

This, considering the times, shows the strength and heartiness of the congregation. The meeting was large, and the reports from the various missionary and benevolent societies all showed a work pervaded by life and vigour. The election of officers resulted as follows:—Messrs. James Oliver, Robert McClain, and Geo. H. Smith as managers; and Messrs. James G. Kent and Robert Oliver as new trustees. A pleasant feature of the meeting, was the passing of a resolution, moved by Mr. G. W. Ross, congratulating Rev Dr. Milligan, pastor of the church, on his reception from the Senate of Knox College of the degree of Doctor of Divinity.

BLOOR STREET.

The Rev. W. G. Wallace presided last evening at the seventh annual meeting of the Bloor street Presbyterian church. The lecture-room was filled with the members, and the meeting was a most harmonious and encouraging one. The treasurers of the various funds, revenue, building, and missionary, reported total receipts of \$15,363, comprising \$9,066 on revenue account, \$3,091 on building account, and \$3,206 for missions. The two first named accounts showed a surplus of \$859, and the payments included \$3,000 toward the reduction of the church debt. The financial condition of the church is therefore highly satisfactory. The report of the session showed a membership roll of 657. During the year 93 new names were added, and 103 erased by death or removal. The election of managers, in the room of the four who retired, resulted in the re-election of Messrs. R. A. Donald, W. S. Thompson, Robert Mitchell, and the election of Dr. Gilbert Gordon in the place of Mr. W. J. McMaster. Messrs. James McIntosh and A. G. Allan were appointed auditors. The church officers, auditors and others were given a hearty vote of thanks for their labours.

WESTMINSTER.

The annual meeting of the congregation of Westminster Presbyterian church was held in the school-room and was well attended. Mr. George Chapman occupied the chair. The report of the session showed the total membership to be 665, an increase of 79 during the year. The treasurer's statement showed a balance of \$35 on hand. Mr. James Bain, jr., treasurer of the Board of Trustees, reported a balance due bank of \$121, the total receipts being \$7,577. The receipts exceeded the actual running expenses by \$676. The principal sources of revenue were:—From envelopes, \$5,000; loose cash, \$2,473. The building fund now stands at \$3,110. There is a balance to the credit of the Ladies' aid of \$244. The other funds and societies of the church reported satisfactory progress made during the year, with the exception possibly of the missionary society. There are 136 scholars on the Sabbath school roll, and an average attendance of 250. The following trustees were elected:—Dr. Fotheringham, Messrs. J. C. McKeggie, G. A. Carman, J. Waldie, W. J. Hendry, D. Gunn, and W. Cassels. Mr. J. P. Donald was re-elected auditor. Some discussion took place over the method of providing for the Sabbath school expenditure. It was finally decided to hand all the collections of the communion service to the session, and let them apply what is necessary to the school. Votes of thanks were passed to all officers connected with church organizations and the Sabbath school.

COLLEGE STREET CHURCH.

At the regular meeting of College street Presbyterian church, Rev. Alexander Gilray presided. Mr. Jas. Brown acted as secretary. The financial statement showed total receipts of \$7,562.91. During the year \$1,160 of a floating debt was paid off. The shortage from the ordinary revenue of the church was \$254. The session reported that during the year the net gain of members to the church was 26, and the total membership 826. The managers elected were:—Dr. Gordon, Messrs. Alexander Findlay, W. R. Miller, Peter Whytock, and W. J. McCollough. The trustees elected were:—Messrs. Jas. Turnbull, Henry Sharpe, and Thomas Adams; auditors, Messrs. D. R. Gardiner and Charles G. Smith. The different reports presented were highly satisfactory. A vote of thanks was

passed to the Board of Managers, to Mr. Brown, the secretary, and to Mr. Peterkin, the treasurer.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.

Rev. J. McP. Scott, pastor of St. John's Presbyterian church, Gerard street, presided over the annual business meeting of this congregation. Reports were submitted by representatives of the Session, Board of Management, Sabbath school, Missionary Association, Ladies' Aid Society, Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Mission Band and Christian Endeavor Society, all of which were very encouraging to the young church. During the year 61 persons were received into membership, 37 by certificate, the remainder being converts. The disjunctions by certificate and removal occasioned by death numbered 24, leaving an increase of 37 for the past year. A careful revision of the roll indicates a total membership of 263. The Sabbath contributions amounted to \$1,636.58: missions and benevolences, \$730; total for all purposes, \$2,366.46. The managers advocate an increase in the Sabbath school accommodation, as an absolute necessity. The church's missionary organizations have been extremely active, one member, Miss Mabel Smith, having accepted a post in the African field. A resolution, proposed by Mr. Trail and seconded by Mr. John Gay, was passed, expressing the deep obligations that the church was under to the St. James' church for the financial aid rendered by that congregation. The church was formerly a mission of St. James', but has now voluntarily surrendered claims to assistance and has assumed control of all business matters in connection with the church. Officers were elected as follows: Managers: Dr. Gordon, Mr. Alf Duncan, Mr. J. M. Morrow; Property Trustees, Mr. P. McDonald, Mr. J. S. Patterson, Mr. M. Coulter, Mr. C. Robinson, and Mr. J. B. Graham.

