

## Ministers and Churches.

### Toronto.

The total receipts at College street was \$10,600. The membership is now 967, a net increase of 49 during the year.

Rev. P. M. Macdonald, of Truro, N. S., accepts the call to Cowan Avenue church. Salary promised one thousand eight hundred dollars.

The congregation of Knox church in annual meeting decided by a vote of 97 to 44 again to apply to presbytery for permission to sell the present church building at not less than \$200,000 and to purchase a site up town.

At Cowan avenue all the reports were most encouraging, and the congregation feel most heartened. The membership is 250, with a similar number at Sunday School. Total receipts \$3,663.63.

The choir of College street church were entertained at the residence of Mr. D. McGill and a pleasant evening was spent. A Morris chair was presented to A. H. Green, the organist and choir-master of the church, by Rev. Dr. Gilray, who spoke very highly of Mr. Green's merits as a faithful worker and organizer of the choir.

Bonar church makes steady progress. The receipts amounted to \$3,928, and the church debt had been reduced by \$800. There had been 113 additions to the membership, 32 of them being from the Sunday school. It was decided to increase the minister's stipend by \$300.

Bloor street reports the largest income in the history of the congregation \$19,700. Among the amounts named were \$7,300 for missions. The membership is now 871. Over \$3,000 were expended on interior decorations, and \$500 was paid on mortgage indebtedness, leaving it at \$31,500.

The reports as presented at the West church show that there have been 135 new members received, bringing the total up to 997. The total contributions for the year were \$8,119.23 and \$1,700 were subscribed for missions, an increase of \$265 over last years subscription.

The total receipts of the Westminster church during the past year were \$15,160.25 of which \$7,904.17 were contributed for ordinary church purposes, \$6,770.18 for missionary purposes and \$485.90 to the building fund. The mortgage indebtedness was reduced by \$1,700 and the pastor's salary increased to \$2,500, from \$2,200.

At church of the Covenant, the receipts were \$2,400.5673 over the previous year. The Willing Workers contributed \$375 towards the debt fund; and it was resolved to increase the minister's stipend by \$200. The following have been voted to the session, viz: T. M. Higgins, T. A. Lytle, James I. Scott and John Reith.

At the annual meeting of St. Andrew's church, King and Simcoe streets. The report of the treasurer showed total receipts of \$20,898.18. Of this \$15,306 was the ordinary revenue of the church, \$746 was subscribed to the augmentation fund, \$1,281.93 to missions and \$441.19 to the poor.

The reports at Old St. Andrew's all bespeak progress. There were receipts of \$9,846 and expenditures \$9,618, leaving a balance of \$228. There was a deficit of \$338 last year, and this was paid off, in addition to \$1,000 on the mortgage. There was spent \$350 in alterations to church property. The past year shows a gain of 20 members, making a present membership of 376.

St. Mark's reports total receipts of \$2,027.85. The regular revenue of the church was \$1,775.83, an increase of \$153 over last year. The following were appointed to the Board of Managers: B. R. Robinson, J. White, W. J. Clarke, P. Burnett, R. F. Dale, W. Calhoun, Thos. Findlay, R. Urquhart, R. Gourlay and A. Chisholm.

The annual reports of Erskine church showed a total revenue of \$14,337. There had been \$1,800 given to missions. The mortgage debt of \$4,400 would be reduced by the Bowman legacy of \$1,000. The session had begun the year with a membership of 728, and 15 had been lost by death and 51 withdrew. There had been 44 received on profession of faith and 52 by certificate, making 758, a net increase of 30.

Dunn avenue reported that 95 new members had joined the church, making a total membership of 1,096. The offerings for the year amounted to \$8,931, and the total moneys received were \$12,478. The Sabbath school membership is now 1,171, an increase of 62 over last year.

The congregation decided to vote \$500 towards paying the expenses of Rev. and Mrs. A. L. Giegie, who are going to Scotland during the summer.

At St. Enoch's church, the reports showed a revenue from all sources of upwards of \$4,000. Of this \$400 was contributed to missions. The salary of the minister, who has been with the church for eight years, was increased by \$100. During his pastorate the families in the church have increased from 70 to 170, and the number of communicants from 150 to 340.

Chalmers' reports show most encouraging results. There have been 70 additions to the membership roll and the latter now stands at 728. The total subscriptions for the year were \$7,900 which is an increase of \$700. In view of the general prosperity it was deemed advisable to put \$1,600 in alterations to the church premises and in installing a new lighting plant. Under Mr. MacPherson's pastorate this congregation has taken a decided step forward.

The receipts for the past year at St. James' Square church, were \$8,284.53 as compared with \$7,617.17 for the preceding year. There were 573 members at the commencement of 1903 44 have been removed, 94 added, leaving a net increase of 50. The mission receipts for the year were \$9,138.04. The following were elected to the Board of Managers: W. D. McIntosh, James Buik, Alex. Nairn, James Watt, J. Bruce, A. I. Gordon and R. A. Grant.

The receipts from all sources at St. Paul's amounted to \$3,598, and the disbursements to nearly \$2,500 leaving a balance on hand of \$1,098 of which \$479 is to be given to missions and charitable institutions, leaving a balance on hand of \$619. The erection of a new church edifice was discussed, and work will be commenced as soon as a sufficient amount is guaranteed.

### Ottawa.

Rev. A. H. Scott, of St. Andrew's church, Perth, has been visiting friends in the city.

The Presbytery of Guelph unanimously nominated Rev. Dr. Armstrong of St. Paul's, for the moderatorship of next General Assembly.

