

Ministers and Churches.

Toronto.

The congregation of St. Paul's Presbyterian church held a social meeting on Thursday night, at which a well-filled purse was presented to the pastor, Rev. G. R. Fasken. A new church building, to cost \$25,000, is the undertaking before this congregation.

As already stated by the DOMINION PRESBYTERIAN, an association has been formed here by leading Presbyterians to raise funds to send Rev. Dr. Wilkie, Presbyterian missionary, back to India. This is a revolt against the action of the Presbyterian foreign missionary society, which has decided that it cannot find place for Dr. Wilkie and has offered to pay his salary if any other church will give him a place.

Rev. Charles Merle D'Aubigne, son of the celebrated historian, will visit Canada and the United States this spring, and will deliver addresses in Toronto on the 16th and 17th of next month, under the auspices of the Toronto auxiliary of the McAll Mission in France. He will also give an address in London on March 18, at the annual meeting of the auxiliaries of the McAll Mission. Dr. D'Aubigne is an outstanding figure in French Protestantism and is a speaker of interest and power.

Ottawa.

Rev. Wm. McIntosh, of First Congregational church, and Rev. Dr. Armstrong, of St. Paul's, exchanged pulpits last Sunday morning.

Mrs. John McKinley presided at the regular monthly meeting of the Ladies' Aid society of St. Paul's church, when arrangements were made for the annual social to be held next month. The entertainment committee appointed consists of Mrs. Charles Thorburn, Messrs. E. George Brown and W. R. Cummings.

Bank street auxiliary to the Woman's Foreign Missionary society held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday afternoon of last week. An interesting paper on China, in the Rex Christi course, was given by Miss Young and items of interest were contributed regarding each mission field. Representatives were appointed to the annual Presbyterial meeting to be held next month.

Knox church auxiliary to the Woman's Foreign Missionary society at its regular monthly meeting last week appointed Miss Jamieson and Mrs. McAllan as representatives to the Presbyterian meeting to be held in Bank street church on March 1st and 2nd. An interesting paper on the religions of China was contributed by Miss Masson. Mrs. Ramsay presided in the absence of Mrs. Alexander.

At the monthly meeting of the Stewart Auxiliary to the Woman's Foreign Missionary society Miss M. Carruthers presided in the absence, through illness, of the president, Miss Stewart. Miss Stewart, Miss McLean and Miss M. Carruthers were appointed to represent the auxiliary at the annual meeting of the Ottawa Presbyterian society. Mrs. Ardley read an interesting paper on Syria and Mrs. Johnston, one on Persia.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Glebe church passed a resolution to be sent to the session of the church, in favor of individual communion cups for use at the Sacrament. Should the session approve the suggestion, the society will present the church with the necessary communion set. Mesdames Denny, Massey and Martin were appointed to represent the society at the annual meeting of the Ottawa Presbytery.

At the regular monthly meeting of St. Paul's church auxiliary to the Women's Foreign Missionary society ten ladies were chosen to represent ten mission fields, and each lady is pledged to bring to each meeting of the auxiliary at least one item of missionary interest regarding her special field. The study of China from Rex Christi, was begun, by an interesting paper read by Mrs. Rowland Hill, in which the country and people were described. Mrs. J. Thorburn occupied the chair.

At the last meeting of the St. Andrew's auxiliary to the Woman's Foreign Missionary society the Russo-Japanese war question was discussed in relation to the state of missions in Korea, the youngest mission field of the society except Tibet. It was shown that should Japan win it would be an aid to the mission cause, but should Russia win, the cause would be harmed.

Mrs. Gardner, Presbyterial president, addressed the meeting, giving some practical hints about missionary work. She spoke of Christ as the first home missionary, the first medical missionary and the first foreign missionary, and emphasized the fact that there was always something for each member to do; always some way in which she could help. Mesdames Herridge and Farquharson were elected to represent St. Andrew's at the annual meeting of the Presbyterial society to be held next month.

Eastern Ontario.

Rev. A. M. Currie, of Almonte, has been preaching at Newmarket.

The North Bay Presbytery will meet at Huntsville on 23rd Feb. at 10 a.m.

Rev. A. C. Wishart, of Beaverton, is spending a couple of weeks at his old home.

Mr. Uyldgust, the new organist of St. Andrew's, Perth, has entered on his work.

Rev. Geo. D. Campbell, of Chalk River, is taking a course in the School of Oratory, Boston.

On Sunday, 21st Feb, the congregation of St. Luke's, Finch, will vote for the election of five additional elders.

The ladies of Melville Presbyterian church have decided to hold a concert in Eganville on the evening of April 4th.

Rev. Neil McPherson, B.D., of St. Paul's church, Hamilton, has been elected Vice-President of the Alumni of Queen's University.

Rev. Dr. Amaron, of Montreal, has been preaching earnest and eloquent sermons in St. Johns and St. Andrew's, Almonte, in the interest of the Pointe Aux Tremble schools and of French evangelization.

Elmvale Presbyterians held very successful anniversary services lately. Rev. W. C. Clark, of Brampton, preached able sermons to large congregations. The donations to the building fund amounted to \$175, and the receipts at the tea meeting reached \$133.25.

Twenty Presbyteries have answered the inquiry of the General Assembly Commission regarding the future of Queens' University, and nineteen of them favor continuing its present relation to the Church.

