

families and 160 communicants in the congregation. The sum of \$1,004 was contributed for the Stipend Fund and \$400 for the Schemes of the Church ; for all purposes, \$1,823. " A most encouraging year. "

Knox Church, Perth, Rev. D. Currie, pastor.—Annual meeting was held on Jan. 5. Reports showed increased activity over previous years. The contributions for missions and other purposes were in advance of 1898. The adoption of the envelope system has been justified by the receipts. The open collections were the largest in the church's history. The Ladies' Aid, Sabbath-School and other organizations reported faithfulness and success. By unanimous vote the stipend was increased to \$1,300. " Mr. Currie's work is appreciated," says the *Courier*. " The congregation has made great progress during his pastorate."

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REPORTER'S FOLIO.

One of the most interesting and by no means the least important of those events which promote a friendly rivalry between the four Theological Colleges, is the annual debate. After some difficulty, caused chiefly by one of the debaters, Mr. R. B. Blythe, B.A., of the Congregational College, becoming a soldier of the Queen, it was finally decided to hold the debate this year on Jan. 18th, in the Congregational College. The subject chosen by the Committee, although a difficult one, proved to be interesting and important. Resolved:—"That a republican form of government is superior to that of a limited monarchy."

In support of the resolution the affirmative argued that the principles of republican government were essential to the success of a limited monarchy and cited instances in which the adoption of such principles had been for the advantage of the people. In an eloquent speech Mr. W.B. Heeney, B.A., of the Diocesan College, referred to the success with which republican government had grappled with the