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OTTAWA.

During a very powerful sermon on the text, "It is more blessed to give than to receive," Rev. Dr. Herridge referred to the apartment houses. While there may be many advantages for the apartment houses, of which so many are being seen in the city, he was not quite sure if they did not tend to do away with the home which is such a force for good throughout the land.

At the annual meeting of Erskine congregation leave of absence for six months, owing to continued ill health, was given the pastor, Rev. C. W. Nichol; and it was decided to secure an assistant permanently at a salary of \$1,000. The receipts for the year amounted to \$6,590.93; the disbursements totalled \$6,554.50, thus showing a balance on hand of \$36.43. A majority of the reports were held over for an adjourned meeting. It is hoped that a period of rest will completely restore Mr. Nichol to wonted health, and he leaves his work with the hearty sympathy and best wishes of his people.

Knox church will not desert City Hall square, as was anticipated last year. At the annual congregational meeting of the church the proposal to move to a location more remote from the down-town section of the city was finally shelved. After a year's consideration of the proposal, during which a thorough canvass of the congregation had been made, the Board of Managers recommended that \$400 be spent in providing increased accommodation for the Sunday school, and that the idea of erecting a separate building and securing a new church site be abandoned. The total receipts of the congregation for the year amounted to \$6,452, an increase of \$225. A credit balance of \$101 was declared.

WESTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. A. W. Hare, of Thamesville, has been preaching at Caledonia.

Rev. G. I. Crow, a former pastor, preached to a large congregation in St. Paul's church, Victoria Harbor, on a recent Sunday.

Embro is holding two weeks' special services conducted by the Rev. Dr. Dickson, of Galt, assisted by W. J. McBretny, gospel singer.

Rev. Prof. Law, of Knox College, is announced to preach anniversary sermons in St. James' church, Hamilton, on Sunday, 6th March.

The following have been elected elders in First Church Chatham, Ont.: Dr. McFarlane, Thomas Campbell, Samuel Glenn, Alex. Hall, Robert Smith and Fred Ward.

Rev. C. H. Cooke, of Orillia, occupied the pulpit of Knox church, Uptergrove, for the past two Sundays. His sermons were edifying and enjoyable.

To meet the growing needs of the Paris congregation four new elders, Messrs. Alex. L. Davidson, Samuel Foulds, William Guthrie and J. W. Hilborn, were recently ordained to the office of the eldership.

The week of prayer services in Paris were so successful that they were extended over a second week. The local ministers took the meetings in turn, and they were evangelistic in character.

At the induction of Rev. John Ross into the pastoral charge of Wyoming and South Plympton, Rev. G. G. Patterson, of Sarnia, presided; Rev. Mr. Byers, Mandaumin, preached the induction sermon; Rev. Walter Reid, of Brigen, addressed the minister, and Rev. John McNair, D.D., the people.

WESTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. J. A. Redden has been inducted into the charge of Severn Bridge. Rev. D. A. McGregor, of Orillia, presided; Rev. A. McVicar, formerly of Huntsville, conducted the devotional service and preached the sermon; Rev. Mr. Yeomans, of Bala, addressed the minister, and Rev. D. A. McKeracher, of Gravenhurst, the people.

The new membership of First Church, Galt, is 353. During the year there were 11 baptisms, five of whom were adults. The receipts amounted to \$2,609.20. All the reports were of an encouraging character, and pastor and people are in good heart for the work of the year upon which they have entered.

At the annual meeting of Knox church, Sundridge, the several reports presented were very satisfactory. The financial report for the year, read by Dr. Carmichael, treasurer, showed that all expenses had been met with the exception of six or seven dollars. The doctor received a hearty vote of thanks for his long and efficient services as treasurer, and Mr. John Murray was elected to take his place.

The Presbytery of Paris met in Ingersoll on January 11th, the Rev. R. G. Macleith, moderator, presiding. Rev. E. D. McLaren, and Rev. S. B. Rohold, of Toronto, addressed the Presbytery on Home Missions, and on Jewish Missions, and were given a cordial reception. The next meeting will be held in Tilsonburg on March 8th, and in the evening there will be an open conference on the Church Union question.

Erskine church, Hamilton, now numbers 817 members, with 790 scholars enrolled in Sunday school. The reports submitted to the annual meeting indicated a large measure of prosperity and a bright outlook for the coming year. The total receipts (including a small balance from 1908) amounted to \$13,971.05; disbursements amounted to a similar sum. The value of church property is given as \$35,000, with a mortgage indebtedness of \$8,500. The total missionary givings amounted to \$1,566.43.

