

PARKDALE.

The annual congregational meeting of Dunn Avenue Presbyterian church, Parkdale, was held Jan. 17th. Mr. Wm. Murdoch occupied the chair. The reports of the various boards and societies of the church were highly satisfactory. There is a membership of over 700, and all the pews on the ground floor have been allocated. The total debt on the church is \$19,500. The total receipts for the year from every source amounted to \$10,000. The receipts handled directly by the managers reached the sum of \$7,834. Among the items in this amount were:—\$4,577 from collections by envelope, \$1,650 from open collections, and \$1,013 missionary collections. Among the disbursements were:—\$3,745 for salaries, \$362 for church repairs, \$1,013 for missions, and \$205 towards the Indian famine fund. The estimated revenue and expenditure for 1898 was placed at \$6,860. The stipend of the pastor was increased from \$2,600 to \$2,750, and it was decided to expend \$1,200 on ventilation and repairs. The matter of seating strangers attending the Sunday services was then taken up. Rev. Mr. Howack has since refused to accept the increase in salary offered by the congregation and requests that this amount be expended in renovating the Sabbath school hall.

TORONTO JUNCTION.

The annual meeting of Victoria Presbyterian church, Toronto Junction, was held Jan. 19th. Rev. J. W. Rae, the pastor presiding. The receipts which have been on the increase for the past year or two, this year showed a net increase of \$1,156.37. The debt on the church has been considerably reduced. The Sabbath collections amounted to \$2,150.25, and the amounts received from other sources made the total receipts \$1,300. One hundred and twenty-five new members have joined the church, 85 by profession of faith and 39 by certificate. All the organizations of the church are in a flourishing condition and very satisfactory reports were read.

KEW BEACH.

The annual meeting of the Kew Beach Presbyterian church took place Jan. 19th. Mr. Alex. Finlayson presided. The Session's report showed 40 members on the roll, an increase of six over the previous year. The amount of money contributed from all sources was \$348; expenditure, the same. There was an increase of \$15 in envelope contributions, and \$4 in the loose collection. The contributions to the mission fund from the congregation and Sunday School were very liberal. The Sunday School has a regular attendance of 60 scholars.

SCOTCH SETTLEMENT.

The annual congregational meeting of the Scotch Settlement Presbyterian church was held on the 13th inst. The pastor, Rev. F. Smith, presiding. The congregation during the year had raised over \$100 for Missions, \$33 for the Indian Famine Fund, \$33 for Mr. Cheyne, besides some smaller amounts for manes and church buildings in the Manitoba district, etc. The Treasurer's report showed that over \$530 had been raised for all purposes.

NIMICO.

The annual meeting of the Nimico Presbyterian church was held on the evening of the 19th January. Mr. George Gray presiding. The reports submitted showed a steady march onward. The financial standing being good and the debt on the church being considerably reduced. There was much satisfaction in the promulgation of the Gospel as delivered from the pulpit, and the encouragement it gave to all who came within its hearing. Much cordiality and kindly feeling was shown to the pastor, Rev. Joseph Hamilton.

LINDSAY.

The annual meeting of the congregation of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, Lindsay, was held Jan. 19th. After devotional exercises by the pastor, Rev. J. W. Macmillan, B.A., Mr. D. McInougal was elected chairman.

The Session after the managers report and the reports of the several other organi-

zations in connection with the church showed that the affairs of the church were in a healthy condition. The additions to the membership for the year were 78 and the removals by death, certificate and revision 40, making a net gain for the year of 38 and leaving the membership at the end of the year 1897—550.

The managers' report showed the total receipts for the year, for all purposes, to be \$4,901.89. Of this sum \$1,419.19 was contributed for missionary and charitable purposes, the balance for the ordinary expenses of the congregation.

ST. PAUL'S, WINCHESTER.

The annual meeting of St. Paul's church, Winchester, was held in the lecture hall, Wednesday evening, the 19th inst., the pastor, Rev. D. G. S. Connerly, in the chair. Reports were received from the different departments of church work, all being in a healthy and prosperous condition and showing a marked advance upon previous years.

The Sunday school had a large increase both in attendance and in giving, \$63 being collected for the mission.

The W.F.M.B. experienced this year its greatest prosperity since its establishment.

The total income of the congregation was \$2,959.20.

ST. PAUL'S, HAMILTON.

The annual meeting of St. Paul's church was held on Jan. 18th. The various reports were of a most satisfactory character. The following figures speak for themselves: Sabbath collections 1897 \$3,034, 1898 \$2,552; pew rents 1897 \$2,163, 1898 \$1,808; mortgage debt reduced by \$1,000 during the year.

In recognition of his personal gifts and his services to St. Paul's church, Rev. Neil McPherson's salary was increased by \$500, to date from Jan. 1st. Messrs. Coburn, Morrison, Malcolm, Munro and John Merrick were re-elected managers.

ST. JOHN'S, HAMILTON.

The annual meeting of St. John's Presbyterian church was held Jan. 18th, and resulted in the election to the Board of Management of Messrs. Hyslop, Hooper, Eager, Turnbull, Bows, McKenzie, McCoy, Balfour, Reid, Riddell, H. D. Eager, Secretary; W. G. Reid, Treasurer; Auditors, W. R. Stuart, W. Strong. The financial statement showed a balance of \$116.

