

pastor, and prayed the Presbytery to place one over them for six months. The Clerk was instructed to write Mr. McCusker and ask him to take charge of Morewood and Chesterville for three or six months. Mr. Stuart, of Prescott, was nominated the next Moderator of the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa. It was unanimously agreed to endorse the scheme proposed by the Synod of Manitoba in regard to a summer session at college. The Clerk was instructed to answer a letter received from the Presbytery of Stratford. It was agreed to hold a missionary meeting in the evening, and Mr. Scott was appointed to give an address on Foreign Missions, Mr. Charles Cameron on Home Missions, the Clerk on the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, and Mr. Moodie on Augmentation. The Session records of Irquois were ordered to be attested as carefully and correctly kept. The next regular meeting was appointed to take place at Morrisburg on the second Tuesday in March, at half past one p.m. Mr. Potter was appointed Moderator for the next six months. Mr. Kalem's resignation of his charge at Dunbar and Colquhoun was read and ordered to lie on the table until the Moderator should call a *pro-rena* meeting at Dunbar to consider the same. It was agreed to certify Mr. A. H. Abbot to the Senate of Knox College. Messrs. Joseph Thompson, James Stewart and W. A. Mackenzie were appointed assessors to the Session at Westport. At a *pro-rena* meeting held at Dunbar a call to Mr. Sturgeon from South Mountain and Heckston was sustained and the resignation of Mr. H. T. Kalem was accepted. — GEORGE MACARTHUR, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF OWEN SOUND.—This Presbytery met on January 12, and was constituted by Rev. Dr. E. W. Waits, Moderator *pro tem*. Leave was granted to the congregation of Warton to sell their old church property and to borrow the sum of \$5,000 on their new church. A call from East Williams, in the Presbytery of Sarina, to Rev. D. A. McLean was laid on the table. The call was signed by eighty-nine communicants and 100 adherents. Salary promised, \$950 and manse. It was agreed to cite the congregations to appear for their interests at a meeting to be held in Division Street Hall, Owen Sound, Tuesday, February 9, at two p.m. Rev. S. A. Ross gave in his resignation of the charge of Menford, and it was agreed to cite the congregation to appear at the regular meeting in March. A circular was read from Dr. Reid anent the Assembly Fund. Congregations were urged to contribute at the rate of 3 1/2 cents per communicant this year to the fund. It was agreed that a conference on Sabbath Observance should be held at the March meeting. A letter was read from Rev. A. G. McLachlin in which he declined the call from St. Vincent and Sydneyham. The call was therefore set aside, and power was given the Rev. Mr. Ross to moderate in a call when the congregation is prepared. Mr. J. Gardiner was appointed auditor of the Presbytery accounts in place of Mr. McInnis. The Presbytery then adjourned to meet in the same place on February 9, at two p.m., and was closed with the benediction. J. SOMERVILLE, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF PETERBOROUGH.—This Presbytery met on January 12, eleven ministers and eight elders being present. The Sabbath school at Villiers was placed under the supervision of the Session of Keene. The Rev. Principal Caven was nominated as Moderator of the next General Assembly. The congregations of Garden Hill and Millbrook were authorized to give a fresh call to a minister as soon as they are ready for the step. The following appointments were made of ministers to visit augmented congregations, viz.: Havelock, Mr. Thomson; Wain, Mr. McEwen; Bobcaygeon, Mr. A. MacWilliams; Springfield, etc., Mr. Drummond; Hallyduff, etc., Mr. Carmichael. Presbytery decided that a division of the Synod into two is not desirable; that a change in the time of meeting is not needed, and that the calling of the roll at the opening of each meeting should be discontinued. The Presbytery approved of a salaried secretary in connection with Foreign Mission work, but declined to make any nomination for the position. The interim act in operation in connection with the Probationers' Scheme was approved of in preference to the new act proposed. Messrs. McEwen, Hay, Carmichael, Torrance, ministers, and Mr. D. Smith, elder, were appointed a committee to consider the whole question of the summer session and to report at next meeting. The next meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held in Port Hope, in Mill Street Church, on March 22, at half-past nine o'clock. Mr. Gilchrist was appointed to represent the Presbytery and to give an address at the time of the next annual meeting of the Women's Foreign Mission Presbyterial Society, in Port Hope on February 3. Mr. Carmichael, owing to ill-health, was granted leave of absence for two months. Presbytery agreed to urge upon Sessions and congregations the necessity of contributing at the rate of at least 5 cents per member to meet the requirements of the Assembly Fund. — WILLIAM BRUNNITT, *Pres. Clerk*.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS.

