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The choir of the Presbyterian Church, Tweed, are preparing for a grand concert to be given about the middle of February.

Rev. B. Canfield Jones, formerly pastor of the First Presbyterian Church Port Hope, was installed pastor of the Park Presbyterian Church, Erie, Pa., on Thursday, Dec. 12th.

Mr. D. J. Craig, a member of the Bristol, Qu., congregation, on the eve of his leaving that village to engage in evangelistic work, was presented with a purse of money and his wife with a dressingcase.

On Thursday evening, Jan. 30th, Rev. Dr. Fraser delivered in the l'resbyterian Church, Christie, his lecture on "Palestine, how we reached it and what we saw." The proceeds were devoted to the manse repair fund.

James Brown, Woodbine Crescent, and Alex. Mitchell, druggist, having been duly elected by the congregation of Erskine Church, Hamilton, to the eldership will be ordained at the morning service in that Church on Sunday, the 9th February.

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South Side Presbyterian Church, Toronto, intend celebrating their sixth anniversary with two Sabbatha special services by distinguished ministers. The Rev. Dr. Jackson, of Galt, occupies the pulpit on February 9th, and the Rev. Dr. Mungo Fraser, of Hamilton, on the 16th.

Rev. G. L. Robinson, D.D., a distinguished graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary, New Jersey, U.S., whose name has been proposed for the chair of Old Testament Literature in Knox College, preached last Sabbath in the city to large congregations—in the morning in Knox Church, and in the evening in Bloor Street Church.

A course of lectures is now being given in the lecture room of the Toronto Bible Training School at Walmer Road Church, Lowther Avenue, on the Epistle to the Romans by the Rev. Dr. Stiffer, of Crezer Theological Seminary, Chester, Pa. He will also lecture to the evening classes on Tuesday and Thursday. His first lecture was given on the evening of the 4th inst. Morning lectures at 10.45; evening at So'clock. All made welcome.

The annual missionary meeting of St. James Square Church was held on the evening of the 20th inst. Special circumstances made the attendance smaller than otherwise it would have been and should have been. Rev. Dr. Smith, returned missionary from Honan, gave interesting sketches of work in China, and Rev. Wm. Patterson, of Cooke's Church, told his experiences of mission work in Manitoba. The sums collected during the year for missionary and benevolent purposes were allocated.

Knox College, Toronto, sent two men to Montreal to take part in a debate in the Presbyterian College there, on Jan. 31st. The subject of the debate was "Resolved, that free thought has benefited rather than injured the Christian Church." Mr. T. Bell, B.A., and Mr. Wilson, B.A., LL.D., were the Toronto gentlemen and Mr. A.A., Graham, B.A., and Mr. H. McIntosh, B.A., represented the Presbyterian College, Montreal. The judges were Dr. Barclay, Dr. Mackay and Dr R. Campbell.

The Rev. Wm. Graham, of St. Andrew's Church, St. John s, Newloundland, preached on the Sabbath before last in St. James Square Church, Toronto, to a large congregation, and presented the claims for assistance of his congregation, owing to the fire which destroyed their church and the commercial collapse, rendering them unable of themselves to rebuild. A very favourable response, is, we understand, being given to his appeal, sanctioned especially as it is by the General Asrembly.

A special meeting of the London Presbytery was held in London on Jan. 25th to consider a call from Thamesford, to the Rev. G. H. Smith, M.A., B.D., who has recently returned from Europe. The call was signed by one hundred and filty-nine members and one hundred and seventy-five adherents. The stipened guaranteed was \$1,000, with four week's holidays and a free manse. The call was sustained, and in the event of acceptance it was arranged to hold the induction at Thamstord on Thursday, Feb. 20th.

The anniversary services of St. Paul's Church, Smith's Falls (Rev. Thomas Nixon, paster), were conducted on the 19th of January by the Rev. W. G. Herridge, R.D. Large congregations were present at both services. Mr. Herridge preached two able and instructive discourses appropriate to the occasion. Rev. Mr. Nixon preached in St. Andrew's, Ottawa. On the 20th January, the urual soirce was held. Addresses were delivered by Rev. A. A. Scott, Carleton Place; Rev. E. Asten, Merrickville; and Rev. D. Currie, Petth. Excellent music was farnished by the choir under the able leadership of Mr. G. W. Fluker, choirmaster. The proceeds amounted to about S200.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS, TORONTO.

Erskine Church's annual meeting was held on a recent evening. Rev. W. A. Hunter occupied the chair. The financial statement for the past year was, on the whole, considered very satisfactory, regard being had to the prevailing depression. The total expenditure amounted to \$5,254.90. and the receipts fell \$32.09 short of that sum. The reports of the Session, Board of Management William Street Mission, Bible class, Ladies' Aid Association, C. E.S., choir and Boys' Brigade were presented and adopted.

The annual meeting of Chalmer's Church was held recently, the pastor, Rev. J. Mutch, presiding. The Session report showed an increased activity in the various departments of church work. Of new members 105 were added to the congregation during the year, making a net gain of 42. The total membership is now 547. The average Sunday School attendance was 558. The receipts from all sources amounted to \$5,425, and there is at present a balance to the good of about \$556. The reports of the various organizations connected with the church all showed them to be in a highly satisfactory condition. There was a large attendance at the meeting.

