

motion of Mr. Doudiet it was agreed to send the hearty thanks of the Presbytery to Mr. McLaren for his generous gift. The Clerk read a communication from Dr. Reid in connection with the pressing need for a larger support to the Assembly Fund, and it was agreed to send a request to each of the Sessions to increase their donation to this fund. It was agreed also to send a petition to the Minister of Education for Ontario praying him to authorize Dr. Sewell's Stomach Charts for use in the public schools in temperance instruction. The Presbytery then adjourned to meet in St. Andrews Church on Tuesday, March 22, at two p.m. — JAMES H. BRATT, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF HUDON. — This Presbytery held a regular meeting in Seaford on the 19th January. Mr. J. S. Henderson was appointed Moderator for the ensuing six months. It was agreed to hold a conference on the State of Religion at next meeting. In the absence of Mr. Scott, the Convener, the report on the Sabbath schools was read by Mr. J. S. Henderson. The report was received, thanks given to the Convener, and ordered to be transmitted to the Convener of the Synod's Committee. Session records were examined and attested. Mr. Stuart, on behalf of the congregations of Hullett and Lonsdale, asked and obtained leave to moderate in a call. Stipend promised, \$800, with marse. Rev. K. McLennan, M.A., being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member. Mr. D. D. McLeod, of Barrie, was nominated as Foreign Mission Secretary. A circular calling attention to the necessity of contributions to this Scheme being more liberal than in the past was read. The report of the Presbyterian Woman's Foreign Mission Society was submitted and adopted in terms of the following motion: "The Presbytery receive the report of the Woman's Foreign Mission Society, rejoice at the progress made by this Society, and the zeal with which the work is prosecuted by our esteemed women, commend the Society to the confidence of our people, and pray that God may bless it more and more." Contributions of this Society were over \$1,300, an advance of over \$100 over previous year. The next meeting of Presbytery is to be held in Clinton on the 5th March. — A. McLAREN, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF WHITBY. — This Presbytery met in Bowmanville on the 19th January. There was a fair attendance of ministers and elders. Mr. R. D. Fraser was chosen Moderator for the current year. Mr. McMechan, Port Perry, was retained on the roll of Presbytery, having been allowed by the General Assembly through the Committee of the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund to retire from the active duties of the ministry. Messrs. Purkiss of the Congregational Church, Barnes of the Disciples, and W. Burns, of Toronto, being present, were invited to correspond. Mr. McLaren was appointed to exchange with the probationer supplying the Enniskillen charge on a Sabbath in February, that he with his elder might meet with the Cadmus congregation and advise with them about their services. Messrs. McKeen and Whiteman after giving a favourable account of the annual report of the Presbyterian Woman's Foreign Missionary Society were instructed to convey to said Society, now in session, the congratulations of the Presbytery on the continued prosperity and cheering prospects of the Society. A favourable report was given in of the Newcastle congregation. It was agreed to apply to the Augmentation Committee for the continuance of their grant for another year. A motion of condolence with Mr. Leslie on his late sad bereavement was unanimously agreed to. Mr. W. Burns, agent for the Endowment Fund for the Aged and Infirm Ministers, gave a very interesting and encouraging address on this subject. He stated that over \$100,000 had already been subscribed and \$65,000 of it paid in; and now the proposal was to make a strenuous effort throughout the whole Church and take up subscriptions to be paid in three annual instalments. Thanks were tendered to Mr. Burns, and the Presbytery appointed a committee to make arrangements for a thorough canvass of all our congregations. The remit on a summer session in one of our colleges was carefully considered and approved of as a temporary expedient to meet the present necessity. The committee that had been appointed to examine the remit on the Distribution of Probationers gave in a lengthened report with corrections and amendments of the papers submitted to them. The Presbytery received the report, but deferred the consideration of it till the meeting in April. Notice of motion was given by Mr. Leslie that at next meeting he would move to the effect that all the commissioners to the General Assembly be sent by rotation. Mr. Drummond also gave notice that he would move, at next meeting, that the order of electing elders to the General Assembly be geographical and not as at present. The Presbytery took action upon a circular on the Assembly Fund, and it is expected that our contributions to that fund will at least reach the amount named by the agent of the Church. A conference on systematic beneficence, extending from two o'clock to half past three, was held, at which a number of the managers and members of the congregations were present and took part in it. Mr. Fraser, the Convener of the Committee, read a lengthened and interesting report, Mr. Burns spoke to the report and Mr. Drummond opened up the conference by an address on "the duty of setting apart a definite portion of income for the Lord's work," and was followed by short addresses by Messrs. Eastman, Chisholm, Keachie, Leslie, McLaren and others. At the close of the conference recommendations were adopted favourable to the scheme, and Mr. Fraser was asked to forward his report to the Church papers for wider circulation. Dr. Caven was nominated Moderator of the General Assembly. A telegram was received announcing the death of the Rev. A. Kennedy, the oldest member of the Presbytery. An appropriate minute expressing the high esteem in which he was held by all his co-presbyters was engrossed in the minute book and the necessary arrangements made for the funeral on Thursday. The members of Presbytery and the lady delegates were generously entertained at luncheon and tea by the ladies of St. Paul's

