

The annual meeting of St. Andrews congregation, Chatham, was held recently. After devotional services, Dr. Battisby left the chair, and Mr. D. McLachlan, of the Business College, was appointed to act as chairman. All the reports of the different departments of the work were exceedingly encouraging and hopeful. The amount collected for all purposes was \$4,129, and after meeting all liabilities a small balance was left.

The annual meeting of St. Pauls Church, Peterborough, was held on Wednesday evening, February 10, and was largely attended by the members and adherents of the church. There are in the congregation 342 families and 710 communicants. There were raised for strictly congregational purposes \$6,228. Of this sum \$4,741 was the ordinary Sabbath revenue, and \$1,487 was a collection given on the Anniversary Sabbath for the reduction of the church debt. The congregation received a bequest from the late Mrs. Nicholls of \$5,000, enabling them to reduce their debt by about \$7,000. There was raised for the Schemes of the Church \$2,312. Of this sum \$485 was given to Home Missions, \$182 to Augmentation Fund, \$439 to French Evangelization, \$593 to Foreign Missions, \$55 to Aged and Infirm Ministers, \$45 to Widows and Orphans, \$30 to Assembly Fund. For other benevolent and religious purposes \$373 was raised.

The annual meeting of Guthrie Church, Harrison, was held on the 18th ult., the pastor, Rev. G. Munro, M.A., in the chair. The reports were for eleven months, and only for the last three months of this period was the congregation in the enjoyment of a settled pastor. The reports showed the total contributions to all purposes as \$2,500.93. Of this amount \$236 were for the Schemes of the Church. After paying all expenses, including the pastor's stipend up to April 30, and the greater part of the floating debt, together with \$100 applied to the mortgage debt, there was a balance still on hand of \$86. Before the meeting closed Mr. Munro intimated, although having no authority to mention names, he knew of some members of the congregation who were devising liberal things towards liquidating the entire debt of the Church, and he hoped before long to see this happily accomplished. There were twenty-two added to the membership for the last three months.

The annual congregational meeting of the Kildonan Church, Manitoba, was held a few days ago, and showed that that congregation was in a fine, healthy condition. The report from the Session showed an increase of twenty-five to the membership of the church during the past year, and expressed the gratitude of the Session for the spiritual prosperity and universal harmony that was evident in all the work of the congregation. The report from the Board of Managers indicated a still further increase in the financial liberality of a congregation that is already ranked as "the banner Church" in this respect, giving, as it does, at the rate of \$19 per member, and \$39 per family for church purposes. The reports from the Sabbath school, the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavour, the Church Missionary Association, the Young People's Home Mission Society, the Mutual Improvement and Literary Society, the Ladies' Aid Society, and the Church and Manse Improvement Committee, all went to show that the historic old congregation of Kildonan still maintains her old position—the front rank for generosity and general congregational prosperity.

The annual congregational meeting of St. Andrews Church, New Westminster, B.C., was held on 14th January, Rev. T. Scouler, pastor presiding. The report from the Session stated that the past year had been somewhat eventful in the history of the congregation as two new congregations had sprung from it: West Church and Knox Church, Sapperton. The formation of these Churches had drawn largely on the membership of the parent Church, but the additions for the year had more than covered the removals. There were added by profession thirty-six, and by certificate fifty-three, making a total of eighty-nine. The managers reported a revenue of \$5,024, the Missionary Society \$673 (including a bequest of \$200 for Foreign Missions), the Young People's Society about \$120, and for benevolent purposes \$120. There had been collected by monthly subscription for the building fund \$360. The Mission Band has been formed into an Auxiliary, and the monthly meetings are well attended. This Society raised \$90 last year. All the societies in connection with the congregation are in a healthy and prosperous condition.

The annual meeting of the members of Knox Church, Galt, was held recently, Dr. Jackson in the chair. The report of Session showed baptisms during the year to have been: adults nineteen, infants twelve; communicants on roll at 31st Dec., 1890, 1,016, additions during the year, 153, making total number on roll 1,169, from which, by removal certificates and deaths, were taken sixty-one. The Board of Management reported receipts for the year to have amounted to \$5,543.74, and they begin the year with a balance on hand of \$155.10. The Missionary Society showed receipts of \$1,134.69, and payments of \$820.75; balance on hand, \$313.94. Augmentation fund, \$76.95; poor fund, \$167.99; special grant, \$532.15. Sunday school, receipts, \$506.45; expenditure, \$423.10. The number of scholars on the roll is 668; teachers, forty-eight; officers, twelve; average attendance of scholars, 339. The reports were unanimously adopted, and the following officers were elected: Property trustees, Messrs. James Cowan, George Hogg and A. Landreth—re-elected; Board of Management, Messrs. John Perry, J. Y. Graham, George Oliver, Andrew Turnbull, Mill Creek, James Walker, John Wilson, A. C. Fraser. Mr. Morton Hamilton having been elected an elder, Mr. Hugh Wallace was elected manager in his place; auditors, Messrs.

