

Ottawa and Vicinity.

The reports presented at the annual meeting of New Edinburgh church were all of an encouraging character. There were 44 added to the membership, making an increase of 83 in the past two years. The income from all sources amounted to \$3,200. The sum of \$375 was given for missionary purposes, more than double the amount given in any previous year. The collections for the sustentation fund and missions amounted together to \$2,442, being a sum of \$143 in excess of any previous year. The Sunday School, the Ladies' Aid, Young People's Society and the W. F. M. Society all submitted reports showing good work and substantial progress during the past year. A strong Board of Managers was elected; and a committee was appointed to consider the advisability of changing the name of the church.

Notwithstanding the serious drawbacks of last year the reports presented at the Annual meeting of Zion congregation, Hull gave indications of growth and progress. Ten removals took place during the year, and 13 new names were added to the roll, a net gain of 3, leaving the membership at 86. The treasurer's report presented by Mr. J. R. MacKay, showed the total receipts to be \$1130.38. It was gratifying to know that they were out of debt—all the expenses of the church having been fully met. The Sunday School receipts were \$177.67, and the report of the willing workers showed that \$112.45 had been handed the treasurer. This was considered a very good showing, looking at the difficulty of the work owing to families being so scattered since the fire. The sum of \$32.73 had been gathered by the missionary collectors. The pastor stated in connection with this report that he believed, although they had suffered so much on account of the fire, the amount of the collections for the missionary cause, when all gathered in, would be as large as last year, which was a proof of increased devotion on the part of the people, and a determination to stand by the cause of God.

The managers are as follows: Messrs. S. Goudie, R. Nesbitt, W. Duncan, J. R. McKay, Fred. Bonnie, and Geo. B. Cushman. Mr. Bonnie was appointed chairman, and Mr. George Cushman, secretary. Mr. S. S. Cushman was re-appointed auditor, and Mr. Duncan caretaker. Mr. Neil McKillop, one of the old and honored laymen of the church, gave a stirring address in which he bore testimony to the good work done by Rev. Mr. Scott when he was minister of Bristol. Addresses were also given by Messrs. McKay, S. S. Cushman, R. Nesbitt and Mr. Taylor. Zion congregation have good reason to thank God and take courage!

Western Ontario.

Rev. John Johnston, of Paisley, occupied the pulpit at Wroxeter on the 20th inst.

The Wroxeter congregation of Fordwich decided, at their annual meeting, to erect a new church on the site given to them by Mr. William Hamilton.

Rev. J. P. Scott, of St. John's Presbyterian Church, Toronto, will occupy the pulpit of Esk-kite church, Hamilton, next Sunday morning and evening, in exchange with Rev. R. Martin.

The First Presbyterian Church, Chatham, have given a unanimous call to Rev. W. E. Knowles, who supplied at Knox church, Galt, during the absence on the continent of his brother, Rev. R. E. Knowles.

The annual meetings of the congregation of North and South Westminster were held recently. Rev. Dr. D. L. McCrea is pastor, and both churches are prospering. This charge gives nearly \$1,000 this year for missions.

Mr. Stanley McKeown Brown delivered his illustrated lecture on South Africa in the Presbyterian church, Seaford, under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid, on Monday evening, the 21st inst. During the lecture a purse of gold was presented to Mr. Durie, who has just returned from South Africa.

The anniversary services in the Edmondville church will be conducted by Rev. W. A. J. Martin, of Zion church, Brantford, on Sabbath, February 3rd. On the following evening Miss H. I. Graham will give an evening's reading under the auspices of the Woman's Foreign Mission Society. The readings will consist for the most part, of her own poems, and should prove very interesting. Miss Graham is well known to the readers of THE DOMINION PRESBYTERIAN, from her frequent excellent contributions, both in prose and verse.

Last Sunday Rev. Prof. Ballantyne, of Knox College, Toronto, conducted both services at St. Paul's church, Hamilton.

The finances of Knox church, Hamilton, were not in quite as satisfactory a condition as its friends could have wished; and as a consequence the pastor, Rev. Dr. Fraser, asked that his salary be reduced. The deficit appeared in the decrease of \$523.62 in the envelope subscriptions from last year, and the report of the Board of Managers placed the blame on the congregation. This old well-to-do church can readily change this deficit into a balance on the right side; and at any rate the faithful pastor of many years should not be allowed to suffer.

