

The annuity and reserve funds now amount to the large sum of \$2,245,920, a handsome showing.

We referred last year to the company's marked earning power as shown in the favorable results attained under its investment policies. And there is still further to be noted, the "clean" character of its assets. The table submitted in Hon. Mr. Allan's speech, showing details of the assets and the percentage of each class among them, presents this in an interesting way. The North American Life has in various respects made an enviable name for itself. As a progressive, carefully-managed and sound company, it is entitled to rank high, and this year it is able to show a noteworthy share of the aggregate increase of business by Canadian companies. The company deserves congratulation on having secured, in its new premises on King street west, offices which are difficult to surpass in beauty, modernness and convenience.

## Annual Meetings.

At the annual meeting of Knox church, Cunningham, Rev. A. E. Duncan, M.A., minister, all reports showed the Societies connected with the church to be making good progress. The balance of the church debt amounting to \$1,062 was paid, and the ladies of the Women's Guild should be complimented upon having paid of this debt \$650 during the years 1896, 1897. Total receipts \$2,309.11; total expenditure \$2,148.97. With attendance satisfactory, harmony and good will prevailing the outlook is very encouraging.

The annual meeting of the First Presbyterian church, Brockville, was held last week. The opening exercises were conducted by Rev. W. A. McKenzie, the pastor, after which Mr. N. Cossitt was called to the chair.

The Session report stated that fifteen had joined the church during the year, eight on profession of faith and seven on certificate. Five members had been removed by death.

The Sabbath school report showed 200 scholars on the roll with an average attendance of 161 scholars, 20 teachers and 6 officers. The collections amounted to \$141.88.

The Y.P.S.C.E. report was a most encouraging one. The average attendance of members was 41, and a large amount of work has been done. The Junior Society membership had more than doubled during the year, being now 101, and much enthusiasm is manifested in the work. The Society had raised \$40 for the Indian Famine Fund; had \$64.20 on hand and had also raised money for missionary purposes.

The W.F.M.S. raised \$203 for Missions, of which \$131.70 was contributed at the Thanksgiving meeting in October.

The Young Ladies' Mission Band raised \$17 during the year.

The receipts from all sources for the year amounted to \$5,480.48, of which \$946.60 was for missionary purposes.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

Editor *Presbyterian Review* :

St. John, N. B., Feb. 14th, 1898.

DEAR SIR,—Knowing the value of space to an editor I shall be as brief as possible in my reply to the inquiries of Mr. W. B. Camming.

The net amount received from Sabbath schools—i. e. the balance after deducting the cost of issuing programmes, appeals, etc.—since May 1st to January 21st, is \$2,203.89. Most of this has been received since Children's Day, September 29th. This has all been applied to the reduction of the liability assumed by the four gentlemen named in the circular he refers to, and the amount now covered by their note is \$3,167. The contributions received up to November 30th were acknowledged in the January *Record*, and another list will appear in the April Number.

Our Sabbath Schools have responded to our appeal with great liberality, but we shall have to tax their generosity as far as they will permit if we are to succeed in our effort to relieve the friends who have aided us by their endorsement of the committee's note.

Yours sincerely,

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## A SUCCESSFUL EVANGELIST.

Rev. W. A. Dunnett, a Man Whose Good Work is Widely Known.

He Relates Events in His Career of General Interest For Years He Suffered from Heart Trouble, and Frequently from Collapse On One Occasion Five Doctors Were in Attendance He is Now Freed from His Old Enemy, and Enjoys the Blessing of Good Health.



REV. W. A. DUNNETT.

From the *Smith's Falls Record*.

Throughout Canada from the western boundary of Ontario to the Atlantic Ocean, there is no name more widely known in temperance and evangelistic work than that of the Rev. W. A. Dunnett. Mr. Dunnett has been the Grand Vice-Councillor of Ontario and Quebec in the Royal Templars, and so popular is he among the members of the order that in Montreal there is a Royal Templars Council named "Dunnett Council" in his honor. For more than ten years Mr. Dunnett has been going from place to place pursuing his good work, sometimes assisting resident ministers, sometimes conducting a series of gospel temperance meetings independently, but always laboring for the good of his fellows. While in Smith's Falls a few months ago in connection with his work he dropped into the *Record* office for a little visit with the Editor. During the conversation the *Record* ventured to remark that his duties entailed an enormous amount of hard work. To this Mr. Dunnett assented, but added that in his present physical condition he was equal to any amount of hard work. But it was not always so, he said, and then he gave the writer the following little personal history, with permission to make it public. He said that for the past thirteen years he had been greatly troubled with a

pain in the region of his heart, from which he was unable to get any relief. At times it was a dull, heavy pain, at others sharp and severe. Oftentimes it rendered him unfit for his engagements, and at all times it made it difficult to move. His trouble was always visible to the public and frequently when conducting service he would give out and doctors had to be called in to attend him. This occurred to him in the Yonge street church, Toronto; the Baptist church, Woodstock, N.B.; the Methodist church, Carleton Place, Ont. On another occasion while preaching to an audience of 2,500 people in the Franklin street Congregational church, at Manchester, N.H., five doctors had arrived and were in attendance before he regained consciousness. In all these cities and towns the newspapers freely mentioned his affliction at the time. Mr. Dunnett said he had consulted many physicians, though he said, to be entirely fair, he had never been any great length of time under treatment by any one doctor because of his itinerant mode of life. In the early part of the summer of 1884, while in Brockville assisting the pastor of the Wall street Methodist church in evangelistic services, he was speaking of his trouble to a friend who urged him to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and the next day presented him with a dozen