

COUNCIL OF 1909 IS FULLY ORGANIZED.

Practically No Change in the Committees or the Chairmanships.

License Reduction Petitions Presented—Aldermen to be Posted on Power Judgment.

Figuratively speaking the new aldermen rolled up their sleeves last night and buckled down to work when the Council met to receive the report of the striking committee, make appointments to the independent boards, and deal with other unimportant routine matters. It is evident that the electors take considerable interest in the new Council for the chambers were again jammed to capacity and many stood in the corridors to see the civic solons in session. True to his promise to see that the meetings begin promptly, Mayor McLaren was in his chair sharp on scheduled time, and the proceedings were under way on the stroke of 8 o'clock, something that rarely occurred with the old Council. Although Ald. Morris protested against Ald. Clark being reappointed chairman of the Fire and Water Committee, and Ald. Milne objected because he was not given a place on the Board of Works, there was no serious attempt to upset the report of the striking committee, and only one amendment was made. Ald. Sweeney, who was on the House of Refuge Committee, exchanging places with Ald. Ryan, who was appointed to the Harbor Committee. Both were agreeable to the change. Ald. Wright objected to the way he was turned down, but no one backed him up.

THE COMMITTEES.
Ald. Peregrine, seconded by Ald. Guy, moved the adoption of the striking committee's report, but before Mayor McLaren had time to put the motion Ald. Milne was on his feet with an amendment. He moved that he be placed on the Board of Works in place of Ald. Guy, and that the latter replace him on the House of Refuge Committee. His reason for the amendment, he explained, was because Ald. Guy was chairman of one committee and a member of two first-class committees. Ald. Milne thought it was only fair to the electors of Ward 1 that he should have a place on such an important committee as the Board of Works. He had the time to devote to the work and the experience. It was not looking at things in a proper light, he thought, not to place him on the committee.

Ald. Wright, who was ousted from the chairmanship of the House of Refuge Committee, which he presided over last year, and was placed on the sewers and two other unimportant committees, complained of the treatment he had received. "I would like to ask why I am ousted," he said. "I spent two years on the Fire and Water Committee, and took an active interest in the work. Now the best I get is second-class committee." He said he did not care for himself, but he did not care for the electors of the ward he represented that he was thinking about.

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Sewers Committee—Ald. Jutten, Allan, Anderson, Crerar, Applegarth, Wright and Morris.

Harbor Committee—Ald. Guy, Jutten, Sweeney, Applegarth, Hopkins, Crerar and Gardner.

Finance Committee—Ald. Peregrine, Hopkins, Farmer, Cooper, Guy, Lees and Crerar.

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GIVE THE CHILDREN PLENTY OF FRUIT

It Helps to Keep Them Well.

In a growing, active child the cells of which the body is composed are being worn out—and replaced—very rapidly. This dead tissue must be gotten rid of somehow, and the danger is that the eliminating organs—the Bowels, Kidneys and Skin—may not do their work well enough. Then the blood becomes poisoned and the child does not thrive.

Nothing has such an invigorating effect on these organs as ripe fruit juices. Apple juice increases the action of the kidneys; other fruit juices stimulate the liver to secrete more bile, and bile produces easy and regular movements of the bowels; others stir up the glands of the skin to throw off more waste matter.

The difficulty is that to get these effects a great deal of fruit must be eaten, and the excess of pulp and woody matter may upset the digestion. The better way is to give the children "Fruit-a-tives," which are tablets made of concentrated fruit juices with valuable tonics added.

"Fruit-a-tives" have the combined effect of the different fruit juices, helping all the eliminating organs to work properly, curing Constipation, toning up the system, and keeping the children plump and rosy. 25c for a trial box. 60c for regular size—6 boxes for \$2.50. Fruit-a-tives Limited, Ottawa.

ANNUAL OF NEW CENTRAL.

Prosperity Has Marked First Year In New Edifice.

His Honor, J. M. Gibson, Retires From the Board.

Harmonious Meeting of Congregation Held Last Evening.

The annual meeting of Central Church was held last evening, in the school room of the church. There was a good attendance of the congregation, and the interest in the different reports proved that the church has many willing workers. The meeting opened with a reading of the Scriptures by Rev. W. H. Sedgewick. Previous to the regular business, the Board of Managers met in private session.

Mr. R. K. Hope was elected chairman and Mr. James Dickson, secretary. The minutes of the annual meeting of last year were read and adopted.

The first report was that of the session and was read by Rev. W. H. Sedgewick. The number of communicants on the roll at the beginning of 1908 was 64. During the year 11 were added by profession of faith; 25 by certificate, and 7 by order of the session. During the year 9 were removed by death, 47 by certificate and 10 by profession of faith, making a total number of 100 members at the close of the year 1908, a decrease of 10 in the membership. Owing to the opening of St. Giles', 37 members of Central moved to that church. During the year 8 infants and one adult were baptized, but your Board and five adherents were removed by death.

