

Annual Meeting.

The Annual Meeting of the congregation was held in the basement of the church on the last Tuesday of December, 1895, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Rev. N. Campbell, the pastor, in the chair. The meeting was opened with devotional exercises. The minutes of last annual meeting were read and sustained. The various reports of the congregation were presented and showed satisfactory progress in every department of the church's work. The retiring managers were appointed for another term. The same auditors were reappointed. Mr. R. Robertson was also reappointed as Secretary-Treasurer for the year 1896.

The Report of the Session for the Year 1895.

The Session has great pleasure in submitting their Annual Report for 1895, and would record our gratitude to Almighty God for His fatherly care and protection and the manifest tokens of His presence with us in our work during the year. The services in the sanctuary have been unusually interesting, and impressions have been made upon many hearts, which we believe, will redound to God's glory. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed three times during the year and the attendance was unusually large, the number of communicants present being 91 per cent. of the whole. The Session rejoice at the large accession to the membership of the church from amongst the young, the total number added being 22 names. The membership is now 82. Five names were removed from the roll during the year—three by death and two by certificate. We had, therefore, a net gain of 17 members. Four children were baptized, whose parents are in full communion with the church. The pastor has not been able to make as many pastoral visits to your homes as he would have liked. The year was one of unusual sorrow to the congregation as a whole, and the visiting of the sick and the dying demanded a good deal of attention. We had 14 deaths in all during the year 1895. The congregation has been divided into districts and each elder has a number of families assigned to him, which will greatly relieve the pastor and greatly help him in his work. The pastor attended 7 meetings of presbytery and took part in the settlement of two ministers over vacant congregations—one in Hillsdale and the other in Nottawasaga. He gave 290 sermons and addresses, made 229 visits and drove 3,200 miles during the 12 months of last year. From this you will have some idea of the work overtaken during the year, but he feels grateful and encouraged to find so much thoughtfulness shown toward him in his work and rejoices to find so many especially amongst the young, who are ready to assist him in his work. May the year 1896 be the best in the history of the congregation, and may our heavenly Father continue to bless us more and more in our labors together during the year upon which we have entered