

fied with the entertainment, both of a mental and bodily kind. The sum realized from all sources was \$100 00, which sum will be devoted to the part payment of a debt of \$1,200, still due by the congregation on a brick manse, which they built last year, at a cost of \$2,300.—*Com.*

PAISLEY.—This congregation during the last year has contributed the handsome sum of \$225 00 for the Schemes of the Church. In addition, large contributions are being made for the erection of a new church. We congratulate the congregation and the pastor, Rev. J. Straith, on the large increase in the missionary contributions, indicating, we doubt not, an increased appreciation of the means of grace, and an increased degree of spiritual life in the congregation.

ERSKINE CHURCH, MONTREAL.—We observe from the annual report of the congregation of Erskine Church, Montreal, that the receipts for the past year have been \$12,288 32, viz:—For congregational purposes, \$6,586 72, and for missionary and benevolent purposes, \$6,701 60. The membership is now 483. All the congregational work, in the various departments, appears to be carried on with great energy and success.

TORONTO KNOX'S CHURCH.—The total contributions for the past year as set forth in the report of the congregation, amount to \$11,079 01. The contributions for the Assembly's schemes are \$1789 36. A considerable amount has been expended in the erection of a mission school-house on Duchess Street. The membership of the congregation is 670.

STATISTICAL RETURNS.—The Convener of the Committee on Statistics begs leave to call the attention of Presbyteries and Presbytery Clerks to the following recommendations which were adopted by the General Assembly at its last meeting:—

1. To recommend to Presbyteries to take order that congregations send in their reports in good season, so that the report of the Committee may be prepared in time for the General Assembly.

2. That Presbyteries be enjoined to take such action as may be instrumental in leading congregations to the exercise of greater liberality, and *ESPECIALLY TO DEAL with those congregations who contribute nothing or very little to the Schemes of the Church.*

3. Your Committee would most earnestly urge upon the Assembly the necessity of impressing on Presbyteries, the *DUTY of dealing with those congregations who are falling into arrears.*

4. That Presbyteries be instructed to take steps at the first meeting which may be held after the printed statistics have been received, to carry out the second and third recommendations, and when sending in their returns to your Committee next year, to state what has been done regarding those congregations who have contributed little or nothing to the funds of the Church, or who may be falling into arrears, in order that a report may be made to the Assembly next year.

The Convener of the Committee would be glad to receive information regarding any special efforts which may have been made during the past year, by Presbyteries or Congregations, in the way of church extension.

ACCOUNTS OF THE CHURCH.—The accounts of the various Schemes of the Church will be closed on 30th inst. All amounts intended for acknowledgment in the annual statement submitted to the Assembly, should be in the hands of Treasurer on or before 30th April. It is absolutely necessary that the books be then closed. Local Treasurers should see that all amounts inserted in the financial return have been remitted to the Treasurer.