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OTTAWA.

Rev. D. J. Craig of McLaren street, Ottawa, who has been holding evangelistic services in St. Andrew's church, Cantley, for the past two weeks, conducted the service at Kirk's Ferry last Sabbath evening. A large congregation was present.

Rev. J. H. Turnbull, attending the meeting of the Foreign Missions committee of the general assembly in Toronto, will occupy the pulpit in St. Andrew's church of that city next Sunday. Rev. Dr. Milligan preaching in Bank street church, and will give a lecture to the Young People's Association next Monday night.

At the thirtieth annual meeting of Erskine Church, the pastor, Rev. A. E. Mitchell, stated that the growth of the congregation had been remarkable during the past year. The number of families is 336; membership, 641. The total revenue was \$9,200, of which \$800 was paid to missions. It was decided at an early date to hold a purely social re-union at 6 o'clock in the evening, free from "bothersome business discussions." This congregation has the largest Sunday school in the city.

In view of the growth and prosperity of Bank street Church, as shown in all the reports presented at the annual meeting, it was decided to increase Rev. Mr. Turnbull's salary to \$2,400. The managers, through Mr. S. Stewart, reported the sustentation receipts to have aggregated \$6,144.99. This year's estimate, including the increased salary allowance, was placed at \$6,560. The officers elected were: Treasurer, W. E. Gowling, re-elected; treasurer of mission fund, John Fraser, re-elected; auditors, J. D. McGregor and R. L. Tanner; trustees, William Stewart and Robert McElgin; managers, T. S. Kirby, D. B. Gardner, George N. Hutchison, D. T. Masson, for five years; A. Richards and William Bailey for two years, and R. S. Simpson for one year.

Knox congregation at the close of 64 years, finds itself in a most satisfactory condition. The pastor, Rev. Dr. Ramsay presided, and Mr. J. C. Tully acted as secretary. Mr. B. M. Northwood read the financial statement, which showed a balance of \$357.39. The receipts amounted to \$5,736.41, of which \$4,943.10 was collections, and the disbursements were placed at \$5,379.02. The mission schemes realized \$1,155.04. Mr. B. Chisholm stated that this surpassed the previous year by \$143.74. The total of the W. F. M. S. Sunday school, Presbyterian guild and mission band, with what was given outside of the congregation, aggregating \$2,500.61. The pastor, in his report upon the Sunday school, laid great emphasis upon the necessity of having an up-to-date hall. Many of the teachers and scholars had an unbroken record of attendance. The average attendance was 210, the maximum being 235. Mr. S. J. Jarvis, superintendent, placed the credit balance at \$100. The total expenditure had been \$325, of which \$127 was for benevolent purposes. The surplus will be largely used in restocking the library. The election of officers resulted: Temporal committee, Messrs. W. N. Barry, S. J. Jarvis, H. S. Campbell, Dr. McKinnon, C. N. Robertson, B. M. Northwood, C. Ogilvie, F. A. McDermid, J. McJanet, E. H. Miles, Dr. Robertson, T. W. Graham, Geo. Hay, Jr., J. McMartin, F. A. Coffin, M. McMillan, J. M. Empey and J. C. Tully; elders, S. J. Jarvis, H. S. Campbell, Dr. McKinnon, B. M. Northwood, J. McJanet and W. Graham; auditors, Chas. Robertson and T. W. Alexander.

The annual meeting of Stewart Presbyterian Church was held on Monday evening, January 16th. There was a good attendance of members and the business was despatched expeditiously and harmoniously. The managers, treasurer and officers of the various societies of the congregation had very encouraging reports to present, indicating wonderful progress and activity in the congregation during the past year. As a consequence the meeting was in excellent trim. The board of managers reported that the sustentation fund (including the balance of \$149 from the previous year) amounted to \$3,296—an increase over the previous year of \$634—and the year closed with a balance on hand of \$309. The contributions to sustentation fund averaged \$30.55 per Sabbath. For the current year the managers call for contributions to the amount of \$5,140. The pastor's salary was increased by \$100, making it \$1,600. All the congregational societies reported balances on the right side of the ledger, and all will enter upon the work of the current year with renewed zeal and earnestness. The total income of the congregation from all sources, including subscriptions paid into the building fund, amounted to \$7,829. The net increase in membership was 75, the roll now standing at 410, as compared with 335 at the close of the previous year.

EASTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. Mr. Bright declines the call to Knox church, Peterboro'.

The Rev. W. L. Atkinson, of Warsaw, has accepted a call to Mansfield, Orangeville Presbytery.

Rev. W. W. McCuaig, of Montreal, was the guest of his aunt, Mrs. Charles Stewart, Stewart's Glen, last week.

Through the Rev. R. B. Nelles, Mr. J. L. Thompson, of Port Hope, has presented the Knoxville congregation with a handsome pulpit Bible.

The free-will offering of the Russell church entertainment amounted to \$132. When to this is added the Sunday collections, make a total of \$252.

