

\$100 to the mission fund and \$100 to the Formosa mission. The W.F.M. society with a membership of 74, raised \$229.01. The mission band numbering 46, raised \$30, and sent \$90 worth of clothing to the Northwest Indians. The Junior Endeavor society, the Dorcas society and the young men's prayer meeting raised \$83.67. About \$1,000 is expected for the schemes of the church, and when that comes in the amount raised will be over \$12,000. Five new trustees, Messrs. R. Gilday, Wm. Tafts and T. Moffatt for three years, Samuel Vance for two years, and T.R. Mulligan for one year, were elected. The meeting closed with the usual vote of thanks.

CHALMERS CHURCH, TORONTO.

THE annual meeting of Chalmers Presbyterian church, which was held Jan. 15th, was well attended, the school room of the church being filled with members of the congregation. The pastor, Rev. Jno. Match, occupied the chair. The reports of the various church organizations were read and adopted. The reports were in every instance most encouraging, there being an increased activity shown by the members of these societies. One hundred and five new members were added to the church membership, and the names of 61 members removed from the rolls, thus showing a net gain of 42. The total membership of the church is now 547. The report of the Board of Managers, which was also read and adopted, showed that the income for the past year, derived from all sources, amounted to \$5,425, being \$156 in excess of the expenditure. This church has contributed to missions during the year ending January, 1896, \$600. The report of the Sabbath school showed an attendance of 558 scholars. The receipts for the year amounted to about \$300, of which \$72 was contributed towards missionary purposes. It was decided at this meeting to increase the membership of the Board of Managers by three, making a total membership of fifteen. The following new managers were elected:—Messrs. Daniel Hunter, A. M. Campbell, Thos. Loeming, James Cockburn, J. Barrie, Alex. Drummond, J. B. Calder, and M. Matheson.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, TORONTO.

THE seventh annual congregational meeting of St. John's Presbyterian church, held Jan. 15th, was the most encouraging in the history of the church. The reports all showed substantial progress, and the fact that larger church premises are a necessity in the near future speaks well for the advance made. The pastor, Rev. Mr. Scott, occupied the chair and Mr. Fred H. Ross acted as secretary. The session report was read by Rev. Mr. Scott and showed larger congregations, a deepening of spiritual life and a net increase of 30 in the membership for the year. The total membership is now 292. The Board of Managers reported by Mr. Fred H. Ross showed total contributions of \$1,903.70, an increase of \$267.12 over 1894. All liabilities have been met and \$150 put aside for the proposed enlargement of the building, still leaving a balance of \$12.60. The contributions of the congregation for missions and benevolent purposes amount to \$1,002.31, which is an increase of \$232.77 over 1894. The total givings by the congregation for the year, \$3,100.72. Mr. Charles Robinson for the Sabbath school reported 364 scholars and 47 teachers. The Y.P.S.C.E., by Mr. Frank Armstrong, reported 79 members and the giving of \$100 to missions. The W.F.M.S., ladies' aid and junior and senior mission bands have all advanced and the reports were most encouraging. The poor fund and session fund were shown to be in a healthy condition. Three members of the Board of Managers retired, and to fill these vacancies Messrs. Andrew Coulter, J. B. Graham and Wm. Hood were elected. Votes of thanks were given to the chair, the treasurers of the different funds, the leaders of the two mission bands, the Ladies' Aid Society and the auditors.

WESTMINSTER CHURCH, TORONTO.

THE twenty-seventh annual business meeting of the Westminster Presbyterian church was held in the Sabbath school hall of that church Jan. 15th. Mr. Geo. A. Chapman, chairman of the board of trustees, presided, and there was a large number of the congregation present. The report of the session was submitted. It stated that the total membership on the roll numbered 710, showing a gross

increase of 117 and a net increase of 47 during the year. The sum of money collected during the year from all sources, except that devoted to missionary work, was \$10,500. All expenses were paid, and a small balance was deposited in the bank. Reports were read by the secretaries of the Westminster Auxiliary of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society, the Sabbath school, the choir, the Mission Board, and of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor, showing that they were in a prosperous condition. A resolution of condolence was passed expressing the hope that Rev. Dr. Read and Mr. James Brown, two old and valued members of the church, who are now seriously ill, would speedily recover. Mr. John Kyles, secretary, presented the report of the Board of Trustees. It announced that the deficits which had occurred in the annual statements for a number of years past had been entirely wiped out. The statement was also made that in the contributions by envelope there had been a marked increase, and in the total receipts there had been an average increase of \$7 per Sabbath, the average per Sabbath for 1894 being \$133.71, as compared with \$140.69 for 1893. It regretted the impossibility of wiping out any part of the church's debt, and estimated that from \$7,200 to \$7,500 would be required to pay all the ordinary expenses for the ensuing year. The following were re-elected by acclamation to hold office on the Board of Trustees for two years:—George A. Chapman; John Kyles, James Scott, jun., F. N. W. Brown, James Bain, jun., H. M. George, James Gunn. Mr. Robert Barron was also placed on the board for one year, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. John Waldie.

BONAR CHURCH, TORONTO.

