

required: the debt on the church was reduced during 1900, by the magnificent sum of \$1,130 and only a slight amount remains to be paid; the current expenditure of the church was \$922. The following reports, which showed much successful work during the year were then submitted.

Western Ontario.

Rev. Peter Scott, Hibbert, has tendered his resignation.

Rev. J. A. Hamilton, M.A. has been elected moderator of Huron Presbytery.

Huron Presbytery approves of the "Book on Social Worship" with slight amendments.

Rev. J. H. Graham, B. A., Avonton, has been elected moderator of the Stratford Presbytery.

Rev. W. T. Hall has resigned the pastorate at Belgrave and Calvin and will remove to Pickering.

St. Andrew's Church, Bayfield, is in a flourishing condition, and free from debt, notwithstanding a year's vacancy.

Rev. R. Henderson, has resigned, and Rev. W. Anderson, Goderich, has been appointed interim moderator of session.

Guelph Presbytery approves of remit on enlargement of powers of Synods, and that on the advisability of appointing a field Secretary was held over until next meeting.

The call from Granton to Rev. F. W. Gilmour, has been sustained by Stratford Presbytery, and provisional arrangements were made for his induction in the event of his acceptance.

Stratford Presbytery approves of "Aids to Social Worship," defers action on remit for extending the powers of Synods until next meeting; and disapproves of the appointment of a field Secretary.

Rev. Dr. Moffatt, Toronto, preached the anniversary sermons in Welland on Jan. 13th. He made many friends, and created an interest in the old and useful society of which he has been, for twelve years, the efficient agent.

The Seaford Expositor speaks in high terms of the sermons preached by Rev. Mr. Dickie, Orangeville, on the occasion of Anniversary Services at Wroxeter. His lecture on "The Reign of the Common People," also comes in for warm commendation.

The Ladies' Church in connection with St. Andrew's Church, Sarnia, was a marked success. Mr. T. F. Towers genially presided. There were readings, recitations and vocal and instrumental music of a high order. Everyone present was charmed with the whole affair.

At the last meeting of Guelph Presbytery arrangements were made for the annual conference to be held in the Central Presbyterian church, Galt, beginning on Monday evening, March 11, at eight o'clock and continue on the afternoon and evening of the following day, and a committee with Dr. Dickson, convener, was appointed to make all necessary arrangements for the same.

At the recent annual convention of the Young People's Societies of Guelph Presbytery, Rev. W. G. Hanna, Mount Forrest, was the principal speaker. He expressed the opinion that the pressing need of the present day was more spiritual life, and conducted an address of much power with an earnest appeal for greater development of the spiritual side of the membership of the Young People's Societies. He was accorded a hearty vote of thanks.

The treasurer's statement of Erskine church, Hamilton, shows receipts of \$3,403.04, with disbursements of an equal amount. The mortgage in debtedness amounts to \$8,000. All the reports submitted showed the congregation to be in a sound position financially, with gratifying indications of progress in all the various Christian activities of the congregation. The membership stands at 563; average attendance at Sabbath school 362; board of missions reported receipts \$613.27. Two elders are to be elected.

St. Andrew's church, London, held its 50th annual or jubilee meeting. The total revenue for the year was \$9,619—\$165.75 more than in 1899. The manager's report which was adopted, recommended that the salary of the pastor, Rev. Dr. Robert Johnston, be increased to \$3,000. The various reports were highly satisfactory. Among the payments, the largest item after the minister's stipend, was the sum of \$1,150, the congregation's contribution to the Indian Famine Fund. St. Andrew's, London, is one of the best congregations in the church; and it is doing the right thing in increasing Dr. Johnston's salary.

Ladies' association, by Mrs. (Dr.) Grant; W. F. M. society, by Miss Waddell; the choir, from Miss Spalding; Sabbath school, by Mr. J. H. Charles, the superintendent; Perth Mission Band, by Miss Kathleen Michell; Scotch Line Band, by Miss Wilson, and the Y.P.S.C.E., from Mr. W. Hughes.

Winnipeg and West.

The Session of Knox Church reports the addition of sixty to the communion roll. Eighteen on profession, and forty two by letter, leaving the membership 756. The total receipts amounted to \$12,705.82. This congregation contributes liberally to the Mission, benevolent and educational schemes of the Church. There is a debt on the Church property of \$17,000 at 5 per cent.

Mr. D. W. Boie presided at the annual meeting of Augustine church. The report of the managers was read by Mr. A. C. Archibald and a most satisfactory showing was recorded for the past year. The treasurer's statement showed Receipts, \$2,027.25; expenditures, \$1,306.15; expenses, lighting and fuel, \$115.48; contributions, and various smaller amounts, leaving a balance on hand of \$48.02.

The membership of Westminster Church is now 269. The total receipts were \$7,629.17. The contributions to the various schemes were quite liberal, as follows: Home missions, \$247.22; Foreign missions, \$211.66; Manitoba college, \$241.45; Augmentation fund, \$25; Aged and Infirm Ministers' fund, \$25; Presbytery and Synod fund, \$31; Indian Famine fund, \$230.10; Poor fund, \$50; Total, \$1,061.43.

Rev. Prof. Hart presided at the annual meeting of St. Stephens. There was a net gain of 25 in the membership, which is now 248. The following is a summary of moneys contributed by the congregation—Ordinary revenue, \$2,514.60; for Sunday school, famine fund, Manitoba college, and general hospital, \$369.61; Sabbath school receipts, \$384.20; Missionary association, \$800.68; W. F. M. S., \$150.67; Junior Y. P. S., \$6.48; Girls' Mission band, \$35.99; St. Stephen choir, \$22.17; C. E. Society, \$29.60; century fund, \$1,084; total, \$5,195. This progressive congregation will hold another meeting at an early date to discuss the erection of a new church.

