

Annual Meetings.

The board of managers of Knox church, Stratford, have prepared the financial statement for the year ending December 31, 1895. It shows that the finances of the church are in a very satisfactory condition. The following shows the receipts and expenditure for the year: Receipts, \$6,114.19; expenditure, \$5,857.16; balance in bank, December 31, 1895, \$257.03.

The annual meetings of the different sections of the Melrose, Lonsdale and Shannonville congregations were held recently, and the Deseronto Tribune states that the different statements showed steady progress all along the line. The financial obligations of each section have been honorably fulfilled, and there is the greatest satisfaction among the people with the services of Rev. D. O. McArthur, their faithful minister, who is very popular with all classes and denominations in the district.

Successful anniversary services were held on January 19th, in First Presbyterian church, London, the preacher morning and evening being the Rev. Louis H. Jordan, B.D., pastor of St. James' square, Toronto. The building was filled in the forenoon, and crowded in the evening. At the close of the evening service Mr. Jordan addressed a few warmly congratulatory words to the congregation. The pastor, Rev. W. J. Clark, had asked the congregation to put a thousand dollars on the plates for the building fund. The exact amount contributed was \$1,002.48.

The annual meeting of the Paris congregation was held on January 15th, and was largely attended. The pastor opened the meeting with devotional exercises, after which ex-Mayor Fisher was called to the chair. Reports were presented from every department of the church's work, which showed steady and gratifying progress. The report of the committee of management was received with great satisfaction. After paying all liabilities they were able to set apart \$500 to pay on mortgage on church property. The total amount for all purposes, including missions, raised during 1895, was only a few dollars short of \$7,000.

This congregation of the above church held a most satisfactory and encouraging annual meeting on Wednesday, January 8th. The different branches of church work showed a decided advance over previous years. At the conclusion of the business of the evening a pleasing event took place, namely, the presentation of an address and a purse of money from the congregation to their respected pastor, to which a feeling response was made. Later on in the evening the members of the C.E., in the lecture room spread a very tempting repast which was much enjoyed by all.

The annual congregational meeting of Knox church, Scarboro', was held on Monday evening, January 20th. There was a good attendance of members present. Mr. George Elliott was elected chairman. The treasurer's report, as well as the reports of the various organizations in connection with the congregation, was most encouraging. Notwithstanding the continued depression that is still so keenly felt in almost every rural district, still the liberality of the congregation during the year has been very gratifying, especially their givings to the missionary schemes of the church. Their contribution to the schemes for the past year amounted to nearly eight hundred dollars.

The annual meeting of Chalmers' church was held on Wednesday, the 15th inst., and was well attended as well as most harmonious. The report of the kirk session and of the Board of Managers were of an encouraging nature, showing the congregation to be in a flourishing condition. The total revenue for all purposes amounted for the year 1895 to upwards of \$4,000, being an average of about \$12.50 per communicant, or \$25 per family. One very pleasing feature of the reports was the interest manifested by the young people of the congregation in Christian work. A few young ladies had each taken the sum of fifty cents from the Juvenile Missionary Society and so diligently used it that it netted over \$50, while a couple of them had in addition worked an autograph quilt which brought in nearly \$40 more. These sums were donated to the building fund, and the quilt itself presented to the minister's wife, was a piece of artistic work greatly admired. The church, in

November last, celebrated its semi-jubilee, and its future is bright and hopeful.

The annual meeting of Allandale Presbyterian church for the year 1895 was held on Wednesday evening, January 16th. Reports of the work done by the following organizations for the past year were read and adopted, viz.:—Session, board of managers, Sabbath school, Christian Endeavor, Ladies' Aid, W.F.M.S., and Mission Band. The number of members added to the church during the year was thirty-eight; withdrawals, eleven; present membership, 135. Total amount of money raised during the year was \$1,250, of which \$175 was for the missionary schemes of the church. The church in all its organizations is in a healthy and prosperous condition.

The annual business meeting of Knox church, Morrisburg, was held in the lecture room on Wednesday evening, January 22nd, when there was a fair attendance. During the year 1895 the congregation paid into the treasury for all purposes \$1,891.74 and paid out for various purposes \$1,602.27, and have now balances on hand amounting in all to \$109.47. They have no debt of any kind against them but have a very satisfactory sum of money laid aside as a nest egg to build, before long, a comfortable manse for their pastor. The congregation deserve credit for the work accomplished by them, considering that they are not in a sense, a very large congregation.

The annual congregational meeting of Burns church, Hullett, was held on the 8th inst., the pastor in the chair, and Mr. George Watt, sr., secretary. The pastor reported an addition of ten new members during the past year. In 1895 the congregation raised, for all purposes, \$924.77; of this, \$13.50 went to the British and Foreign Bible Society, and \$261.42 to missions and other church schemes. Of the \$251.42, \$165 was put on the collection plates on Thanksgiving day; \$36 was the amount of the Sabbath school collections for six months, and \$30.45 was given in money and clothing for foreign missions, by the ladies of the auxiliary of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society. The main items of expenditure are the re-shingling of the manse, and re-fencing of the cemetery. The treasurer has a balance on hand of over \$200.