MANAGERS' REPORT.
Mr. J. M. Eastwood submitted the report of the Board of Managers and Treasurer's report which was as follows:

The past year marks the increased opportunity for Church work by reason of the completion and opening of the new church.

Your Board of Managers made a change in the hour of the evening service during the summer months, which met with the approval of the congregation, and, we think, assisted in keeping up the attendance during the heated term. A large increase in attendance is a matter of great satisfaction to your Board, and while showing an added interest in the Church work, also tends largely to augment the finances.

The cost of the new church and the expense of maintaining it has increased the burden the Board has to assume, but we are pleased to note that the open collections have shown a marked improvement. The envelope system is being adopted by an increased number of contributors, but your Board is anxious to see every member and adherent contributing by envelope during the next few months. The sum of \$200.00 per Sabbath is necessary from this source to enable the Board to meet its obligations.

The managers undertook the allotment of sittings in the new church, and endeavored to the best of their ability to satisfy pewholders, and they trust that their efforts, in this behalf, have met with the entire approval of the congregation. There are still available good sittings to any applicant who may apply to Mr. J. B. Gay, pew steward.

Your Board desires to thank Mrs. William Hendrie, Hon. John S. Hendrie and Mrs. Hendrie, for the extension of the family of the late Mrs. Zealand for the handsome new memorial windows placed in the church, and also Mrs. Peter McCullough, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Barber and the Ladies' Aid Society for their liberality in installing new windows in place of those destroyed by fire in the old church.

To Mr. and Mrs. John McCullough the thanks of the congregation are due for the handsome baptismal font, which they presented.

Your Board desires to place on record its sincere appreciation of the helpful assistance given by the musical director and the members of the choir, which have added in a very material way to the effectiveness of the church services, and also to the Men's Association for the lively interest and assistance in the church's work.

The retiring managers are Hon. J. M. Gibson, John M. Eastwood, O. G. Carscallen and C. H. Pashley, all of whom are eligible for re-election.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.
The treasurer's statement was as follows:

Receipts—
Balance from 1907 \$8,553 41
Ordinary collection 5,097 53
Collections on opening of new church 744 40
Pew rents 3,474 33
Benevolent fund collections 170 85
Rent Jackson street school 200 00
Bank of Hamilton overdraft 415 38
Total \$10,650 92

Disbursements—
Bank overdraft 31st Dec., 1907 \$2,226 51
Ministers' stipends 4,000 00

Pulpit supply 60 00
Ladies' visiting committee for benevolent fund 170 85
Musical service 1,984 99
Sunday school 189 30
General Expenses 1,578 08
Balance of cash on hand 450 19
Total \$10,650 92

Liabilities up to date—
Bank of Hamilton 415 38
Resources—
Unpaid pew rents 350 00
Cash on hand 450 19
The following is an estimate of the income and expenditure for the year 1909:

Receipts—
Ordinary collections, 40 Sundays, at \$200 each \$8,000
Ordinary collections, 12 Sundays, at \$150 each 1,800
Rent of Jackson street Sunday school, less expense 500
Pew rents 3,500
Total \$13,800

Disbursements—
Stipends, salaries, general expenses and Sunday school \$8,700
Interest on money borrowed by Building Committee 5,000
Total \$13,700

OTHER REPORTS.
The report of the Sunday school was read by Mr. J. J. Evel. The average weekly attendance for the first three months 123 and for the last three months 158. The average weekly contributions for first three months was \$5.30, and for the last three months \$7.25.

The report of the Visiting Committee showed receipts of \$204.94, with a balance on hand of \$48.77. The committee for this year is as follows: President, Mrs. Lyle; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Troup; No. 1, Mrs. Springer and Mrs. N. D. Galbreath; No. 2, Mrs. Strong; No. 3, Mrs. G. L. Johnson; No. 4, Mrs. Findlay and Mrs. H. H. Johnson; No. 5, Mrs. E. Duffield; No. 6, Mrs. J. J. Evel; No. 7, Mrs. Copp; No. 8, Mrs. Hossack and Mrs. A. C. Havill; No. 9, Mrs. Pennington; No. 10, Mrs. Cameron, Mrs. G. Robertson, Mrs. Leche, Mrs. Cummings; No. 11, Mrs. J. T. Johnson; No. 12, Mrs. Newbigging; No. 13, Mrs. D. Cummings; No. 14, Mrs. Troup; No. 15, Miss Simons; No. 16, Mrs. McIlwraith.

The Ladies' Aid Society reported an excellent year. The receipts showed \$601.00, with a balance on the right side of \$300.75.

