

THE annual meeting of the congregation of Chalmers Church, Quebec, was held on Monday evening, February 2, the minister, Rev. D. Tait, B.A., in the chair. Reports were presented from the Session, the Board of Management, the Sabbath school, the Young People's Association, the Auxiliary to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and the Mission Band, all of which showed the congregation to be in a prosperous condition. After paying all liabilities there was a small amount to the credit of the congregation. A new organ, costing over \$3,000, was placed in the church during the year and paid for. The minister's salary was increased by \$200 making it \$2,000. Messrs. I. T. Ross and D. H. Giegge were elected managers and Messrs. G. Moir and A. Forrest, auditors. The annual meeting of the Missionary Association was held on Wednesday of the following week. It was reported at this meeting that the congregation had raised for missionary and benevolent objects during the year, \$1,750. The total revenue of the congregation for the year for all purposes was \$8,426. This is at the rate of over \$80 per family, and over \$40 per communicant.

THE congregation of the Presbyterian Church, Brampton, held its annual meeting a short time since. There was a large attendance. The ladies furnished refreshments in abundance, and the proceedings were very enjoyable. The financial state of the Church is most gratifying, and during the past year the income of the Church was \$5,137, made up as follows: Weekly offerings, \$2,500; collections, \$463; special collection for church debt, one offering, \$1,037; missionary, educational and benevolent purposes, \$1,137. The disbursements were less by \$178. The report of the Session showed an equally healthy condition in the membership of the Church, there being an increase of fifty-one. The number of families in the congregations is 158; single persons, not connected with families, thirty; communicants on roll in January, 1891, 393; added during the year on profession of faith, forty-four; by certificates from other congregations, thirty-nine; total additions during the year, eighty-three; total removals, thirty-two. One of the pleasant features of the evening was the surprise the congregation gave their pastor, Rev. A. Gandier, when they increased his stipend from \$1,500 to \$1,700 per annum. The salary of the organist and caretaker were each increased by substantial sums. Presbyterianism in Brampton was never in a more flourishing condition than at present.

THE annual meeting of the First Presbyterian Church, London, was extended over two evenings, in order to allow easy time for the transaction of business. There was a large attendance of members, Rev. W. J. Clark, the pastor, in the chair. The reports presented by the various departments showed gratifying returns, and all spoke hopefully of the prospect of still higher results in the year begun. The report of Session, given by the clerk, Mr. J. I. Anderson, showed a net gain in membership for the year of fifty-five, with a total membership at present of 237. It noted also the addition to the Session of eight new members and the division of the congregation into districts, the members in each district being visited once a quarter. The Sabbath school report showed a membership of 193, with an average attendance of 135, an increase of thirty-six in membership and eighteen in average attendance, while the amount raised for missions amounted to \$241.92, an increase of \$14.61 over the previous year. In addition to this they have raised for library and other purposes the sum of \$279.66. The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society reported increased numbers and greater interest in the work. During the year they raised for missions in cash \$124.37, and sent to the Indian mission in the North-West goods valued at \$80. The Victoria Mission Band report showed satisfactory progress by the children in their work. The amount raised by mite boxes, fees and collections was \$50.26, besides sending a bale of useful goods for children to the North-West amounting in value to \$71. The mission report showed the amount raised for missions, \$300.20, which, with the amount raised by the other organizations, made the total contributions \$716.15. The Young People's Society of Christian Endeavour has only been organized since October 5 and is making steady progress. The meetings have been well attended and helpful to the young people. The Ladies' Aid report showed satisfactory results, \$547 having been paid over to the treasurer of the church for the year and \$33 expended in furnishing the vestry. Since their organization they have handed over to the Church to apply on the debt and for other purposes the sum of \$1,287. Next evening the treasurer's statement was submitted from which it is seen that an increase in the amount of the weekly offerings has taken place, \$2,385.37 being collected in this manner in 1889, while in 1890 the sum of \$3,125.15 was netted, showing an increase of \$739.78. The election of managers for 1891 was then proceeded with and the names of Messrs. A. Sharp, A. M. Hamilton, R. Reid, R. Henderson, J. H. Fraser, Dr. Balfour and W. J. Craig, proposed. These being the only nominations and seven, the requisite number, on motion of Mr. John Cameron, the above gentlemen were elected. The annual meeting terminated most agreeably. The ladies had prepared tempting refreshments in the school room, and thither the crowd adjourned. A most happy social time was spent discussing the good things provided and in pleasant friendly conversation.

OBITUARY.

JOHN HERON.

Died at his residence, Whitby Township, December 13, 1890, John Heron, elder of Burns Church, Ashburn, aged sixty-three years. Deceased was a son of the late William Heron, to whose zealous devotion to the prosperity of Christ's kingdom the cause of Presbyterianism in this community is in no small measure due, and whose footsteps the deceased has loyally followed. In his removal the Church has lost a true friend, a zealous

worker and a liberal supporter. The congregation have also lost a real friend, and faithful member, the session a wise counsellor, the Sabbath school, the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and all which had for its object the advancement of the kingdom of Christ will feel his removal keenly, but more specially will the family feel his loss. The family circle has a blank which no human friend can fill. We commend his widow and family to the care of Him who has promised to be a Husband to the widow and a Father to the fatherless, and whilst we extend to them our warmest sympathy we commend them to the sympathy of Him who alone can truly sympathize with and comfort them in the hour of sorrow. Yet we say "Thy will be done." Our loss is his gain, for of him it may truly be said: "For me to live is Christ but to die is gain."