The reports presented to the annual meeting of McNab Street church, Hamilton, may be considered quite satisfactory. The Treasurer reported receipts \$4,537.75; expenditure, \$4,530.84, leaving a balance on hand of \$6.91. It was stated that \$5,000 had been subscribed to the Century Fund, and the hope was expressed that this sum would be considerably increased. Thirty-eight names were added to the membership; and the improvement in the psalmody was mentioned approvingly. Appreciative mention was made of the generous gifts by the family of the late Hon. Isaac Buchanan, who were building and furnishing a handsome vestry and choir room. The reports from Sunday School, Young People's Society, W. F. M. Society and Ladies' Aid were all most encouraging.

The Whitley Presbyterian.

Unfavorable weather prevented a large attendance at the Annual meeting of this Presbyterian, which was held at Bowmanville. The president, Mrs. Turnbull, of Bowmanville, presided with efficiency. The membership of our sixteen Auxiliaries remains much the same as last year, while in the average attendance there is an increase of 20. The five Mission Bands report a gain of forty one numerically and twelve in average attendance. Financially there has been a gain of \$44.52; the contributions from all sources amounting to \$979.16. Mention must also be made of a large sum not included in the above amount, which had been sent by the Whitley Presbyterian to the "Indian Famine Fund." The supply of clothing for the Indians of the North West was a very liberal one, the bale sent weighing 660 lbs. and valued at \$234.30.

The public meeting in the evening, presided over by Rev. J. H. Turnbull, Moderator of Presbytery, was also one of much interest. Mrs. Goforth gave a thrilling account of their escape to the coast. Mr. Goforth then followed with a very interesting address on the work in Honan. A short but stirring address by Rev. J. A. McKeen, of Orono, added further interest to the meeting. The officers elected for 1901 are as follows:—Pres.—Mrs. Turnbull, Bowmanville; 1st Vice-Pres.—Mrs. Hodges, Bowmanville; 2nd Vice-Pres.—Mrs. Currie, Port Perry; 3rd Vice-Pres.—Mrs. Crozier, Ashburn; 4th Vice-Pres.—Mrs. Lochart, Newtonville; Cor. Sec.—Miss Thompson, Whitley; Sec. of Literature—Mrs. McNaughton, Newcastle; Sec. of Bands—Miss M. Allen, Bowmanville; Treas.—Miss Allen, Bowmanville; Sec. of Supplies—Miss McGillivray, Whitley.

Lanark and Renfrew Presbyterian.

The Eighteenth Annual meeting of this Presbyterian Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was held in Zion Church, Carleton Place, on Thursday and Friday of last week. The first session was convened on Thursday evening at 8 o'clock, the President, Mrs. W. C. Irving, Pembroke, in the chair. After singing, Mrs. W. A. Patterson, Carleton Place, led in prayer. Another hymn was sung, and Mrs. Duncan, of Watson's Corners, gave as a Bible reading the 10th chap. of Acts, which she explained. Mrs. A. W. Bell, of Carleton Place, on behalf of the Auxiliaries of St. Andrew's and Zion church and the citizens generally, then presented an address of welcome to the delegates, which was ably responded to by Mrs. Loughhead, of Cobden. The president then gave a very useful address on Women's organizations; and she was followed by Mrs. Goforth, who spoke in stirring terms of the escape of Honan missionaries, herself among the rest, from the terrible "Boxers." Mrs. Mitchell, Almonte, followed with an excellent paper on United Christians; and the first session was closed with prayer by Mrs. (Dr.) R. Campbell, of Perth.