The forty-first annual meeting of Cooke's Church was held last week at the Christian Institute, Richmond Street. Mr. P. G. Close took the chair and the proceedings were opened with devotional exercises, led by Mr. Jas. Allison. The first report presented was the financial statement of the treasurer, Mr. James Allison. The total receipts amounted to \$14,334. \$6,640 of which had been taken in collections and weekly offerings, while \$5,000 was subscribed towards the building fund. After paying all expenses, including \$5,700 in salaries, there was a balance in hand of \$300. Besides these amounts over \$1,300 was contributed by the various auxiliary societies of the Church. The treasurer announced that the new church would probably be finished by next May. The cost of the new building will be in the neighbourhood of \$50,000. A cordial vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Allison for his services as treasurer during the past year, and his report was unanimously adopted. The following reports were

also adopted: Trustees, Sessional, Sabbath school, W. F. M., Ladies' Aid and Christian Endeavour Societies, the latter of which has the largest membership of any Church in Canada. The Church membership now amounts to 994, an increase during the past year of 222. The following gentlemen were unanimously re-elected trustees: P. G. Close, James Allison and Wm. Tafts. Votes of thanks to the various societies for their good work during the year brought the proceedings to a close.

The annual meeting of the Central Presbyterian Church, Grosvenor Street, Toronto, which was held last week, proved a very social gathering, as well as a successful business meeting. The bountiful tea provided by the ladies put every one in a good humour, and not an unpleasant word was spoken throughout the meeting. Rev. Dr. McTavish opened with devotional exercises, after which he announced that the meeting was in the hands of the members. Mr. Richard Donald, chairman of the Board of Managers, was elected to preside, and Mr. G. H. Meldrum was appointed secretary. Rev. Dr. McTavish presented the report of the Session. It stated that six deaths had occurred in the congregation during the year. There were twenty-two withdrawals from membership and twenty-nine additions, making the Church membership at present 555. Infants to the number of fourteen were baptized. The mission on Elizabeth Street, conducted under the auspices of the Church, was reported to be doing good work, and Norman H. Russell, a missionary whom the congregation supports in India, was doing well. Members were urged to be more regular in their attendance on Sabbath evenings, as there was a tendency on the part of some to absent themselves from that service. The chairman, Mr. Donald, submitted the managers' report. The year opened with a deficit of \$351, and, as the ordinary contributions were not increased to an extent sufficient to make a material addition to the income, the managers were obliged to ask for supplementary contributions. The appeal met a generous response, the sum of \$520 being realized. The managers also reported the payment of £300 sterling, equal to \$1,400, upon the mortgage debt, leaving that obligation standing at the even sum of £4,000 sterling, equal to \$19,466 67. During the three years, 1889-90-91, the sum of £1,000, or nearly \$5,000 altogether, has been paid upon the mortgage debt. Towards the support of the Church there were 197 contributors by envelope, the average revenue from this source per week being \$92 45. The treasurer's statement, presented by Mr. Chas. B. Peir, showed that the total receipts amounted to \$6,568 28. The payments were \$79 in excess of the income. Mr. George Anderson, superintendent of the Sunday school, reported that department of the Church's work to be progressing favourably, and the pastor read brief extracts from the reports of the various Church societies, all of a favourable character. The welcoming of strangers was considered, and a resolution was adopted requesting the managers to arrange for an active committee to greet new-comers and secure their names for the benefit of the pastor. A proposition to print the contributors by number and the amount they subscribed was voted down, but members were urged to make their giving a matter of conscience and to be regular in sending in their envelopes. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the organist, choir leader and members of the choir, and also to the various officers of the Church. Messrs. Ferguson and McCullough were elected auditors, and the balloting for managers resulted in the selection of the following: Messrs. R. Donald, A. J. Forster, A. D. Crooks, W. Campbell, T. A. Stephens, A. R. Creelman, R. W. Spence and R. G. A. Paton.