MACNAB ST. CHURCH, HAMILTON

A largely attended annual meeting of Macnab street Presbyterian church, Hamilton, was held on Jan. 18th. The financial report showed a balance on the right side. The church last year gave \$6,500 in collections. Rev. Dr. Fletcher, the pastor, was unanimously nominated Moderator for the General Assembly by the Hamilton Presbytery.

ERSKINE CHURCH, MONTREAL.

The annual business meeting of Erskine congregation of which the Rev. A. J. Mowatt, is pastor, was held Jan. 19th.

The reports were most encouraging; the Treasurer's statement submitted showed a total revenue of \$11,322.17, and disbursements \$11,251.81, with a balance of \$70.06 carried forward.

The pastor gave a brief address referring to the prominent features of the life and work of the congregation during the year which was very encouraging. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Dr. Chas. Ault, President; Thos. Brown, vice President; R. Cunningham, Treasurer; J. N. Laing and C. B. Gordon, joint Financial Sec'y; J. D. Patterson, Recording Sec'y; and Messrs. T. E. Hodgson, D. H. McLeenan, J. Y. Roy, W. Chipchase, A. M. Ewing and R. A. Danton, as members of the Board of Management.

ST. GABRIEL CHURCH, MONTREAL

The annual meeting of the congregation of St. Gabriel's church was held Jan. 19th in the parlors of the church. Quite a large number of the congregation were present, and in the absence of the pastor, the Rev. Dr. Campbell, who is at present confined to his house through illness, Mr. Charles Byrd presided. The financial statement was presented and adopted unanimously. It showed

that a total of \$75 remained upon the right side of the account. The Board of Trustees was re-elected by acclamation.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, MONTREAL.

The annual meeting of St. Paul's congregation was held on Jan. 17th. The Rev. James Barclay, D.D., presided. The various reports were of a most satisfactory character, and the finances of the various church societies showed a balance on the right side. The contributions to the various church schemes also showed an increase. One of the most encouraging features of the work of the year was the success of the Point St. Charles Mission.

The vacancy on the Trustees Board caused by the death of Mr. Alex. Ewan, was filled by the appointment of Mr. Henry Newman to the position. All the trustees who retired by rotation this year were re-elected.

KNOX CHURCH, MONTREAL.

The annual reports presented to the congregation of Knox church Montreal Jan. 19th were most encouraging. The pastor, the Rev. James Fleck, presided. There had been aggressive work done in all the branches and the finances were in a satisfactory condition. The roll of church membership contained 689 names, against 674 at the close of 1896, a net gain of 15 members. The Treasurer's statement showed the receipts of the year to have been \$9,930.18, and that out of this amount several large sums had been disbursed for extraordinary expenditure and towards decreasing the debt.

The following Officers were re-elected: Board of Management—J. J. McGill, President; J. McD. Heine, Treasurer; Adam Binning, Secretary; Wm. Cairns, R. Henderson, H. B. Picken and James Kent.

Auditors—J. B. Picken and A. H. M. Kee. Interest and Sinking Fund Committee, with power to add—Robert Dunn, chairman; George Patterson, Secretary Treasurer.

CHALMER'S CHURCH, QUELPH.

The annual meeting of Chalmers church congregation was held Jan. 19th, Mr. R. Melvin presiding. The report of the Session shows, what is very gratifying indeed, that steady, progress continues to characterize the increase in membership. At the close of 1896 the resident membership was 630. In the year just closed 68 new members were received, 38 by certificate, and 30 on profession of faith. There have been removed from the roll 40 members, 11 by death, 13 by certificate, and 16 placed on the retired list. The net gain, therefore, is 28 members, so that the resident membership is 658. The number of families is 259.

The Managers' report showed the amount contributed for all purposes to be \$5,875.51. The Missionary Association report amount raised \$36.42. In addition to this special collection for the Klondike mission of \$39.09, and the contributions from the Y.P.S.C.E., Bible class and Sabbath schools make a total amount of \$864.35. The total amount raised in 1897 by the congregation for missionary purposes was \$1,364.84, and advance of \$38.09 over that of last year.

The Sunday school reports show that during the year there was raised for missionary purposes \$64.47.

KNOX CHURCH, QUELPH.

The annual congregational meeting of this church was held Jan. 19th, there was a large attendance. The various reports show a gratifying progress. The finances of the church are now in the best shape they ever have been. The church mortgage, which the congregation have been vigorously fighting for years, is now wiped out. Altogether the church has every reason to be gratified with the progress made since Rev. W. A. J. Martin accepted the pastorate of the church. The weekly attendance shows a marked increase and the contributions are proportionately greater. The amount raised for all purposes was \$4,944, of which \$1,173 was for missions and benevolence. The membership is now 545, an increase of 45 during the year.

THE GLEBE CHURCH, OTTAWA.

The annual meeting of the Glebe Presbyterian church was held on Jan. 18th. The reports presented were of a very satisfactory