LESLIEVILLE CHURCH.

Rev. Wm. Frizzell presided. Mr. D. W. Waddell presented the session's report, which showed that during the year 57 names were added to the membership roll and 26 removed. The present membership is 265. The teachers and officers of the Sabbath school were complimented on their work. All of the societies of the church were mentioned as doing good work. Mr. Thomas Pashby presented the managers' report, which showed receipts of \$2,216, disbursements of \$2,192, and a balance of \$24. The assets of the church, including buildings, furniture, and etc., were given at \$20,000. The liabilities amount to \$4,500, of which \$4,700 is on a mortgage and \$100 bills payable. The latter item was overlooked two years ago, so that practically the board can show a clean sheet. Mrs. Passmore presented the mission report for nine months. It showed a revenue of \$130, which was distributed among the various schemes of the church. Mrs. James Fox presented the Woman's Auxiliary report showing \$36 revenue. Mrs. A. J. Jackson read the report of the Coal and Clothing Society, which has during the past three years done much good work for the poorer part of the congregation. The revenue for the year was \$122, of which \$76 has been expended. The remaining \$46 will be used during the coming winter. Miss E. Hall read the Christian Endeavor report, showing revenue and expenditure of \$76 and membership of 80. The society in this church is active and successful. Elections to fill vacancies resulted as follows: Managers, W. H. Morgan and John Preston; trustees, A. J. Jackson and Thomas Pashby; auditors, Jas. Kerr and Jas. Fox. During the year the Sabbath school accommodation has been increased. The Sabbath school receipts were \$408, and there is \$170 on hand. Sabbath school membership was 350, with an average attendance of 306, and 31 teachers.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH.

Five years ago the congregation of St. Paul's Presbyterian church, at the head of Euclid avenue, was formed, and Rev. W. A. J. Martin installed as pastor. Since then the small handful of worshippers has gradually increased, until at the annual meeting of the congregation it was decided to secure

a new site, and erect a new and much larger building. This recommendation was brought in by the Building Committee, who reported that a suitable site had been found on Markham street, just north of Bloor street, and on this site the new church will probably be erected. The edifice will cost about \$2,500, and will be of rough-cast, so constructed as to allow of its being bricked over when deemed necessary. It will have a seating capacity of about 450, and there will be the usual class-rooms, Sabbath school rooms, etc. The committee have so far received donations for the erection of the church to the amount of \$325, not including several other promises. Rev. W. A. J. Martin, as chairman, reported on behalf of the committee. The managers in their annual report stated that there had been added to the communion roll 41 new members, being an increase of 27. Fourteen had removed during the year, and the congregation now numbered 158. The receipts of the church from all sources during the year amounted to \$1,682, an increase of about \$300 over last year. The contributions for mission and benevolent purposes were about \$245. The Sabbath school membership now reached 196, having increased about one-half. There are 22 teachers and officers connected with the school. Three new members were elected to the board of management. They are:—Messrs. J. Angus, James Northey, and Thos. Smiley. The board is now composed as follows:—Messrs. J. Black, P. Wilson, W. S. Dalby, J. J. Harton, John Wood, S. Clouston, and the three new members, Messrs. J. Angus, Jas. Northey, and Thos. Smiley.

Jubilee Services.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, SMITH'S FALLS, CELEBRATES ITS FIFTIETH YEAR—SERMONS BY LEADING DIVINES.

THE services by which the fiftieth year of its existence was celebrated, by St. Paul's



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church, Smith's Falls, were of a most appropriate character and made a deep impression on the community. They began on Sabbath, the 13th inst., and were continued on Monday. On Sabbath sermons were preached by Revs. Principal Caren and Professor Ross, and on Monday two meetings were held, one in the afternoon, at which Revs. W. Burns, Toronto; A. A. Scott, Carleton Place; John Crombie, Smith's Falls, and W. D. Hallantyne, Toronto, and Messrs. F. T. Frost, chairman, George Foster and Samuel Garrett gave addresses; and one in the evening, when, besides addresses by a delegation from the Presbytery, speeches were made by Rev. Wm. Patterson and Rev. Wm. Burns, Toronto.

Rev. Dr. Caren's morning sermon was from the text, "And mine eyes and mine heart shall be there perpetually." 1 Kings ix. 3. The gist of the sermon was that God loves Zion, and He will be present with us and make His promise sure. The perpetual presence of God in His Church will preserve it from all danger and deliver it from all trial. The Church has always had enemies and always will have. Its cradle was rocked by