The annual congregational meeting of Bradford church was held on Friday evening, January 24th, and was fairly well attended. The pastor, Rev. F. Smith, presided. The several reports presented showed the church to be in a healthy condition. Mr. G. McDonald, treasurer, presented a financial statement, showing that the congregation had raised during the year, \$1,467.64. The W.F.M.S. raised for the mission schemes of the church \$83.12, and the Sabbath school \$63.57. The contributions to missions and schemes of the church amounted to \$185.97, which is a slight increase over last year. Raised for other missionary schemes, \$59.50. Mr. Chas. Elliot, treasurer of the building fund, gave a statement showing sums paid amounting to \$536.55. The total receipts amounted to \$620.65, which includes \$394.05 raised by the talent society.

The annual meeting of the congregation of Chalmers' church was held in the lecture room on January 22nd. Mr. Peter Craib occupied the chair, and Mr. John A. Mackay was elected secretary. Reports of a very encouraging nature were received from the various societies connected with the church. The financial statement, read by the treasurer, J. A. Mackay, showed that the current expenditure of the church had amounted to \$2,164.11, and the receipts exceeded this by \$17.63. The sum of \$3,721.17 was raised from other sources for missions, etc. This includes the subscriptions during the year for the new manse which, including Mrs. W. C. McLeod's gift of \$2,500, amounts to \$2,500. Thus the total receipts for the year from all sources were \$5,855.25. Fifty-three new members were received into the fellowship of the church during the year, making the present membership about 400. There are 200 in the Sabbath school and Bible class. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mrs. McLeod for her magnificent donation. A vote of thanks was tendered to Mrs. Dr. Brownlee as treasurer of the schemes of the church, and to the collectors. Votes of thanks were also tendered to the choir, to the treasurer and to the elders. The following is the present board of trustees: George Innis, J. S. Mac-

kay, Thomas Mackay, A. ex. McGaw, Wm. Amos, James Weir, George Hart, John Campbell and John A. Mackay.

The annual meeting of the Essa Townline Presbyterian congregation was held in the church, on Friday, January 10th. The pastor, Rev. Mr. Greig, presided. There was a good deal of important business transacted. The appointment of the various financial and managing officers for the current year, together with the presentation and adoption of the several financial and business reports of the session and office-bearers of the congregation were attended to. The report of the treasurer, Mr. Thomas Black, showed very encouraging progress in the financial standing of the congregation since the present pastor, Rev. Mr. Greig, was inducted into that charge nine months ago, the congregation being now able to pay their minister his stipend one year in advance.

The annual meeting of St. Andrew's, Carleton Place, was held on Friday, January 10th, and was well attended. Marked progress is noticeable in all departments. The session's report laid especial emphasis on the activity and enthusiasm displayed in the Sabbath school, Bible class, Y.P.S.C.E., and Y.P.H.M.S. During the year 80 names were added to the roll, making the membership 353. The schemes account showed receipts of \$339.89; Ladies' Aid Society, \$219.25; W.F.M.S., \$126.95. Sabbath collections increased from \$521.81 in 1894 to \$659.49, and stipend from \$1,023.45 to \$1,074.35. The Y.P.H.M.S. contributed \$93.79. Messrs. D. Breckenridge, R. Latimer and C. McIntosh were re-elected managers, and Mr. P. McDonald in place of Mr. F. Castle, removed. Mr. H. M. Williams was elected treasurer in place of Mr. C. McIntosh, resigned.

The annual congregational meeting of Oshawa Presbyterian church was held in the lecture room, on the 15th inst., and was well attended. The reports showed that a successful and satisfactory year in the church's history had been closed. The treasurer's report showed that the total receipts, exclusive of the building to be \$1,934.62, of which sum \$401.47 was contributed, by direct giving, for home and foreign missions, as follows:—Per Congregational Missionary Association, \$250.91; W.F.M.S., \$100.16; O.B. Mission Band, \$20.23; Boys' M.B., \$20.13; Y.P.S.C.E., \$10.00. The building fund was increased by \$1,553.17, of which amount \$749.60 was contributed by the Ladies' Aid Society. There is about \$300 more belonging to the building fund, not appearing in the treasurer's report, collected by the ladies during part of their current year yet unexpired, so that the total of that fund at present is \$2,250. Report of session showed 217 names on the communion roll; 20 were added during the year, and 27 disjoined. Attendance on ordinances continued about as usual. At the close of the meeting Mr. T. Morris and Mr. W. H. Scott, were each presented with an easy chair, by the congregation.

The annual meeting of St. Andrew's church congregation was held Monday, Jan. 13th, in the school room and was attended by a fairly representative body of the congregation. After devotional exercises conducted by the pastor Rev. J. C. Smith, upon motion Mr. James Anderson was appointed chairman and Dr. Lowry secretary. Reports of the different organizations were presented and showed evidence of growth and activity all along the line. The most gratifying report was that of the Ladies' Aid, which indicated that the task undertaken by them two years ago, viz., wiping out the existing debt of a thousand dollars had been fully completed before the end of 1895. The members and adherents of St. Andrew's have very great reason for gratefulness to the ladies of the association for their zeal and activity during the last two years and can show their appreciation in no better way than by responding to further appeals of the association during the year now entered on. The manager's report though showing a deficit, was much more encouraging than might have been expected during the stringent times. The managers appointed were W. A. Knowles, Joseph Fielding, John Smith, W. H. Tonie, Robert Howie, G. D. Pringle, C. Pettit, A. B. Scott, W. Spaulding. The elders appointed were W. H. Tonie, W. Spaulding, John McGregor, T. Cadenhead, F. Broadfoot, Howard Till. The meeting closed with the doxology.