The W. F. M. S. Auxiliary reported regular meetings every month, with an average attendance of 21. The treasurer's statement of the auxiliary showed receipts of \$192.69, with a balance of 20 cents.

The report of the W. H. M. S. proved that the work is going on steadily, showing receipts of \$467.81, with a balance of 21 cents.

The Senior Mission Band reported an increase of several members during the year. The treasurer's statement showed receipts of \$126.00, with a balance of \$8.13.

The report of the Building Committee was submitted by Mr. George Hope. Mention was made of the fact that the first estimates of the cost of the church had been exceeded, but it was felt that the beauty and completeness will make up for the extra cost.

The report of the Men's Association showed receipts of \$94, with a balance of \$37.10.

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TREASURER'S STATEMENT.
Receipts—
Balance from 1907 \$ 261 74
Loose collection 1,079 92
Envelope collection 3,272 60
Anniversary collection 94 40
Total \$4,648 72

Disbursements—
Rev. S. B. Russell \$2,000 00
Dr. C. L. M. Harris 750 00
Mr. Robert Symmers 30 00
Mr. A. Turnbull 400 00
Pulpit supply 80 00
Gas account 39 55
Repairs and improvements 277 53
Printing and stationery 292 50
Other expenses 558 18
Total \$4,648 72

Liabilities—
Mortgage \$ 6,500 00
Note, Bank of Hamilton 3,230 00
Total \$ 9,730 00

Assets—
Church, school and contents \$35,000 00
Insurance carried \$25,500 00
The Organ Fund Committee made its report, and recommended that the committee be discharged and the funds taken over by the congregation. The recommendation was adopted.

Gordon B. Ion presented the Board of Missions report, which was adopted, after Mr. D. A. Souter had called attention to the fact that more money was given to home than to foreign missions, when there were thousands in need abroad to every one at home. The receipts were \$742.43, disbursements \$741.95, balance 48 cents.

The Sunday school report, presented by E. H. Montgomery, showed 735 scholars on the roll, with an average attendance of 490. About seventy-five boys and girls are entitled to the Robert Raikes

diploma for 1908, having obtained 95 per cent of the total marks required. Treasurer's statement showed receipts of \$885.72.

The Bible class has had a prosperous year, and the report was most encouraging. The receipts were \$61.30 and disbursements \$17.55, leaving a balance of \$43.84. The officers for 1908 are: President, Thomas Haddock, Vice-President, Mrs. Thomas Nichol; Secretaries, Wm. J. Montgomery and Miss F. Ryan; Treasurer, Wm. Humphrey; Teacher, Rev. S. B. Russell.

The next report was that of the Ladies' Aid, who, though they have been fairly successful in collecting funds, have decided to leave the money already collected in the bank until it will make a creditable showing. Mr. A. M. Souter suggested that the money be turned over to the Board of Managers, as it could be used to good advantage and the interest on the debt saved. For the building fund the receipts were \$691.57, disbursements \$3.45, balance in bank \$688.12. For the general funds the receipts and disbursements were \$23.33. The officers for 1909 are:

Honorary President, Mrs. McBean.
First Vice-President, Mrs. Geo. Pyle.
Second Vice-President, Mrs. H. McKellar.
Third Vice-President, Mrs. James Montgomery.
Fourth Vice-President, Mrs. Broadbent.
General Secretary, Mrs. A. Turnbull.
Treasurer of Building Fund, Mrs. Jas. Raines.
Treasurer of General Fund, Mrs. Wm. Pratt.

Envelope Secretary, Mrs. Ryan.
Organist, Mrs. T. C. Binkley.
The work of the choir has gone on steadily under the direction of Dr. Harris, and the members of the organization have been faithful in the service of song. The choir raised \$64.65. Floral fund, receipts \$3.08; disbursements \$2.15, cash on hand \$1.58.

The treasurer's statement for the Earnest Rogers' Mission Band was: Receipts \$69.14, disbursements \$69; balance 14 cents. The officers for the ensuing year are: Honorary President, Mrs. S. B. Russell; President, Mrs. D. A. Souter; First Vice-President, Miss Montgomery; Second Vice-President, Margery Erskine; Secretary, Marie McFarlane; Treasurer, Constance Lawson.

Boys' Club: Receipts \$126.10, disbursements \$100.45, balance \$25.65. Officers for 1909: Honorary President, Rev. S. B. Russell; Honorary Vice-President, Mr. J. Hyslop; President, A. C. McFarlane; Vice-President, F. Weidson; Secretary, Wm. Wilson; Treasurer, E. Hines; Program Committee, H. McCulloch, F. Weidson, S. Richardson; Investigating Committee, W. Monk, D. A. Souter, Miss J. Hyslop.