The annual meeting of the Erskine Presbyterian Church, Toronto, took place last week. The popularity of the new departure in serving refreshments at the annual meeting was shown by the large number who attended. After tea the chair was taken by the pastor, Rev. Wm. A. Hunter, and the business of the evening commenced with the reading of the annual financial report. The total receipts were \$5,262.13, of which over \$5,000 was taken in weekly offerings. In the expense account, besides the pastor's stipend of \$2,400 and the organist's salary of \$450, the largest items were \$520 for the building fund and \$475 for the maintenance of the William Street Mission. While the expenses prevented there being a surplus the report was considered very satisfactory, the receipts being \$300 in excess of any previous year. The report of the Young Women's Foreign Mission Society was next taken and was most encouraging, as was also that of the choir, whose services have been most acceptable and appreciated during the past year. The report of the Young People's Association alluded to the amalgamation of the Association with the Society of Christian Endeavour. The report of the William Street Mission showed the steady growth of the work and called for aid in workers. The various reports were carried unanimously, and the election of officers for the Board of Managers was next taken. The Board consists of fifteen members elected for three years, five members of the Board retiring annually. A highly interesting incident was the retirement of Mr. John Riddell, who has been an active member of the Board for over fifty years. Mr. Riddell was warmly pressed to withdraw his resignation, many of the congregation testifying to his sterling worth and eminent services to the Church during the last half century. Mr. Riddell, however, from his advancing age, felt compelled to withdraw from active work, but still remains prominently identified with the Church as one of the three trustees. The following gentlemen were elected to the Board of Management: Dr. Bowie, Bruce Brough, A. H. Munroe, H. McCaw and John McKenzie.

On Monday evening, Jan. 11, the annual meeting of the Streetsville Presbyterian congregation was held. Tea was served in the lecture-room at 6 p.m., after which the pastor opened the business meeting with devotional exercises. The attendance of members and adherents was the largest in the

history of the congregation. Reports were received and read from the various organizations of the congregation, including Session, Sabbath school, Missionary Association, Auxiliary of W. F. M. S., Ladies' Aid and Board of Managers. All of these were in the highest degree satisfactory, and showed that success was following every effort. The total receipts for the year were \$3,046, of which sum about \$400 were contributed to the schemes of the Church. A substantial reduction was made in the amount of the total liability fund. Twenty names had been added to the roll during the year, and the congregation has at present an active membership of 290. Since the induction of Rev. Mr. Glassford, two and a half years ago, eighty-one members have been added to the roll, and the gross receipts during that time exceed the sum of \$9,000, of which upwards of \$1,200 have been contributed for missionary and charitable purposes. The question of re-lighting the church was actively discussed, and measures will at once be taken in that direction. One prominent lady member of the congregation promised \$75 in aid of the project.

Leslieville Presbyterian Church has prospered greatly during the nine-years' pastorate of Rev. William Frizzell, and no minister is better loved and respected by his people than he is to day. He entered upon the work when there were only fifteen members and an income of \$7 per Sabbath, and the attendance has now grown so large as to make increased accommodation in both the church and school-house necessary in the very near future. At the annual meeting last week Rev. Mr. Frizzell presided and about 300 members and adherents attended. After devotional exercises Mr. D. W. Waddell read the report of the Session, which stated that sixty-four members had been added during the year, making the membership at present 226. The treasurer, Mr. Thomas Pashby, in his balance sheet gave the total receipts to be \$2,028, of which amount \$1,836 was from Sunday collections. The income is nearly \$100 more than last year. Mr. Peter McDonald, jun., reported that the Sabbath school had 300 scholars on the roll and twenty six teachers. The receipts were \$199 51 and the expenditures \$153.33. The collection for missions amounted to \$50.07. Miss McKerron, for the Society of Christian Endeavour, reported much active work undertaken. The membership is thirty-two. The Society has engaged Miss Hall, a specially qualified young lady, to act as the Church visitor in the neighbourhood, and she has been able to render very useful service to the congregation. The balloting for officers resulted in the election to the Board of Managers of Messrs. A. J. Jackson, James Fox and Jas. S. Potter. Messrs. William Cassin, and Martin McKee were re-elected auditors. The choir sang several anthems very sweetly, and, at the conclusion of the business, refreshments were served by the ladies. The subject of church enlargement was postponed owing to the lateness of the meeting.

The annual meeting of the St. George Presbyterian Church was held on Wednesday last. The pastor, Rev. W. S. McTavish, B.D., presided. The attendance was unusually large. The ladies provided a liberal supply of refreshments, and the young people provided a short but attractive programme of music. The greatest part of the time, however, was devoted to business. The Clerk of Session, Mr. W. B. Wood, M.P.P., presented a report, which showed that the various branches of the work, with the exception of a Children's Mission Band, were making substantial progress. The Y. P.S.C.E. and the Ladies' Aid were specially commended. Mr. J. H. Fleming read the report of the managers, and it indicated that the receipts exceeded the expenditure by about \$50. There was a net gain of eleven in the membership. The retiring managers, Messrs. W. McCormick and J. H. Fleming, were re-elected.