James P. Kerr and A. W. Falconer; organist, Miss Grove; general business, in future the loose collections are to be applied to the floating debt of the Church. A motion to have the missionary monies allotted monthly, by a committee appointed for that purpose, was submitted, but failed to carry. The meeting was closed with the benediction.

The annual congregational meeting of Erskine Presbyterian Church, Meaford, was held recently. The meeting was opened by devotional exercises conducted by the pastor, Rev. R. J. A. Ross, B.A., after which Mr. John Clark was called to the chair. The pastor read the Session report, which extended sympathy to the afflicted and bereaved ones. The report showed that during the past year twenty persons had been received into membership, and that there had been six baptisms and ten funerals. The president, Mr. Abbott, presented the report of the Christian Endeavour Society. This society meets for forty-five minutes immediately after the evening service. The object of the society is to promote Christian work among the young people, and the active membership is twenty. The mission report, read by the Rev. Mr. Ross, showed \$157.71 to be the amount contributed for the different schemes of the Church, an increase of \$35 over 1890, or, so far as can be learned from past reports, about \$70 over any year previous to 1889. The managers' report, presented by Mr. J. S. Wilson, showed an increase of \$96 to the stipend fund over 1890; also a marked increase in Sabbath collections and regular attendance at Sabbath services. Votes of thanks were tendered to the Ladies' Aid, which did excellent work during the year, and the choir and officers of the Church for their services. Special mention was made by Messrs. Christie and Main of the excellent and highly appreciated services of Messrs. Abbott and Clark, the former having charge of the service of praise and the latter superintendent of the Sabbath school. After the business of the meeting had been transacted the congregation spent a pleasant hour in social conversation, and in partaking of the refreshments so kindly furnished by the ladies.

The annual congregational meeting of Knox Church, Rat Portage, Ont., was held on January 5th. The pastor, the Rev. R. Nairn, B.A., opened the meeting with devotional exercises, making a short address, after which Richard Hall was called to the chair. The report of the Session was read by Alex. Stephen. It showed quite an increase in membership for the past year, and also indicated that the attendance on Sunday services and at the regular weekly prayer meeting was large. The Christian Endeavour report was read by Mr. Riach, the membership of which is now seventy-three. The Society has undertaken to support two Indian children. During the year past it did a good deal of benevolent work amongst the poor in the town. The Sunday school report was read by the pastor and showed that it was in a flourishing condition, with an average attendance of 130. The Bible class had on the roll thirty-seven. The reports of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and Children's Mission Band, read by Mrs. Baker and Miss Findlay, indicated that the congregation was now waking up to a Foreign Missionary spirit. The treasurer's report was read by D. T. Ferguson. The Managing Board, he said, had a great deal to be thankful for. During the past year the debt on the church building had been reduced considerably and the general indebtedness of the congregation had been brought down to a small amount. The managers therefore had to commend the congregation for the marked liberality which they have exhibited during the past year, and trust that the liberal spirit manifested in the past may continue in the future. The congregation had raised some \$1,916.40 for the year. It is financially and spiritually in a prosperous condition.

