

SAINT JOHN PROSPERED.

Opening of St. Giles' Has Not Hurt Old Church.

Property Greatly Improved and Finances in Good Shape.

Will Meet Its Obligation to the Extension Union.

The annual meeting of St. John Presbyterian Church was held last night, and a large number of the members turned out. Rev. John Young was elected to preside over the meeting, and William Davidson was chosen secretary. The routine business was transacted without a hitch, and all had passed off expeditiously and harmoniously till a discussion was invited. Captain Hardy then reminded the meeting that at the last annual meeting a resolution had been adopted to pay to the Presbyterian Church Extension Union of Hamilton 3 per cent. of the receipts of the church on the collection plates, and that since then not a cent had been paid to the union, which was expecting a sum of money amounting to \$122.00, and was spending it in anticipation of the church paying it. All other Presbyterian churches had paid the amount they had undertaken to raise.

Mr. J. Spaulding said that St. John Church was losing members through an extension in the east end, and he thought the Board of Managers should not ask the congregation for money to turn over to the Extension Union to hurt their own church.

Captain Hardy explained that the Extension Union assisted all churches in the city which were striving to rise. Mr. J. H. Horning sided with Captain Hardy, and said that the church had almost promised to pay the money, and as, according to the reports, the new congregation of St. Giles' had not harmed them in any way, the money should be paid at once and assumed as a liability of last year.

Mr. W. F. Campbell and William Davidson were responsible for a resolution to the effect that the matter should be referred to the Committee on Schemes of the Church, as it was originally left to that committee to devise a way of raising the money by either special collection or special allotment of certain funds.

An amendment was presented empowering the managers to take the necessary money from the officers of the Committee on Schemes of the Church, and turn it over to the Extension Board. Mr. J. E. Souter proposed a way out of the difficulty, which was finally adopted. It was to the effect that the matter be dropped for one year, and that the \$122.00 be paid out of the coming year's receipts, this to be the first of five years of contributions to the union. This carried unanimously.

Another rather warm discussion was on improvements to the organ and platform in the church. Mr. J. E. Souter said that for the last three years he had proposed the changes he was again about to propose. The changes would cost about \$250. The changes would cost \$50 and \$80 was guaranteed.

Mr. Davidson said that the interest on any amount borrowed to complete the work was also guaranteed. Mr. A. Stuart wanted to quash this move by having a resolution passed that the matter be laid over till the Sunday school improvements had been paid for.

Mr. W. F. Campbell was willing to see the improvements gone on with if a limit was set on the expenditure to cover the organ improvements and work around the pulpit.

Mr. Souter moved a resolution to the effect that the Board of Managers and Session be directed to inquire into and discuss the matter, and he added a rider to the effect that the limit of the cost, with the guarantee that the work would be satisfactory.

In the course of discussion Mr. Wm. Davidson remarked, "If the congregation are not prepared to trust the Board of Managers and the Session with the decision as to whether this work shall go on or not, they should at once proceed." After this a standing vote was taken and every person, with the exception of four members, voted for the resolution.

REPORT OF THE SESSION.

Captain Hardy read the report of the Session. He reported progress during the year and stated in his report that the new congregation had not hurt the church as the members who had left to go to St. Giles' did not equal in number those who had joined the congregation. During the year there were seven baptisms and eight deaths, amongst the latter being that of Mrs. A. E. Skinner, a pioneer member of the church, who helped in its organization, in May of 1874.

The roll of the church was announced to be in the following state: Members, January 1, 1908, 572; admitted by certificate 65, on profession of faith 27, total 92; removed by death 8, by certificate 66, without certificate 10, total removals 84; making 8 more admissions than removals and bringing the membership up to 580.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

James Davidson, James Stuart and J. Spaulding were elected to the Board of Management to fill the places of three retiring members. W. F. Campbell and P. Somerville were re-elected auditors. The Mission Board membership was increased from eight to twelve, and the members elected for 1909 are: Messrs. L. O. Baist, G. S. Nunn, W. G. McAndrew, John Geddes, Robert Menary, N. Dornan, Gordon Dobson, John Mitchell, Albert Gray, Peter Anderson, A. Arbuckle and C. Burns.

OTHER REPORTS.

The Board of Management reported by its secretary, Mr. A. M. Eastman, as follows:—The showing, considering the general depression, was most satisfactory. The improvements and extension of the Sunday School at an expense of \$2,723.39 have filled a much needed want. Subscriptions paid on improvements amount to \$1,542.68, and subscriptions due, during January, will bring this to \$1,723.39, leaving \$1,000 balance covered by note. This we consider most satisfactory, as it was originally expected that a very large proportion would need to be raised on mortgage.