The annual congregational meeting of the Central Presbyterian Church, Hamilton, was held last week in the spacious school-room on Jackson Street. There was a fair attendance, and Rev. S. Lyle conducted devotional exercises at the opening of the proceedings, after which Rev. John Bell was unanimously appointed chairman and Mr. William Lees, jr., secretary of the meeting. From the treasurer's report it appears that the income for the year amounted to \$9,185 61. There had been collected \$155 by Mission Band; \$148 by Woman's Foreign Missionary Society; \$489 for Aged Ministers' Fund; \$460 for Sunday school; \$621 missionary collections; \$220 special collections; \$2,096 in all. The statement of treasurer of Young People's Society of Christian Endeavour showed receipts, \$192.58; expenditure, \$151.86. Balance on hand, \$10.72. The report of the Ladies' Visiting Committee was read by Mr. Rutherford. The total receipts were \$471.19; disbursements, \$372.61. Balance on hand, with interest, \$98.58. The several reports were then adopted. Votes of thanks were passed to the Ladies' Aid Society for their contributions to the various schemes of the Church; to the Ladies' Visiting Committee, on the good work accomplished during the year; to Mr. J. E. P. Aldous and the choir; to the retiring managers; to the auditors, etc. The chairman stated that the gentlemen retiring from the management were: Messrs. John Harvey, F. L. Rogers, John Bell and Walter Anderson. These gentlemen were unanimously elected in their stead: Messrs. W. A. Wood, Adam Zimmerman, William Mills and John Bell.

The annual meeting of the Knox Church congregation, Perth, was held on Tuesday week, and the attendance was very good. The report of the Session gave some interesting information, and showed that the membership had increased during the year by thirty-four. The treasurer's report exhibited an excellent state of the finances. The pastor's salary was paid in full in advance; the contingent fund was sufficient to meet the demands upon it; and \$1,000 principal and \$300 interest had been paid on the church, leaving \$4,000 still to pay. The mission contributions were fully up to those of last

year, which, taking into account the depression, was satisfactory. The total revenue of the congregation was a little over \$4,000. The pastor's salary was raised to \$1,300. The old office-bearers were all re-elected.

The congregation of Bank Street Presbyterian Church, Ottawa, held their annual business meeting last week. The report of the Session showed the general condition of the Church to be prosperous. Ninety-eight new members had been enrolled during the year, making the present membership 530. The Sunday school was also in a prosperous condition, and the average attendance large in proportion to the roll. The Ladies' Association and the Y. P. A. had done excellent work during the year, the Ladies' Committee having made many sick calls and relieved a number of cases of distress. The general secretary's report showed the receipts for the year to have been \$5,130, which not only covered the expenses of the year, but wiped out a deficit from the previous year. The elections for the five annual vacancies in the board of management resulted in the return of E. A. Selwyn, John Garrow, J. H. Thompson, Joseph Roger and John Fraser.

The annual meeting of St. Andrews congregation, Gananoque, was held on the evening of Tuesday, Jan. 12. All reports from the Session and the various committees and societies were satisfactory, giving indications of a prosperous year in the history of the congregation. The treasurer's report showed that all running expenses had been paid in full. The trustees report referred to necessary improvements that had been made during the year on the church property. First, the enlargement of the Sunday school room. This had been very much needed to give accommodation to the infant class and to the school as a whole. The main hall now, with adjoining rooms, affords every convenience, and is a most useful appendage to the church. The second improvement was the placing of a pipe organ in the church, and the third the introduction of the incandescent system of lighting into both church and lecture room. These improvements cost altogether \$3,900, and the congregation has now every facility for carrying on conveniently all departments of Church work. The Young People's Association of the congregation has the credit of getting the pipe organ placed in the church. They have already raised one-half the cost of the instrument and are pledged to raise the balance. The total amount raised by the congregation for all purposes was \$3,800. The congregational meeting was a very pleasant one, a fact to some extent due to the ladies, who served the tea from 6 to 7 o'clock, thus giving opportunity for a very enjoyable hour socially before the meeting was organized for business. The reports of the W. F. M. S., the Mission Band, the Juvenile Mission Band, the Ladies' Aid, the Young People's Association and the Sabbath school were all of a most encouraging and gratifying character.

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