The annual meeting of the Toronto Junction Presbyterian Church was held recently. Rev. John Mutch, interim Moderator of the Session, presiding The Session reported seventeen members added during the past year, whilst, owing to death and removal, 51 had been lost. The total membership is now 240. The receipts for the year amounted to \$2,157 and the disbursements came to about the same sum. There is a mortgage debt of \$25,585, the rate of interest on which has lately been reduced from $5\frac{14}{2}$ to 4 per cent. The reports of the Sunday School, W. F. M. S., Women's Aid and Young People's Society of Christian Eudeavor all indicated that the affairs of the clurch were in a satisfactory and flourishing condition.

The annual congregational meeting of Erskine Church, Montreal, was held on a recent Wednesday evening. The report was a most encouraging one. The weekly Sabath envelopes amounted to 98, 644.61 and the open plate collections to \$1,845. 47, a total of \$10,490.08. This was sufficient to meet all expenditures and to leave a balance in the treasury of \$150.64. Mr. R. A. Dunton was elected president of the Board of Managers for the current year. The annual meeting of the Missionary Society of the congregation takes place next week, when it is expected that some $$6\,000$ or \$7,000 will be allocated to the missionary and benevolent schemes of the Church. This amount is of course in addition to the \$10,490 raised for congregational purposes.

St. Paul's Church held the largest and most encouraging annual meeting it has ever held on the evening of the 16th ult. The pastor was called to the chair, and reports from all the organizations showed in every case an advance over 1894. The income for all purposes amounted to \$2,188 or \$500 more than last year. The communion roll stands at 170, a net increase of 12. The contributions for missionary and benerolent objects were over \$250. The greatest need of the congregation at present is a more favorable location, and it is believed that circumstances will soon allow this to be attained. The congregation is thoroughly united and hopeful, and decided to do without any support from the Augmentation Fund after April next.

Bonar Church held its sixth ennual meeting on the evening of Jan. 16th. There was a good attendance of members and adherents. After devotionalexercises the Session reported showing a membership of 158. The additions for the year were 43, removals 29, net gain 14. The report spoke hopefully of the future of the Church. The treasurer's report showed receipts of \$3,258.32, expenditure of 3,095.07, with a balance on hand of \$163.25. The moritage debt was reduced \$200, and the floating debt consolidated with interest at 4 3 5 per cent. The school shows an attendance of 275 scholars, and 31 teachers and officers, with revenue for the year of \$154.49. The Woman's Aid Society reports a membership of 26, and \$256.71 were realized by offerings, sales and the talent scheme. The Y.P. Society reports a membership of over 50, and a revenue of \$68.85. The choir has a membership of 29. The total revenue of the congregation from all sources for 1895 is \$3,-529.07.

Bracebridge congregation held its annual meeting on the evening of the 16th inst. There was a fairly full attendance of members and adherents. The vsual reports from Session, Board of Management, Sabbath School, Ladies' Aid, W. F. M. S. Auxiliary, Yoang People's Society, etc., were presented and adopted. And these were all of a satisfactory character, considering the size and circumstances of the congregation. The usual annual appointments were also made. A delightful spirit of heartiness, of lively interest in the affans of the congregation, and of entire harmony and manimity prevailed. And one distinct manifestation of this was given, when, at the suggestion of one of the elders who has been longest in office, an impromptu subscription was taken up, and a payment on church property— Lehind two months for lack of funds in the treastry —was provided for in a few minutes by voluntary offerings of one dollar each. Without exception the meeting was highly satisfactory and pleastion the meeting was highly satisfactory and pleasant one. And, at its close, there was heard, on all hands, "The best annual meeting even held in this Church," or words to that effect.



Westminster Presbyterian Church recently held its twenty-seventh annual business meeting. There was a large number of the congregation present. The report of the Session stated that the total membership on the roll numberered 710, showing a gross increase of 117 and a net increase of 47 during the year. The money collected during the year from all sources, except that devoted to missionary work, was \$10,500. All expenses were paid, and a small balance was deposited in the bank. Reports were read by the Secretaries of the Westminister Auxiliary of the W. F. M. S., the Sunday School, the choir, the Mission Board, and of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor showing that they were in a prosperous condition. The report of the Board of Trustees announced that the deficits which had occurred in the annual statements for a number of years past had been entirely wiped out, and that in the to'al receipts there had been an average increase of \$7 per Sabbath, the average per Sabbath for 1894 being \$133.71, as compared with \$140.69 for 1895.

Bloor Street Church he'd its eighth annual meeting on the evening of Jan. 16th, the pastor, Rev. W. G. Wallace, in the chair. The reports showed a highly successful year in all the departments of the church. The Session's report showed 739 names on the roll as against 657 in 1894, an increase of 52. The total number added were 127, and withdrawals 75. The total of receipts, including balances from 1894 were \$15,866.29, and expenditures of \$14,942.20, leaving a balance of \$924.09 on hand. The receipt's included \$8,-695 in collections and off-rings, \$3,017 for missionary purposes, and \$2,889 in subscriptions to



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