

can be increased to 2,000, was erected under the pastorate of Mr. T. W. Hanford, in 1876. This pastorate terminated in April, 1880, leaving the present handsome structure, a debt of \$38,000, besides other troublesome claims. The present pastor, Dr. J. Wild, commenced his duties in October of the same year, and until now has never been absent from his pulpit once during the Sunday evening services, and seldom from the morning district of worship. Twenty-five thousand dollars of the debt runs on a ten years' mortgage; the remaining part of the indebtedness has been completely wiped out. The seating capacity of the church is taxed to its utmost, and an average of admission to fellowship of over 100 annually is reported. The financial affairs of the church are in a most healthy condition, all the seats in the body of the church being taken up, and those in the gallery are nearly so, there being only about 175 vacant sittings available. The finances of the church are managed by a committee consisting of three deacons, three members of the church, and three members of the congregation. These are elected for three years, one from each department retiring annually. The financial success and wellbeing of the church is largely due to the fact that a complete and regular system of book-keeping is adopted, as perfect and regular in its detail as that in use in any mercantile business. The income of the church last year was nearly \$12,000.

THE members of the Union have been royally entertained by the friends of this church, and will look back with as happy recollections upon the hospitality and completeness of arrangements as upon the memories of Ottawa and of Hamilton—and this is saying a great deal. Among the many active workers on this occasion we can mention, without invidious distinction, Mr. W. McCartney, the painstaking secretary of the church.

ONE marked feature of the meetings was the more thorough formation of a Woman's Board of Missions. For the first time the Woman's Missionary Society as such met, Mrs. Macallum, president, in the chair. Several meetings were held in Zion Church, devotional, social and practical; some earnest addresses were given, and a new constitution adopted, which will be printed for circulation. A column in THE INDEPENDENT will, we

trust, regularly appear under the society in the interests of missions.

MR. STANLEY, a missionary from China, gave some interesting recollections of twenty-five years' work in that country. The members and their friends were handsomely entertained by the Zion Church ladies, who provided a lunch, which gave opportunity for very kindly social intercourse. A tribute of sympathy was paid to the memory of Mrs. Currie, and a substantial record thereof is appearing. Acting upon the suggestion made by one of our pastors' wives in these columns, a memorial fund has been commenced, and with gratifying success. The treasurer for Quebec has handed in to the treasurer of the Board the sum of \$223, and from Ontario has been received \$547.45. It is desirable to augment this until at least \$1,000 is obtained for school purposes in our African mission. Thus will be raised a fitting tribute to the memory of Clara Wilkes Currie, our first missionary's wife, fallen at her post. Contributions for the still further perfecting of this memorial will be thankfully received by the treasurer of the board.

THE officers of the year are: Mrs. Macallum, St. Elmo, Ont., president; Mrs. T. Hall, 46 Williams Street, Kingston, home secretary; Mrs. George Robertson, North Toronto, foreign secretary; Mrs. Burton, 56 Charles Street, Toronto, treasurer.

THE constitution provides for auxiliaries and for mission bands, and we shall have more to say upon this important branch of our denominational life as soon as this constitution is before us in print. Meanwhile we gladly record our earnest and confident hope that this association will aid much in that returning denominational vigour and hopefulness which has characterized our meetings for some time past.

MANY will rejoice with ourselves in the re-appearing among us in our denominational work of Mr. F. H. Marling. His kindly presence, wise counsel and Christian earnestness, are too well known to need any word of commendation from us. In this city the memory of his ministry remains fresh and fragrant to this day, and we doubt