

Church News.

In Canada.

MELVILLE Presbyterian church, Dunnville, was opened on the 27th.

Rev. ROBERT KNOWLES intends preaching the anniversary sermons of his old charge at Clayton, on Sabbath, February 3rd.

THE united choirs of the Ailsa Craig and Carlisle Presbyterian churches spent a very enjoyable time at the manse recently.

THE Rev J. A. Mustard, B.A., has been called by the congregation of Botany and Kent Bridge, Presbytery of Chatham.

THE Presbytery of Lindsay meets in regular session, at Sunderland, on Tuesday, Feb. 19th, at 10.30 a.m. The W. F. M. S. also meets same place and date.

THE annual meeting of Knox church, Kincardine, was held on the 17th. The reports of the session and committees showed that \$1,155 was raised last year for all purposes.

THE annual meeting of the Presbyterian church, Princeton, was held on Thursday, January 17th, and passed off very satisfactorily. Mr. James Oliver was elected manager.

THE Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed in Chalmers' church, Embro, Sabbath morning, 13th. The annual congregational meeting was held on Monday evening.

DR. COCHRANE has received \$150 from St. Andrew's and St. Andrew's Brookside Mission Band, Perth, being their annual grant in aid of the support of a missionary in the North-West.

MR. A. CAMPBELL, for eight years superintendent of Knox church Sabbath school, Kincardine, was presented with a revolving bookcase reading desk, and a complimentary address.

THE hospital section of the Young Women's Guild of St. Andrew's church, Kingston, accompanied by the pastor, visited the General Hospital on Friday, January 15th, for the circulation of sixty three Bibles through out the building.

THE congregation of St. James Presbyterian church, London, of which Rev. M. P. Talling, B.A., is pastor, unanimously desired him to withdraw his resignation. The rev. gentleman on account of this and the strong feeling expressed at Presbytery permitted it to be tabled until the next meeting of Presbytery.

BRZA Auxiliary of the W. F. M. in Dr. Carmichael's congregation, King, held their annual meeting on the evening of Wednesday the 23rd inst. Rev. Mr. McKay the secretary of the Foreign Mission, and Mr. West from Knox College were present, and both gave excellent addresses. The Auxiliary has been only a year and a half organized. Last year they raised over forty dollars for the general society besides sending a box of clothing valued at thirty three dollars to the North West in September.

THE anniversary services of North Luther congregation were conducted this year by Rev. G. Munro, M.A., pastor of Guthrie church, Harriston. The services were largely attended and greatly appreciated. The annual tea meeting, on Monday evening following, was enjoyed by all. Excellent addresses were given by the Revs. Messrs. Munro, of Harriston, Morrison, of Cedarville; Honey, of Gann (Methodist), and Mr. McLeish (evangelist), and by Messrs. Jas. McMullen, M.P., Halsted, and Hampton, Mount Forest. The home choir, under the able leadership of Mr. Stanley, entertained the audience with soul-inspiring music. The pastor, Rev. H. McKellar, presided. The children's social, on Tuesday evening, was also largely attended, and a very enjoyable evening spent. The choir again was present, and sang beautiful pieces for the children. The pastor was assisted by several laymen, who gave real good pointed addresses, with which all were delighted. Collections on Sabbath,

with proceeds of tea meeting and social, amounted to about \$100. The new church is entirely free of debt now.

Annual Meetings.

ST. ANDREW'S, TORONTO.

The annual reports show a membership of 594 and during the past year 80 new members were added to the roll. The ordinary revenue at the disposal of the managers during the year was \$8,080.19, made up as follows: Sabbath collections, open, \$1,634.39; envelopes, \$2,028.18; pew rents, \$3,500; auspense account, \$27.71. Total \$8,090.19. The ordinary expenditure was \$10,492.61, the items being salaries and stipend, \$6,037; interest on church and institute, \$1,655; interest on St. Mark's, \$1,327, less refund by session of \$423.30; choir service prior to April, \$157.50; insurance, \$62; Sabbath school, \$200; general expenses, \$1,410.18. The principal changes in the church's revenues during the year were that the pew rents fell off \$16.31 and the open collections \$134, while the envelope collection increased \$344. The deficit on the year's ordinary operations was \$2,402.

The capital expenditures were in repayment of debt on organ, \$2,500, and for placing a new storey and mansard roof on manse, \$2,651. From this falls to be deducted subscriptions of \$2,341 toward the reduction of the debt. The liabilities of the church at the present time are:—

Mortgage on St. Andrew's	\$19,000
Mortgage on St. Mark's	15,400
Mortgage on Institute	7,500
Overdraft at bank	4,308
Total	\$46,208

This is an increase of \$1,808 over last year. Of course the assets of the congregation are vastly in excess of this. The property controlled by the church is worth all the way from \$120,000 to \$150,000.

Regret was expressed at the death during the year of Mr. W. A. Shepard, one of the managers. Mr. L. M. Jones was elected his successor.