Rev. Dr. Fletcher, moderator of the General Assembly, suggested at the commissioner's conference that the assembly should meet in Kingston in 1905, and be able to see for itself something more about Queen's University. He hoped the Presbytery of Kingston would extend an invitation when the Assembly convened at St. John. He would do all in his power to have such invitation accepted. Principal Gordon and Rev. Dr. Macellivray stated that it was intended to ask the Assembly to come to Kingston in 1905.

Last year was spiritually and financially, one of the best in the history of St. Andrew's church, Campbellford. Number received into the membership by profession 72, by certificate 61, number removed from roll 7, number of baptisms 37, of these 13 were adults. The financial report showed an increase in ordinary collections, subscriptions, and in the amount given to missions, both by congregation and W. F. M. S. and Mission Band. The Sabbath School has held its own. While the Young People's meeting, and the Congregational Prayer meeting have been much better attended than ever before.

The annual meetings in connection with Knox church, Beaverton, and Gambridge (Rev. A. C. Wishart, pastor), were held during the week of January 17, and were very encouraging reports were presented from the various organizations. The managers report this the best year in their history. Considerable increase is reported in contributions to the S. Hemes. The total money raised from the two congregations amounts to \$3540. Of this, Knox, B. Averton, raised \$2,174.20 and Gambridge, E. \$1,365.80. The total contributions to S. Hemes is \$830.70. Of this, the W.F.M.S. of the two congregations contributed \$376.80. There is a substantial balance in both congregations. The net gain in membership in Beaverton was ten; while in Gambridge the removals by death and otherwise exceeded the increase by one. The congregations are in good health. The pastor's salary was increased by \$100.

Western Ontario.

Tenders are wanted for the erection of a new manse for Westminster congregation, Mount Forest.

Rev. R. McIntyre, of Tempo, had a perilous journey to South Delaware church on a recent Sunday, having to drive through water, that ran into his cutter.

Rev. R. G. MacBeth, of Vancouver, has accepted the call recently extended to him from the Paris church. Presbyterianism on the Pacific slope will greatly miss Mr. MacBeth.

The fifty-ninth anniversary of Knox church, Acton, was recently celebrated. Rev E. A. Henry, of Hamilton, was the preacher of the day, and his able and eloquent discourses were highly enjoyed and appreciated by the congregation.

Knox church, Hamilton, is enjoying great prosperity under Rev. Mr. Henry, and more seating accommodation must be provided for the growing congregation. That is a good sign, as is the vote of a \$300 addition to the pastor's stipend.

The recent anniversary services in Knox church, Embro, were not as well attended as usual on account of the cold, stormy weather. Rev. Dr. Gilray, of Toronto, was the preacher on the occasion. His lecture on Monday evening was greatly enjoyed.

Rev. J. C. Tolmie, the popular pastor of St. Andrew's church, Windsor, was presented with a purse of gold, containing \$200 by members of his congregation, it being the tenth anniversary of his pastorate. Mrs. Tolmie was at the same time the recipient of a beautiful cut glass set.

Knox: hutch, Dundas, did well last year. The treasurer's report showed receipts of \$3,354.11, and expenditure \$3,346.82. The sum of \$1,000 was paid on the debt fund of the church; \$300 was paid for repairs to the manse; \$227.84 contributed to missions, and \$127.15 to the relief fund. The report of the session showed an increase of 30 names on the communion roll, which totals 357, of whom 320 are in good standing.

The annual meeting of Westminster church, Mount Forest was most harmonious, and the report presented indicated increasing prosperity. There was an increase of \$136 37 in envelope and plate offerings, \$31 35 in the Sabbath School offerings and \$69.40 in the amount raised by the M. S. ian Association. Messrs J. N. Scott, A. Ray and A. Robertson were elected to the Managing Board for another year, with a new member in the person of Mr R A Fraser. The following form the Missionary Association: John M. Call, Dr. Meikle, Mrs. Hermiston, Miss M. B. Kilgour, J. N. Scott, A. Fishie, A. J. Leslie, A. W. Wright. A pleasant feature of the proceedings was the presentation of an appreciatively worded address and a valuable mantle clock to Rev. W. G. Hanga, B. D., from the Bible class.

Winnipeg and West.

St Andrew's congregation, Berlin, may build a new church in the near future.

At Morden special union services have been held during the past two weeks, with good results.

An enjoyable concert was held in Point Douglas church, under the auspices of the Ladies Aid, at which a long programme was pleasingly presented.

For the information of Eastern ministers, who would like to see the West, it should be said, despite the list in the Toronto Presbyterian, that Thornhill and Riverside have called and settled long weeks ago.

Another superintendent who has filled the position for a long time is Mr. J. A. McCrea, of Guelph, who has entered on his twentieth year as Superintendent of Knox Sunday School.

On the 24th ult. Rev. Mr. Polson, of Swan Lake, conducted anniversary services at Nelson, the oldest church in Southern Manitoba. It is now in connection with the Miami field. The sermons were well attended.

The reported resignation of Rev. C. B. Pabado, D.D. of Westminster church owing to ill-health, has been received with feelings of deep regret, not only by the congregation, but in all quarters. It is hoped that Dr. Pabado may be able to reconsider his decision.