"The plate and envelope collections for the year amounted to \$4,321.54, an increase of \$101.36 over last year. The Board would be pleased to have a more general adoption of envelope system of giving, as it gives a more regular source of revenue. In providing for the revenue of 1909, the Board would like an increase of at least 10 per cent., which will be necessary if the payment on reduction of

mortgage is desired. Owing to the improvements on school room this year no effort was made towards the usual reduction of \$500 on the mortgage. This being the case the usual contributions from the Ladies' Aid was not received. "There are three vacancies on the Board to fill caused by the retirement of Messrs. Baist, Christie and Hogg."

RECEIPTS.

Current account—
Balance on hand, January 1, 1908, \$38.40
Envelope collections, 3,008.36
Plate collections, 1,220.57
Deposit furnace account, 130.00
Liquidation account—
Balance on hand, January 1, 1908, \$267.98
Interest on deposit, 2.61
Total receipts, \$4,757.92

EXPENDITURE.

Rev. John Young, \$2,000.04
R. Webster, 487.53
G. Richmond, 100.08
J. Laidlaw, 18.75
J. Laidlaw, 500.04
Extra services, 85.00
Other expenses, 633.82
Total, \$4,625.26

Deposit in bank, furnace account, 130.00
Balance in bank January 1, 1909, 2.66
Total, \$4,757.92

The Sunday school building fund report showed a slight overdraft, but the work was considered well worth the expenditure. The work cost \$2,723.39, made up as follows:

Subscriptions received, \$1,542.68
Proceeds of note at 6 per cent., 1,000.00
Balance due bank, 180.71
Total, \$2,723.39

The auditors' report was read and adopted. It contained a complimentary reference to Mr. A. Stuart, the treasurer of the church, and congratulated him on his excellent work. The balance sheet of the church's liabilities and assets was appended, and read:

Assets—
Church and Sunday school property on the corner of King and Emerald streets, valued, \$40,000.00
Liabilities—
The Mutual Life Assurance Co., mortgage at 6 per cent., \$10,000.00
Six months' note at 6 per cent., 1,000.00
Total, \$11,000.00

The church property is insured for \$20,000.00.

COMPLETE STATEMENT.

Revenue from all sources for 1908—

Managers, \$5,593.63
Sunday school, 491.06
Benevolent fund, 134.02
Session fund, 28.85
Mission Board, 523.74
Home Mission Society, 692.64
Women's Foreign Mission Society, 123.12
Leprosy Mission, 73.86
Junior Mission Band, 11.61
Ladies' Aid Society, 142.93
Lord's Day Alliance, 15.75
Presbyterian Record fund, 176.23
Laurel Mission (Glebe), 20.11
Young Men's Association (Glebe), 9.60
Men's Bible class, 7.80
Women's Friendly class, 7.80
Total, \$8,008.20

Revenue for 1907, \$6,885.15

Increase in 1908, \$1,203.05

The Sunday school report, presented by J. H. Horning, the energetic Superintendent, showed that eight of the pupils had joined the church on confession of faith. A teachers' study class, with an average attendance of ten or twelve, was organized after the holidays, and helped materially. Thanks of the Sunday school were tendered to the orchestra, under the leadership of Miss Hunter.

The roll has 290 names, a slight decrease from last year's membership, due to St. Giles' getting the members from the east. The Treasurer's report showed total receipts of \$491.06. The expenditure totaled \$451.81, leaving a balance of \$39.25 on hand.

The Benevolent fund showed receipts of \$153.14, and an expenditure of \$18.99, leaving a balance of \$134.15 in the bank. The Sessions fund showed collections of \$82.68 and expenditures amounting to \$35.50, leaving \$47.18 in the bank.

The Lord's Day Alliance fund collection, turned over to Treasurer Robinson, amounted to \$15.75.

The Mission Board's receipts totaled \$631.74, and the expenditure amounted to \$17.88 less.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Auxiliary collected \$123.14 during the year and spent \$123.07. Their officers are: Mrs. Young, honorary president; Mrs. W. O. Eastman, president; Mrs. Souter, first vice-president; Miss Souter, second vice-president; Miss Jane Shaw, treasurer; Mrs. G. H. Armstrong, secretary; Mrs. W. R. Stuart, "Tidings" secretary.

