

## WESTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. W. J. West, of Bluevale, during the eleven years of his pastorate, has succeeded in bringing a small charge at the start up to a membership of 400.

The new congregation in Walkerville is composed of about 100 persons, many of whom are from St. Andrew's church of Windsor. A meeting of the trustees will be held in the near future to decide upon plans for the new church. Of the proposed \$15,000 for the church erection \$7,000 is already subscribed.

St. George's congregation is the oldest in Brant county and is the mother of the first Presbyterian congregation established in Brantford. The church was founded more than seventy-five years ago. A new church edifice was recently opened by Rev. Dr. MacTavish, of Kingston, a former minister.

Dr. Harrie Lyle, son of Rev. Dr. Lyle, Hamilton, has been appointed associate attending surgeon to St. Luke's Hospital, New York. This honor has been won through merit and distinguished service, and Dr. Lyle has the satisfaction of being the youngest surgeon to hold a position of so great importance and responsibility.

Knox Church, Stratford, is in a prosperous position. The membership is now 1,001, an increase of 41 during the year. The total receipts amounted to \$6,378.72. Over \$3,000 is contributed at the present time for the various missionary schemes. It is expected in future to increase this amount to \$5,000. The following were elected managers: Messrs. J. D. McCrimmon and I. W. Brown for the three year term, by acclamation; for three year, S. M. Lochrin; two year, Dr. Smith, John N. Watson; one year, Robt. Frame, B. T. Orr. The trustees for the ensuing year are as follows: J. Orr, P. Bradshaw, Dr. Bothwell, Fred. Scrimgeour, F. W. Buckingham, J. D. McCrimmon, J. Steel, I. W. Brown, Thos. Trov.

The year's work in Knox church, St. Catharines (Rev. Dr. Smith, pastor), was perhaps the best in the history of the congregation. Forty-six members had been added to the role. The session reported that a pupil was supported in the Pointe du Tremble school. The Mission Band and Mrs. R. McLaren supported three orphans in India during the past year. The congregation is able to support two missions in the West, at Salmon Arm, B.C., and Ninga-Man, respectively, by an extra subscription of \$500. The amount promised to the Queen's University Endowment Fund is about \$100. The managers presented a satisfactory report, showing the receipts to be \$3,600.00, a small increase over the previous year. The managers elected for three years were: Messrs. A. McLaren, James Adie, A. W. Marston and S. J. Innes. The Missionary Society raised \$1,000.00 for all purposes.

The annual meeting of the Bradford congregation was well attended. Notwithstanding that the church has been without a pastor for six months, the reports of the different societies and organizations were most encouraging. The treasurer's report showed total receipts for the year, \$611.99, including Sabbath collections, \$137.34. Balance on hand, \$34.56. The Debt Fund shows a balance on hand of \$213.10. This sum will enable the Board of Managers to reduce the mortgage indebtedness on the church to \$300. Amount contributed to Missions, \$106.50, besides \$59.71, and new clothing, value \$10, by the W. P. M. S. The Sunday school and Goforth Mission Band also contributed to missions \$17.12 and \$21.00 respectively, making a total to missions and schemes \$204.33. Raised for other religious purposes, \$70.65. The retiring managers, Messrs. R. Stewart, R. Neilly and W. Curry, were re-elected.

If you must copy, copy from masterpieces.

The measure of power is in the obstacles overcome.

The anniversary services of Knox Church, Cayuga, were conducted by Rev. J. Young, M. A., of Hamilton, whose morning sermon on "Reverence" contained some strong, logical truths, which could scarcely fail to be particularly acceptable in the present electric age, when the reverence due the sanctuary of the Almighty is not always observed. His address in the evening on "John's message to the Churches" was a magnificent effort and was delivered to a crowded church, the building being well filled in the morning also.

The services connected with the opening of the new St. Andrew's church building at Saint Ste. Marie were continued on the 12th instant, when Rev. W. D. Reid, B.D., of Taylor Church, Montreal, preached morning and evening and addressed the Sunday school in the afternoon. In all the services Mr. Reid approved himself as a strong, evangelical minister of the Gospel. In the morning, speaking from John 8:32 and 12:37, he said:

Christ's truth gives liberty of several kinds. National freedom is based on the principles of Jesus Christ. The Greek, Roman and other empires decay for lack of them. The greatness of Britain did not depend upon the unequalled array of naval force displayed during the Diamond Jubilee. Great Britain and the United States occupied the leading places in the world because the truths of Jesus Christ prevailed. Advocates of Anarchism, communism, socialism, single tax, etc., had some truth. Not more of these but more of Jesus Christ was needed. Mutual freedom for the individual was denied in Jesus' day and is denied yet by many churches. Men's official heads had been removed by presbyteries or other church courts for uttering truths which have since proved them to be advance guards in God's work. Man is his own priest to God. Moral liberty gives freedom from the worst kinds of evil habits, such as strong drink, etc. Christ can make us free and the deepest truth of Christianity is our personal freedom from the power of sin, the want to do wrong. Christ frees us from fear of God, or our fellow man and from the innate fear of the future. Wesley said: "Our people die well." Compare this with the infidel's death—no without hope—or with the death of the formal Christian who "hopes" it will be all right. The true Christian shows no fear of death, no tremor, but an abiding confidence in the divine love and care of his Heavenly Father.

