

EAST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, TORONTO.

The annual meeting of Queen Street East Presbyterian Church took place Jan. 20th, there was a good attendance of members. Rev. W. Frizzell presided.

The report of the session was presented by Rev. Mr. Frizzell, showing that there was a membership of 279 at the commencement of 1896; at the close of the year there were 294, a net gain of 15 members.

The Treasurer's report was presented by Dr. Cleland, showing a balance carried forward from 1895 of \$105.19; receipts during the year 1896 of \$1,813.32, and disbursements of \$1,912.30, leaving a balance on hand of \$62.21. The mortgage fund showed a balance on hand from 1895 of \$243.73; amount collected during the year \$417.13, making a total of \$661.09. Of this amount \$225 was used to pay the interest, and \$400 was applied towards the reduction of the mortgage, leaving a balance at the credit of this fund \$36.09. The assets are \$20,006.21; and the liabilities, including a mortgage of \$4300, are \$1,397.10. Total amount collected from the congregation, from all sources, was \$2,969.54. The Sunday School report showed that \$237.35 had been collected and \$248.92 expended, thus leaving a balance due the Treasurer of \$11.57. There are 423 children on the roll, with an average attendance of 324. The officers and teachers number 41. The Christian Endeavor report was presented by Mr. Henry Pasmore, showing an active membership of 43 and associate membership of 8. The Coal and Clothing Society report showed a membership of 35, and receipts of \$157.20, and expenditure \$107.66, leaving a balance on hand of \$49.54. The Auxiliary and General Missionary Societies' reports were left over, until a future meeting. The Mission Band has a membership of 60, and accomplishes excellent work during the year, having sent articles to the Northwest Territories to be distributed by the missionaries. The following managers were elected for three years.—T. Fashby, Dr. Cleland, D. E. Hughes; two years, S. McLeod, one year, James Kerr. Auditors, James Fox and Walter Davidson. The meeting adjourned for two weeks.

COWAN AVENUE CHURCH, TORONTO.

The second annual meeting of the Cowan Avenue Presbyterian Church was held Jan. 20, Rev. W. M. Rochester, B.A., presiding. After the customary religious exercises highly satisfactory reports were received from the various church organizations. The Board of Managers reported that, notwithstanding the various building improvements which they had undertaken, the church was free of debt, and, in fact, had a small surplus with which to begin the present year. The following increases were reported:—In church membership, 50 per cent.; in Sabbath School membership, 47 per cent.; in teachers and officers, 3 per cent. The Treasurer's report showed that \$280 had been raised for the various schemes of the church and that the total contributions amounted to \$3,236.61, which is an increase of \$988.69 over last year. The following officers were elected:—Board of Managers, Messrs. R. Laidlaw, J. Douglas, J. M. Campbell, J. Tulloch, C. W. Complin and J. W. Sutherland; Music Committee, Messrs. J. McHardy and H. MacMath; Auditors, J. C. Bell and John Jolly.

CHURCH OF THE COVENANT, TORONTO.

The annual meeting of the Church of the Covenant, Davenport Road was held Jan. 20. The proceedings were opened by a brief service led by the pastor, Rev. James McCaul. Mr. H. C. Borden was called to the chair, after which the minutes of the various congregational meetings of the year were read and approved. Reports were presented from the Session, Board of Managers, Sabbath School, Willing Workers, Y.P.S.C.E. and Junior Y.P.S.C.E., Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and Building Committee. Applause greeted the reading of the Willing Workers' report, which showed that they had raised altogether \$1,351.70. The

report of the Building Committee showed that after paying for the site of the proposed new church at the corner of Avenue road and Roxborough street, they had a small balance on hand. Messrs. S. E. Duncan-Clark, E. P. Gunther and E. M. Higgins, the retiring managers were re-elected. The meeting was pleasant and satisfactory throughout. A vote of thanks was passed to the Chairman, Rev. Mr. McCaul closing the meeting with the benediction.

ST. MARK'S, TORONTO.