The Leprosy Mission Society's receipts were \$75.45 and their expenditure \$73.50. Officers for the coming year are: Mrs. Ishister, honorary president; Mrs. C. E. Williams, president; Miss McKenzie, vice-president; Miss C. Campbell, secretary; Miss V. Murdoch, treasurer; Mrs. Ishister, "Without the Camp" secretary.

The Home Mission Society led in the matter of receipts, with the splendid total of \$730.42. The expenditures amounted to \$721.52, leaving a balance on the right side, however, of \$88.90. Their officers for 1909 are: Rev. John Young, honorary president; Mrs. L. Souter, president; Mr. C. Gray, first vice-president; Mrs. J. Young, second vice-president; Mrs. J. M. Walker, secretary; Mrs. J. Ishister, treasurer; Mrs. Geo. Nunn, "Pioneer" secretary.

The men's Bible class receipts came to \$9.09. George Nunn is president, C. Dornan, secretary; A. Dornan, treasurer.

The Laurel Mission Circle completed a most successful year, with a balance on hand of \$15.87. The expenditures came to \$175.74, and their total collections were \$191.61.

The Ladies' Aid Society closed the year with \$101.01 on hand, this large surplus being due to the fact that they were not requested to turn over the regular amount to the church for the sinking fund this year, as no payment was made on the mortgage. Their collections amounted to \$147.69 and their expenditures to \$46.68.

The Young Men's Association, which disbanded during the year, collected \$29.36. The association spent \$17.73 and the balance of \$11.63 was turned over to the newly organized Men's Guild.

The music committee's report was read by J. E. Souter, chairman, and was complimentary to the choir. The Ladies' Friendly Society received \$7.80 and spent all but 3c. of this amount.

The Men's Guild, the new organization started in the fall of the year, had no report to present of cash transactions, but reported progress and announced their officers, as follows: Rev. J.

Young, honorary president; J. Spaulding, president; J. Geddes, vice-president; R. J. Menary, secretary; F. Warren, treasurer; Ross Johnston, press reporter.

ST. PAUL'S GOOD YEAR.

Uplown Presbyterian Church Increased in Membership.

Raised a Total of \$17,000 For All Purposes.

New Organ and Sunday School Improvements Discussed.

The annual meeting of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church was held last evening in the schoolroom. There was a good attendance. After a short prayer by Rev. D. R. Drummond, Mr. John Knox was elected chairman, and Mr. Stanley Mills secretary.

The report of the Session was read by Mr. Gill. A recommendation was made that several new elders be appointed, and that a meeting of the congregation be held in the near future for the appointment of the same.

Mention was made of the good work of the Church Extension Union in the placing of two new churches—St. Giles' and Westminster. There has been a substantial increase in the membership, as follows: On roll at Dec. 31, 1908, 740, as against 723 of 1907; average attendance, 429. The following passed away during the year: Mr. Adam, Frank Vallance, Alexander Murray, Robert Mills, Miss Annie Logie, Miss Margaret Thomson, James Turnbull, H. P. Coburn, William Anderson, John Patterson. The financial statement of the Session showed expenses of \$251, with a balance of \$108.87.

The report of the managers was as follows: Ordinary collections, \$4,777.70
Average per Sabbath, 91.88
Pew rents, 2,662.70
Total ordinary revenue, \$7,440.40
Average ordinary revenue for three years, \$7,430.00
Membership, 740, an increase of 17.

The total ordinary collections show a decrease in 1908 of \$23 as compared with 1907, while the amount by envelope increased \$84, that by plate fell off \$107. The amount received in pew rents for 1908 is almost exactly the average of the past seven years. The overdraft at the commencement of the year was \$12,233; a special collection asked for at the anniversary services, realized \$427, so that the overdraft at the end of the year was reduced to \$486.

An examination of the treasurer's statement will show that while nothing has been paid out this year beyond what might be called fixed expenditure, the total disbursements have reached the sum of \$7,129, to which has to be added \$111 for the payment to the local church Extension Union, bringing the amount up to \$7,240 or within \$200 of the ordinary revenue for the year. From these figures it is evident that the floating debt cannot be paid out of next year's ordinary revenue.

The financial statement is as follows: Receipts—
Pew rents, \$2,662.70
Collections, 5,214.20
Other collections, 570.47
Total, \$8,447.37
Balance due, being overdraft at bank, 486.02
Total, \$8,933.39

Expenditures—
Balance due treasurer at 31st December, 1907, \$1,233.00
Minister's stipend for year, 3,300.00
Pulpit supply, 110.00
Choir expenses, 1,083.00
Harold Cummings, chimist, 72.00
Church officer's salary, 300.00
Salary, Miss Peppatt, Bible room, 300.00
Taxes, 74.70
Fuel and light, 393.97
Other expenses, 1,304.92
Total, \$7,129.92

Special collections, per contra, 370.47
Total, \$8,733.39

Miss Agnes Horsburgh presented the report of the Church class. There was 16 Chinese and 20 teachers. The amount on hand is \$57.67.

