

Junction, presided. The report of the Session and the reports of the Treasurers of the church and Sunday school and Y.P.S.C.E. were presented, and showed a small balance on hand in each case, after all accounts had been paid. The healthy condition of the finances was considered very satisfactory, as the congregation did not receive any aid from the Home Mission Committee during the year. The current expenses and pastor's stipend were paid out of the regular contributions by envelope and collections, and there is a balance in the Treasurer's hands. The retiring managers for the year, Messrs. Wm. Smith and George Long, were re-elected for three years. A motion expressing the kindly feeling and gratitude of the congregation to the Rev. R. C. Tibb for his services as pastor during the year was carried, and after a few suggestions by the Rev. Mr. Rao the meeting adjourned.

#### QUEEN STREET EAST CHURCH.

The annual congregational meeting of the Queen Street East Presbyterian church, Toronto, was held on Jan 12th. The Rev. William Frizzell, Ph B., presided, and the various reports for the year were presented, and were considered very satisfactory. The Session report showed the membership at the commencement of 1897 to have been 291; united during the year 21, making 312; disjoined and removed by death, 21, leaving a net membership of 291. There were 15 Baptisms.

The Session Fund for the poor amounted to \$26.12; for other purposes, \$4.50, making a total of \$34.62, expended from poor fund, \$1; for Communion sundries, \$1.85; total, \$3.85.

The Treasurer's financial statement showed a balance carried forward from 1896 of \$6.21, and receipts for the general fund of the church, \$1,695; interest fund, \$231.16, making a total of \$1,932.37; and disbursements, including interest, \$1,912.92, leaving a cash balance on hand, general fund, \$3.69, and interest fund, \$15.76, total \$19.45. The assets are \$20,019.45; liabilities, mortgage, \$1,300; unpaid accounts, \$120.81, making a total of \$1,420.81.

The Sunday School report showed the receipts to have been \$205.88, and expenditure \$251.46, leaving a balance of \$48.58 due the Treasurer. The Secretary's report showed 13 scholars on the roll, with an average attendance of 324. The officers and teachers number 41.

The membership of the Ladies' Aid Society numbers eighteen, and during the year the receipts amounted to \$113.30. Of this amount \$100 was handed over to the church Treasurer, and \$6 was expended on printing, leaving a balance in the Treasurer's hands of \$7.30.

The Christian Endeavor Society has a membership of 44, with an average attendance of 33, and is accomplishing excellent work.

The Junior Endeavor has also an excellent membership, and has been active during the past year.

The Auxiliary of the Foreign Mission Society has an active membership of 14; during the year twelve meetings were held and \$32.10 collected.

The Coal and Clothing Society showed the amount to be \$240.90, and disbursements \$214, leaving a balance on hand of \$26.90.

The Mission Band has 51 members. The receipts were \$19.45, and expenditure \$1.45 leaving a balance on hand of \$15.

The amount collected for Missions was \$124.90.

#### COOKE'S CHURCH.

There was a large attendance of the members and adherents of Cooke's Presbyterian Church Toronto at the annual business meeting Jan. 12th. Mr. P. G. Closs occupied the chair. The report of the Session stated that the church membership had increased by five, and was now 1,380; there had been 20 baptisms and 24 deaths in the year. The financial statement showed the total receipts had been \$9,013.15, the principal items being weekly offerings \$4,012.72, one collections \$2,489.62 and offerings for the Building Fund \$1,442.91. The disbursements included the pastor's salary, \$2,500; other salaries and pulpit supplies, \$1,205; interest, \$2,125.15; insurance, \$116.14; fuel, water

and gas, \$686.15; printing and advertising, \$151.88, benevolent purposes, \$619.66. There had been \$970.79 paid off the mortgage debt during the year, and the liabilities now stood at \$46,911.80.

The reports of the many church organizations were presented and adopted. All were of an encouraging character, and showed much earnest work and substantial progress.

The election of trustees for the ensuing three years' term resulted in the choice of Messrs. P. G. Closs, James Alison and John Rennie, Mr. S. Egan was chosen to serve for two years, and Mr. S. D. Caldwell for one year, to fill vacancies created by resignations. Messrs. Thomas Caswell and R. A. McConnell were re-elected auditors. The meeting closed with cordial votes of thanks to the pastor and Mrs. Patterson, Mr. Cringan and the choir, and various other active workers in the church.

#### BELOVED BY HIS BRETHREN.

The Presbytery of Toronto at its regular meeting on Tuesday the 11th inst., adopted the following resolution, and ordered it to be engrossed in the permanent record, and that copies be sent to the widow and family of the deceased:—

Moved by Dr. Gregg, seconded by W. G. Wallace:

"The Almighty Disposer of all events, having been pleased to take to Himself the esteemed and respected Moderator of our Presbytery, the Rev. William Burns, who died on the second day of this month of January, the Presbytery agree to place on record the following respecting him.

