

Annual Meetings.

PRINCE ALBERT, SASKATCHEWAN

The annual meeting of St. Paul's Presbyterian church, Prince Albert, was held in the church, on Thursday, Jan. 13th. The pastor, Rev. A. Lee, B.A., presided. The attendance was large and a lively interest was manifested in the reports submitted. The report of the Session was presented by Mr. John McTaggart, and expressed gratitude to God for the peace and harmony that has continued unbroken. It also showed that the interest in the church's progress is deep, as evidenced by the attendance on the Sabbath services and the number of faithful workers engaged in the Sunday school and other departments of church work. The interest in missions is also growing. The Ladies' Aid Society reported an excellent record of work done. The Managers presented their report which showed the finances to be in a healthy condition. This report showed that the congregational contributions were sufficient to meet all obligations and leave a balance in the hands of the Treasurer. Messrs. Howard, Knox and Wright were elected Managers for a period of two years. Messrs. Carnie, Montgomery and Nivin's continue in office for one year more. A vote of thanks was given to Miss Lee, Organist, and the choir for services rendered. Also votes of thanks were tendered to the Ladies' Aid Society and to the Board of Managers, and especially to the Treasurer. The singing of the Doxology brought to a termination one of the best annual meetings ever held by this congregation.

EBURN, B.O.

The annual meeting of Richmond congregation, Rev. J. A. Logan, pastor, was held on the afternoon of the 12th inst. The report of the Treasurer showed a balance on the right side. An encouraging Sabbath school report was read. Officers for the current year were appointed and other business transacted. During the year the church has been painted, and the inside of the manse painted and kalsomined. Contributions have been made to the Schemes of the Church. Four were added to the church the last communion. The congregation now have the church, manse, and glebe free of debt, and enter upon their work this year free from financial incumbrance.

BLOOR STREET CHURCH.

The annual meeting of the Bloor street Presbyterian church, Toronto, was held Jan. 19th. The pastor, Rev. W. G. Wallace, presided. The reports presented were of a uniformly encouraging nature. The membership has reached 763, an increase of seven over 1896. The total number added during the past year was 119, and the deaths and withdrawals 112. The large number of withdrawals were caused by the transfer of Wychwood Mission from the Bloor street church to the new St. Paul's church. The financial statement showed receipts from all sources of revenue, such as weekly offerings, missionary contributions, etc., of \$16,400, as against \$15,127 in 1896, or an increase of \$1,273. Particularizing, the revenue account represented \$7,096 of weekly offerings in envelopes, and \$1,248 in open collections. On building fund account the Women's Association contributed \$175; other envelope collections for building fund, \$1,141; special anniversary collection, \$1,473, and choir contribution of \$210. The receipts also include \$3,461 for missions, an increase of \$91.40 over 1896, which were allocated as follows: Foreign, \$103; Home, \$300; Augmentation Fund, \$470; Knox College, \$225; French Evangelization, \$115; Aged and Infirm Ministers, \$120; Widows' and Orphans', \$65; Manitoba College, \$50. The main debt was reduced by the substantial sum of \$4,000, leaving the remaining liabilities at \$50,000. During the past six years \$17,000 has been paid on the debt, or an average of nearly \$3,000 a year.

COLLEGE ST. CHURCH.

Rev. A. Gilray, pastor, presided at the annual meeting on Jan. 19th, of the College street church, Toronto. An encouraging report was presented by the Treasurer, showing that the receipts for the past year amounted to \$6,659.26; this does not include

the missionary moneys. After meeting all expenses a balance of over \$300 remained over towards the reduction of the church debt. This income was raised without pew rents. In addition to the church income the amounts raised for their respective objects by the different societies were:—Sabbath school, \$508.14; Women's Association, \$416.91; Y. P. S. C. E., \$120.68; Bible class, \$96.26; Speedwell Mission Band, \$16.61; Junior Society of Christian Endeavor, \$9.50. The report of the Session showed that 110 members had been added and 95 left, leaving the number on the roll 861.

CHURCH OF THE COVENANT.

The annual congregational meeting of the Church of the Covenant, Toronto, was held Jan. 19th, Rev. Jas. McCaul presiding. The reports of the Managers, Session, Willing Workers, senior and junior Y. P. S. C. E. Societies, Sunday School Building Committee and other societies connected with the church were read and approved of. Considering the comparatively small number of the congregation and the fact that a new church edifice is now in the course of erection the reports were very favorable. The revenues towards all objects were well maintained. A committee was appointed to confer with the Session with the object of securing an improved service of praise.

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN.

A large number of the members of Central Presbyterian church, Toronto, met Jan. 17th. The business proceedings were preceded by the usual social gathering in the supper room. The chair was occupied by Mr. C. B. Petry, Chairman of the Managers, and the gathering was enthusiastic, and a spirit of thankfulness for the very prosperous year was evident. The reports disclosed the fact that the business affairs of the congregation had been conducted upon a sound basis, for although the weekly offerings for the year are less by \$34, the expenditure had decreased by \$55 as compared with the previous year. The Managers' annual statement showed the total receipts to be \$6,157.69, and the total outlay \$6,137.01, giving a balance of \$20.68. Other reports read were those of the Session, Sunday school, Missionary Association, Ladies' Aid, Jennings' Auxiliary of W.F.S., Christian Endeavor and Elizabeth Mission.