All the reports submitted to the Point Douglas Church meeting were most encouraging, and showed an improvement on previous years. It was decided some time ago not to canvass the congregation for the Century fund, but to leave the matter in the hands of the people to give of their own free will. The result has been most satisfactory, as the receipts now amount to \$647, and it is almost certain this sum will be considerably increased. The general receipts amounted to \$1,259.57; and the general expenditure to \$1,238.38, leaving a balance on hand of \$21.19. Under the pastorate of Rev. Donald Munro, this church is making substantial progress.

At the annual meeting of St. Andrews Church, owing to the inclemency of the weather, a number of important matters, including that of securing an assistant for the pastor, was laid over for a week. The Session report showed a membership of 1,031. The treasurer's statement showed the receipts for the year to be \$8,170.69; the balance on hand after a disbursement of \$8,167.77 to be \$2.92. The statement of assets and liabilities showed the assets to be \$47,500 on church and manse lots for each, the liabilities being \$22,026.93; the estimated assets over liabilities amounting to \$25,473.07. The summary of receipts from all sources for the year was as follows: Board of managers, \$7,625.85; sessions, \$559.93; Ladies' Aid society, \$570.06; Bible class, \$47.40; Auxiliary W. F. M. S., \$335.35; Young P.S.C.E. and Junior society, \$142.85; Girls' Home Mission society, \$166.10.

Maritime Provinces

The induction of Rev. S. J. McArthur into St. Andrew's church, new Glasgow, took place on the 29th inst.

Rev. F. L. Coffin, of Lower Stewieake, has been elected Moderator of Truro Presbytery. The next meeting will be held at Clifton on 5th Feb.

At the annual meeting of St. Andrew's, New Glasgow, the pastor, Rev. W. McC. Thompson, was presented with a valuable gold watch, and the treasurer, Mr. G. A. Douglas, with a beautiful ring.

Rev. J. Douglas has been elected Moderator of Pictou Presbytery.

First Presbytery Church, Truro, reports a roll of 347 communicants. The Treasurer's statement showed the total amount of money raised to be 6,030.00. Of this sum 3,541.00 was expended for congregational purposes, and the balance 2,489.00 was devoted to missionary and other objects.

St. Andrew's Church, Truro, has a membership of 365, a net gain of 14 during the past year. The voluntary contributions amounted to \$6,341.00, disbursed as follows:—\$3,123.00 for congregational purposes; \$1,418.00 to schemes of the church; \$1,800.00 paid to century fund. It was shown that \$3700 would be raised for the Century fund. The debt on the church was reduced from \$4,000 to \$1500.

The annual meeting of St. John Presbytery Church, St. John, N.B., passed off very pleasantly. The receipts, including a balance from last year, amounts to \$3,116.20; with items of expenditure totalling about the same. The congregation has no mortgage liability, nor liability of any other kind. As an evidence of the cordial relations of pastor and people, Rev. T. F. Fotheringham was made the recipient of a handsome side board and dinner set, for which he made suitable acknowledgment.

Barrie Presbytery Notes.

The announcement has been made that Rev. Dr. Wardrope will conduct anniversary services at Stayner on the 20th inst.

The charge of Esson and Willis churches became vacant on the 23rd December by the resignation of Rev. A. F. Webster.

The Rev. G. L. Crawl has received a call from the congregation of Townline and Ivy, and also from Angus and New Lowell. His intention in regard to them is not yet intimated.

At a meeting of the Presbytery held on Jan. 3, a committee was constituted to consider whether a rearrangement of the congregations of Nottawasaga and of the adjacent districts may be practicable.

The Rev. Smith Hutcheson died at Shanty Bay on the 7th inst. in the 81st year of his age. He labored for some time, after the union of the churches, in Rosemont and Mulmur and later in Oro Township.

The Rev. M. C. E. Botteril, of the Congregational church in this town died suddenly on New Year's day. An hour or two after returning from a visit to Toronto he was found lifeless in his room. There was much sympathy for his family and congregation. A memorial service was held in the church to which he ministered. The church was filled to the utmost. Several ministers in town and neighborhood took part in the service which was conducted by Rev. D. D. McLeod.

Meeting of Huron Presbyterial.

The annual meeting of Huron Presbyterial Society was held in Seaford. There was a large representation of delegates, and the meeting was, in every respect, a very successful and pleasant one. The president, Mrs. (Rev.) Hamilton, of Goderich, presided. The report showed that \$1,727.33 had been raised for missionary purposes, and that supplies for Indians in the Northwest, to the value of \$570, had been sent. The following officers were elected: President Mrs. J. Hamilton, Goderich; 1st vice-president, Mrs. Dr. Graham, Clinton; 2nd vice, Mrs. Rev. Sawers, Brucefield; 3rd vice, Mrs. Rev. Musgrave, McKillop; secretary, Mrs. R. Irwin, Clinton; treasurer, Mrs. A. Scott, Seaford; headst. secretary, Mrs. R. Henderson, Hensall; secretary of supplies, Miss Taggart, Clinton. The afternoon session was taken up with the reading of the several reports and a number of interesting papers on mission work. Mrs. (Dr.) Malcolm, the wife of our returned missionary from China, was present, and gave a very interesting address on the work in that country. In the evening a public meeting was held and was largely attended, the church being well filled. Rev. Mr. Stuart, of Clinton, presided. Addresses were delivered by Rev. Mr. Larkin, in which he dealt on the work and the present situation in China, and by Dr. Malcolm, who has recently returned from China, where he had spent three years as a medical missionary. In this address he described the good work being done by the missionaries in China previous to the recent troubles; the difficulties with which they had to contend; the benighted condition of the people, and the terrible trials and sufferings of the missionaries in making their escape from the country after the uprising.