Mr. Byron Smith, superintendent of the Sunday School, presented the report from that association. There were on the roll 64 teachers and officers, and 300 scholars at the beginning of 1908. At the close there were 65 teachers and officers and 317 scholars. The average attendance was 45 teachers and 200 scholars. Twelve scholars joined the church. The receipts were \$682.36, with a balance of \$71.94.

The report of the Board of Missions was read by Col. Moodie. Better results were achieved during the year than in former years. The collections amounted to \$3,508.57, of that amount \$1,193.80 was donated to the Epworth Hospital, which is kept by the church.

The W. F. M. S. reported an average attendance at the meetings of 27. The membership consists of 56.

The report of the Woman's Home Mission Society showed a membership of 67. Ten meetings were held during the year. The amount raised was \$343.68.

The Ladies' Association showed good progress. The officers are: Honorary President, Mrs. Leggat; President, Mrs. Alex. Turnbull; Honorary Vice-President, Mrs. D. R. Drummond; First Vice-President, Mrs. A. E. Malloch; Second Vice-President, Mrs. A. A. McKay; Third Vice-President, Mrs. Nunn; Fourth Vice-President, Mrs. Nunn; Treasurer, Mrs. Junor; Secretary, Mrs. Spencer.

The report of the Music Committee laid stress on the fact that a new organ is needed. Several meetings were held with the managers for the consideration of this question. The report suggested that in the event of a new organ, it should be placed at the west end of the church, thus giving additional seating accommodation.

The adoption of this report opened the way for the presentation of a resolution which was as follows: That a general business committee be appointed, said committee to consist of the managers of the church, building committee and the music committee, with power to add to their number to take up the whole matter of organ and Sunday School improvement, and to take such action as they may deem wise.

The opinion will best meet the requirements, and that this committee report back to the congregation.

A short discussion ensued, in which some of the members thought the Sunday School should receive first call, but it was finally decided that the question

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59c for special 70c lines 79c for special \$1.10 lines
69c for special 95c lines 89c for special \$1.20 lines

Glass toweling

BLUE and Red Checked Irish Linen Glass Towelings, woven from long staple flax and free from lint; extra wide widths—January sale prices—

7c for special 9c lines
9c for special 12½c lines
12½c for special 15c lines
15c for special 20c lines

Dish toweling

Forfar Dish Towelings—A good heavy, plain, serviceable make that will wear and wash. These splendid underprices are extraordinary. Better lay in a good big supply. 22 to 27-inch widths.

10c for special 12c lines
18c for special 20c lines
23c for special 25c lines

Huck towels

SCOTCH and Irish Pure All Linen Huckaback Towels, hemmed, hemstitched and scalloped ends; plain or woven stripe borders

Hemmed Towels—
13c each, real value 15c
15c each, real value 18c
18c each, real value 20c
20c each, real value 23c

Hemstitched Towels—
13c each, real value 15c
25c each, real value 30c
45c each, real value 50c
55c each, real value 70c

Chryst's 25c bath towels, January price 20c each
Chryst's 60c bath towels, January price 50c each
40c lettered glass and tea cloths, sale price 32c pair
30c lettered glass and tea cloths, sale price 25c pair

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DOZENS and dozens of pure, new All Linen Cloths and Napkins in all sizes and many, many handsome patterns. These have slight weaving imperfections—a dropped stitch here or there, or a heavy thread perhaps. In either case it is hardly noticeable and will not impair either wear or appearance. The prices are away below our regular good values.

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\$1.98 for special \$2.65 quality \$1.69 for special \$2.50 quality
\$2.19 for special \$2.75 quality \$1.75 for special \$2.88 quality
\$2.59 for special \$3.75 quality \$1.90 for special \$2.75 quality
\$2.79 for special \$4.00 quality \$2.25 for special \$3.00 quality
\$3.00 for special \$4.50 quality \$2.88 for special \$3.75 quality
\$3.49 for special \$5.00 quality \$3.25 for special \$4.00 quality
\$6.88 for special \$9.00 quality \$4.38 for special \$4.75 quality

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17c, real value 20c

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ST. GILES' GOOD START.