Much regret is expressed by Knox church, Sundridge (and in fact by the townspeople generally), at the removal of Dr. and Mrs. Carmichael, who are about making Strathcona, Alta., their future home. Before leaving Sundridge Mrs. Carmichael was presented with an address, along with a handsome cut glass berry bowl, in slight acknowledgment of her faithful services to the church and choir. The loss thus sustained by the congregation at Sundridge will be the gain of Presbyterian friends in Strathcona. During a thirty years residence Dr. Carmichael was highly esteemed as a skilled physician and public spirited citizen.

At recent communion services held throughout the Rosemont charge, of which Rev. W. L. Atkinson is pastor, twenty-five new members were received into church fellowship as a result of the evangelistic services held in connection with the simultaneous campaign in the Presbytery of Orangeville. Rev. J. M. Whitelaw, of Fairbank, assisted at Rosemont, and Rev. R. M. Phalen at Mansfield. At Everett the pastor was alone. Apart from the additions the spiritual life of the congregation was very much quickened. The pledge cards furnished by the Assembly's Committee were found very serviceable in the hands of the younger church members, who formed a band of "scattered helpers" in the campaign in each congregation.

Living for others is an imperative of the higher life.

MONTREAL.

A Sunday school convention, under the auspices of the Presbytery of Quebec, will be held in the Presbyterian church, Richmond, P.Q., on Tuesday, 8th February next. Afternoon session to commence at 2 o'clock, the evening one at 7.30. Rev. J. A. Macfarlane, of Levis, the well-known expert in Biblical exposition, will give two addresses. Rev. James Hastie, of Sawyerville, the Presbytery's convener, is preparing the programme.

The feature of the year's work in St. Giles Church was a great advance along missionary lines. The introduction of the duplex envelope increased very greatly the ordinary fund, and proved a great incentive in increasing missionary offerings. The total amount raised from all sources was about \$7,000; the total amount raised for missionary and benevolent purposes was about \$2,400. The congregation supports the Rev. H. P. S. Luttrell and wife as missionaries in Honan, and Mr. James Cordner in Alberta. Two young men, members of St. Giles, are in the Presbyterian College, looking forward to the ministry, while another is in Montreal High School, with the same purpose in view. During the year a great movement in the direction of organized Bible Study for men was made under the leadership of Mr. William Harr. The C. E. Society is one of the largest in the city, and supports a scholar at Pointe aux Trembles. The church register showed that the pastor had officiated at thirty-eight baptisms, thirty-three burials, and twenty-eight marriages, during the year. Some seventy new members were added, making a total of about five hundred members. Rev. J. R. Dobson presided at the annual meeting, which was followed by a social.

WINNIPEG AND WEST.

St. Paul's church, Elva, was full when the congregation was called to attention for the opening of the annual congregational meeting and there was the greatest enthusiasm. The church is new and handsome.

All reports were optimistic and showed good work done. Miss Vance, organist, was thanked for her faithfulness and re-appointed. She was then presented with a gold watch and chain. Mr. H. J. Archibald, an elder, who has served the congregation from its very beginning, was remembered with the gifts of a handsome Bible and Book of Praise. He led the singing for years in a former day. After refreshments and social chat the happy crowd departed.

The pastor, Rev. J. M. Kellock, took the chair. The financial statement showed that the congregation had raised for all purposes in the neighborhood of \$5,500. There was a credit balance in the general fund of \$63. Mr. C. C. Winter has been treasurer for nine years and wanted to retire. The congregation, however, re-elected him and gave him a hearty cheer. Sabbath collections were shown to have increased 40 per cent. over the previous year.

There was a large attendance at the annual meeting of Cooke's Church Kingston, the pastor, Rev. Dr. McAvish, presiding. An increase of nineteen in membership during the year was reported from the session. Indeed, all the reports indicated progress. The receipts for current expenses were \$2,609.73, an increase of \$137. Collections for missions, \$559.56, an increase of \$159. The Ladies' Aid Society contributed \$200 towards the debt on the organ. Notwithstanding an increased stipend and \$100 expended in carpeting, all expenses were met. Before adjourning, a hearty motion was carried in appreciation of the pastor's services during the year.