Erskine Gleaners: Receipts \$24.96, disbursements \$20.76; balance \$4.20.
Senior Christian Endeavor Society: Receipts \$22.80, disbursements \$13.75; balance on hand \$9.05. Officers for 1909: Honorary President, Rev. S. B. Russell; President, Allan Vollick; Vice-President, Martha Cochrane; Recording Secretary, Mary McDonald; Treasurer, William Humphrey.

Intermediate C. E. Society: Receipts \$26.20, disbursements \$25.05; balance \$1.15.
Auxiliary W. F. M. S.: Receipts \$176.34, disbursements \$175.55; balance 79 cents. Officers for 1909: President, Mrs. Russell; First Vice-President, Mrs. Brown; Second Vice-President, Mrs. Pringle; Third Vice-President, Mrs. Lawson; Secretary, Mrs. Cochrane; Treasurer, Miss Turnbull; Governor of Program Committee, Mrs. Pringle; Organist, Miss McBean.

After all the reports had been disposed of Mr. John Pringle, treasurer, tendered his resignation. In explaining this action he said it was plain that the Board of Managers did not have the confidence of the congregation. Rev. Mr. Russell asked him to reconsider the matter, and expressed the opinion that the congregation would not willingly lose so faithful a servant. Mr. A. M. Souter also expressed sorrow at this action, and requested Mr. Pringle to withdraw his resignation, which he was finally prevailed upon to do.

The following were elected to the Board of Management: Messrs. G. S. Siders, Dr. Anderson, A. M. Souter and Robert Lowrie.

A resolution was passed to the effect that the Board of Management should sell the old organ and apply the proceeds to the debt of the new one.

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The Right House

"HAMILTON'S FAVORITE SHOPPING PLACE"

New white muslin underwear

Great January sale now in full swing: Extraordinary bargains

CAREFUL searching among reliable manufacturers has brought to us, to sell considerably underprice, a lot of beautiful, fresh, new Muslin Underwear for women and girls—all are in newest next Spring and Summer styles; all are thoroughly well-made and cut in generous roomy sizes from good materials. Simple, neat to elaborate styles of lace and embroidery trimmings. A most bewitching display is ready for you. Added to the new lines are several lots from our regular stocks which are absolutely reduced. Here are some bargain hints.



Corset covers: Many dainty bargains

FULL front and fitted styles, daintily embroidered and with laces, insertions, headings and ribbon to trim; fine Cambrics, Nainsooks and Cottons. All sizes.

25c, real value 35c 19c, real value 25c 69c, real value 85c
55c, real value 45c 39c, real value 50c 88c, real value 1.50

CHILDREN'S DRAWERS—Good-wearing, nice quality Cambrics; trimmed with embroidery, self frills, fine tucks, etc. Size for children of 2 to 5 years.

19c, reduced from 32c 35c—or 3 for \$1.00, reduced from 50c

Women's drawers

25c, real value 35c
49c, real value 65c
59c, real value 75c
75c, real value 1.25

Umbrella styles in full generous sizes, fine cambrics and strong cottons; embroidery, lace, tucks, insertions and hemstitched tucks to trim.

Women's nightgowns

88c, real value 1.15
1.00, real value 1.35
\$1.19, real value 1.65
\$2.25, real value 3.25

Slipover and high neck styles, embroidery trimmed and finished with ribbon and beading; fine cambrics and Nainsooks.

Women's undershirts

75c, real value 1.00
88c, real value 1.19
1.59, real value 2.50
\$3.88, real value 5.50

Fine Cambrics and Muslins, nicely trimmed with embroideries, tucks, laces, insertions, frills, ruffles, etc. Many pretty styles, all with generous fullness at bottom.

CORNER KING EAST AND HUGHSON STS. **THOMAS C. WATKINS** HAMILTON, ONTARIO

ERSKINE HAD A GOOD YEAR.

Annual Meeting of West End Presbyterian Church.

All the Societies Showed Activity During Year.

Church Treasurer's Resignation Offered, But Not Accepted.

The twenty-eighth annual meeting of Erskine Presbyterian Church was held in the Sunday school last evening.

The attendance was large and the various reports, with a few exceptions, were speedily disposed of. After Rev. S. B. Russell, the pastor, had opened the meeting with prayer, I. O. Melatos took the chair, and called for the report of the Session, which was presented by the Treasurer, William Brown, as follows: Membership Jan. 1, 1908, 774; addition by certificate, 52; addition by profession of faith, 68; removals by certificate, 37; removals by death, 7; removals otherwise, 20; present membership, 823; baptism, adults, 6; average attendance at communion, 554; infant baptisms, 22. Session fund, receipts \$112.83, disbursed \$8.60; balance in bank \$104.23.

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