

iod of his labors at Nelson, and while regretting the necessity of this step trusts that at an early date his name may again be found upon the roll."

The convener of the H. M. committee presented a statement of the claims of the Home Mission and augmentation funds, and urged upon the members present the necessity of advocating the claims upon their congregation.

Mr. Duncan Campbell, B.A., late of Manitoba College appeared before Presbytery to be taken on trials for ordination. These trials proving satisfactory to Presbytery, it was decided to meet in the evening for his ordination. Elders commission was read in favor of Mr. David McNair from the session of Vernon congregation. Mr. McNair's name was accordingly added to the roll of Presbytery.

In the evening a most interesting meeting was held. Besides the members of Presbytery there was a large attendance of Vernon congregation. The moderator presided and a suitable ordination sermon was preached by Rev. J. C. Stewart, B.A., of Kamloops. Mr. Glassford delivered the charge to the newly ordained minister, and Rev. Thos Muir, late of Chicoutimi, Que., addressed the assembled congregation.

Mr. Campbell goes by appointment of the H. M. committee to labor in Cariboo, B. C.

The remit re-Sabbath School committee was approved by Presbytery.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet in Kamloops on the first Wednesday of March at 10 a. m.

Geo. A. Wilson, clerk.

ORANGELILLE PRESBYTERIAL W.F.M.S.

The annual meeting of the Orangeville Presbyterian W. F. M. S., was held in St. Andrew's Church, Orangeville, on Tuesday, Jan. 12th. Delegates were present from twelve auxiliaries and six mission bands. The officers of last year were re-elected, with Mrs. H. D. Fraser, as assistant secretary. A resolution of regret at the removal of Mrs. Campbell, a former president, from Chettenham to Chicoutimi, Quebec, was read and passed, and the secretary instructed to forward it to Mrs. Campbell.

Mrs. Matheson, of Charleston, read a paper on the work of a minister in the North-West, and Mrs. MacVicar, of Fergus, told the ladies of the manners and customs of the Chinese women. Every one most thoroughly enjoyed the paper and address, as well as a duet by Miss Turnbull and Miss Jennie Clark.

A public meeting was held in the church in the evening, at which Rev. D. MacKenzie presided and conducted opening exercises. Rev. R. J. M. Glassford, of Guelp, gave an address full of thought and rich in suggestion on "The Reflex Benefits of Foreign Missions." Mr. Knox added very materially to the enjoyment of the evening by singing "Oh! for a thousand tongues." The meeting closed by singing "From Greenland's icy Mountains." Mr. Glassford pronouncing the benediction.

FRANKTOWN W.F.M.S.

At the annual meeting of the Franktown Auxiliary of the W.F.M.S., which was held in the Mabee, on the 8th of Dec. last, the treasurer's report showed that the sum of \$175 was raised during the year, of which \$55.99 was from the mite-boxes, which were scattered in the Deckwith congregation, \$21.49, being the collection at the public meeting held in Knox Church, on the 11th of August, and \$100.25 from Franktown Auxiliary and mite boxes. Expense during the year being \$3.43.

The most interesting feature of the meeting, was the presentation to the President, Mrs. A. H. Macfarlane of a Life Membership Certificate, accompanied by the following address. Mrs. (Rev.) A. H. Macfarlane.

Dear Madam President—We, the members of the Franktown Auxiliary of the W. F. M. Society, desire to acknowledge our appreciation of your labor as president of our Society. Your devotedness to the cause of Missions has been the means of making us realize more fully our own personal responsibility

in this great work, and the faithfulness with which you have discharged the duties of your office during the past four years, has been a sort of inspiration in bringing us out to the meetings.

We now ask you to accept this "Life Membership Certificate in the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society," as a small token of our esteem. Our united prayer is that God's richest blessing may rest upon you, and that you may be long spared to labor amongst us in the bonds of unity and love.

Signed, on behalf of the Society,

Mrs. P. McLaren,

Secy. W.F.M.S., Franktown.

Dec. 8th, 1896.

In reply Mrs. Macfarlane said—"I thank you all from my heart for this beautiful framed certificate and this kind affectionate address. This being a complete surprise, words fail me to convey my feelings. I ask you all again to accept my sincere thanks for your great kindness, and as for the little I have been able to do, I have done it with pleasure, as it has only been my duty, and in future I hope to be able to do much more."

It is with thankfulness that we are able to report the success that has attended this Society, during the past year, this having been our most prosperous year. The officers for the year 1897, are:

President, Mrs. Macfarlane,
1st Vice-Pres., Mrs. Drummond,
2nd Vice-Pres., Mrs. McLorie,
Secretary, Mrs. Peter McLaren,
Treasurer, Mrs. R. G. White.

Annual Meetings.

PEMBROKE CHURCH.