#### THE POINTE-AUX-TREMLES SCHOOLS.

The following circular has been issued:—  
As you are doubtless aware, both the boys' and girls' school buildings at Pointe-aux-Trembles were enlarged within the last three years so as to afford room for the greatly-increased number of French-Canadians applying for admission. The total expenses of the enlargement was generously met by the friends of the work, with the exception of \$2,716, which, as will be seen from the last annual report, is the indebtedness on the buildings. The attendance this session is much the largest in the history of the institution, there being upwards of 185 enrolled, about one-half of whom are Roman Catholics, and nearly the whole of the other half the sons and daughters of converts from Rome. This is exceedingly encouraging and justifies the action of the Committee in enlarging the buildings. The increased attendance necessitates an increase in the expenditure of about \$2,000 this year. Up to this date, however, the receipts are nearly \$1,000 less than at the corresponding period of last year, so that for the first time since the Schools became the property of our Church we are face to face with a deficit (including the debt on the buildings) of about \$5,000. We believe that it is only necessary to make known this fact so secure from the many friends of the cause a prompt and liberal response. The schools are doing a noble work. It is doubtful if there is any department of mission effort any where more thoroughly worthy of confidence and support. The Lord has very manifestly blessed the Pointe-aux-Trembles Schools in the past, and never were they more fruitful of blessing than now. We very warmly commend them to all congregations and Sabbath schools and Christian Endeavour Societies and private friends, and earnestly solicit large-hearted and generous gifts to enable the committee to at once remove the indebtedness in this department of their operations. Will not you lend us your help and influence in this matter? Yours faithfully,  
D. H. MACVICAR, D.D., Chairman.  
Contributions should be sent direct to the treas-

urer, addressed Rev. Dr. Warden, Y. M. C. A. building, Montreal.

#### OBITUARY.

THE REV. C. E. McLEAN.

At Consecration, on Sabbath, 7th Feb., 1892, the Rev. Cornelius Ewen McLean fell asleep in Jesus; and on the following Wednesday, in the quiet little cemetery of Pleasant Valley, in the township of Hillier, his mortal remains were laid to rest by his sorrowing friends and co-presbyters, in sure and certain hope of a blessed resurrection.

Mr. McLean was born in Ross-shire, Scotland, in the year 1820. At seventeen years of age he entered Glasgow College, and having completed the arts curriculum engaged for some years in teaching. Having resolved to devote his life to the work of the Gospel ministry, he pursued his studies in divinity and was licensed by the Presbytery of Abertarfin in July, 1847.

After obtaining license he spent several years as a probationer in Scotland, and then emigrated to Canada.

He was ordained by the Presbytery of Montreal in November, 1852, and was inducted to the charge of Winslow. Subsequently he had charge of Stayner, in the old Presbytery of Simcoe, now in the Presbytery of Barrie. Returning to Scotland he laboured at Dornoch and under the supervision of the Presbytery of Gairloch for a few years. Recrossing the Atlantic in 1868, he spent a number of years in laborious and successful work at Leitch Creek in the Island of Cape Breton, his name appearing on the roll of the Presbytery of Sidney as minister of Leitch Creek at the time of the Union in 1875, when the Presbyterian Church in Canada was formed.

A few years after the union he demitted his charge owing to ill health; and the last twelve years of his life on earth were spent in retirement at Consecration, Ont. To the last he kept up the habits of a student, but was ever ready to leave his books to converse with any of his fellow men who might need his advice; and gladly embraced every opportunity that offered of proclaiming from the pulpit the news of that great salvation through a crucified, but risen and exalted, Saviour, in which he himself implicitly trusted, and which it was his chosen life-work to set before his fellow men.

Mr. McLean was twice married. Immediately after completing his arts studies in Glasgow College, and before prosecuting his studies in divinity, he married a Miss Morrison, and of the issue of that marriage three children survive, viz., two sons, at present residing in Montreal, and a daughter married to the Rev. J. Greenfield, formerly of Stayner, Ont., but now minister at Stornoway in the Isle of Lewis. Having lost his first wife, and the mother of his children, before returning to Scotland he married Miss Arthur, of Consecration. She shared with him as a true yoke-fellow all the labours of his ministry in Cape Breton, and when he resigned the charge of Leitch Creek they took up their residence at Consecration, where they were surrounded by her relatives and other friends of her youth, who now sympathize with her in her widowhood.

At the time of his decease Mr. McLean was Clerk of the Kirk Session of Consecration, and as representative elder from that Session his name was on the roll of the Presbytery of Kingston, the meetings of which he attended as frequently as the state of his health permitted, delighting greatly in this opportunity of meeting with his co-presbyters. What was to him still more gratifying, however, was his appointment by the Presbytery to give such supply throughout the present winter as the state of his health might permit, in the absence of an ordained missionary at Consecration. He had received a similar appointment last winter and had striven valiantly to fulfil it, his earnest desire being to "labour on to the close of the day," or, as he sometimes expressed it, "to die in harness."