First Annual Meeting Shows Most Successful Beginning.

Subscriptions and Contributions Have Been Liberal.

Officers Elected and Church on a Permanent Foundation.

The first annual congregational meeting of St. Giles' Presbyterian Church was held last evening. The attendance was large and a keen interest was taken in the proceedings. The reports showed a healthy condition in the affairs of the church and the prospects are most encouraging.

Mr. George C. Holden was elected chairman and the first report presented was that of the session which was read by Mr. J. W. R. Leckie. The report gave a synopsis of the history of the church. The membership at the close of the year was 93. The communion was held on the 3rd of January and thirty-five new members were received, making the present membership 128.

J. B. Turner presented the Board of Managers' report as follows: The present Board was elected at a congregational meeting held on June 29th, 1908, to hold office until the annual congregational meeting in 1909. Previous to that time a number of the present managers had undertaken the responsibility of preparing plans and letting contracts for the erection of a Sunday School building. The Board at its first meeting constituted these members a building committee to complete the work that had been undertaken with the result that the congregation is now able to worship in the beautiful and commodious auditorium. As soon as the contracts are completed and the accounts in connection with the construction and furnishing of the building are paid, a financial statement of the building fund will be prepared and submitted to the congregation.

Services were opened in the tent erected on the front of the church property on the 21st of June, 1908, and during that time the collection per Sunday was \$39.22. As soon as the services were held in the Sunday School a satisfactory increase began and has continued. The managers wish to express their appreciation of the liberality of the congregation in supporting the services. In addition the managers wish to commend the members and adherents for their generous response to the request for subscriptions to the building fund. We desire to express the thanks of the congregation to the many individuals, friends, and to the Hamilton Presbyterian Church Extension Union for their sympathy and generous support. The managers recommend:

(1) That the date of the annual meeting be the third Monday in January in each year.
(2) That the Board of Management consist of twelve members, four of whom shall retire each year, the order of retiring after the first election to be determined by the Board.
(3) That the officers of the Board shall be a chairman, secretary, and treasurer.

Rev. Dr. Bidwell is Dean.

Kingston, Jan. 18.—The committee appointed by St. George's Cathedral congregation to select a rector in succession to the late Rev. Dr. Bidwell, have unanimously chosen Rev. Dr. E. J. Bidwell, head master of Bishop's College School, Lennoxville, Que., and the choice has been confirmed by the Bishop of Ontario. Dr. Bidwell has accepted. He will be made Dean of Ontario by the Bishop.

Do Fat Folks Worry?

Most thin people would say, No. Most fat folks, yes. They have all the causes for worry thin people have, and one other—their fat. Fat mortifies women because it spoils their appearance, and it distresses men, for it affects their activity. A few are afraid of it. There are few fat members of either sex who would not gladly dispense with 30 to 50 pounds if they knew how.

The "how" is my excuse for taking up this newspaper space. Although very few fat folks know it (and those who do no longer fat), there is a very simple method of reducing safely. All one has to do is take after meals and at bedtime one teaspoonful of the following simple recipe, which any druggist will fill for a few cents: One-half ounce Marmala, 4 ounce Fluid Extract Cascara, 4 ounce Fluid Extract Peppermint Water, and the trick is turned.

This is a certain cure for "fat folks' worry," for it does away with all necessity for exercise or dieting. It never causes wrinkles or stomach disturbances, and 12 to 16 ounces, I am told, is by no means an unusual amount of fat for it to take off daily.

to be elected each year at the first meeting of the Board.

The following are the Managers: Messrs. Norman Boyd, Thomas B. Christie, E. F. Clarke, A. M. Cunningham, H. DeKam, John B. Graham, William Lee, A. M. McKenzie, William McMillan, A. T. Neill, J. B. Turner, and Alexander Wilson, all of whom retire, but are eligible for re-election.

The treasurer's report follows: Receipts—
Oisbursements—
Pulpit supply, 525.00
Miss Howard, 140.00
Mr. John Young, 194.00
Light, 25.32
Printing and stationery, 99.40
Heating, 74.74
Insurance, 50.00
Rent of tent, 135.00
Furnie fire fund, 11.39
Other expenses, 91.76
Balance on hand, \$1,744.77

Mrs. M. Christie presented the Ladies' Aid report, which showed a most satisfactory state of affairs in this department. The receipts were \$284.14, disbursements \$45.68, balance \$238.46.

According to the report presented by A. M. McKenzie, the Sunday school is in a flourishing condition, and one of the busiest departments of the church. The membership is 150, and