The annual meeting of the Pembroke Presbyterian Church was held on Jan. 13th, and marked the close of a most successful year. The reports showed 460 members on the communion roll; 190 families, with 365 children in the Sunday-school. For ordinary revenue, \$3,275.16 were contributed, as against \$3,045.46 for the preceding year. The balance on hand was \$331.09. For missions, \$692.98 were collected. Altogether, \$4,807.52 was contributed by the congregation on during 1896. The popular pastor, the Rev. G. D. Bayne, B.A., D.Sc., was, at the close of the meeting, presented by the congregation with an affectionately worded address and a costly Persian lamb coat. The anniversary services were announced to be held on Feb. 14th, and Prof. Scrimger, D.D., is to preach on that occasion. Dr. Bayne is a graduate of McGill University and of the Presbyterian Coll gr, Montreal.

WEST CHURCH, TORONTO

Not for a long time has there been such a large attendance as was seen at the annual meeting, Jan. 20, of the West Presbyterian church. The greatest cordiality and good feeling prevailed, and a general desire to promote the welfare of the church was shown. Advantage was taken of this being the sixth anniversary of the induction of the popular pastor, Rev. J. A. Turnbull, to serve tea in the school-room between 6 and 8 o'clock, when a very pleasant couple of hours were spent in social intercourse.

At eight o'clock the business meeting took place in the church, with the pastor in the chair.

Session reported that during the year 88 had entered into full communion with the congregation, and 72 had been removed by death and certificate. The present membership is 872. The session also expressed great gratitude for the earnestness and faithfulness with which the work is being carried on through the various organizations. All the reports speak of renewed determination to do more and better work, by the blessing of God, throughout this year.

In addition to the regular work of the church, the congregation carried on a mission on Clarendon street, which is in a most flourishing condition. But although this entails a somewhat heavy expenditure, and although no special effort was made throughout the year save to ask for an additional voluntary contribution (the money for

the general fund being raised by direct voluntary giving), the financial statement showed but a small sum due the treasurer.

The total givings for the general work of the congregation and for missions was \$6,170.

The election of managers resulted as follows:—Messrs. R. S. Gourlay, A. R. Williamson, John Smith, jr., Robert Hanna, John Dodds, Adam Gourlay, Alexander Douglas, and J. B. Cornack.

OLD ST. ANDREW'S, TORONTO.

The 21st annual meeting of the congregation of Old St. Andrew's Church was very largely attended by the members and adherents of the church. Dr. Price Browne occupied the chair, and conducted the proceedings. The first report presented was that of the Session. It gave an excellent account of what had been done by the various branches of the church during the year, and stated that the membership at the present time was 649. The Committee of Managers reported that the receipts for the year ending December 27 were \$7,486.20, and the expenditure \$7,454.30, leaving a surplus of \$31.90. By a rearrangement of the church liability the mortgage, which matured in 1895, was increased to \$20,000, thus diminishing the amount of the floating debt from \$1,116 to \$1,602. After crediting the surplus from 1896 the year was begun with a liability on this account of \$1,570. To wipe off this floating debt, the pastor, Rev. Dr. Milligan, headed a subscription list with a contribution of \$400, and the needed balance was almost made up last evening by the congregation. The report of the Foreign Mission Auxiliary was an extremely gratifying one, as were also those from the Ladies' Aid, the Young People's Association, the Mission Band and the Crusaders Mission. The new managers elected were: Dr. Price Browne, J. F. Eoy and Angus McMurphy, for three years, and Wm. Angus and Simpson Hall for two years, in place of Joseph Oliver and Robert McClain, resigned. The old members of the board whose terms had not expired were Messrs. J. E. Bailie, W. L. Symons, Geo. H. Smith, and John E. Kent. At the conclusion of the evening the members enjoyed a very pleasant supper, provided by the ladies of the congregation.

ST. JAMES' SQUARE, TORONTO.

The annual meeting of St. James' Square Presbyterian Church, Jan. 20th, brought forth reports showing the congregation and auxiliary organizations to be in a singularly strong and healthy condition. The attendance was large. Rev. Dr. Jordan, the pastor, presided and Mr. R. A. Grant acted as Secretary. Though the managers' report disclosed a small deficit, the fact that the total income of the church from all sources and for all schemes was about \$14,000 must be regarded as a creditable showing. The report was presented by Mr. H. W. Nelson, the Chairman of the board. The managers drew attention to the fact that notwithstanding a gratifying increase in the weekly offerings for the year, there was an adverse balance of \$95.92. Adding to that the balance on hand of \$23.15 at the beginning of the year, made a deficit for the year of \$125.07. The revenues for the past two years were as follows:—

	1896.	1895.
Weekly offerings by envelopes	\$5,372.13	\$4,833.33
Weekly open collections	1,675.08	1,756.98
Quarterly and other collections	431.12	300.39
Special		630.00
	\$7,481.33	\$7,670.61

This shows an increase during the year in the weekly offerings by envelopes of \$488.80 an increase in the quarterly and other collections of \$33.82 and a decrease in the open collections of \$81.90. During the year the fire insurance on the church buildings expired and was renewed for a period of three years at a cost of \$240.84, the insurance in force now being \$38,000. The report contained a paragraph which met with the appreciation of the congregation re-