

among them the Presbytery of Toronto, whose report we give in full, as it may assist others in devising the best scheme for the raising and administration of this new Fund.

1. That a Fund be instituted to meet the travelling expenses of members of Assembly, the expenses being understood to mean the necessary actual outlay for travelling to and from the place of meeting, and not including sleeping car, or state-room fares, or medals by the way, cab hire, etc.

2. That this Fund, to be known as the Assembly Commissioners' Fund, be distributed by a small Committee, appointed annually by the General Assembly.

3. That the Committee shall, prior, to the first day of January of each year, form an estimate of the total sum required, and apportion the said sum among the Presbyteries of the Church on a basis as equitable as possible.

4. That Presbyteries be instructed to take such steps as to them seem most desirable to secure the amount apportioned, and forward the same to the Treasurer of the Assembly Commissioners' Fund, prior to the first of May of each year.

5. That Commissioners present to the Treasurer prior to the evening sederunt of the third day of the Assembly's sitting, a statement of their travelling expenses.

6. That the Committee shall then make an equitable distribution of the amount received, paying the full travelling expenses of those Commissioners only, whose Presbyteries have forwarded the full amount apportioned them by the Committee.

Annual Meetings.

SOUTH SIDE CHURCH, TORONTO.

The annual meeting of South Side Presbyterian Church was held Jan 27th, the pastor, Rev Wm McKinley, presiding. The report of the session was presented by Rev. Mr Campbell, and showed that 21 new members had been added to the membership roll during the year. All the reports were of a very satisfactory nature, no deficits being incurred. The managers' report was presented by Mr. D. Colville, and that of the Sabbath School by Mr. John Reith. The average attendance was stated to be 224.

Good progress in the various organizations was reported, and expectations of still further advances during the coming year were confidently expressed.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, WINDSOR.

The annual congregational meeting of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Windsor, was held Jan. 13th, and was largely attended. Rev. Mr. Tolmie presided.

The reports of the various committees show the finances of the church to be in a healthy condition.

The report of the session, which was presented by Alexander Bartlet, stated that the membership is 540, an increase of 40.

Chairman Kenning, of the Board of

Managers presented the estimates for the ensuing year, which total \$4,430—an increase of about \$1,000 over last year. The increased amount is made necessary by payments to be made in connection with the new church. notion with the new church.

Treasurer Fleming's report shows the total receipts for the year to be \$3,493.61 and the disbursements \$341.59.

The value of the church property is placed at \$40,000, against which there is a debt of \$19,500.

The election of four members to take the places of Messrs. Wm. Riddle, Wm. Kerr, A. J. Kendall, and R. S. Foster on the board of managers, resulted in the return of Messrs. D. J. Schumacher, C. Koehr, Matthew Orr and A. J. Kendall.

Correspondence.

HOME MISSIONS STATE OF THE FUNDS.

Editor Presbyterian Review.

Permit me briefly to call the attention of your readers, Presbyteries and congregations, to the state of the Home Mission Fund, in view of the meeting of the Committee on the 30th. March.

The grants for next year and the number of Missionaries that can be appointed, depends wholly upon the monies then in hand. Congregations in view of this, will surely forward their contributions, not later than the 20th. March.

According to recently published figures, as to the state of the different funds at that date, compared with the same date last year, the Home Mission Fund, was between \$7,000 and \$8,000 behind. This does not indicate the possibility, of maintaining the present grants, far less advancing; and unless between this and the meeting of the Committee, from \$20,000 to \$25,000 is received, the only alternative is retrenchment.

But for the contributions of British Churches and Student's Societies in Great Britain, for the past 3 years, there would have been an annual deficit of about \$10,000 a year. Last year these contributions amounted to \$12,000; this year at date, only \$4,000! Many Old Country congregations that gave us aid for 3 years, are now withdrawing, and while it is to be hoped that some others may take their place, this source of income is at all times more or less uncertain, and it is evident that Home Mission work in Canada, must rely mainly upon the contributions of our own congregations.