THE sixth annual meeting of the congregation of Bonar Presbyterian church was held on 22nd inst. In the absence of the pastor, Rev. A. MacGillivray, who is confined to the house through illness, Mr. J. H. Dunlop occupied the chair. The session report was read by Mr. Hammond, session clerk. It shows a membership of 158. The additions for the year were 43, removals 29, net gain 14. Not a single death occurred in the membership and only one among the children of the Sabbath school. The session report spoke hopefully of the future of the church. The treasurer's report submitted by J. S. Smith, showed receipts of \$3,255.32, expenditure of \$3,095.07, with a balance on hand of \$163.25. The mortgage debt was reduced \$200, and the floating debt consolidated with interest at 4 3/5 per cent. The Sabbath school shows an attendance of 275 scholars, and 31 teachers and officers. The revenue for the year was \$184.49. The Woman's Aid Society reports a membership of 26. Twenty meetings were held during the year, and \$256.71 realized by offerings, sales and the talent scheme. The Young People's Society reports a membership of over 50, fortnightly meetings, and a revenue of \$69.85. The choir, under the leadership of Mr. A. H. Groene, has a membership of 29. The total revenue of the congregation from all sources for 1895 is \$3,529.07. The following are the managers for the current year:—Messrs. Caldwell, Cook, Dunlop, Forsyth, Kirtleton, J. Lochrie, McNab, S. Smith, J. S. Smith, T. Wilson, E. P. Wilson, J. Waghorn. Messrs. D. A. Lochrie and Neilson were elected auditors.

SOUTH SIDE CHURCH, TORONTO

THE annual meeting of the South Side Presbyterian church was held Jan. 22nd, when the reports in regard to the work of the past year were found to be very satisfactory. Messrs. W. K. Colville, D. McCloy, Wm. Bink, Wm. Campbell and Alex. Russell were elected to fill the vacancies on the Board of Management. Those continuing in office were Messrs. J. McGavin, G. Murray, C. Reid, A. Park, S. W. Mitchell, John March and John Reith. There are now 190 members on the roll, 27 having joined during 1895. In the Sabbath school there are 274 scholars and 27 teachers. The baptisms for the last twelve months number 28. The total revenue for the year was \$2,281.93, as against \$1,615.95 for 1894, of this amount \$1,364.90 came from the weekly offerings and \$231 from the building fund. The session contributed \$115.37, the Sabbath school \$222.02, the Ladies' Aid Society \$253.85, the choir \$57.60, W.F.M.S. \$24.56 and Y.P.S.C.E. \$12.63. The balance remaining in the hands of the treasurer is \$53.73. The total liabilities of the church

came to \$7,088.13. A large proportion of the congregation were present at the meeting, at which the pastor, Rev. J. G. Potter, presided.

LESLIEVILLE CHURCH, TORONTO.

REV Wm. FRIZZELL, the pastor, presided at the annual congregational meeting of the Leslieville Presbyterian church, which was well attended. The following is a synopsis of the various reports presented and adopted. Session—Membership 279, thirty three having been added during the past year. Financial—Receipts \$2,331.67; disbursements, \$2,698.12. Sabbath school—a membership of 400, with an average attendance of 305. Christian Endeavour Society, 50 active and 12 associate members. Other branches of church work reported satisfactory progress. The following managers were elected:—Messrs. J. Jenkins, S. McClure, James Kerr and John Russell, sr. Auditors appointed:—James Fox and A. J. Jackson. The ladies provided refreshments at the close of the meeting.

ERSKINE CHURCH, TORONTO.

THERE was a large attendance at the annual meeting of Erskine Presbyterian church, which was held Jan. 13th. Rev. W. A. Hunter occupied the chair. The financial statement for the past year was on the whole, considered very satisfactory, regard being had to the prevailing depression. The total expenditure amounted to \$5,254.90, and the receipts fell \$32.09 short of that sum. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and the reports of the session, board of management, William St. mission, Bible class, Ladies' Aid Association, Christian Endeavor Society, choir and Boys' Brigade were presented and adopted. The election to fill the six vacancies on the board of management resulted in the choice of the following:—Messrs. J. Moir, W. A. McKenzie, J. K. Mitchell, J. Malcolm, J. McArthur and A. M. Sinclair. A motion was made to rescind the rule that the amounts contributed by the members of the church should be published, and during the discussion thereon the meeting was adjourned until Wednesday, the 5th of February.

COLLEGE STREET CHURCH, TORONTO.

THE annual meeting of the College street Presbyterian church was held Jan. 15th in the lecture-room of the church, which was well filled, about two hundred members of the congregation being present. The financial statement submitted by the board of managers showed a deficit for the past year amounting to \$199.64. The total expenditure for the year amounted to \$6,174.32. The average collection per Sabbath for 1895 was \$93.74, being an increase of \$3.97 per Sabbath over the collections received during the preceding year. The report of the board also contained a recommendation that its membership be increased from fifteen to eighteen. The present church membership is 844, as against 826 for the year ending in January, 1895. Seventy-seven new members have been added by certificate, and twenty-eight by profession of faith, making one hundred and five in all. During the past year eighty members have been disjoined, and seven removed by death. The net gain for the past year is therefore eighteen. Six elders have been added to the session and their districts readjusted. The report was adopted, as were also the reports submitted by the various societies connected with the church. These reports show the societies to be in a most flourishing condition, and the prospects for the good work to be carried on during the coming year are very bright. Seven new members of the board of managers were elected as follows:—Messrs. D. W. Clark, E. H. Harcourt, C. G. Smith, R. Watson, N. Binns, W. McCulloch, and Alex. Bell.

WEST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, TORONTO.

THE annual meeting of the West Presbyterian church was held Jan. 15th, the pastor Rev. J. A. Turnbull, M.A., LL.B., in the chair. The reports of the various organizations were read and adopted, all of them spoke with gratitude, confidence and hope. The financial statement for the year ending Dec. 31, 1895, showed that the expenditure of the congregation was about equal to the revenue. The total offerings amounted to \$6,440 of which amount \$1,300 was given for missionary purposes. The Sabbath school report showed that during the year the attendance had been very large. The receipts amounted to \$500,