The Young People's Society of Zion church, Hull, were entertained at a pleasant social at the residence of Mrs. Waddell, Brewery street, last week.

The annual Sunday school social of McKay church was held last week, and was one of the most enjoyable gatherings ever held in the history of the church. The hall was crowded with the children and their friends, and everyone heartily enjoyed the evening's proceedings. Refreshments were served in the early part of the evening. A musical programme followed. Rev. Norman MacLeod, the pastor, presided and gave a short address.

The membership of Bethany church, Hintonburg, is now 148. During the year \$233.25 had been subscribed for organ fund. The report of the management committee told of a prosperous year. The total receipts were \$888 with an expenditure of \$877, leaving a balance of \$11. The Ladies' Aid Society contributed to the funds, \$176, and the debt was reduced by two hundred dollars. The amount still owing is seven hundred dollars, and there are bright prospects of a considerable reduction during the year. The Sunday school report showed a slight decrease in the average attendance with the present roll of 204 scholars and 19 officers and teachers. The receipts amounted to ninety-seven dollars with an expenditure of the same figure.

Every department of work in the Glebe church showed a marked advance during the past year. The membership is now 181, an increase of 36. The total amount received was \$1,761.25, and the balance on hand amounted to \$265.00. On the Sabbath School roll there were 200 names; average attendance, 135; total collections, \$151.63. The Ladies' Aid raised \$271.41; and the W. F. M. Society collected \$70.00 and forwarded a bale of clothing to one of the fields looked after by the Society. The Mission Board and Boys' Guild gave in satisfactory reports. Altogether the congregation look forward hopefully. A new and larger church is urgently required to enable them to carry on the work efficiently, but this will come in time. Mr. J. R. Reid made an excellent chairman. The minister's salary was increased \$100.00.

As was expected Erskine church made an exceedingly good showing at the annual stock-taking. There was a net gain of 61 in membership during the year; but during the three years

of Mr. Mitchell's pastorate, 258 names have been added to the roll, which now stands at 372. The ordinary revenue for the year was \$2,782.82 an increase of \$176 over the previous year. The average attendance at the Sunday School, including teachers and scholars, numbered 377, an increase of 74 over 1902. The Ladies' Aid and W. F. M. S., each gave in satisfactory reports. Last year special attention had been paid to Home Missions, with the result that \$241.51 had been raised for the support of men in the home field, and this would have been largely increased only for the fire last May. All the other societies of the church reported advancement all along the line; and Erskine church enters on another year's work for the Master with courage and enthusiasm.

Rev. Dr. Armstrong presided at the annual meeting of St. Paul's church, which was well attended. All the reports presented were of an encouraging character, and witnessed to the good work being done by the congregation in the eastern portion of the city. The financial report indicated receipts amounting to four thousand and eight dollars, made up as follows:

Ordinary fund .....	\$2,712.00
From Ladies' Aid .....	309.00
Collected for missions .....	295.00
From W. F. M. S. ....	149.00
From Mission Band .....	16.00
From Sunday School .....	225.00
Westminster Guild .....	120.00

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The Ladies' Aid raised three hundred and nine dollars; and the reports from the W. F. M. Society and the Mission Band were of a very satisfactory nature.

### Montreal.

For the past two Sundays, under the auspices of the Presbyterian church, evening services have been held in the Town Hall, Outremont kindly granted for this purpose by the Council. Those interested have equipped the upper hall with electric light, and are much encouraged and gratified by the attendance, and hope, considering the number of resident Presbyterians, that it not only will fill a want, but attain success. It is with pleasure that acknowledgment is made for the receipt already of a substantial cheque from a city well-wisher.

The annual meeting of Knox church was described by the chairman, the Rev. James Fleck, as "the largest ever held under this roof." The reports were encouraging, and provoked an interesting discussion. The church membership now stands at 767, and the debt on the new edifice is being paid off at the rate of one thousand two hundred dollars per year. Mr. H. B. Picken was re-elected chairman of the Board of managers, Mr. J. McD. Hains, treasurer, and Mr. Alexander Morrison, secretary. Messrs. Walter Paul, J. J. McGill, John Baillie and James Kent, the retiring managers were re-elected for three years.

The Witness says: The Rev. D. Mackenzie, B.D., of Toronto, who will occupy the pulpit of St. Matthew's Presbyterian Church during the pastor's absence in Britain, is a man of deep and wide culture. He has recently returned from Germany, after three years of study, and previous to that travelled in Palestine and Greece. A volume on 'Old Testament Sacrifices,' of which the late Principal MacVicar thought very highly, is from his pen. As a preacher, Mr. Mackenzie is clear and convincing, and sends his hearers away with a higher conception of the glory and dignity of Ille.

At the annual meeting of Chalmers' church. The treasurer's report was found satisfactory and adopted. The receipts amounted to three thousand four hundred and ninety-four dollars and fifty-seven cents for the year and a small balance remained over the running expenses. One of the most important matters discussed was the erection of a new entrance to the church as the porch built with the church, and now in use, will have to be removed to make way for the widening of St. Lawrence street. A committee was appointed to obtain plans for the construction of a new entrance. The proposal to secure another site and remove a short distance to the north-east has been under consideration for some time, but no action has been taken in this direction as yet.

### Quebec.

The annual meeting of Lachine church, (Rev. Jas. McLaren, pastor) was largely attended. A hearty spirit prevailed. Good reports were presented. The session report showed 29 added