

WILL REQUIRE OVER \$21,000.

Public Library Estimates for the Year Passed.

Year 1907 Closed With a Substantial Surplus.

Mr. Henry M. Dallyn Chairman For 1908.

The annual meeting of the Public Library Board was held yesterday afternoon and resulted in Mr. Henry M. Dallyn being elected to the position of chairman for the coming year.

Mr. W. H. Lovering moved that the standing committees be re-elected. This was passed without comment.

The report of the Librarian for the month of December showed that 384 books had been added to the library, and that 11,264 books had been issued.

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The Board was justly proud of the surplus of \$2,139 shown by the financial statement which was as follows:

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The Board estimates it will require \$21,000 to tide it over 1908. The estimated receipts and expenditure follows:

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Chairman Milne's Report. Chairman John Milne in his annual report called attention to the fact that the board finished the year with a substantial surplus.

The financial statement will show a credit balance of \$2,139.00, of which we have thought advisable to apply to the expenses and purchases for the first three months of 1908.

"We have during the year had the building re-wired throughout for electric light, and I am sure you will agree with me that the result is most satisfactory.

"Our board have not lost sight of the fact that it is very desirable to have a branch of the Library in the east end of the city, and expect to have this branch opened in about three months.

"That the Library is rapidly increasing in popularity is abundantly shown by the great increase in the circulation of the books.

"During the year there have been added 2,600 new volumes of all classes, an increase of 945 over the previous year.

"The only indebtedness the Library has at the present time is its outstanding

MESSAGES FROM DEAD.

SIR OLIVER LODGE PRACTICALLY AFFIRMS SUCH WERE RECEIVED.

Tests Recently Conducted Through Spiritualistic Mediums—The Physical Research Society Undertook the Work.

London, Jan. 30.—Serious statements by Sir Oliver Lodge command respectful attention even when he abandons science for mysticism.

The number of volumes in the library on Dec. 31, 1907, was 33,493. The total accessions for the year have been 3,099 volumes, 2,441 by purchase and 658 by donation.

The circulation has continued to increase in all departments, as may be seen by the following: The total circulation for the year was 173,896. This is a gain of 11,872 over the circulation for 1906.

The number of volumes sent to the binder was 406, of which 316 have been bound, and there are 90 volumes at the bindery almost finished.

In consequence of the continued growth of the reference library and the already congested state of the shelves, the Government books, patent gazettes and mechanical magazines are being shelved in the new room in the basement.

The recorded attendance for the year was 10,396, an increase of 336 over last year. The number of volumes used was 30,518, an increase of 608.

The number of visitors to the reading rooms as ascertained by occasional daily counts, amounted to 121,624. Of these 72,000 visitors have patronized the general reading room.

The number of visitors to the ladies' reading room was 49,542.

ANGELIC MISSION FUNDS.

Regular Funds Short Because of Special Contributions.

Toronto, Jan. 31.—Although the contributions received during the financial year just closed by the Missionary Society of the Church of England in Canada show a total amount less by \$874.00 than that received last year, and short by \$2,153.34 of last year in the amount directly available for the objects of the appointments, yet there are causes explaining this seeming deficit which indicate that the missionary givings of the Church of England are even considerably ahead of last year.

The Pan-Anglican thank offering being raised this year, to which the Canadian dioceses are being asked to contribute many thousands of dollars, while lessening the importance of the regular missionary funds, is in itself purely missionary, and, in fact, all the money going to London at next Lambeth conference from Canada is to be expended in mission work in this country.

The total receipts for the past year are \$102,138.77 for appointments, \$95,816.53 for Canadian missions, \$55,327.17 for foreign missions, \$39,945.77; charges, including deputation work, office and travelling expenses, etc., \$8,884.45; for Indian homes, \$1,453.32.

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SUNDAY LAW IN WINNIPEG.

All Concerts and Amusements Will Henceforth Be Prohibited.

Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 30.—At the meeting of the Police Commission it was decided that the police be notified of all breaches of the Lord's Day Act as reported hereafter.

Have You Correctly Fitted Spectacles?

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LIGHTS WENT OUT.

MISCHIEVOUS BOY WAS THE CAUSE OF IT.

Caretaker Did the Rest—Entertaining Address by W. T. Macoun Before Horticultural Society.