Church in the school-room. The Presbytery will hold its next quarterly meeting in Pickering on April 19th. — A. A. DRUMMOND, *Pres. Clerk*.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS.

The annual meeting and social of St. Andrews Church, Danville, Que. Rev. Geo. H. Smith, B.A., pastor, was held in the Church on the evening of the 3rd inst. This was the largest and most enthusiastic meeting in the history of this Church. The following is a synopsis of the reports: Membership, sixty-nine; number in Sunday school, 108; amount raised by the Sunday school, \$35; total revenue of the Church, \$776; balance in the treasury, \$50; amount raised by the Ladies' Aid Society, \$125. Tea was served by the ladies, music by the St. Andrews choir, and several encouraging speeches were made, including a very pleasing address by Mr. J. Thorburn Ross, president of the Young Men's Christian Association of San Francisco, Cal., one of "our boys." This pleasant meeting was brought to a close by the singing of "God be with you till we meet again."

The annual meeting of the Collingwood congregation showed the Church to be in a prosperous condition. The report of the Session indicated that the professing Christians had grown in grace through greater consecration to the service of God, and as a result the visitation of the sick and afflicted, personal efforts to win souls, liberal support of local charities and congregational treasury characterized the year. There were sixty-four received into fellowship and thirty-five baptized. The Ladies' Benevolent Society greatly helped the poor with the necessities of life, and what was still better, helped them to help themselves. The W. F. M. S. and M. B. were never in better heart, and contributed for missions \$164. The H. M. Association is well organized and contributed for missions \$218. The Ladies' Church Building Improvement Committee collected and expended on frescoing \$348. The Y. P. S. C. E. more than doubled its membership, and reported an average attendance at the weekly meetings of ninety. They sent a donation to Knox College Missionary Association. The Sabbath school has a roll of over 600 pupils, with a large staff of faithful, devoted and consecrated teachers, and sent \$75 to Pointe aux Trembles school. The receipts of the Board of Management were \$2,600. The Church building debt, which was five years ago \$6,000, is now reduced to \$800, and will, before the end of the current year, be a thing of the past, to the great delight of the pastor and people, who, by this heavy burden, felt themselves crippled in their contributing to work "outside their gates."