"Mr. Burns was born in the City of Kingston, and in early life received a good training and education. For several years he was engaged in mercantile life, and thus acquired the accurate and methodical habits which were found of so great value in the departments of Church work in which he served in after years. Called, as he believed, by God, to devote himself to the ministry of the Gospel, he entered upon and completed the prescribed course of study in Knox College, where he was an earnest, diligent, and successful student. On being licensed to preach he was employed for some time in pulpit and pastoral work in Bay St. congregation, Toronto, in the absence of its minister, Rev. Dr. Jennings. He was afterwards assistant to Rev. Dr. Topp in Knox church. In both congregations his services were highly appreciated, and are still gratefully remembered.

In 1869 he accepted a call to Knox Church, Perth, where he remained for about twelve years, and where he deservedly earned the reputation of being an earnest, instructive, impressive preacher, and a laborious, sympathetic pastor, taking also a zealous part in promoting the missionary and educational Schemes of the Church.

From the regular work of the ministry, in Perth, Mr. Burns was invited to enter upon the important and arduous work of obtaining and collecting subscriptions for the Building and Endowment Funds of Knox College. For this new employment he was admirably fitted by his natural qualities of patience, perseverance and skill, by his acquired business habits, and by his deep conviction that in promoting the welfare of the College he was promoting the high spiritual welfare of the Church.

In addition to College work there were devolved upon Mr. Burns, in recent years, the duties of Agent, in the Western Provinces, of the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, for the liberal endowment of which he was called to prosecute laborious canvassing tours, throughout the congregations of the Church. In this Agency, as well as in work for the College, he had to encounter many difficulties and discouragements, but with heroic Christian perseverance he devoted himself to the task assigned, and great reason has the Church to be thankful for the success which has crowned his labors.

While discharging the duties to which he was specially called in connection with Knox College and the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, Mr. Burns did not forego the privilege, in which he greatly delighted, of preaching the Gospel of Christ. Many congregations will doubtless remem-

ber how earnestly and effectively he set before them the great doctrines of revelation, when opportunities, which were not infrequent, presented themselves. In his canvassing tours he was a true evangelist.

It was on one of his tours in behalf of the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund that he preached in Knox Church, Galt, on the morning of the first Sabbath of the year. His discourse was delivered with unabated energy and impressiveness. In the afternoon while commencing to conduct a funeral service in the house of an aged member of the church, he received the Master's call to the higher sphere, where dwell the spirits of the just made perfect. Thus ended the career on earth of a minister of the Gospel whose manifold, self-sacrificing, unobtrusive labors of love, as well as the public services referred to entitle him to be regarded as one of the most useful as he was one of the best known ministers of the Church.

To the bereaved partner of his life, and to the other members of his family the Presbytery desired to extend their deep, heartfelt sympathy, in the severe dispensation which has so suddenly taken from them the loving and beloved husband and father; and would earnestly pray that the Father of infinite wisdom and love may guide and comfort them all through their lives and at last, bring them to a blissful reunion with him, who for a time, is separated from them."

#### CORRESPONDENCE.

Editor Presbyterian Review.

Sir,—In the January number of the *Teachers Monthly* now issued by the Record Committee, Rev. Mr. Scott states, in his introductory greeting, that there was a debt of several thousand dollars on the S.S. Committee; that in September it was officially reported that the receipts from the Helps for 1897 would be in the neighborhood of \$1,000,—less than the expenditure,—and therefore to economize cost, the series of Helps would be reduced, to endeavor to reach a paying basis; he also asked the forbearance of subscribers until a paying basis was reached.

I have before me a circular issued 1st January last, signed by Rev. Mr. Fotheringham; in this he states the deficit is \$465 for 1897, for these same lesson Helps; and that a moderate increase in the subscription list would yield a handsome profit for 1898.

Query.—What is the fact? Was the loss in 1897 \$465, or was it something over \$1,000? Do not such diverse statements rather shake confidence in the whole affair?

It is stated also in that circular that the total deficit is \$4,260; at the Assembly time it was reported as about \$5,300, and some persons said it was really \$2,000 more,—or a total of \$7,300.

Query.—What is the real deficit to-day? If that Committee were more accurate in its statements, it would receive more sympathy from the Church.

Now, Sir, can you get at the facts, and let your readers consider this question intelligently? "B."

## Clergyman's Statement

Nerve Strength Gained by Taking Hood's Sarsaparilla.

BRIGHTON, IOWA.—Rev. Bernard M. Shulick of this place, owing to weakness of the nerves, was for a time unable to attend to his duties. He makes this statement. "I have suffered for a long time from weak nerves. After I had taken a bottle of Hood's Sarsaparilla I became quite well again. The weakness of the nerves has now wholly disappeared and I am able to attend to my duties again. I am therefore grateful to Hood's Sarsaparilla and I recommend it to everyone who suffers from weak nerves."

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