

cognizing the faithful and zealous work of the pastor. The following gentlemen were elected managers.—Messrs. A. A. Allan, Robert Darling, R. M. Gray, Thos. Woodbridge, Robert Carr, R. A. Grant and John Watson. Messrs. John Douglass and Jas. Watt were elected auditors. The thanks of the congregation were rendered to the managers on the motion of Messrs. J. Gowan and Wm. Gordon, and of the choir on the motion of Messrs. R. M. Gray and Wallace Anderson. A resolution, moved by Mr. T. Woodbridge, and seconded by Mr. Alex. Nairn, was adopted appointing the pastor Messrs. Joseph Henderson, Thos. Kirkland, R. M. Gray, W. E. Long and Wallace Anderson a committee on the printing of the annual report. Rev. Dr. Jordan, reporting on behalf of the session, said that there was 557 names on the communion roll as against 541 last year. He mentioned with regret the retirement of Mr. Wm. Carlyle, who had been an elder for seventeen years, from the church. Mr. Carlyle has thrown in his lot with the South Side Church. Mr. C. S. Macdonald, the Superintendent, reported on behalf of the Sunday School; Master Ross Murray for the Wayside Gatherers, Mr. Wallace Anderson for the Hopeful Gleaners, Mr. Thos. Kerr for the Murray Mitchell Auxiliary and Mr. McQuaig for the Christian Endeavour Society, all of which are doing excellent work. It was stated by Mr. Jordan that in addition to the money collected for congregational special purposes about \$6,000 had been contributed for missions.

#### CHALMERS CHURCH, TORONTO.

The annual congregational meeting of Chalmers Church was well attended and was presided over by the pastor, Rev. John Mutch. The report of Session stated that there had been added to the congregation during the year 24 by profession and 29 by certificate, making a total of 53. There had been baptized 22 infants and three adults. The report from the Managers' Board was very encouraging, and showed that the revenue had exceeded that of last year by \$770, which had enabled the board to wipe out an adverse balance of last year of \$141, and reduced the debt by \$200. The managers' report was a most gratifying one, and acknowledged the assistance given by the Woman's Association. The report of the Woman's Association stated that during the year there had been raised \$325, which had been disbursed in assisting the managers, relieving the poor and for social purposes. The Sabbath School report showed that there were nearly 700 on the roll; that the membership of the Bible Class was over 150, and that the school had contributed \$326. The reports of the Woman's Auxiliary, the Young People's Society and the Mission Board were thoroughly encouraging. The following were appointed to fill vacancies on the Managers' Board—J. B. Calder, Frank Taylor, John Tennant, J. C. Malcolmson, Charles Andrews and L. Gibbons.

#### COLLEGE STREET, TORONTO.

Rev. Alex. Gilray presided and Mr. James Brown acted as Secretary. The report of the clerk of the session showed a membership of 816. During the year 71 have been added to the church by certificate and 35 by "profession of faith," 6 have been removed by death and 85 have withdrawn. The average collection per Sabbath was \$89, being \$1 less than the average of the previous year. The managers however, had resorted to special collections, and as a result the total receipts from all sources exceed those of last year by \$224. The floating debt has been reduced \$40. The officers elected were: Managers for three years—A. E. Bastelo, James Brown, W. P. McCulloch, H. McPherson, D. Urquhart and H. F. Sharpe. For two years—G. R. W. Thomas. For one year—William Bennett. The trustees are James Turnbull, B. A., H. J. Sharpe and H. McPherson, and the auditors, Mr. H. C. Right and Mr. W. E. Raney.

#### NEW ST. ANDREW'S, TORONTO.

The 6th annual meeting of New St. Andrew's Church was held Jan. 29, in the lecture room. Mr. Allan Cassels occupied the chair and the attendance was large. The reports submitted were of a satisfactory character, the work in

the various departments of the church was carried on with vigor and success. St. Andrew's Institute and the night school, savings bank, etc., connected with it were stated to be accomplishing excellent results. The Board of Managers in their report stated that the consent of the Presbytery had been obtained to the consolidation of the mortgage and floating indebtedness of the church by the negotiation of a new mortgage, but that they had not been able to carry out the negotiation of the mortgage owing to the difficulties in which they were involved in connection with the indebtedness of St. Mark's Church, and as the negotiations had failed to bring any settlement of these difficulties they recommended that the holders of the mortgage on St. Mark's be permitted to realize. Mr. W. W. Hodgson addressed the meeting on behalf of St. Mark's Church. He pointed out that St. Andrew's was responsible for the establishment of St. Mark's which was a poor congregation, and he did not think St. Andrew's should cast St. Mark's off. However the congregation of St. Mark's would make an effort to bear the whole of their burden notwithstanding the hard times and could probably negotiate a loan. The Treasurer's report showed receipts of \$9,792. There was a deficit of about \$400, but due to a falling off in the collections. During the meeting Mr. Cassels spoke strongly upon the question of the contributions to the work of the church. He stated that there seemed to be hundreds of people worshipping in St. Andrew's who did not pay a cent to the schemes of the church.