The annual meeting of the Presbyterian congregation, Inverness, Quebec, was held in the village church on Tuesday evening, January 26. The weather being cold and somewhat stormy, the attendance was less than it otherwise would have been. The pastor, the Rev. James Sutherland, conducted devotional exercises, at the close of which he was called to the chair. The secretary-treasurer, having read the minutes of previous meeting, submitted the annual financial statement, which showed that the finances were in a very satisfactory state, more so, indeed, than any previous year during the present pastorate of now nearly eight years. Last year being the first for this congregation to be self-supporting, the meeting was agreeably surprised to learn that the pastor's salary of \$750 had been paid in full, and that a balance of stipend money to the amount of about \$20 remained in the treasury. All other running expenses were covered by the plate collection, with a balance on the right side of about \$25. Reports were submitted and read from the Ladies' Missionary Society and the Sabbath school, indicating substantial progress in these departments. All this is very encouraging when it is remembered that we are numerically losing ground year by year. There is not a year for the past twelve or fifteen but families have been leaving us for different parts of the North-West and the States, and invariably their places are taken up by French-Canadians. The trustees reported that they had received the sum of \$200 from the executors of the will of the late John Smith, as a nucleus towards an endowment fund for ministerial support. It is to be hoped that more of the wealthy people of Inverness may follow his good example only on a larger scale.

Melville Church, Brussels, held its annual meeting on February 1. The pastor, Rev. John Ross, B.A., occupied the chair. The reports submitted showed that the various departments of the Church's work are in a healthy and vigorous condition and that substantial progress had been made during 1891. In the congregation there are 115 families; forty members were received and seventeen dismissed during the year, making a net gain of twenty-three, the present membership being 246. Twelve years ago, when Mr. Ross commenced his pastorate, there were but 116 members. The financial statement presented by the treasurer, Mr. Oliver Smith, was very satisfactory. The remainder of the basement debt had been paid off, all expenses met and a balance of \$52.70 left in the treasury. Mrs. Graham's report on behalf of the Missionary Association exhibited continued liberality towards missions. The total amount raised by the congregation for all purposes was \$1,967.06, of which \$478.62 was for missionary and benevolent work. The following are the office-bearers for the current year: Daniel Stewart, congregational secretary; Elder Stewart, Thomas Davidson, William Aisley, James M. Martin, Walter Jones, Daniel Stewart, A. M. McKay, William Knechtel and John B. McLaughlin, managers; Mrs. James Kerr, treasurer; Missionary Association: Elder Stewart, president; Elder McLaughlin, vice-president; Mrs. William Martin, Mrs. Adam and

Mrs. Tufts, committee; J. S. Skene and W. B. Dickson, auditors; Elders Stewart, McLaughlin and Mitchell, trustees. A committee, consisting of Hugh Forsythe, A. Stewart, Thomas Davidson and James Duncan, was appointed to take steps to reduce the debt on the manse, after which the meeting was brought to a close.

The annual meeting of the congregation of Chalmers Church, Quebec, was held in the lecture room on Wednesday evening, 27th ult. There was a good attendance of members and adherents of the congregation. Rev. Donald Tait, B.A., occupied the chair. After devotional exercises reports were presented by the Session, the Board of Managers, the Sabbath school, the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavour, the Mission Band and the Missionary Society. These reports were very satisfactory, showing the Church to be in a prosperous condition. The ordinary revenue for congregational purposes amounted to \$3,363.03, which meets all the expenditure and leaves a balance on hand of \$56.42. The total revenue of the Sabbath school is \$231.83. It appeared from the reports of the different missionary organizations that the congregation had contributed during the past year for missionary and benevolent purposes, \$1,611.13. Of this amount \$200 were given to Home Missions, \$355 to Foreign Missions, \$257 to French Evangelization, \$175 to Augmentation Fund (Home Missions), \$100 to Protestant Insane Asylum, \$125 to Colleges, \$40 to Jeffery Hale Hospital, \$30 to the Ladies' Protestant Home, \$320.13 to other religious and benevolent objects in Quebec and elsewhere. The total revenue for all purposes was \$5,126.12. This is one of the most satisfactory financial reports ever presented in the history of the congregation, and shows a very commendable measure of liberality on the part of the people. Messrs. Wm. Brodie, J. L. Bell, P. R. Miller, Gavin Muir and James Richardson were elected managers. The present Board of Management consists of the following members: Mr. William Brodie, chairman; Mr. Archibald Miller, secretary; Mr. Thomas Brodie, treasurer, and Messrs. D. H. Giegie, J. F. Ross, J. L. Bell, P. R. Miller, Gavin Muir and James Richardson. Votes of thanks were cordially passed to the Board of Management, the auditors, and Mrs. Neil, organist, to Mr. J. B. Logie, choir leader, and the members of the choir, and also to Mr. Robert Brodie for a special donation of \$50. Messrs. Amos Campbell and Alexander Forrest were appointed auditors for the ensuing year. After the business was over, an hour was spent very pleasantly in a social way, during which the ladies kindly served refreshments, which were much enjoyed, and for which they received the cordial thanks of the meeting, and thus closed a pleasant and most harmonious congregational meeting.

