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CHALMERS CHURCH, GUELPH

The annual meeting of Chalmers Church congregation was held Jan 20th. The meeting was opened by devotional exercises by Rev Mr Glasford, after which Rev. Dr. Wardrop led in prayer. The choir furnished appropriate music.

Mr. R. Melvin was moved to the chair and Mr. Tytler discharged the duties of secretary. The various reports show gratifying increases. The session report a membership of 632 and the managers have again to report a handsome surplus.

The session report was presented by Rev Mr. Glasford, and the managers' and treasurers' reports by Mr. Wm. Tytler, Missionary Association by Mr. D. Young, W.F.M.S. by Miss Little; Mission Band by Master Willie Hart; Sabbath School and Bible Class by Mr. N. Little, Y.P.S.C.E. by Miss Cavers; Ladies' Benevolent Society by Mrs P. Anderson.

Messrs Gideon Hood, James Cowan and Geo. Bruce were re-elected trustees and Messrs. D. Stirton, Wm Tytler, G. R. Bruce and John McCorkindale, managers. Mr. Wm Tytler was re-elected secretary.

MELVILLE CHURCH, BRUSSELS.

The congregation of Melville Church, Brussels, held their annual meeting, on Jan 13th. The reports showed that there are 200 families in the congregation; that the membership had increased during the year from 425 to 446, and that 464 scholars, teachers and officers attend the church and district Sabbath schools. The financial statement was very satisfactory, the receipts meeting the current expenses, paying off the

debt of \$257.75 on the sheds, with a balance remaining of \$25.63. The total revenue was \$3,698.28, of which \$2,041.04 was for ordinary expenditure and \$656.64 for missionary and benevolent purposes.

COOKS CHURCH, MARKDALE

The annual meeting of the congregation of Cook's church, Markdale, was held on the 13th January, the pastor, Rev. J. Hunter presiding. The congregation feel gratified with the state of the finances there being ample funds to pay all obligations and a snug balance to the good. Following is the board of management for 1897: Messrs Geo. Buskin, chairman; R. McNally; John Marshall; F. J. Ritchie, Thos. Morrow and J. W. Whitby, the latter being elected secretary. It was decided to have a financial statement printed forthwith.

NORTH AMERICAN LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY.

The report of this Company for the year 1896 exhibits some noteworthy features, among them an increase of nine per cent. in assets, ten per cent in cash income, and an equal ratio in reserve fund over 1895. The new insurance issued reaches 18 per cent., and the total insurance in force over ten per cent., increase, while the payments to policy-holders are more than doubled. No previous year in the Company's history, we are told, has equalled this, whose results have brought the assets up to the handsome figure of \$2,515,000, and the net surplus for policy-holders to \$421,000. This, after paying dividends on the five-year participating policies, and on ten and fifteen-year accumulation investment policies.

The Company's Actuary, Mr. Standen, remarks, with respect to the character of its business, that "It is of a paying character," having a "good surplus-earning power." He could not praise it more strongly, for there is no higher test. That the North American was able to do new business equal to \$3,554,000 insurance, under 2,603 policies—half a million more than in any previous twelve months—is a remarkable result in an unpromising year. And notwithstanding the large outgo of last year (\$436,000, as compared with \$220,000 in 1895), caused by the dividends and other payments we have described, there is an addition of some \$16,000 to net surplus. Such results are creditable indeed to the agents and the administration of the Company. A feature noticeable about this Company's statement is the generally "clean" character of its assets of \$2,379,000 in cash, debentures, real estate and loans, besides \$106,000 additional in such items as premium notes and interest due and accrued. It pursues, we are assured, very economical and conservative methods in the treatment of its properties and the valuing of its securities.

It has been a common saying that if people wanted the best results from investment policies of life assurance they must go to the great American companies, whose age and unusual earning power surpass anything we could show. It is, however, not necessary to go outside of Canada to get handsome results of the kind. There are Canadian companies of sufficient age, strength, and soundness to give all the confidence to the investor. The results reached by the North American in its ten and fifteen-year investment policies are very remarkable, but it is not likely that the same profits could be earned over again, so greatly have the conditions of investments and the rates of interest changed.

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