The congregation of Omenee, Lakevale and Mount Pleasant have issued a call to the Rev. Harris Peckover, of Sunderland. The salary is fixed at \$600, with a free manse.

The annual meeting of St. John's and St. Andrew's churches, Almonte, were held on Wednesday evening, and reports from the various organizations in both churches were satisfactory. St. John's reports 130 families on the church roll, with a membership of 300, and St. Andrew's 112 families, with a membership of 271. The managers elected for St. John's were Messrs. James Robertson, W. C. Young, Adam Johnston and W. H. Williams, and for St. Andrew's, Messrs. John Yuill, W. C. Pollock, P. Cochran and J. Beaton. Mr. Peter McCallum was appointed treasurer of St. Andrew's church in place of Mr. Black, resigned.

The present membership of St. Andrew's, Renfrew, is 450. The total receipts from all sources amounted to \$7,082.28. "Forward" is the motto for 1907. The following officers were appointed: Managers, Messrs. John Mackay, G. McIntyre and M. McKinnon re-elected for three years, and Mr. A. D. Wishart for one year to complete Mr. R. C. Timmin's term; auditors, Messrs. O. Wright and Geo. Eady, jr.; hospital board, Messrs. J. E. Pedlow and W. E. Smallfield resigned and W. A. Mackay; seating committee, Messrs. W. M. Dickson, Jos. McQuade and M. McKinnon; ushers, Messrs. O. Wright, J. McQuade, W. M. Dickson, R. D. Scott, R. C. Wilson, Wm. Stewart, John Anderson, D. McPhail and W. D. Ross.

WINNIPEG AND WEST.

All the organizations connected with St. Giles' church appear to be in a healthy condition. The membership stands at 321, after an addition of 132 names to the roll during the year. The total receipts for all purposes were \$5,268.97.

Augustine, under the pastoral charge of Rev. Dr. Wilson, is doing well. The membership is now 472, a net gain of 87 during the year. The total receipts amounted to \$14,210.47, with an aggregate expenditure of about an equal amount.

During the past year there were added to the membership of St. Stephen's church (Rev. Dr. Gordon, pastor) 116, leaving the roll at 498. The minister's salary was increased to \$3,000. The treasurer's statement showed receipts totalling \$7,899.73.

Rev. and Mrs. J. R. Robertson, and wife at Revelstoke, B.C., were presented with a handsome buffet and six dining room chairs, also a five o'clock tea table and numerous articles of cut glass and linen from the members of Knox church congregation in that town as a Christmas gift.

All the reports presented to the annual meeting of Knox church indicated continued and increasing prosperity. The total receipts for the year from all sources amounted to \$29,137.50. The members of the congregation are congratulating themselves on having secured the services of Rev. D. M. Solandt, B.D., as assistant to Dr. DuVal.

The financial statement of Point Douglas church showed receipts of \$221.50 and a corresponding expenditure. The liabilities of the ordinary fund are placed at \$161, with a bank balance of 97 cents. The total assets are placed at \$42,000 and the total liabilities are \$20,967. The pastor, Rev. D. Munroe, is successfully ministering to an attached people.

The annual financial statement of Westminster showed receipts from all sources aggregating \$15,738.30. The pastor's salary has been increased by \$500; and the retiring allowance of Rev. Dr. Pitblado is to be continued until 1st April, 1908. The congregation also remembered their late pastor and wife by sending them a congratulatory message to their home in San Diego, Cal.

At the annual meeting of St. Andrew's church the treasurer's statement showed receipts as follows: Board of managers, \$7,951; session, \$1,456; Ladies' Aid Society, \$977; Sabbath school and Bible class, \$1,561; Sherman street mission, \$382; Women's Foreign Missionary Society, \$251; Young People's Societies C. E., \$396; Young Men's Union, \$337; Home Mission Society, \$43; total, \$13,287. The total assets are \$54,300, and liabilities \$19,456.

In the course of a recent sermon Dr. DuVal spoke of the acceptance of the position of assistant pastor by the Rev. D. M. Solandt, M.A., and B.D., of Queen's University, to whom he referred as a man of high character and marked accomplishments as well as being also a man of great personal courage, of whom it is related that he was the first to respond to a call for volunteers upon the occasion of the wreck of the Scotsman at Belle Isle, a few years since. Mr. Solandt's many friends in Ottawa and Kingston will learn with pleasure of his acceptance of the assistant pastorate of Knox church, Winnipeg—a position which gives him ample field for the exercise of his varied gifts.

We notice that he has already called a meeting of the young people for organization purposes. We shall be greatly disappointed if Mr. Solandt does not prove himself a great influence for good among the young men of the prairie city.

In every way the annual meeting of St. Andrew's church, Perth, was a gratifying success. A pleasant feature of the proceedings was an appreciative reference to the services of Rev. James Cormack, who took the pastor's duties while Rev. Mr. Scott was doing the work laid on him by the General Assembly. This historic congregation shows no signs of old age. All of its activities display youthful enthusiasm and Christian optimism.