The six members of the Board of Managers elected were Messrs. John Kay Col. Davidson, A. J. Wright, A. A. McMichael, A. J. Robertson and John McEla. The other members of the board are Messrs. Geo. Bell, J. W. Langmuir, Major Cosby, James Alexander, Hon. L. M. Jones and Dr. Thornburn. The auditors appointed were Messrs. A. F. Gordon and R. J. McLennan.

#### WESTMINSTER CHURCH, TORONTO.

The twenty-eighth annual meeting of Westminster Church, Bloor Street east, was conducted most harmoniously, and all the reports were highly satisfactory. Rev. John Neil opened the meeting, and in doing so remarked that during his twelve years as pastor there had been steady progress in all the departments of work. Mr. George A. Chapman was elected Chairman of the meeting, and Mr. John Kyle, as Secretary. Mr. T. R. Haig, clerk of session, reported the membership to be 724, an increase of fourteen since the last annual statement. While over \$11,000 was raised during the year the actual amount contributed for congregational purposes, was \$7,629.60. Mr. James Gair, jun., submitted his report as Treasurer, showing how this had been expended. The chief items were:—Pastor's salary, \$2,000; choirmaster, \$500; organist, \$200; sexton, \$350; interest on mortgages, \$2,700, and various smaller items for light, heat, etc. The congregation owns three houses on Charles street, which have been built on the site of the old church. Mr. James Scott presented a statement of the floating debt of the church. There is a consolidated debt on the new building of about \$47,000, while on the Charles street property there are mortgages to the extent of \$16,500. Mr. F. N. Brown reported an average attendance of 304 children at the Sunday school, with total collections of \$474. Dr. Stenhouse is Superintendent. Mr. George Graham reported the Christian Endeavour Society to have fifty members, and to have collected \$200, in addition to much other good work. Dr. D. T. McIntosh, for the Missionary Society, showed a total of \$1,519 for the year to send the Gospel to foreign lands, an advance of nearly \$200. Mr. W. J. Hendry read the report of the Ladies' Aid Society, and Mr. Christie the report of the Women's Missionary Society, both of which organizations are doing good work. Miss Purves is President of the Cheerful Givers' Mission Band, and Miss Waldie, of the Seed-sowers' Band, were in attendance at the missionary cause. The choir and other branches of work were all reported as giving valuable assistance in

the building up of the temporal and spiritual welfare of the church.

The following trustees were elected.—Dr. Fotheringham, D. Gunn, W. J. Hendry, George Carman, J. C. McKeggle, Robert Barron, and Mr. Christie.

#### BLOOR STREET, TORONTO.

The ninth annual meeting of the members of the Bloor Street Presbyterian Church was held Jan. 20th, there being a large attendance. The Rev. W. G. Wallace presided. The various reports indicated still another year of substantial prosperity and a fairly satisfactory financial result. The membership now totals 762, an increase of 23 over 1895. The total number added during 1896 were 126, and the deaths and withdrawals 103, a net gain of 23. The financial statement showed receipts from all sources of revenue, building fund, missions and balances from 1895, of \$16,127, and expenditures of \$14,638, showing a favorable balance of \$1,489. The revenue account represented \$7,360 of weekly offerings, \$1,289 of open collections, and \$1,702 through the Young People's and Women's associations, etc. The total receipts also include \$3,442 for missions (an increase of over \$400 over 1895), which was allocated as follows:—Foreign missions, \$728; home missions, \$421; augmentation fund, \$500; Knox College, \$250, and Wyclifwood Mission, \$262. The main debt was further reduced by \$2,500.

Messrs. Andrew Muirhead, A. F. Webster, G. T. Fergusson and Charles Elliott were added to the Board of Managers. The Sabbath School has a roll of 578 scholars and teachers, a slight gain over 1895. Mr. R. J. Hunter resigned as Superintendent, and Mr. David Fotheringham has been selected as his successor. The usual votes of thanks were accorded the various organizations and officers.

#### KNOX CHURCH, TORONTO.

The annual meeting of Knox Church congregation was held on Jan. 20th, the lecture room being well filled. Rev. Dr. Parsons, the pastor, took the chair. After devotional exercises Dr. Parsons read the address of the Session which reviewed the year's work. The church membership at the beginning of 1896 was 622, to which 23 had been added during the year, while by death and removals the total had been reduced 77, leaving the present membership at 568. In referring to those whom death had removed during the year special mention was made of Mr. James Scott, Mr. John Ritchie, Mrs. Charles Cookshutt and Mrs. John Hillock, all of whom had been connected with the church for very many years. The Treasurer's financial statement showed the total receipts for the year to be \$9,276.35, with the expenditures at the same figure. The trustees reported the mortgage debt to be \$18,000 and the overdraft bank account \$2,360.40. The trustees and other officers were all re-elected. Some discussion took place over a proposal to cut down the organist's and precentor's salaries from \$275 to \$200 each, but it was not adopted and suggestion to simplify the musical services was also voted down.

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