,000 has been already subscribed and details of the scheme were left in the hands of the managers. The new church, it is expected, will cost about \$8,000.

The augmentation report presented to London Presbytery dealt with the cases of Port Stanley, Tempo and South Delaware, Appin and North Elfrid. These congregations all receive small amounts from the fund, but their own contributions are very liberal, some members of Port Stanley giving as much as \$50 to the minister's salary.

Rev. Thos. H. Mitchell has accepted the call to St. James' church, London, and his induction will take place on the 12th of April next. Rev. Dr. Munroe will preach the induction sermon, Rev. Dr. McCrae will address the pastor, and Rev. Mr. Rollins the congregation. The stipend promised is \$1,800, with four weeks' holidays.

At the recent meeting of Stratford Presbytery permission was given Shakespeare congregation to moderate in a call to a pastor. This change has been vacant since last October, and up to the present time St. Andrew's and Shakespeare have been parts of one congregation. Now separation has been granted them, and Shakespeare henceforth to be recognized as a self-sustaining congregation.

TORONTO.

Rev. J. H. Lemon, of Laskey, is called to Knox church, Sydenham.

Rev. J. A. Brown, of Agincourt, has been appointed interim moderator at Unionville, vacant through the resignation of Rev. G. P. Duncan.

The Presbytery of Toronto agreed to apply for leave to place Rev. G. G. Shearer's name on the roll as a member in good standing; also to receive Rev. Dr. H. C. Ross of Erie, Pa., as a minister in Canada.

Commissioners to the next general assembly were appointed by Toronto Presbytery as follows: Revs. W. G. Black, J. W. Bell, Alfred Gandier, A. B. Winchester, D. G. Cameron, R. M. Hamilton, Alex. Esler, Wm. McKinley, E. R. Parker, T. McLachlan, Principal McLaren, D.D., and G. M. Milligan; laymen, Wm. Watson, Donald Gunn, A. D. Bruce, D. Morrison, George Keith, J. K. Macdonald, R. C. Jennings, M. McGregor, G. L. Paterson, and three others to be named by the sessions of Weston, Bolton and College-street.

The annual home mission report to Toronto Presbytery stated that the missions of Wychwood and Royce-avenue had become augmented charges during the year. Of the remaining five, Borningside expects soon to have its own pastor. It was recommended that an ordained missionary be sent to Malton, Ont. A generous grant will be asked for Davenport-road mission. It is proposed to try and arrange the Jackson's Point and Brown Hill missions, so as to leave the former alone, attaching the latter to a charge in the Lindsay Presbytery. Among the augmented charges Eglington has decided to stand alone, and assistance will be asked for Mimico, Royce-avenue, Chester, Fairbank, Fisherville, St. Mark's and Wychwood.

VICTORIA, B. C.

The Presbytery met in St. Andrew's church, Victoria, on 26th February, the moderator, Rev. Thos. Menzies, presiding. There was a fine attendance.

Reports from standing committees went to show conditions throughout the Presbytery to be fairly satisfactory. Mission work—Home, Indian and Chinese—for the past six months was carefully reviewed and the necessary estimates and plans for the ensuing six months made.

The following were appointed commissioners to the General Assembly: Revs. Dr. J. Campbell and D. MacRae, and Messrs. A. H. Menzies, President Island, B.C., and Dr. J. C. McGregor, Almonte, Ont., elders. Necessary arrangements were made for the induction of the Rev. J. D. McGillivray, formerly of Lunenburg, N.S., to the pastoral charge of St. George's church, Cumberland.

The synod was recommended to take the necessary steps to bring about its division along provincial lines. The Rev. Dr. Falconer, of Pictou, N.S., was nominated for moderator of next General Assembly.

At the annual meeting of St. Paul's Church, Victoria, B.C., (Rev. D. MacRae, Pastor) reports showed substantial progress in every department. From a weak mission, the congregation has attained a self-supporting position, with entire freedom from indebtedness, the last instalment of \$300 on mortgage to the church and manse board on church building having been paid this year.

London Presbytery appointed the following ministerial members to the general assembly by rotation: Jas. Lindsay, Kintore; W. J. Clark, London; John Currie, Belmont; J. W. Rae, Aylmer; W. H. Geddes, Ailsa Craig; S. D. Jazincson, Wardsville, and T. R. Slesarer, Melbourne. The elders appointed were Robert Wood, St. George's Church, London Junction; John Fletcher, Cowal, Eli Davis, Tempo; John Lochore, St. Thomas; Walter Moore, Port Stanley; James McMillan, Westminster.