

been supplemented by \$100 from the Ladies' Aid Society, \$40 from the Bible class, \$36 from the William St. Mission and \$14 from the Christian Endeavor Society. No reduction had been made in the mortgage on the church, but a reduction of $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. in the interest had been obtained.

Following this report was one from the congregational Auditors, on whose recommendation it was decided by the meeting to change the date of the annual meeting to the third Monday in January.

Mr. George Moir read the Treasurer's statement, which showed that the receipts of the church had been \$5,157.77, and the expenditure \$5,203.10, leaving a nominal deficit of \$45.33.

The report of the Ladies' Aid Society, of which Mrs. J. K. Mitchell is President, Mrs. Hugh Munro, Treasurer, and Mrs. Millar, Secretary showed a balance on hand for the renovating and furnishing of the church of \$261.72. The question of renovating the church was left in the hands of the managers and the Ladies' Aid Society.

The report of the Sabbath school, the Missionary Association, the Bible class and the William St. Mission were all highly gratifying.

All these reports were adopted as read.

The following were elected the Board of Managers for three years:—Mr. James M. Young, Inspector Wm. Stark, Mr. Wm. B. Campbell, Dr. McLaughlin and Mr. James Hathaway. Mr. Wm. Gibson was also elected for one year in the place of Mr. A. M. Sinclair, who has retired.

At a meeting on Wednesday night next the reports of the Christian Endeavor Society, the Woman's Auxiliary, the Harvest and Happy Home Mission Bands and the choir will be read.

The meeting was closed with religious exercises.

ADJOURNED MEETING.

Rev. Dr. Hunter occupied the chair at the adjourned annual congregational meeting of Erskine Presbyterian Church, held Jan. 13th, in the lecture-room of the church. There was a large attendance. The principal business of the meeting having been disposed of at the last meeting, there only remained to hear the reports of the choir, Ladies' Auxiliary, and Harvesters' Mission Band, which were all very satisfactory.

COOK'S CHURCH, TORONTO.

The 45th annual meeting of Cook's Church, Toronto Jan. 13th, was well attended. Mr. P. G. Close presided and Mr. J. P. Mar:in acted as Secretary. The various reports submitted showed that the past year had been a prosperous one, all the organizations connected with the church having been eminently successful in their work.

Mr. Samuel Wallace presented the report of the Session. At the beginning of the year there were 1371 members, and the twelve months closed with 1,375 on the roll. By profession of faith 101 were admitted, 84 by certificate, nine members and nineteen adherents were removed by death, and 66 were dropped from the roll. Eighteen adults and 52 children were baptised.

The standing of the Bible class and Sunday school was a very favorable one. A cot in the Sick Children's Hospital, at a cost of \$100, and a pulpit at Pointe Aux Trembles school, at a cost of \$50, have been maintained by the classes. Mr. Osawell, for eleventh years Superintendent of the school, resigned owing to the extra work devolving on him on account of his election as President of the Sons of Temperance.

The Christian Endeavor Society's report was presented by Miss Mable Pennington. This branch, which is the largest in the world, raised \$326.46. Of this \$100 was given to missions and the same amount to the building fund. The Woman's Association collected \$654.07 for the furnishing fund. The Dorcas Society handled \$54.20 during the year. The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, with a membership of sixty nine, raised \$178.62, and the Young Woman's Missionary Band \$96.94. The Missionary Association, started in April last, reported a total of \$1,075 taken up, which will be devoted to the missionary schemes of the church.

The statement of the Treasurer, Mr.

James Allison, showed a balance on hand of \$116.40. The receipts amounted to \$8,848.52. The expenditure was \$8,782.12. The liabilities were \$47,785.59.

Three new trustees, Messrs. J. P. Martin, W. L. Wallace and W. G. Wilson, were elected, and the meeting closed with the usual vote of thanks to the officials.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, TORONTO.

There was a large attendance at the annual meeting of the congregation of St. John's church, Toronto held Jan. 13th. Mr. John McMillan presided. Reports presented showed an increase in membership of nineteen, bringing the present membership up to 301. The receipts from Sabbath collections aggregated \$2,377.66; missionary and benevolent offerings totalled \$943.50; bringing the receipts from all sources up to \$3,331.16. The church was enlarged during the year, a new infant class-room erected, and other improvements effected, notwithstanding which, and after all expenses had been paid, there was a balance on hand of \$10.82. The church debt amounts to only \$3,000, and steps were taken at last night's meeting to organize a plan whereby this may be paid off. The congregation decided to raise the salary of their pastor, Rev. J. McP. Scott, by \$200 per annum. The reverend gentleman's work was eulogized. The average attendance at the Sunday school was 805 scholars and forty five teachers an increase over last year. The reports from the Christian Endeavor Societies (senior and junior), the Women's Auxiliary, and the Ladies' Aid Society were all satisfactory. The following were elected in the place of retiring managers:—Messrs. O. E. Lee, J. McCandless, and Fred H. Ross, for three years; Dr. Sneath and B. Armstrong for two years; and John McMillan for one year. Messrs. Charles Caldwell and Andrew Allison were appointed auditors.

EAST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH TORONTO.