The Rev. I. W. Woodside, B.A., a graduate of the Montreal College, and for some time assistant minister of St. Gabriel church, in this city, has accepted a call to become the minister of Mount Pleasant church, Vancouver, B. C. The congregation pays a salary of two thousand dollars a year and gives its pastor six weeks' vacation in the summer. Mr. Woodside had been invited to churches in Toronto and Mount Forest, Ont., but decided that a greater opportunity for usefulness was open in the coast city.

The King is to leave for the continent early in March. His Majesty will spend a few days in Paris in strict incognito before proceeding to Biarritz, where he is to stay for about three weeks.

Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman has consented to his being put forward as Liberal candidate for the lord rectorship of Glasgow University. Lord Cromer is the probable Conservative candidate.

The Isle of Orkney has been cut off from telegraph communication with Scotland for over three weeks. The cable was severed during a recent gale, and the work of repairing it has not yet been completed.

## MONTREAL.

The choir of Taylor church met recently at the home of Mr. John Allen, Debarimer avenue, and presented their organist and choir leader, Mr. D. B. Small, with a beautiful pair of gold cuff links in recognition of his excellent work during the past two years. The Rev. W. D. Reid made the presentation and afterwards refreshments were served by Mrs. Allen, whose generous hospitality was very much appreciated.

St. Matthew's church (Rev. H. I. Macdonald, B.D., pastor) reports a highly satisfactory year. The session reported a membership of 716; baptisms, 55; marriages, 30. The ordinary receipts were \$4,487.67, an increase of \$407 over last year. Grand total receipts from all sources, \$9,008.46, of which \$1,502.38 was for missionary and benevolent purposes. By an enthusiastic standing vote the congregation decided to make a strong effort this year to wipe off the church mortgage debt.

At the annual meeting of the MacVicar Memorial church, the pastor, the Rev. D. I. Graham, B.D., in the chair, reports from the different organizations revealed a healthy growth in every department. The membership of the church is 278, and the total income from all sources for the year amounted to \$4,109. In addition to meeting all current liabilities, the sum of \$850 was paid off the debt, and an organized effort was started in the month of November by the ladies of the congregation, whereby monthly collections will be taken during the present year to still further reduce the debt.

The various reports submitted at the annual meeting of the Stanley Street Presbyterian church, held under the presidency of Mr. J. A. Ogilvy, proved entirely satisfactory. The total revenue for church purposes amounted to nearly \$6,000 and as the expenditure was under this amount, a considerable sum stood to their credit, according to the treasurer's report. The election of officers for the ensuing year met with the following results: President, Mr. James A. Ogilvy; vice president, Mr. George B. Fraser; treasurer, Mr. Alexander Hawthorne; financial secretary, Mr. George R. Muirhead; recording secretary, Mr. W. E. Dickson; board of management, Messrs. Gus. Herzberg, John D. Duncan, John Smith, P. C. Moir, W. H. Sorkett, H. Hackman, D. Ferguson, John Younie, James Adie, Hugh McFee, B. D. Mitchell, Jr., Lieut. Col. A. A. Stevenson; auditors, Messrs. Allan Cameron and Alexander Barrie.

At the recent very successful and profitable meeting of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society, held in Crescent street church, the following officers were elected for 1908-1909: President, Mrs. G. A. Grier; honorary vice presidents, Mrs. J. Barclay, Mrs. J. Fleck, Mrs. D. Morrice, Mrs. J. Brown, Mrs. Duclos, Mrs. Nicholls, Miss Green shields, Mrs. Forlong, Mrs. Haldane, Mrs. D. H. MacVicar, Mrs. H. Morton, Miss Macintosh, Mrs. Heine, Mrs. W. I. Clark; acting vice-presidents, Mrs. D. Campbell, Mrs. J. A. McMaster, with the presidents of all the auxiliaries; recording secretary, Mrs. E. B. Busleed; corresponding secretary, Miss May Brodie; organizing secretary, Miss C. A. Mackeracher; treasurer, Miss Jessie S. Harvey; advisory committee, the Rev. Dr. Scott, Mr. Morrice, Mr. W. Drysdale and city ministers; editorial committee of the "Outlook," Mrs. R. Campbell, Mrs. E. Scott, Mrs. W. Paul, Miss Brown, Miss Davidson, Mrs. N. W. McLaren, Miss E. Robertson.

The love of Christ begs love for the whole world. Many persons have found themselves redeemed from smallness and sordidness and pettiness of spirit, and lifted into a world-embracing interest, by uniting themselves to the cosmopolitan Christ.