ALEXANDER URQUHART.

Mr. Alexander Urquhart, of Chatham, died at his residence on Amelia Street, on January 23, at the age of eighty. Deceased emigrated to this country about fifty years ago. He was a man of devoted spirit, unobtrusive and unpretending in disposition, but his convictions of truth and duty were strong. He served for many years as an elder in connection with the Presbyterian Church in Chatham. He was pre-eminently a man of prayer and his knowledge of the truth was clear and comprehensive. His devoted wife and faithful partner in Christ died over five years ago and this bereavement seemed to quicken his pace heavenward and reconcile him to his departure. His observance of the Sabbath was most conscientious and strict. He rose early to redeem the day, and in an eminent degree was enabled to refrain from doing his own ways, finding his own pleasure and speaking his own words on the Lord's Day.

He leaves two sons and three daughters to mourn his loss. Rev. A. Urquhart, of Cowal; John, of Chatham Township, and the sisters who still occupy his late residence. As a testimony to the power of true godliness his life speaks louder than any obituary.

"Help, Lord, for the godly man ceaseth, for the faithful fail from among the children of men."

British and Foreign.

ARCHDEACON TAIT, of Tuam, is to receive the degree of LL.D. from St. Andrew's.

THE Rev. William Winter, M.A., of Dyke, is to receive the degree of D.D. from St. Andrew's.

DR. MACDONALD, of Melbourne, has received twelve months' leave of absence owing to impaired health.

THE Old Catholic movement is retrograding in Baden, where several congregations have virtually been dissolved of late.

THE Rev. William Weir Tulloch, of Maxwell Parish, son of the late Principal, is to receive the degree of D.D. from St. Andrew's.

THE Rev. David Russell, for so many years pastor of Eglinton Street Church, Glasgow, is to receive the degree of D.D. from St. Andrew's.

THE Rev. Colin Campbell, B.D., of Dundee, has published a poem after Chaucer entitled, "The Banquet on the Return of the Canterbury Pilgrims."

THE West Church, Greenock, will this year celebrate the tercentenary of the parish, the jubilee of the present place of worship, and the semi-jubilee of the minister, Rev. John Barclay.

MR. M'INTYRE'S overture, proposing a joint arrangement with the Free Church in the theological education of the students, was rejected in Greenock U. P. Presbytery by fourteen to five; and Mr. Rae's motion, that the Church should look beyond its own bounds in filling the Church History chair, was withdrawn.

GREENOCK U. P. Presbytery recommend the Foreign Mission Board to procure large maps showing the various stations in each mission field, and also request the publications committee to give special attention to the lines upon which the *Missionary Record* shall in future be conducted, and to report to the Synod before the appointment of a new editor in succession to Dr. James Brown.

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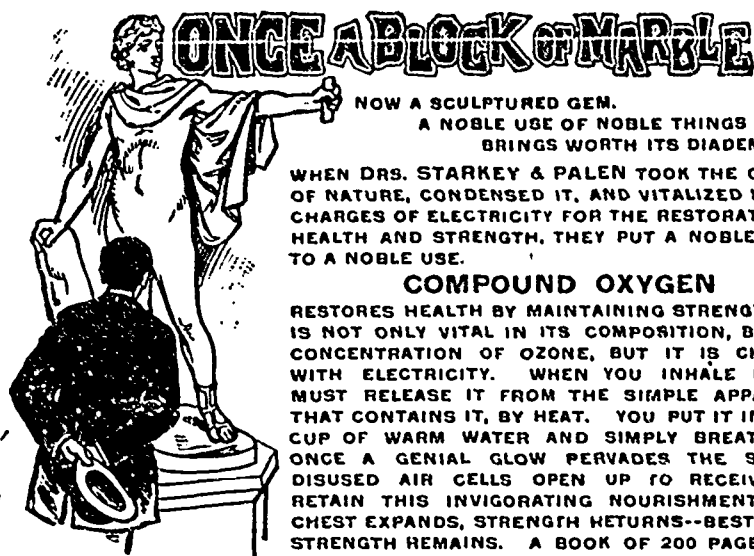
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BISHOP THOROLD told Convocation the other day that he always feels far greater diffidence in addressing it than in rising in the House of Lords. "In the House of Lords no one listens, and therefore we feel at our ease; but here everyone listens with the critical faculty of experts."

PROFESSOR MASSON is to unveil a bust of Carlyle, which has been presented by an anonymous donor for the hall of heroes in the Wallace Monument on the Abbey Craig. It is a replica of the bust lately placed by Glasgow admirers of Carlyle in the corporation galleries of that city.

PROFESSOR VILLARI, of Florence, author of the standard life of Savonarola, is the new Minister of Public Instruction in Italy. His wife is an Englishwoman, a well-known authoress, the daughter of the late Mr. James White, who was Mr. Fawcett's colleague in the representation of Brighton.

THE late Prebendary F. T. Havergal has bequeathed a sum of money to the vicar and churchwardens of Upton Bishop, Ross, Herefordshire to keep in repair the vestry and treble bell erected by him in that church to the memory of his youngest sister, the sweet singer, Frances Ridley Havergal.

THE Rev. Alexander Cruickshank, of Old Calabar, one of six missionaries to whom a great congregation bade farewell in the Synod Hall on a recent Sunday evening, declared that one of the greatest hindrances to the spread of the Gospel in Africa was the quantity of strong drink sent out by England and other so-called Christian countries.

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