The eighth annual meeting of St. Mark's Presbyterian Church was held Jan. 20. The pastor, Rev. P. E. Nichol, presided, and the attendance was very satisfactory. The total church membership for the past year numbers 228, and the total contributions \$1,767.57, of which \$998.36 was contributed by envelope. The following reports were presented:—Session report, session fund report, Sabbath School report, Married Men's Society, Boys' Brigade, district visitors and Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. Messrs. J. Godwin, G. T. Johnson, J. Mains and G. T. Clark were elected managers, in place of four who retired this year. The church Treasurer reports an even balance this year.

DEER PARK CHURCH.

The sixtieth annual meeting of the Deer Park Presbyterian Church was held Jan. 20, when the pastor, Rev. J. H. White presided. Very satisfactory reports from the various societies, missionary and otherwise, connected with the church were submitted. The board's report showed that the total ordinary revenue had decreased about \$100 and the income from all sources had fallen off \$245. The floating liability required at \$1,270. The floating debt had been reduced by \$110.40. The total receipts were \$2,470.40, and the disbursements \$2,591.45, making the balance due the Treasurer \$121.05. Regret was expressed owing to the resignation of the pastor, who is obliged to give up his labor owing to ill-health, and a deputation to attend the Presbytery meeting in this connection was appointed. The following managers were elected for a period of three years:—W. D. Dickson and W. T. Thomson (re-elected), Andrew Stobie, D. C. Murray and G. C. Cresn, Messrs. W. A. Mackenzie and W. J. Johnston were appointed auditors.

HENRY'S CHURCH, LACHUTE.

Henry's Church Lachute, held its annual meeting last Thursday evening. Reports were received from the Session, Board of Management, Schemes of the Church, Sunday School and Woman's Missionary Society. These reports were very satisfactory and showed a steady growth of interest and liberality in the congregation. A few weeks ago the pastor, Rev. N. Waddell, B. D., was made the recipient of a well filled purse, which was the second tangible proof during the year of his people's esteem and affection.

EGMONDVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

The annual meeting of the Egmondville Presbyterian Church was held on Friday, Jan. 8th, and was well attended. Rev. N. Shaw the pastor, presided. The reports of the various organizations showed that marked progress has been made during the year. The session reported an addition of 18 to the membership. The Treasurer's statement showed a substantial balance on hand, and all claims paid. The trustees reported that \$400 was paid on the manse debt. A considerable increase has been made in the contributions to the schemes of the church. The steady progress of the past few years is very encouraging to both pastor and people, and all enter upon the work of the new year, with a hearty good will, hoping to accomplish, under the Divine blessing, greater things for the Master.

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GAVE AWAY HIS CRUTCHES

The Story Of Mr. J. McDonogh,
of Tiverton, Ont.

Suffered From Two Severe Attacks of
Rheumatism—Doctors Feared the
Trouble Was Going to His Heart—
Pink Pills Cured Him and he Gave
Away His Crutches.

From the Tiverton, Watchman.

Anyone seeing the robust, healthy and active form of Mr. Jack McDonogh, who is managing Mr. A. Gilchrist's harness business during his absence in Scotland, would be considerably surprised to learn that only two years ago he was a confirmed invalid and unable to walk without the aid of crutches. But such is the case, and hearing of his remarkable cure from the excruciating agony of inflammatory rheumatism by the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, a representative of the Watchman called upon him to learn the particulars. Mr. McDonogh was found working at the harness bench, as well and active as any young man in the country, and in reply to a question about his cure said:—"Yes, mine was quite a remarkable case. Two years ago last spring, while at home in Wingham, I was suddenly taken down with rheumatism, my feet and ankles swelling so that I could not even put on an overshoe. I was in bed three weeks under the care of the doctor, and had to use crutches for a long time after that. The next spring the rheumatism came back again, worse than ever, attacking all my joints, but principally my ankles, knees, hips, elbows and wrists. The doctor gave me very little encouragement, and said he was afraid of it going to my heart and killing me. I had read a great deal about Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and the cures they had wrought, and I determined to try them. At first I did not notice much change, but before I had taken a half a dozen boxes I was so much improved that I had given away my crutches and have never required their use since. I still took the Pink Pills for some time longer and I have never had a touch of rheumatism since, and hope I never may. I can say that Pink Pills cured me of a bad case of rheumatism and I cheerfully recommend them to others suffering as I did.

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