I do not wish to alarm the Church, nor make any appeal beyond the statement submitted. If the Church regards our great Home Mission work—(which with the Colleges is really the source of revenue to all the schemes)—as worthy of its confidence, it will enable the Committee, not only to meet its liabilities, but also to take up new fields, in the great Mining districts of British Columbia, from which, there are pressing requests for Missionaries. But if otherwise the Committee must reduce its grants, in keeping with its receipts.

Yours faithfully,

Wm. COCHRANE.

Convener H.M.C.

Brantford, March 1st. 1897.

WINNIPEG, Feb. 25th, 1897.

DEAR EDITOR,—The following communication has been sent to Clerks of Presbyteries as found in last Assembly minutes:

WINNIPEG, Feb. 18th, 1897.

"Dear Sir,—Immediately on the appointment by your Presbytery of Commissioners to the General Assembly, kindly forward their names with personal addresses to me,

Yours truly,

R. G. MACBETH,

for Committee on Arrangements."

In case any changes either in the office of Clerk or in addresses since last revision of the Rolls might prevent this communication from reaching the intended destination, would you kindly give it place in your columns. We expect a large Assembly and trust that the brethren will help us by prompt reply to any communications sent them,

Yours truly,

R. G. MACBETH.

A YEAR'S GOOD WORK.

Temperance and General Life Assurance Company.

Report Presented to the Shareholders at the Annual Meeting A Satisfactory Showing.

Synopsis of its annual report submitted by the Temperance and General Life Assurance Company at its annual meeting on the 27th of January, 1897.

At the outset the report expresses great satisfaction with the results of the year's business.

It shows an income of \$171,755 for the year, which was an increase of \$12,508 over that for 1895.

It shows disbursements for all purposes of \$92,117. This was \$9,732 less than the total expenditure of 1895, although endowments amounting to \$4,000 were paid in 1896, and nothing in 1895.

The realized income for permanent investment was \$78,163.

The death claims for the year amounted to only \$2.37 per thousand dollars of average risk, and was perhaps the smallest ever experienced by any company in its eleventh year. The interest income for the year exceeded the death claims by \$3,765.

The report says: "Again we are able to report, as we did for the years 1894 and 1895, that we closed our books on the 31st ult., without a single dollar's worth of real estate on our hands, or a single dollar of interest in arrears. Our position in this respect has been altogether unique."

Total assets increased during the year to \$507,356, or an increase of \$84,700.

Total liabilities increased during the year to \$404,596, or an increase of \$61,527.

The increase in assets after paying surplus to both shareholders and policyholders was \$23,173. This means surplus earned of upwards of \$26,600.

One thousand six hundred and eighty-three applications were received during the year for \$2,022,000 insurance, and 1,535 policies for \$1,782,000 were issued and placed.

At the close of the year we had 5,685 policies in force on 5,372 lives, for \$6,759,711.51 of insurance, distributed as follows:

In the Temperance Section we had 4,333 policies, for \$4,940,342.51.

In the General Section we had 1,352 policies for \$1,819,369.

Our gains in business were: In the Temperance Section, 528 policies, for \$536,307 of insurance, and in the General Section, 141 policies, for \$151,724 of insurance, making a total gain for the year of 669 policies, for \$708,031 of insurance.

The directors recommended a dividend of 5 per cent. to shareholders, and a further dividend to policyholders, and referred in most complimentary terms to its officers and agents, citing the fact that for six successive years its annual statement had been sent forward to Ottawa at the earliest moment allowed by law, as evidence of the efficiency of its office staff, and pointed to the large business secured as evidence of the ability of its agents.

The former Board of Directors and officers were all re-elected, and the manager was advanced from his former position as manager to that of managing director, by the unanimous consent of the large body of shareholders and policyholders present at the meeting.

(Detailed reports can be had on application at head office, or to any agent of the company.)

THE GOLDEN EGG.

"The one who killed the goose that laid the golden egg was no more foolish than she who persuades her husband to avoid or abandon life insurance for her benefit."

If you are contemplating insurance the following acknowledgment recently received by the North American Life Assurance Company should convince you of the advantage of insuring in this highly successful Canadian company:—

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