CHALMERS' CHURCH.

Report on the annual meeting of Chalmers' church, Toronto, held Jan. 19th, Rev. D. R. McClements, pastor, showed that the affairs of the church were in a prosperous condition, notwithstanding the calamity the church sustained in the death of the pastor during the year. The revenues for the past year have been as follows:—Contributions by envelope, \$2,307.02; loose collections, \$1,113.52; Y. P. Society, \$99.12; special collections, \$257.05; Women's Association, \$110; concert, Dec. 14th, 1897, \$32.50; special towards the funeral expenses, \$27; cash on hand, \$297.05; total, \$4,273.26, showing a decrease in revenue for 1897, compared with 1896, of \$233.05. The total expenditure during the year amounted to \$4,492.86, leaving a deficit of \$219.17. During the year 71 new families had taken sittings. The reports of the different societies of the church were read, and showed a good standing as compared with former years.

EAST PRESBYTERIAN.

The annual meeting of the East Presbyterian church, Toronto, pastor, Rev. J. A. Morrison, was held on Jan. 12th, the chair was occupied by Mr. R. Caloon.

The reports submitted were all very encouraging and showed that the church was in a good condition financially and otherwise.

The report of the Session showed an increase in membership of 45.

The Managers' report showed the total receipts for the year to have been \$4,523.28. The mortgage debt had been reduced by \$315 during the year.

The report of the Christian Endeavor Society showed that this society was very flourishing. There has been an average weekly meeting with an attendance of 85, an increase of about 45 in the average attendance. This increase was in a measure due to the change of the night of meeting from

Tuesday to Sunday after service. There had been a net increase of members of 17. A total of \$86 had been raised during the year, of which \$25 had been given to missions and the balance towards the current expenses of the church. The Junior Endeavor report showed that that branch of the Society was in good shape.

The report of the Ladies' Aid Society stated that there had been total receipts of \$143, and that after paying all expenses and assisting the managers to the extent of \$250 there was a balance on hand of \$112.

The report of the Women's Foreign Mission Auxiliary, of which Mrs. J. A. Morrison is President, was presented by Mrs. Dr. Bryans, the Secretary, and stated that the year just passed, the eleventh in the history of the society, had been the most successful they had ever had. The Treasurer's report showed that the total contributions had been \$46, an increase of \$11 over last year.

The report of the Sunday school, which was read by Mr. Brinmead, stated that the average attendance for the year had been 338, an increase in weekly attendance of 10. The total receipts were \$557, out of which \$87 had been given to missions.

The Bible class report stated that the membership roll was now 180, and that during the year the total receipts were \$131, of which \$75 were given to the managers of the church, \$20 to the church mission, and \$10 to the Upper Canada Tract Society. After paying all expenses there was a balance of \$22.

The report of the Committee on Missions showed that the fund was in a healthy condition and was most gratifying compared with the reports of former years.

ERSKINE PRESBYTERIAN.

The annual business meeting of the congregation of Erskine Presbyterian church, Toronto, was held Jan. 17th, Mr. J. A. Paterson in the chair.

The report of Session stated that the membership at the beginning of 1897 was 658, and during the year 64 names had been added to the roll, the number of losses from death, withdrawal, etc., being about the same. The financial statement showed total receipts amounting to \$4,966.38, of which the chief items were:—Weekly envelope offerings, \$3,629.91; open collections, \$680.21; special collection, \$168. William Street mission, \$132.53, and building fund subscriptions, \$137.90. The expenditure, including a small balance from the previous year, amounted to \$5,167.23, leaving a deficit at the close of 1897 of \$200.74. The principal items in the disbursements were:—Pastor's salary, \$2,400; organist's salary, \$500; William Street Mission, \$167.81; interest on mortgage, \$760; coal, water and gas, \$350.51.

The reports of the various church organizations were presented and all showed a successful and encouraging year's work.

A pleasing feature of the proceedings was the reading of a letter from Rev. Dr. Hunter, the pastor, who is away in Denver, Col., on a six months' leave of absence, granted on account of ill-health. Dr. Hunter expressed sentiments of deep attachment to his people and spoke hopefully of his prospects of restoration to health. A resolution voicing the warm reciprocal feelings of the congregation and their fervent hope that their pastor would return at the termination of his leave fully restored to his wonted health and vigor was unanimously adopted and ordered to be sent to Dr. Hunter.

EGLINTON CHURCH.

The congregational meeting of the Eglington Presbyterian church was held Jan. 20th. The pastor, Rev. H. C. Tibb, presided. The financial statement of the different departments, while not all that might be wished, was thought satisfactory, considering the fact that the congregation had been without a regular pastor for some months during the year. The purchase of the Y.M.C.A. Hall was considered, but was further laid over for final settlement in March next.

KNOX CHURCH.

The annual meeting of the congregation of Knox church, Toronto, was held Jan. 19th. The report presented by the trustees was partly as follows:—

"The net receipts for ground rent were \$2,716.83. Your trustees regret that they