A mischievous boy was the cause of a little excitement at the meeting of the Hamilton Horticultural Society last night, when Mr. W. T. Macoun, horticulturist at the Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa, was addressing the members.

Mr. Macoun had just warmed up to his subject, when the gas lights began to flicker, growing gradually dimmer and leaving the gathering in darkness of a sudden.

The speaker continued without a pause, while the audience pondered over the cause of the trouble. They thought the pressure had dropped.

The caretaker was the only one to surmise the real cause of the trouble, and he went down the stairs in a hop, step and a jump in time to catch the joker, who was chucking with glee, and making a hot "skidoo" for the exit.

Mr. Macoun, who, in addition to his position as the Experimental Farm, is one of the most enthusiastic workers in the Ottawa Horticultural Society, gave a really entertaining and instructive address.

His subject was "Ottawa Gardens, or Five Years' Judging in the Garden." While his address naturally dealt largely with what Ottawa is doing, it bristled with helpful suggestions.

For instance, he spoke briefly of the Ottawa parks, the Improvement Commission, and the city, and the "beautiful." Some of the pointers that he gave about a five mile drive the commission is building ought to prove useful in connection with the mountain driveway and park scheme here.

The Horticultural Society in Ottawa is a pretty lively organization. It boasts of a membership of 371, holds six exhibitions spread over different periods of the year, and is active all the time in keeping people interested in its work.

Mr. Macoun talked entertainingly of the garden competitions, and the prizes awarded last year. There were thirty-four competitors last year. Twenty-five of them were given four attractive plants to each of the 160 householders in the street, and sending a man around to plant them. Prizes will be offered at the end of the year for the best showing.

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Y. M. U. RECEPTION.

To Young Ladies' Mission Band of Knox Church.

Knox Church Young Men's Union tendered a reception to the Young Ladies' Mission Band last night. There was a large attendance of the members of both societies and the basement was nicely decorated for the occasion.

One of the features of the evening was a carpet ball rolling contest, which was won after an exciting finish by Mrs. W. E. Knappman. After full justice had been done to the musical programme, H. Truscott, who was in the chair, gave an opening address of welcome.

The toast to the Y. L. Mission Band was responded to by the President, Miss Pulling, in a very neat speech, which showed the good feeling that existed between the two societies.

The toast to the Young Men's Union was responded to by Alex. Smith. He traced the history of the union from the beginning and outlined the work that had been accomplished.

The toast to the ladies was responded to by T. M. Wright in a humorous manner. Mr. H. W. Bremen gave a short address, which was much enjoyed. Solos were sung by Miss L. Dreisel, G. R. Kerr and Mr. Robb. The evening was brought to a close by the singing of "Auld Lang Syne, and everybody voted it to be one of the most enjoyable affairs ever held. Mrs. G. R. Kerr was the accompanist.

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SHOVEL SNOW ON SUNDAY.

Kingston Convicts May Appeal Against Sabbath Labor.

Kingston, Jan. 30.—Dr. Bruce Smith, Inspector of Prisons, has issued an order permitting prisoners in the local jail to do snow shoveling on Sunday. Heretofore they could not be taken out on Sunday to do manual work, and the long walk through the Court House grounds remained unshoveled.

Killed by Falling Tree.

Kenora, Jan. 30.—Ashel Xanary, a Belgian, employed in the Rat Portage Lumber Company's camp No. 5, was killed on Monday afternoon by a falling tree, which glanced off the limb of another tree and struck him on the head, killing him instantly. The body was brought here.

Alice Thaw's Divorce Case.

London, Jan. 30.—Sir Birrell Barnes, President of the Divorce Court, today fixed the hearing of the suit brought by the Countess of Yarmouth, who was Alice Thaw, of Pittsburg, against her husband for the annulment of her marriage for next Wednesday afternoon.

LOST HIS LIFE.

How C. N. R. Chief Clerk Was Suffocated at Battleford.

Owen Sound, Jan. 30.—Particulars only reached here to-day of the tragic death of Harry Long, chief C. N. R. clerk at Battleford, last week.

Mr. Long and several employees were upstairs in the station above the operating room when the fire broke out below. They had lots of time to get out and all ran down the stairs, including Mr. Long. Half way down he turned and ran back for something. Fire never touched the room in which he was found and he was evidently overcome by smoke.

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