

and placed in the hands of Mr. Small. It was further agreed, that should the call be accepted the induction take place on Monday, Jan. 11th, at 8 p.m., that Mr. Nairn preside and preach, Mr. Rowand address the minister and Mr. Murray the congregation.—W. L. H. Rowand, Clerk.

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MISS EDITH MILLER'S SONG RECITAL.

We are pleased to note that Miss Edith J. Miller, the popular contralto, has returned to Toronto after a year's study in Paris and London under the best vocal teachers, and that she will give a Song Recital in St. George's Hall on Saturday evening next, the 10th inst. when she will give such a varied and attractive programme as will show the great advance she has made as a soloist. Col. Mapleton, the famous impresario, speaks in glowing terms of Miss Miller's grand voice and of her bright prospects for a brilliant musical career. Miss Miller will be assisted at her Recital by a number of our leading musicians. She is open for engagements in Toronto and elsewhere, during her short stay in Canada, full information of which can be had by addressing 672 Spadina Avenue, Toronto. Her services have been secured as contralto soloist in the choir of the Bloor street Presbyterian Church.

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ANNUAL MEETING.

KNOX CHURCH, GALT.

The Knox Church congregational meeting was held Tuesday, January 6th. The attendance was very large, showing the great interest taken in the business affairs of the church by the congregation. The meeting opened at 8 o'clock with the Moderator, Rev. Dr. Jackson, in the chair. Mr. James Moffatt was appointed a Manager for one year, while ballots were distributed for the election of seven others out of ten who were nominated. Dr. Moyer read the Treasurer's statement, which was not as satisfactory as that of former years. Then followed the reading of the Sabbath school, Y. P. S. O. E., W. F. M. S., and many other reports, all of which were adopted. After this a lively discussion took place on private matters. The meeting closed at 11 o'clock.

The statement of the treasurer, Dr. Moyer, showed as follows:

Receipts—Balance on hand from 1895, \$124.87; Subscriptions and envelope offerings, \$3,236.90; plate collections, \$463.97; Presbyterian Records, \$95; Choir concert proceeds, \$80.50; Water privileges from Mr. Hugh White, \$2.50; Note at Bank of Commerce, \$775.00; From re-shingling fund, \$28.50; Memorial Volume Fund, \$47.35; balance \$41.70; total, \$4859.29.

Expenditure—Salaries—The Rev. Jackson, \$3,000; Wm. Murray, \$400, Miss Grove, organist two months, \$66.66, Wm. Shaw, organist, four and a-half months, \$187.50; gas, \$94.20, wood and coal, \$119.50; Presbytery assessment, \$60; Bayne bursary, \$55; pulpit supply, \$53; organist supply, \$169.15; church officer's supply, \$15; church repairs, \$25.35; manse repairs, \$46.25; communion expenses, \$16.40; water rates, \$30; printing \$66.75; taxes on manse, \$40.20; insurance, \$120; tuning organ, \$24; choir, \$25.78; Presbyterian Record, \$37.50; interest and discount, \$71.55; Presbytery and Synod expense, \$28.95; sundry expenses, \$27.40; church bell, \$79.50; total, \$4859.29.

Church Schemes—Receipts, balance from 1895, \$348.15; collections, \$454.62; total, \$802.77.

Expenditure, Home Missions, \$171.20; Foreign Missions, \$125; French Evangelization, \$151.17; Knox College, \$30; Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, \$32.25; Widows' and Orphans' Fund, \$22; balance, \$210.05; total, \$802.77.

Augmentation, Receipts, \$50.49. Paid Rev. Dr. Warden, treasurer, \$50.49.

Special grants and collections—St. John's Presbyterian Church, Newfoundland, \$40.70; Welland Canal Mission, \$32.63; Missionary at Franklin, Man., \$200; Knox College Students' Missionary Society, \$32.76; Armenian Relief Fund, \$94.40; Session Expense Fund, \$30.99; Missionary at Thessalon, Algoma, \$14.06; Galt hospital, \$25.57; Point Aux Tremble, Mission, \$1; Jamaica Mission, \$109; total, \$581.11.