Robert Cahoon occupied the chair at the annual congregational meeting of East Presbyterian church, Oak street, held Jan. 13th in the lecture-room of the church. There was a large attendance. The report of the session was very gratifying. It referred in terms of warm praise to the work accomplished by the pastor, Rev. J. A. Morrison, during the past year, and wished for him continued success. The following statistics were given:—Members added during the year, by profession of faith 45, by certificate 78, total 123; removals by death and disjunction 28, net gain 95. Last year the net gain was 45. The present membership is 624. Session poor fund receipts, \$107.29; given out to deserving poor, \$85.15; balance, \$22.14. Contributed to Lord's Day Alliance, \$18.50. Total receipts from the Managers Report showed \$4,815.55, total disbursements, \$4,415.49; outstanding accounts, \$99.06, leaving a net balance on hand of \$300.56. Since 1899 \$1,319 has been paid off the church debt, and of this \$319 was paid during the year just closed. The report of the Bible class, which is conducted by the pastor, was very gratifying. The receipts were \$173, disbursements, to Sunday school \$29, to the managers for the reduction of church debt \$100, to Upper Canada Tract Society \$5, to the schemes of the church \$30, working expenses \$5, leaving a small balance on hand. The average attendance was 121, an increase of 45 per cent. Reports from the Christian Endeavor Senior and Junior Societies, Mission Band, Woman's Auxiliary, and Ladies' Aid Society, were all very satisfactory. High praise was given to Mr. Jas. Stoddart, leader of the choir, and to the other officials, for their services during the year. Taken all round, the reports presented were such as to give much encouragement for the future. The following managers were elected in place of those retiring:—Messrs. John Anderson, Thos. Brimmer, Robert Cahoon, B. Cairns, Chas. Calross, and David Thompson.

KNOX CHURCH, PERTH.

The annual meeting of the congregation of Knox church was held on Jan. 6th. The statement of affairs exhibited by the different societies of the congregation made an

excellent showing, and, no doubt, proved a source of great satisfaction to pastor and people. The ordinary plate collections which are applied towards the current expenses of the church amounted to \$705 while the collections for missions amounted to \$410.50. To this latter sum must be added the sum of \$189, raised by the W.F. M.S. of the congregation; \$102, collected by the Missionary Committee of the Y.P.S. C.E.; and \$108, contributed by the members of Sunday School and Bible Class; in addition to the amount expended upon the maintenance of the school. The Minister's stipend had been paid quarterly in advance and \$451 applied towards payment of debt.

After the appointment of officers for the year and the transaction of all other business, Mrs. A. Kippen and Mrs. Motherwell, representing the Ladies' Aid Association, presented Mr. James Allan, who had been Treasurer for the congregation for thirty-five years and who was retiring from office, an address accompanied by a well-filled purse. Mr. Allan thanked the congregation most heartily for this expression of their good will, he asked leave to return the purse for the use of the congregation, and suggested that the sum be applied towards payment of the church debt.

ZION CHURCH, HULL.

At the annual congregational business meeting of Zion church, Jan. 13th, reports were presented showing the church to be free of all debt. The pastor, Rev. Mr. Scott, presided.

Mr. J. Taylor, Secretary-Treasurer of the Sunday school, reported a balance of \$50 with an attendance at the school of 90 scholars.

Rev. Mr. Scott reported for the membership committee that 17 had joined the church during the year through profession of faith and 2 by letter.

The officers elected were: Treasurer, Mr. J. R. McKay; Secretary, Mr. R. Nesbitt; Superintendent of Sunday school, Mr. J. R. McKay; Secretary-Treasurer of Sunday school, Mr. Jno. Taylor; Auditor, Mr. S. S. Cushman.

Management Committee—Messrs. J. R. McKay, H. Merryweather, F. Bonney, R. Nesbitt, C. Darreh, S. Lindsay and W. Gowdie.

ST. ANDREWS' CHURCH, ARNPRIOR.

The annual congregational meeting of St. Andrews' church was held on Jan. 11th, and was well attended. Geo. Craig, J.P., was appointed chairman and Mr. J. C. Williams recording secretary. Reports were read from the Session, the Ladies' Aid Society, the Band of Hope, the Sunday school, the W.F.M.S., the Mission Band, the Choir and the Temporal Committee, nearly all of which were of a cheering nature. Mr. M. D. Graham, the Secretary-Treasurer for the past year, gave a detailed account of the finances of the church, showing \$1,000 has been paid on the mortgage during the past year, the amount now remaining due on the church amounting to \$3,400. The next business was the election of four gentlemen to fill the vacancies caused by the retiring members of the board of managers. Those elected were: Messrs. Jas. Blair, John Stewart, Geo. Grant and Geo. Mallock. There was considerable difficulty in securing a Secretary-Treasurer to fill the place of Mr. M. D. Graham, one of the retiring managers. It was finally resolved to leave it to the temporal committee. Mr. E. K. Johnston was re-appointed choir leader and Miss Milne organist and Messrs. Hughton and Macnamara, auditors. A unanimous vote of thanks was tendered to Mrs. H. F. McLachlin, the lady who each Sunday supplies the flowers for the pulpit. At the conclusion of the business meeting the ladies served refreshments.

WESTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

The annual meeting of the members of the Presbyterian Church Jan 13th was a very harmonious one. Despite the hard times and the fact that Weston has lost many of its citizens by removal of the woollen mill machinery, the debt is only \$569.22. About 18 years ago the church amalgamated with the Woodbridge Church and since then one minister has supplied both pulpits.