The annual meeting of Knox Church, Portage la Prairie was held on Wednesday, January 20, Mr. Macklin occupying the chair. The report of Session was read by the pastor, Mr. Wright, and contained many encouraging features. It stated that the membership is now 412, that the attendance on Sabbath services was large, and that both Monday and Wednesday evening prayer-meetings were well attended. It urged the congregation to still greater liberality in the work of missions, both Home and Foreign, stating that the amount from all sources for the Schemes of the Church for 1891 would be about \$1,100. The report of Mr. W. W. Miller, treasurer, showed that the ordinary revenue for the support of ordinances during the year had been \$3,818.95, including a donation from the Ladies' Aid of \$325. The floating debt had been reduced out of the ordinary revenue by \$425, and the year closed with a balance on hand of \$90.15. The total indebtedness at present on both church and manse is \$1,700, and the managers believe that with the largely increased scale of giving with which the congregation has begun the year 1892, the whole amount can be wiped out within the year. The Auxiliary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society reported the most prosperous year in its history. The sum of \$230 had been collected and forwarded by this Society for Foreign Missions. The Missionary Society of

the congregation reported \$499 to be divided among the Schemes. The Christian Endeavour give \$50 for Pointe-aux-Trembles pupil, and the Sabbath school and Bible class give \$200 to Home Missions and \$100 to Foreign, besides \$32 to the famine-stricken districts of China. The Sabbath school and Bible class reported an average attendance of 311, with a roll of about 450; and an average Sabbath collection of \$11.27 per Sabbath. An additional room was built during the year for the primary class. The officers for 1892 were appointed. Names: James McLennan, John McDonald and D. B. Hanna, managers, to take the places of those retiring; Charles Barley, sr., choir leader; Mrs. W. W. Miller, church organist; Miss Minnie MacLunnie, prayer-meeting organist; Mrs. James Brown, Sabbath school organist; R. Thompson, congregational secretary, and George Matheson and John McAuley, auditors. The ushers for both morning and evening services were left to be appointed by the managers.

OBITUARY.

MRS. JANE MACPHERSON.

The *Le Roy Gazette* says: Mrs. Macpherson, mother of Dr. W. A. Macpherson, of Le Roy, died at the residence of her son on Tuesday, January 12, at seven o'clock, from catarrhal pneumonia, superinduced by an attack of la grippe. Her age was 61 years. Mrs. Macpherson formerly resided in Esquimaux, Canada, where her husband, James Macpherson, died in 1885. In August last she came here with her son; she had been an invalid for some time, but after locating in Le Roy her health was very much improved. She was a member of the Le Roy Presbyterian Church. Six children survive as follows: Dr. J. D. Macpherson, Akron, N. Y.; Dr. J. F. Macpherson, Buffalo, Dr. W. A. Macpherson, Le Roy, Mrs. D. McColl, Esquimaux, Canada, and Misses Lizzie and Marjory, of Le Roy. The remains were taken to Canada where they were interred in the family burial place at Boston church yard.

The careful, conservative policy of the Waterloo Mutual Fire Insurance Company, enabled the Management to present a very satisfactory report at the Annual Meeting held on the 16th ult. An abstract of the financial statement appears in another column, to which attention is directed. With such competent gentlemen on the Board as Directors the company is assured of a prosperous future.

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