The reports of the Institute and of the Women's Association were submitted, the latter being read by Mr. Cassels, and made a very sympathetic reference to the death of the President, Mrs. Macdonnell. The reports of the Home and Foreign Missions auxiliaries showed a slight decrease in subscriptions. The Silverwater Mission in Manitoba is sustained by the Home Mission Auxiliary.

The Institute Sabbath school has an attendance of 153 as against 143 last year. A significant statement was that "our scholars do not go out of town in the hot weather." The scholars are the children of poor folk, and among the week-day classes the studies are music, English composition and literature. The classes visit the Sick Children's Hospital week by week. Capt. McGillivray reports an average attendance of 70 at the night school and gymnasium, where 22 teachers, who labor for love, help to make good citizens of them. The contributions to the various missions and to the Augmentation fund were slightly increased, the general missionary offering being \$2,635, or \$200 more than last year and the Augmentation collection \$1,093. The various church societies also contributed to the mission funds.

ST. JAMES' SQUARE, TORONTO.

There was a large attendance at the annual meeting of the St. James' Square Presbyterian church. Mr. A. A. Allan, chairman of the board of managers, presided. The managers, in their report for 1894, commented upon the unity and harmony which prevailed in the congregation. They believed this to be due to the filling of the vacancy in the pastorate by the induction of Rev. Mr. Jordan. The ordinary revenue of the congregation for 1894 was over that of 1893, but the expenditure in the past year was so much more than in 1893 that the treasurer, despite the fact that he had a balance on hand of \$323 at the beginning of the year, reported that the congregation was indebted to him to the extent of \$102.91. The weekly offerings, open collections, quarterly and other contributions for 1894 amounted to \$7,267.54,

and in 1893 to \$6,577.05. In order that the year 1895 may close without a deficit it will be necessary that the revenue amount to \$7,800, or \$150 per week. During the past year over \$400 was spent in repairs and improvements to the choir gallery, pulpit and infant class room. It was announced that St. John's congregation, which had been supported by the congregation of St. James' Square for some time, is now in a position that no further financial aid is required, and that that congregation had appointed trustees to receive a transfer of the church property. St. John's church has not only attained to the position of being self-sustaining, but has been in a position to liberally contribute to the schemes of the church. A letter was read from St. John's congregation, assuring St. James' Square of their gratitude for the past assistance rendered to that church. A resolution was then passed authorizing the trustees to transfer the deed of trust to St. John's congregation. Mr. Joseph Henderson reported that the amount contributed for mission and other purposes during the year was \$7,159.82. The total amount collected for St. James' Square church during the year for church, mission and charitable purposes was \$14,427.26. The superintendent of the Sabbath school urged upon the congregation that they take more interest in the school. Many of the members did not send their children to the school, and he thought they should do so. He also pointed out that it would be wise for members of the congregation to visit the Sabbath school occasionally. At present, he said, the library of the school was not in a good condition, and he suggested that instead of having their annual outing this year, the money be expended in fitting it up. The following compose the board of management for 1895:—John Paton, James Burke, H. W. Nelson, Alex. Nairn, W. D. McIntosh, R. Darling, R. C. Steele, A. A. Allan, T. R. Bain, R. Currie, R. A. Grant, R. M. Gray, John Watson and Thomas Woodbridge. R. R. Cathron and James Watt were reappointed auditors.

WEST CHURCH, TORONTO.

The annual meeting of West Presbyterian church was largely attended, and the proceedings of such a character as to show the harmony and enthusiasm of the members and managers in carrying on the work of a large congregation. The reports submitted were extremely satisfactory, proving the efficacy of persistent and hopeful effort even in hard times. The report on membership showed that 103 joined the church during the past year; 7 were removed by death, 32 by certificate, and 19 for places beyond the bounds of the congregation, leaving a net gain of 45 for the year. The total membership is 820. The finances are in a satisfactory condition, although, owing to extraordinary causes, such as repairs, etc., the revenue was about \$200 less than the expenditure. The amount reported is a substantial sum, and represents the giving power of the congregation very fairly, being by direct contribution. The total income thus derived amounted to \$6,612.41, and of this sum \$1,565.54 has been allocated to missionary purposes. Good reports were received from the various church agencies. The Sabbath school is in a flourishing condition; the Hackney street Band of Hope is prosperous; the mission work, aggressively carried on in a building owned by the congregation on Claremont street, and conducted by college students and members of the session, has been fruitful of good results. The managers elected were Messrs. John Smith, A. McCall, F. Leppard, G. K. McKee, Geo. Everist, A. E. Whintun, W. R. Pearson, and J. Moody. Trustees, Messrs. A. R. Williamson and G. R. McKee.

SOUTHSIDE CHURCH, TORONTO.

The most important subject discussed at the annual meeting of Southside Presbyterian church was the call which has been extended to Rev. James G. Potter, the energetic and hard-working pastor of the congregation, by a church in Pictou, Nova Scotia. Mr. Potter has been in charge of the church for about