The eloquence of a holy and consistent life, and the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, doubtless commended the message, as delivered from the pulpit by him, to some who might have turned away from it when presented to them by younger and more fluent speakers. The funeral services were conducted by Messrs. Wilkins and Coulthard, of the Presbytery of Kingston, and by Rev. Mr. Dup-

ran, the Methodist minister resident in Consecration, to whose congregation the deceased servant of God had often preached. As the mortal remains lay before the pulpit, with lips closed and silent in death, the large congregation assembled must have felt that the words written concerning the first of the race whom death removed from earth: "Being dead he yet speaketh," were true also of this faithful witness, who had striven so long to induce his fellow men like Abel to trust to "the blood of the Lamb." W. F. W.

PETER DEWAR.

The last enemy has claimed another victim—a worthy member of the Presbyterian Church—in the person of the late Peter Dewar, of Poole, County of Perth. The deceased was a native of Perthshire, Scotland, where he was born in 1833. His father emigrated to Canada in 1842, and lived for about two years in Shakespeare. They subsequently removed to Wellesley—then known as the "Queen's Bush." The deceased was married in 1858 to Mary, second daughter of Mr. James Fleming, of Belmore, who is a cousin to the Hon. Alexander Mackenzie. In 1860 he moved to Mornington, where he remained a prosperous and esteemed farmer till his death. He was an honoured and respected elder in Zion Presbyterian Church, Wellesley, for twenty years. The late Rev. James Boyd, of Crosshill, was long its able and worthy pastor. The present minister is the Rev. John Kay, M.A., of Milverton. The deceased was a man of good, natural ability and intelligence, but of a quiet, kind and forgiving disposition, yet a wise counsellor, and for the deserving poor or any worthy cause he was never appealed to in vain. Few kept more strictly that special command, "Keep my Sabbaths and reverence my sanctuary." He was greatly attached to home and family. He had been ailing some three weeks with a gripe. His illness was borne with Christian patience and resignation. He quietly passed away on February 1, and his earthly remains were followed by an unusually large concourse of sorrowing friends to the Wellesley cemetery. His widow, seven daughters and four sons survive him. Of him it might be said truly, "An Israelite indeed in whom there is no guile."

MRS. JAMES BAILLIE.

It is with feelings of mournful sadness and sorrow that we place on record the death of the late Mrs. James Baillie, of Aylmer, Que. The summons came somewhat suddenly, as she was ill only a few days, but it did not find her unprepared, as she was ready to obey the divine call to come up higher. She was born in Glasgow, Scotland, about seventy-one years ago, and to her latest breath cherished the warmest attachment for her native city and native land. Any one "fræ Glasgow" was always sure of a warm welcome in her kind and hospitable home.

Having married at the early age of eighteen, she emigrated about fifty-one years ago to this country and settled in Quebec city, removing shortly afterwards to Ottawa, and then to Aylmer, where she lived for half a century.

She was the mother of ten children, two of whom died in infancy, and one, her eldest son, the late Donald Baillie, of Peterboro', and formerly of Prescott, died about two years ago, to the great grief of his mother. Seven children survive her, four daughters and three sons. Her two youngest daughters are the wives of well-known ministers of the Church, the Rev. T. A. Nelson, of Bristol, Que., and the Rev. Dr. McClelland, of Toronto. One son, the Rev. G. K. Baillie, is a minister in Philadelphia, Pa. Some of her loved ones who had long distances to come did not arrive in time to see her breathe her last, but all that human skill and devoted affection could think of were always at hand in the loving ministrations of her children.

Her bereaved husband, who was lying prostrated with the same sickness—a gripe—all the time of his wife's illness, has the sympathy of a wide circle of sorrowing friends and relatives.

She died in the faith of a Christian. Her end was peace of the sweetest and the most beautiful kind. She was a most loving mother, a true and devoted wife and a staunch friend.

The first of a series of special lectures before the students and friends of the Ontario College of Oratory was given on Thursday last by Dr. G. S. Ryerson. The lecture was a most practical, common-sense talk on the "Physiology of the Voice," and contained many valuable suggestions relating to the use and care of the vocal organism. Dr. T. M. Macintyre, president of the Presbyterian Ladies' College, will deliver the second of this series of lectures on Thursday, March 3, at 3 p.m. Subject: "Ethics of the English Drama." On Thursday, March 10, Mr. James L. Hughes, will lecture at 4 p.m. Subject: "Self Control in Oratory." All who are interested in these subjects are invited. Room 30, Arcade, corner Yonge and Gerrard Sts.

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