On Friday morning the following officers were elected:—Pres., Mrs. W. C. Irving, Pembroke;

1st Vice-pres., Mrs. A. Wilson, jr., Appleton; 2nd Vice-pres., Mrs. G. A. Woodside, Carleton Place; 3rd Vice-pres., Mrs. (Dr.) R. Campbell, Perth; 4th Vice-pres., Mrs. John Hay Renfrew; Rec.-Sec., Mrs. A. C. Brown, Carleton Place; Cor.-Sec., Miss N. Beatty, Pembroke; Treas., Mrs. A. M. Greig, Almonte. Rev. R. J. Hutchison, of Almonte, was appointed auditor for 1901. Mrs. W. C. Irving was appointed delegate to the meeting of the General Society in Toronto. After selecting next place of meeting and receiving reports from Auxiliaries Mrs. W. C. Caldwell, Lanark, closed the session with prayer.

On Friday afternoon, after devotional exercises, the Cor.-Sec. reported 38 auxiliaries, an increase of two over last year, and a membership of 850, an increase of 149 members; 13 mission bands with 4 new ones, and a membership of 295, an increase of 50 over last year. The overseer of clothing for the Northwest, Miss Milne, of Arnprior, reported that 18 bales, valued at \$695.45, had been sent to "Round Lake" reserve. The Treasurer, Mrs. Greig, of Almonte, reported 37 auxiliaries had contributed \$2,659.20; 13 mission bands \$363.28. The honor roll was quite large. 14 auxiliaries and six mission bands had increased their contributions. Miss A. Yuill, of Calabogie, led in the consecration prayer and Mrs. Goforth spoke interestingly on her work in Honan, China. Mrs. Woodside also gave a talk on mission band work. The Question drawer was conducted by Mrs. C. H. Cooke, of Smith's Falls.

The public meeting in the evening was well attended, the chair being taken by Rev. A. A. Scott. Rev. J. Goforth, of Honan, China, gave a stirring and suitable address based on John 3, 30, in which he related many characteristics of the Chinamen which were new to the audience. He told how great a field was opened for the people in that land, and the need for more laborers to gather in the harvest. Was ready to return to the work as soon as the orders came. Thereafter the Rev. John Hay, B. D., Renfrew, conveyed the greetings of the Presbytery, and a successful meeting was brought to a close by Rev. G. A. Woodside pronouncing the benediction.

Lindsay Presbyterian.

The 19th annual meeting of this Presbyterian was held in the Presbyterian Church, Sunderland, on Tuesday the 15th. The day was lovely and the attendance of delegates was large. The morning session was presided over by the president, Mrs. Ross, of Lindsay, who led in the opening devotional exercises. The reports of the secretaries of supplies, literature, and of Mission Bands, were received and adopted. The following officers elected: President, Mrs. Walker, Uxbridge; 1st vice-President, Mrs. Ross, Lindsay; 2nd vice-President, Mrs. Cameron, Wick; 3rd vice-President, Miss Robinson, Beaverton; 4th vice-President, Mrs. Campbell, Woodville; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Bascom, Uxbridge; Treasurer, Mrs. J. M. McLennan, Lindsay; Secretary of Literature, Mrs. Duncan, Woodville; Secretary of Supplies, Mrs. McKay, Woodville; Secretary of Mission Bands, Mrs. Baldwin, Sunderland.

The first item on the afternoon programme was a Bible reading, from the Epistle to the Ephesians on the "Inheritance of the Saints," by Mrs. Sinclair, Fenelon Falls. The Secretary's report was encouraging. In two congregations where there had been organized Helpers, this year they have been organized as auxiliaries. The Treasurer reports the amounts raised this year to be \$1,397 with two Auxiliaries to hear from. The money was dedicated to God in prayer led by Mrs. Frankish, Uxbridge. Mrs. Goforth, of Honan, China, spoke of the difficulties, and encouragements of Mission work in that distant field. Mrs. Ross, who for seven years had so ably filled the office of President, in a few words, took leave of the society, assuring them that though she was retiring from the management of the Society, she would still take as real an interest in the work as ever. The new officers were introduced to the society, after which Mrs. McDonald closed the meeting with prayer.

At the public meeting in the evening the Church was crowded. The Rev. Thomas S. Glassford, presided. The Presbyterian report was read and handed over, Rev. Mr. Martin, of Cannington, replying on behalf of the Presbytery. Mr. and Mrs. Goforth were present and addressed the meeting, and their earnest and thrilling words must do much to awaken and maintain a real interest in mission work.