

The pastor's report showed an increase of membership during the year of 140, the total number of members now on the roll being 614. The financial report shows:—Amount received, \$11,933, and expenditure \$11,504, leaving a balance on hand of \$429. During the year the floating debt of \$3,778 has been cleared off. The receipts given do not include the amounts raised by the Sabbath school, Bible class, Ladies' Aid Society, and other organizations of the church, which would make the total amount raised considerably over \$13,000—a more than creditable record. On Monday, the 17th ult., the annual social meeting of the Bible class was held. Mr. S. H. Blake gave a forcible and eloquent address, the Buchan family (of Guelph) and Mr. Potts and others contributed a musical programme. A pleasing feature of the evening was the presentation to the teacher, Mr. Edmund Yeigh, of an illuminated address and a handsome easy chair by the members. The treasurer's report for the past year showed that over \$600 had passed through the hands of the class for charitable purposes, such as the payment of a cot in the Children's Hospital, New Year's dinners to the poor, etc. Mr. William McCartney occupied the chair. We regret to know that, though still performing his public duties, Dr. Wild has not recovered from his indisposition as his many friends desire.

TORONTO NORTHERN.—The financial statement of this church, prepared for the annual meeting, is before us, summed up as follows:—Ordinary revenue, \$3,152.51; expenditure, \$3,241.04; received for mission and denominational purposes, \$615.40; paid out to the societies, \$557.95; Fellowship Fund, \$177.83; disbursed, \$158.79; the Ladies' Association for Dorcas work received and disbursed \$26.97; the Sabbath school collected \$328.81, which will all be paid out for missions and other objects. The Young Men's Association handed over to the church, as a subscription toward liquidating the debt on the building, \$250; and a bazaar by the Sabbath school to begin a fund for a new building netted \$500. Raised for all purposes during the past year, \$5,052.

The annual festival of the Sabbath school was held on the evening of Friday, January 21. The occasion, always an interesting one and drawing a large gathering, was exceptionally so on this occasion. The weather being unusually fine and not very severe, the young people were out in full force, while the parents and friends of the scholars crowded in, and filled the spacious room to its utmost capacity. The room, decorated with twenty-two silk banners—the gift of one friend, year by year—and the handsome motto for the year across the western end of the building, the gift of another friend who has done the same thing for many years past, looked very attractive, and added not a little to the interest of the evening. Tea was

served to all the scholars from half-past five p.m. to half-past seven p.m., when the tables were cleared, and the exercises of the evening commenced. These consisted of the singing of several sacred pieces on the advent of the Saviour, with appropriate recitations between, and an address by the pastor, Rev. John Burton; the order and attention of the scholars was excellent throughout. At nine o'clock, the programme being finished, the rewards, which are given for punctual attendance during the year, were distributed, when forty boys and thirty-eight girls were awarded handsome books, the boys receiving theirs from the hands of Mrs. Burton, and the girls from Mr. Burton. All was over before ten o'clock, and a happy crowd of little ones and their friends went home, agreeing that it was the best festival they had ever attended.

TORONTO WESTERN.—The annual meeting of this church was held on Wednesday evening, January 12. Both spiritually and financially this church has been steadily and firmly progressing in all its departments. Quite a number have lately been added to the membership, many of whom for the first time in that public manner have owned Christ as their Lord and Saviour. The Christian Endeavour Society, in connection with the church, is well organized, zealous and warm hearted, and doing a real good work here. Looking back upon the months of the year just passed, the friends see much to be very thankful for, and the way the Good Lord has helped hitherto, a pledge and token of His loving kindness and guidance in the year upon which they have just entered. A pleasing feature of the meeting was the increase of the pastor's salary for the coming year by \$200, and that too, notwithstanding the fact that it is but one year since this church dispensed with the missionary grant. This last fact is specially noteworthy; an undue dependence on crutches perpetuates lameness.

WINNIPEG.—Since our last issue we have received particulars regarding the disbanding of this church. A few facts explanatory may now be in season. During the "boom" in real estate some years ago, the lots purchased by the church were sold at a great advance, part of the purchase money received, the rest secured by mortgage, etc. Relying upon the validity of this sale, the church bought a more suitable lot, and erected thereon a fine building, borrowing money to complete the same, depending largely upon the remainder of the purchase money then due to meet the engagement. In the meantime the "boom" breaks, values decrease, and a clerical error was discovered in the transfer from the church to the purchaser of the original lot; thereupon payment of the balance was resisted, and an action entered to compel the church trustees to take back the lot, and to repay the money that had been paid. A tedious and expensive lawsuit followed, resulting in the church not only losing the