Poor fund, collections, \$93.78; paid T. B. Allen, \$93.78.

Sabbath school collections, \$40.69; paid Alex. Sloan, \$40.69.

Assets—Net liability, \$2719.70.

Liabilities—Promissory note to D. Spiers, \$800; interest \$258.80; note to Robt. Oliver, \$709; interest \$24.95; note to Bank of Commerce, \$775; due re-shingling fund, \$28.50; due memorial volume, \$47.35; sundry accounts about \$35.10; total \$2,719.70.

The report of the Sabbath school, read by the superintendent, Mr. Malcolm Gibb, showed that they had on the roll 504 scholars, 13 officers and 53 teachers. The average attendance was 317 which was slightly lower than last year, although there were more on the roll. The treasurer's statements showed receipts from collections and other sources, amounting to \$447.78, and an expenditure of \$439.84, leaving a balance on hand of \$19.94.

Reports were read from the various societies in connection with the church which showed the auxiliaries to be in a flourishing condition.

The several reports were, on motion, received and adopted.

Messrs. Geo. Hogg, Wm. McArthur, and James Cowan were re-elected property trustees.

The old auditors, Messrs. A. W. Falconer and J. B. McRae, were also re-elected.

The total membership at the end of the year is 1,164.

Nine members of the church died during 1896.

A PROVIDENTIAL RESCUE.

From a Life Burdened with Pain and Suffering.

Languor, Severe Headaches and Pains in the Region of the Kidneys Made the Life of Mrs. McCaule Miserable—Dr. Williams' Pink Pills Cured After Other Medicines Failed.

From the Gravenhurst Banner.

Poor health is an affliction that is dreaded by every one, and the first sign of approaching disease is usually met with an attempt on the part of the patient to check and kill it. Frequently, however, even the most skilled physicians fail, and the sufferer endures a weary round of agony such as those who are in the full enjoyment of health can have no conception of. But when at last a medicine is found that will cure its worst cannot be estimated in dollars and cents. It is without price, such is the opinion of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McCaule, of Ashdown, Ont. Mr. McCaule tells the story of his wife's illness and cure as follows:—"For three or four years past my wife had been constantly failing in health. The first symptoms of her trouble were languor and loss of appetite, accompanied by bearing down pains and headaches, which affected her periodically. As time grew on she was attacked with pains in the region of her kidneys that became almost unbearable owing to their severity. Home remedies and different medicines were tried, but with no good results. Last winter she grew so weak and helpless that I was obliged to seek medical aid for her, and accordingly sent her out to Barrie, where she received the best medical attention, the result of which was only slightly beneficial. On her return, owing no doubt to the tediousness of the journey, she suffered from a relapse and her trouble came back in a form more aggravated than before. I noticed in a paper which I was reading one day a testimonial from one who had been cured of a similar trouble, and although knowing that other remedies had failed in my poor suffering wife's case, there was yet a ray of hope. I therefore procured a few boxes of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and on my return home administered the first dose to my wife. It is perhaps needless to relate that before the first supply was exhausted she found great relief. My wife now commenced to enjoy a buoyancy of spirits and kept on taking the Pink Pills with increasing good results. By the time she had used six boxes her condition had so improved that her neighbors were almost unprepared to believe the evidence of their own eyes when seeing the change in her appearance. Before taking the pills it was a severe task even to dress herself, much less to do any housework, while now, although not having used any of the pills for more than a couple of months, she attends to all her household duties without the slightest inconvenience. Taking all things into consideration, I feel it a duty I owe to other sufferers to recommend these little pink messengers of health which stood between my well nigh distracted wife and the jaws of a lingering but certain death."

The experience of years has proved that there is absolutely no disease due to a vitiated condition of the blood or shattered nerves, that Dr. Williams' Pink Pills will not promptly cure, and those who are suffering from such troubles would avoid much misery and save money by promptly resorting to this treatment. Get the genuine Pink Pills every time and do not be persuaded to take an imitation or some other remedy from a dealer, who for the sake of the extra profit to himself, may say it "just as good." Dr. Williams' Pink Pills cure when other medicines fail.